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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Watson Challenged. The Hon. Tom Watson of Georgia is a very bright, brainy and breezy man. As member of Congress, vice-presidential candidate, platform speaker and journalist he has made reputation and money. But Mr. Watson has taken up the wrong theme just now. He has entered to fight the foreign mission movement. He says he is not opposed to foreign missions, but to the emphasis and undue amount of it he thinks now placed upon the theme of foreign missions. He thinks we have quite a number of heathen at home who ought to be looked after; and that we are neglecting these in our scramble to help the heathen in other lands.

Mr. Watson is not aware, of course, that this is the same old story urged through the years by those opposed to foreign missions; and he forgets of course that the very people who do most for foreign missions are the ones who quite invariably do most for home missions. And he further forgets that we are giving more than ever before for the help and relief of the "heathen who are about us."

But Mr. Watson has been challenged. Dr. Len G. Broughton, pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle of Atlanta has sent a challenge to the Hon. Tom to meet him in public debate on the topic when and where Watson shall say. Now it would be worth while to hear that debate—for the gayety of nations and the amusement of the natives. Not that foreign missions will be helped in the least, or hurt, for men give to missions as a matter of persuasion, conscience and privilege, not as a matter of debate, or decision therein. But Watson, the gas bag, has been challenged. Possibly Broughton will stop Watson's rant, but he will not meet him in debate. Watson is bidding for popular applause, and writing for money. He does not want to meet any one in debate in a matter so flagrantly one-sided. Watson's arguments are already answered by the lives and labors of thousands of faithful missionaries who are doing so much to help the nations that sit in darkness.

Scotch Whiskey.—If advertisements are to tell the story, it may be judged that "Old Scotch Whiskey" is the "best." Over saloon doors, in newspaper advertisements, this brand is particularly promoted. Scotland also advertises its whiskey—in a very marked manner. More than one hundred thousand persons, says an exchange, were charged with drunkenness and disorder in the small area of Scotland last year. Criminal statistics of that country show that drunkenness was the cause, in well nigh every instance, of cruelty to children; that eighty percent. of the murder and homicide, and sixty percent. of the crimes against property, were traceable to strong drink. Yes, Scotch whiskey must be the "best;" the advertisements say so, and the criminal statistics of that country say so—if cruelty and murder are to count.

A Fling at Football. Since so many fatalities in football last season—though it has always been more or less fatal—it has become popular to take a fling at the game. The sharpest criticism we have noted comes from the prize fighter, James Jeffries, who is quoted as saying that he would prefer making his son a prize fighter, since then he would fight one man at a time, whereas if he were a football player he would have to fight eleven at a time.

Col. John S. Mosby is more mild, however, and satisfies himself by calling it "murder." At any rate they have taken a fall out of the great American game, and something more mild and modest will have to be substituted.

Cold Air and Health. They are testing cold, pure air as a health restorer in Chicago. For three months—three trying months, 90 first grade pupils have been kept in rooms without fire, with windows open. Pupils are provided with wraps for warmth. Of the experiment Principal Watts says: "The children are delighted to breathe the pure air all day, in school and out. They are not compelled to sit in the room, but many more are clamoring to get in. Pupils have so far been cured of catarrh, swollen glands have been reduced to normal size, and

tubercular symptoms have disappeared. Their resistance to disease has been raised, and they are much more healthy." Pure air and pure water, cold air and cold water, are a luxury that should be accorded to and enjoyed by all. In school rooms and crowded cities these are often denied. To employ means to give children the advantage of God's free gifts is commendable. But to sit in a cold room all day without fire—that is another proposition.

ALL CAN BE BORNE.

How much the heart may bear, and yet not break!

How much the flesh may suffer, and not die!

I question much if any pain or ache

Of soul or body brings our end more nigh:

Death chooses his own time; till that is worn

All evils may be borne.

We see sorrow rising in our way,

And try to flee from the approaching ill:

We seek some small escape, we weep and pray;

But when the blow falls, then our hearts are still;

Not that the pain is of its sharpness shorn—

We think it can be borne.

We wind our life about another life—

We hold it closer, dearer than our own;

Anon it faints and falls in deadly strife,

Leaving us stunned and stricken and alone;

But ah! we do not die with those we mourn—

This also can be borne.

Behold, we live through all things—famine, thirst,

Bereavement, pain; all grief and misery,

All woe and sorrow; life inflicts its worst

On soul and body; but we cannot die,

Though we be sick and tired and faint and worn;

So all things can be borne.

—Good Words.

FROM THE FIELD.

Wakefield.

Christmas is gone, and the new year is swiftly passing. Several of my churches had Christmas entertainments and good things for the children. The good Sunday-school at Wakefield was fortunate in having Prof. A. L. Lincoln to deliver a splendid address. It was thoroughly enjoyed and especially by the children. The school placed on the tree \$5.00 in gold for the writer. We were kindly remembered by Bro. and Sister B. L. Faison, in giving us a nice turkey for Christmas, Bro. R. H. Hargrove, a bushel of potatoes and a load of feed for my horse, Bro. D. S. Drewery, a quantity of fresh meat, Bro. J. H. Harris, fresh meat, Bro. Charley Freeman, one-half bushel of meal, Sister W. R. Clark, fruit, and Prof. J. J. Lincoln a load of wood. We wish to thank the Sunday-school and all of these kind and thoughtful friends for the good things we have enjoyed. May God bless them in His work. My work here is getting on nicely. The Church note has been cut down to \$1900.00, and we hope, within the next few months, to be able to cut it down again. We are very anxious that all who have subscribed remember the note by the time it comes due, which is March 10th, and send in as much of their subscription as possible. The work at all of the other churches is moving on nicely and the future seems bright for a successful year.

C. C. Jones.

Berkley Letter.

Our work for the new conference year has started off very nicely. The 27th of December we had our regular Christmas entertainment for the Sunday school. The cantata, "Santa Claus in Slumberland," was given by fifty of the pupils. Every one seemed pleased. We had a packed house and had to use our class rooms. We prepared candy, nuts and oranges for one hundred and seventy-five, which shows that the school has grown; having almost doubled itself since I came here. Our Supt., Bro. J. O. Wiggs, is very active and never tires of trying to build up our school. We are proud of him and we feel sometimes that he is proud of us.

The Ladies' Aid Society of our church sent \$25 to the Orphanage as a Thank-giving Offering, but we notice that the credit was given Norfolk church. While we are in Norfolk, it might confuse things a bit unless it is designated which of the Norfolk churches is meant.

At the prayer meeting a week ago we organized a Prayer Meeting Christian

Endeavor Society with twelve active members. Hope more will be added soon. It is our desire to see the Young People's Motto realized.

The quarterly conference of the Tidewater Christian Sunday School Association was held at the Rosemont church Dec. 26, 1909. New officers were elected for the coming year as follows: Pres., Dr. J. W. Manning; Vice Pres., Rev. McD. Howsare; Secretary and treasurer, Rev. M. L. Bryant. The next session will be held with the Berkley church the last Sunday in March. The chair appointed Rev. McD. Howsare, Rev. J. W. Harrell and Mrs. M. L. Bryant on the Program Com, for the ensuing year. I could not be present at this service because I had promised Prof. Smith to give a short talk to the sailors aboard the U. S. S. Montana. The choir from this place furnished the music on that occasion.

In our Sunday school Conventions, in our Ministerial Associations and in general we have missed no one so much as our friend, Rev. J. O. Cox, who left us in November for work at Elon. The people here remember Bro. Cox with pleasure, and his many deeds of kindness to the people of this section will be remembered a long time.

M. L. Bryant.

Newport News Letter.

Some time ago brother R. L. Baker and wife handed me money for a silk hat and now I feel like "doffing my hat" to them. They have recently given us several expressions of love and friendship which we do not fail to sincerely appreciate. Then last Monday evening I answered the door bell and found a company of about forty members of the church waiting for admission, each carrying a package, and in a few minutes our rooms were well filled with a happy looking company. No speech was made, but when they left our pantry was well supplied, and our hearts were bounding with joy at such an expression. Mrs. Butler and the writer found ourselves incapable of entertaining so large a number of guests without more notice, but the company was equal to the occasion and entertained us in happy style.

The Busy Bees, an organization of little folks in our church, recently made the object of their work for the future building of a parsonage for the church. We have recently received three very good members, and our work along many lines here is taking on new life.

We are indebted to Bro. Oattie Cokes and wife for special kindnesses recently, of a substantial sort, even a whole barrelful. Then also the writer's Bible class remembered him in a handsome

manner at Christmas, while the Busy Bees, through Miss Minnie Cole, the Treasurer, gave us a Santa Claus envelope at the Christmas tree containing five dollars. Our Christmas exercises for the Sunday-school passed off very nicely, and were well attended. The children were trained for their part in the program by Mrs. W. B. Baker, Mrs. J. H. Fenimore, Mrs. J. M. Spencer.

There are a number of members of the Christian Church living in the city who have never identified themselves with our local organization. They are coming in gradually, although we do not hope to see them all come, for that would be out of the usual and without precedent. The local ministers of our church about Norfolk are called to meet next Monday with the Memorial Christian Temple to plan for aggressive work. Newport News is isolated in a sense, in that it is so located that our ministers and people never have to pass this way in attending general church meetings and is the only church we have on this side of Hampton Roads and James river until we reach the Valley of Va. We consequently seldom see any of our ministers or people not living here, unless we go across the "Roads" and hunt them up. We are not lonely here, however, for we have an active and sociable membership, and find a host of friendly and congenial spirits outside of our own people, especially among the ministers.

M. W. Butler.

Jan. 14, 1910.

Henderson Letter.

Since last reported through The Sun, the following has been received for our church:—

Home Mission Board, S. C. C.,	\$100.00
K. B. Johnson,	10.00
G. L. Whitaker,	10.00
J. D. Gunter,	5.00
J. O. Atkinson,	5.00
J. E. Franks,	10.00
J. P. Barrett,	5.00
W. Z. Atkinson,	5.00
Wentworth Church,	5.00
Turner's Chapel,	5.00
Mt. Auburn Church,	5.00
Mrs. W. Z. Atkinson,	5.00
E. J. Wells,	5.00
W. J. Ballentine,	5.00
Mrs. Eula Cunningham,	3.00
Mrs. Willie Stephens,	2.00
Johnnie Langston,	2.00
Harry Bunn,	2.50
Mrs. W. C. Hight,	2.50
Rev. W. G. Clements,	1.00
Dexter Langston,	1.00
Total,	\$194.00

The one hundred from the Mission Board of the Southern Christian Convention is placed in bank to be used to

aid in seating the church. A committee has been appointed to consider the seating of the church. I am not able to speak for the committee, but am of the opinion they will recommend that an effort be put forward to put in seats this year.

Several churches and individuals pledged at Conference to be paid by Jan. 1st. I trust these pledges will be sent in this month, as we can use same to much advantage in next few weeks.

C. E. Newman.

Jan. 17, 1910.

Valley Letter.

The visible results of the meeting at Mt. Olivet (R) were not so good as we had hoped for, yet we trust much good was accomplished. One promising young lady professed faith in Christ and united with the church. We had expected Rev. J. W. Doffemyre to be with us part of the time, but owing to ill health he was unable to come. The weather was right cold part of the time during the meeting. We hope to find time to hold another meeting there some time in the Spring when weather and other conditions will be more favorable.

Linville and Antioch both remembered their pastor with Christmas presents in cash—Linville, \$3.75, and Antioch, \$10. They are a grateful and loyal people, and have in many ways shown their appreciation of the little service I am able to render them. They deserve much more than I am giving them. How I wish I were able to give them what they deserve!

As a whole, I think my work is moving along very well. Some of it is suffering from lack of attention. I am hoping some better arrangement can be made next year so as to give the work more nearly what it demands. There is an abundance of work but a scarcity of ministers. There is a bright future for our work here if it can be properly manned.

A. W. Andes.

Harrisonburg, Va.

Holland and Holy Neck.

The work of the Conference year closed encouragingly. The treasurer's reports showed the financial demands of the churches met in full, and their treasury in better condition than usual. Each church enjoyed a good revival and a goodly number of accessions. The Sunday-schools have increased in numbers. The parsonage debt was reduced about \$750. The kindness of these good people to the pastor, which, as the editor says, is proverbial, continues unabated, and Mrs. Newman and myself desire to express our sincere thanks to various

individuals in both churches for special acts of generosity. But we would especially mention one large and unusual gift—a very handsome, tailor-made suit of clothes. This came through the kind generosity of a certain faithful brother assisted by a few members from each church. This valuable and helpful gift is thoroughly appreciated and we feel deeply grateful to the liberal brother and every one who in any way assisted him. Holland Sunday-school held its annual Christmas tree and entertainment Dec. 28th. The program was an excellent one and well rendered. Santa Claus was generous to the entire school, and the whole affair a delightful one, reflecting credit upon the faithful superintendent and his co-workers.

N. G. Newman.

Holland, Va.

South Norfolk.

We have had with us brother Cox as pastor for the last four years, and he was very faithful, and I believe that he did all that he could in the interest of the church. The church has missed him and his faithful companion very much since they left us. We hope the Lord will bless them both in the work he has taken charge of now.

After Bro. Cox left we were without a shepherd for awhile, as we had no pastor, but the Lord knows best in all things, for while we were waiting and praying, we believe he sent us a shepherd and one that will take care of his little flock.

Our prayer is that God may bless him in the work here at South Norfolk and increase the flock. We hope South Norfolk may become one of the leading churches in saving souls from sin.

Our congregations have increased and seem to be well pleased with Bro. Keys the two Sundays he has been here.

L. Curlin.

MARRIED.

Byrd-Holland.

Lozzie Byrd and Ola May Holland were married by the writer at the bride's home near Holland, Va., Jan. 2, 1910. A number of friends and relatives were present to witness the happy event. The bridal party left at once for the home of the groom where they partook of a wedding dinner. The groom is the second son of Oliver and Lucy Jane Byrd, and the bride the second daughter of Joseph F. and Cherry M. Holland, all of near Holland, Va. We wish for these young people much happiness and success in life.

N. G. Newman.

Harrell-Johnson.

At the bride's mother's Nansemond Co., Va., Dec. 21, 1909, Mr. Crawley B. Harrell and Miss Ethel Virgie Johnson. Mr. Harrell is a very popular young farmer and Miss Virgie was greatly admired by her many friends. May happiness and prosperity attend them through life.

Godwin-Darden.

Mills Erwin Godwin and Otelia M. Darden were united in marriage by the writer at the home of the bride near Myrtle, Va., Dec. 29, 1909, in the presence of a few immediate relatives. They left at once for a northern trip, after which they will reside near Chuckatuck, Va., where the groom operates a large farm. Mr. Godwin is the son of the late Wm. Henry Godwin and a nephew of Capt. C. B. Godwin, of Chuckatuck, Va. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Mittie Darden, of Myrtle, Va. May their union be long, happy, and useful.

N. G. Newman.

Hingerty-Griffin.

At Mr. Cephas Pruden's, Washington St., Suffolk, Va., Dec. 28th, 1909, Mr. Alford C. Hingerty and Miss Martha Elizabeth Griffin. May their lives be long and happy together.

Babb-Nichols.

At the bride's father's, near Nurney, Nansemond Co., Va., Dec. 28th, 1909, Mr. John H. Babb and Miss M. Nichols. There was a delicious reception given to the many friends present of the very popular young couple by the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Nichols.

Babb-New.

At Mr. Jethro Byrd's near Cypress Chapel, Nansemond Co., Va., Dec. 29, 1909, Mr. Mills W. Babb and Mrs. Juliette H. New. After the marriage, the bride and groom with their many friends were invited into the dining room to a very fine reception prepared and given by Mr. and Mrs. Byrd. May their lives be as happy and as joyful as the occasion of their wedding day.

Carr-Williams.

At the bride's father's Mr. David F. Williams, near Mt. Carmel Christian Church, Isle of Wight Co., Va., Jan. 2, 1910, Mr. Charles W. Carr and Miss Virgie Williams. The young couple are very popular and have the best wishes of their many friends.

They all have my best wishes and my prayers. Hoping that I will be able to carry up a good report to the next Annual Conference, along the work of making a lasting union among the young people.

H. H. Butler.

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

—If you wish an Annual giving the proceedings of all the Southern Conferences for 1909, and of the Christian Missionary Associations, and the apportionments for all purposes among all the churches for 1910, and much other useful church data, send 20 cts., cash or stamps, to The Christian Sun, Elon College, N. C. The supply is limited, and only a few are yet for sale.

—A boycott on the "Beef Trust" is sweeping the country and thousands are signing the pledge to abstain from meat, for thirty days. Meat is exceedingly high. So likewise is the cost of producing it. The boycott seems quite prevalent, and quite popular. It will doubtless improve the general health, if no other good results; for we Americans are great meat-eaters anyway, and our systems need a rest from that heavy diet.

—As a result of the Laymen's Movement Convention in Greensboro we note with pleasure that our two Christian churches of the city have increased their pledges for foreign missions this year to \$251. They gave last year \$53,—an increase of more than fourfold. All the churches of Greensboro increased from \$7,287 of last year to \$19,205 for this year. There are 5,989 church members reported now in the city, thus pledging for the year an average of \$3.21 per member.

—We were glad to see in last Sunday's Commercial Appeal of Memphis the fine face of our fine friend, B. F. Black. The same paper carried a cut of the great new Y. M. C. A. building of the city and a very appreciative, not to say flattering, account of the good work the Y. M. C. A. is doing in Memphis. Evidently Secretary Black is bringing things to pass as his Association continues to grow and to go forward by leaps and bounds. From the account given it seems to be a great factor in the religious life of the city, as every association should be. Our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to friend Black.

—Bro. H. C. Simpson, himself a successful business man, graduate of Elon College, an active and interested layman, writes in this issue of "Our Greatest Need—Men, Not Money." The point made is vital, and the message is worth reading. Pity indeed is it if the preachers really deserve the indictment entered by Bro. Simpson; and yet the fault lies where Bro. Simpson put it, or at some place. We shall be glad indeed to hear from others on the same topic. Brethren, something is wrong. The Christian Church in the matter of missions, and evangelization is not doing its duty. In

Heaven's name let us search till we find the cause and remedy it.

—We are in receipt of "Men and Missions," the weekly bulletin of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. It is filled with facts about the present awakening and movement among the laymen as touching the matter of missions. The price is 50 cts. per year, published weekly by The Laymen's Missionary Movement, 1 Madison Avenue, New York. If we were able, we would subscribe for it at once for every minister and layman who reads The Christian Sun. This movement is attracting wide attention, and he who does not put himself in touch with it is going to be in ignorance of a very vital matter of our time.

—Just as we expected and said. Bro. Crowson, of the News, poor fellow, is literally seething in green-eyed envy. He admits it in last week's issue in this fashion:

"Brother Atkinson accuses us of being envious, and thinks we want to be pounded. Well, to tell the truth, we feel sometimes that we would like to have a few of the good things of life piled up on our table without having to buy them on credit or on the installment plan, but better than this, we would like to have Bro. Atkinson's recipe for making a living."

We suggest to Brother Crowson that he lay aside envy and try work awhile. What editors miss in poundings they may make up in work. Try work, Bro. Crowson, try work. For the sake of the change it will help some, at any rate.

ELON COLLEGE NOTES.

—Two ministers who were well received here were Rev. J. D. Williams, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church at Burlington and Rev. Dr. Mebane, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Hawfields, N. C. The former was the College preacher on the second Sunday, and the latter on the third.

—A series of evangelistic meetings began yesterday, the fourth Sunday. Rev. J. O. Atkinson, D. D., assisted by Rev. J. W. Wellons, is in charge. After the eleven o'clock sermon yesterday the communion of the Lord's Supper was administered in a solemn and impressive manner. The services each evening during the meeting will be held in the chapel at seven-thirty o'clock, preliminary prayer services being held at seven.

—Miss Affie Griffin of the junior class was called to her home at Liberty, N. C., last week on account of the serious illness of her mother who has been in failing health for several months.

—Mrs. J. C. McAdams is but slightly

improved from an attack of 'grip several weeks ago. Rev. L. I. Cox was unable to attend his appointment last Sunday at Apple's Chapel and Monticello because of 'grip. Dr. Watson is laid up with the same disease. Rev. W. L. Wells attended Bro. Cox's appointments.

—Mrs. Sadie Jones, who is sorely bereaved in the death of her husband, wishes through these notes to express her appreciation and thanks to friends and neighbors who were so kind during Mr. Jones's illness and death, and for a purse and pounding by these same neighbors and friends, upon her return here.

—Miss Stella Cox has just gone to Columbia, S. C., where she is to be stenographer for Mr. M. Rich, who is the representative of large insurance interests in the Southern States.

—Professors Wicker, Amick and Lawrence attended the Alamance County teachers' association at Graham last Saturday. The meeting was largely attended considering the severe weather and rough roads. L. C. Brogdon of the State Department of Education, Raleigh, and Mr. I. O. Schuab of the Department of Agriculture, West Raleigh, were the principal speakers.

—The College, under the sanction and co-operation of the State Department of Education and of Superintendent Fleming of Alamance County will offer a public school teacher's course of eight weeks beginning Tuesday, April 5th. There are to be no tuition charges, the only charge being the regular term fee of six dollars. Board and rooms can be had in private families and in the College dormitories at the same rate the College students pay. Teachers desiring to do any departmental work may get instruction in music, art, and elocution at the regular tuition rates. Physical culture will be free for lady teachers just as it is for young women in the regular college classes. Attendance upon this course for not less than three weeks will be accepted by the State Public School authorities in lieu of attendance upon the Summer institutes.

W. P. Lawrence.

THE LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

The results of the great convention of laymen at Greensboro week before last are not yet told, and will not be for a year to come. Cities and churches throughout the State are working as never before to increase their missionary offerings. A dispatch from Raleigh to a State daily says that a week is to be taken in that city by the churches for a general canvass of individuals to see

what amount each will give this year for missions. Every prospective contributor in the city is to be waited upon.

As to immediate effects of the Convention at Greensboro, "Men and Missions" of New York has this to say:

"Remarkable in many ways was the Greensboro Convention, which marked the opening of the Southern series of conventions. The number of men registering was 1,521.

"An advance of nearly \$100,000 in the offerings for foreign missions during the coming twelve months was decided upon. Last year the churches gave \$187,000.

"Every section of the State was represented. Every denomination in the State sent delegates. The out-of-town registration was 729 men.

"This is the third largest convention in point of delegates. New York holds first place, Washington second and Greensboro third. The results obtained at Greensboro assure the success of the Southern series of meetings.

"Among the churches and denominations represented were: Southern Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Episcopal, Reformed, Moravians, Disciples of Christ, Christians, Friends, Methodist Protestant and Lutheran churches. In addition, delegates representing twenty-five other denominations attended the convention."

It was a truly great convention, and men and churches throughout the State will see and feel its effects more and more.

In speaking of the Laymen's Missionary Convention in New York, Richard Barry, great journalist and editor of Pearson's Magazine, says:

"I never saw so many prominent men, men of substance and standing at any meeting, religious, political or commercial, that I have attended in New York. I was surprised. I had no idea a missionary meeting could draw men that way."

The meeting was attended by 5,300 men. "I never saw a more representative gathering of the men of New York," said the writer already quoted. And that is the verdict of those who saw the New York convention in New York and the North Carolina convention at Greensboro.

LAYMEN'S CONVENTION MESSAGES.

Dr. J. T. Henderson, of Bristol, Tenn., said: "We want to run Alexander, the coppersmith, out of business and not run the church on the penny basis—and for my part I should be glad to suppress the Nicolaitanes—(Nickel-laymen).

The smallness of our gifts is a shame. Only 36 cents apiece in North Carolina! and many of you ride in automobiles and blow up a \$40 tire and laugh at it. I'll tell you that every man who rides in an automobile and laughs at the blowing up of a tire should give another \$40 to the cause of missions.

It's a poor sort of patriotism that makes a man fight for a flag—the flag of our earthly country—and not fight under the flag of the Lord Jesus Christ. North Carolina gave many soldiers to the war; but is giving only 36 cents per capita to missions.—Joshua Levering.

"The Master says that our chiefest joy shall come through giving." In giving we get that which we most desire—happiness. The religion of the Lord Jesus Christ makes of the heathen savage a new creature. He is naked and he needs clothes and other fields are opened for the trader. The missionary's work extends business. When the wants of the unchristian people of the world come up to the wants of the civilized people, billions of dollars will be added to the volume of the world's commerce. Missions stimulate Christian life, and inspire the Christian by the examples of self-sacrifice. Missions are leading the way to the unity of the Christian church, thank God. We are standing together on the basis of faith in God and in His work.—Bishop Strange.

Your Christian life began at the cross. You get your commission from the throne. Our business is to make Christ King over all the world and of all the life of the world. That means He shall be acknowledged as king around the globe. Isn't it too bad that they don't know He is king?

The story of the coronation of King Edward was around the world before the sun went down, but it has been more than 1,900 years since the king of men came to the world, and—men—it's a severe reproach to our civilization that the story has not been told to all the world. It is known in Greensboro; but is he really king of the life of this city, its social, political or commercial life? Is he even king of the church life?—Dr. E. M. Poteat.

The magnitude of the Laymen's Missionary movement had not fully dawned upon Greensboro or the State till its body of consecrated men began to pour into the city from all quarters and for three days and nights sat hours at a time listening to the messages that were brought by the speakers. No one in attendance can doubt any more that the laymen of North Carolina are aroused as they never have been before.—N. C. Christian Advocate.

One of the notable features of the convention was the almost entire forgetfulness of anything like denominational boasting. While Methodists no doubt felt a commendable pride in their place of leadership in the total contributions for all purposes, no one was heard to boast about it. We are still far enough behind in the amount per capita to keep us humble. The time is not far in the future, however, when under the aggressive system of education on all lines of benevolence our people will wipe out even this reproach.—Greensboro Advocate (Methodist).

NORFOLK LETTER.

Congregations and Sunday schools at all the churches from which I have heard were very good last Sunday.

At the Third Church in the afternoon, Brother Keys preached a splendid sermon on the subject, "Some Promises to the Overcomer," to a congregation about twice as large as the average one.

The Sunday school set another high water mark for the New Year, by four more than any previous Sunday this year.

The Portsmouth people report a splendid day yesterday, fine Sunday school, and splendid congregations at both morning and evening services. Rapid progress is being made on their new church building. Inside work is going forward rapidly, the various class rooms are being lathed off and the plasterers are at work.

I hear the sermons from the Temple yesterday spoken of very highly. They also report a growing Sunday school and congregation. They have for some time had a splendid Baraca and Philathea organization, and recently the men of the school have been organized into a Brotherhood Class. On last Thursday evening it was my pleasure to be present at an oyster supper given by the Brotherhood and Baracas, with the Philathea Class as the guest of honor. All present seemed to spend a very enjoyable evening. There were several short speeches made, with some recitations, and a male quartet, and chorus choir singing.

The pastors of the Christian churches in this community met in the study of the pastor of the Temple on last Monday, and organized a local Christian Ministers Association, which will meet every two weeks. Rev. M. L. Bryant was elected President, Rev. J. W. Harrell Vice President, Rev. McD. Howsare Secretary and Treasurer.

At the last meeting of the Tide Water Sunday School Association which was held at Rosemont, new officers for the (Continued on page 16.)

WORK.

By T. H. Franks, A. B.

If in this busy, bustling world
You think and scheme to get ahead,
And wish for fame before you're dead,
Just turn and read from the Holy Word

How God in His commandment says
That thou shalt keep one day for rest.
Then read with care the plain behest
That thou shalt work the other days.

How passing strange that preachers
teach

The woes to this generation,
Unless one day for meditation
The young and old with diligence keep.

And yet once more in all the year,
As they with unction lead the fold
Into the Promised Land to behold
The lands and lakes and scenes most
dear,

Do they proclaim the helpful note,
By God in His own Word made plain,
That we will eat and live in vain,
Unless six days we work and hope.

Are you in sin and can't live right?
Are you distressed by lack of food?
Do you sometimes, in ugly mood,
Think all the world as dark as night?

Then, friend, let me suggest to you,
That he who finds some honest task,
And works sincerely to the last,
Will find in life there's something new.

He'll find the sins of other times
Have left; and that the wolf before
The door has gone forevermore.
He'll feel the joys of brighter climes.
Southport, N. C.

BEGINNING OF THE YEAR.

The beginning and the ending of any undertaking are important things in any life. To make a good impression first, and a deep impression last, ought to be diligently sought by every one as he moves on to the end. Different ways will invite you to walk in them, and at their entrance many attractive signs will be hung out, and each will try to excel in attractiveness. Discretion and good judgment will be two of the best guides to direct your course and give you much needed information. Be sure to follow them as many travelers have not done before. You have not passed this way before. Many beautiful and wonderful places to pass, and there are dangerous and awful ones too; so look out for them as you go. The end of the way you cannot see—you wind round and round many a mountain height; the road curves now and then as it leads over pebbled brook, and rocky glen—down through the long, dark winding

dale out into fertile vallies and over lovely extended plains, but turn to your guide Book and read the cheering words from its Author saying to you, follow Me. And if you follow Him who is the way, you will make no mistake.

In the calendar of time you turn over another unstained page and begin to write the history of another New Year with hearts full of hope for better work and greater success. No blurs nor blots to be found on it. Keep it in good order—clean and neat, so as to have a decent record when it shall be examined. Let the work be faithfully performed so that no regret will come. Be very careful to begin right—keep right—and finish right.

J. T. Kitchen.

Windsor, Va.

OUR GREATEST NEED—MEN, NOT MONEY.

I have been reading quite a lot and attending conferences and observing the various movements and workings of our church and have heard the expression many times, "If we only had the money."

Now I have reached this conclusion: That if the church had more fearless, sacrificing ministers, it would get the money, for the laymen of all churches are beginning to see that they, too, have a part in the King's business. The wave of enthusiasm is abroad, permeating the very hearts of the laymen and all they need is to be shown that the investment will pay, and they will give.

We say we are not growing as we should. This is true. The Christian Church has been known as a revival church, but of late years we have become fearful of a revival in our churches. Brethren, we can never begin growing again till we go back to the altar of God and catch up the revival spirit that the founders of the church had when their converts numbered hundreds and sometimes thousands. Those old heroes were not satisfied to report "one addition to the church" simply.

When we read of the great revivals of the past, those of us who never experienced anything of the kind are filled with joy; yet we would be afraid to express our feelings in most of the churches of today.

This is a money-grabbing age, and I fear it is getting predominant in the church.

God calls His servants and tells them to go into all the world and preach His gospel, and they begin to question about the money connected with the job. The promise of the Master, "Lo, I am with you always" is lost sight of in the scramble for money.

We don't wonder at communities having revivals when men would start on a journey of seven hundred miles on horseback with less than a dollar in their pockets, and travel through a country sparsely settled with unfriendly people, to hold a meeting, as Abraham Sneathen and others of his time did.

We say we have many inviting fields "if we just had the money." I say we have the inviting fields and the money too, if we just had men who would first consecrate themselves and all they have on God's altar, to put at the right places they will get the money.

We are by building churches like so many of our young people are about going to college. They say that they must wait till they have enough money to carry them all the way through college, hence so small a percent. go to college. And we must see the money before we make an effort to do anything.

To my mind, and I think to that of the majority of the laymen of our church, we can accomplish so much more than we are accomplishing. We have the best principles of any church, and if Christianity is ever united, and all things are fronting that way more and more each year, it will never unite upon a man-made creed but upon our creed which was offered to the entire church, and we the Christian Church are standing upon it and it only, God's blessed Word.

So we need men to proclaim to the world that we have such a good foundation and principles.

Then men will come with their money and lay all on God's altar and say, "Here, Lord, use me and my money, too, for thy glory and the salvation of lost humanity."

H. C. Simpson.

Greensboro, N. C.

WHAT IS THE TROUBLE?

Truly we are living in a busy age. When a person is asked to undertake the leadership in some new phase of church activity or to take a responsible part in some work already inaugurated he or she often expresses a willingness to accept, but they usually wind up by declining it upon the plea that "I just do not see where I can find the time for it." And often when a professing Christian is reminded, by his pastor, or some interested friend, of his neglect along the line of Saturday church attendance, or some other plainly evident Christian duty, he will excuse himself by saying "I am so busy it seems that I can't find the time," and settling himself comfortably upon that excuse he seems to rest at ease while the cause of his Master suffers from the loss of his

activity and through the reproach of his influence as a dead weight. O, when will Christian people learn to put first things first! Often such a course of action and argument is mere matter of excuse, when cold indifference, or unwillingness to spend energy to meet obligations along this line is the real reason for failure. But I believe, in many instances, the one who fails and thus excuses himself, is sincere in his refusal and is simply a victim of the hurry habit of the times in which he lives. I wonder sometimes when I think upon these conditions, as I have come in contact with them in my experience in church work, if these excuses are going to stand in the great day of accounts. I fear not, for Christ said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." Are we not seeking after "all these things" while the kingdom is put second in all our attention and activities?

Not only is this true of our religious life, but there are many family, social and moral obligations which we fail to meet upon the same plea. Surely something is wrong, but I confess that I do not know what the trouble is, neither do I see any remedy. However, I am painfully conscious of the hurtful results of prevailing conditions upon the advancement of Christ's Kingdom, and I believe that as individual Christians we should set ourselves to the task of searching out the trouble in our own lives at least and then applying whatever remedy we find that will relieve. We know that in our Heavenly Father's wise economy He places upon us no more numerous nor heavier obligations than He provides us time and strength to meet. He will also provide us with wisdom and knowledge to direct in the choice of the many duties if we ask Him.

I am now teaching in the public school in the community of Beulah Christian Church. This church has a ladies' aid society, a young people's society of Christian Endeavor, and a good Sunday-school, which facts speak for themselves in saying that the church is in healthy spiritual condition.

My health is much better than for many months, for which I am truly grateful.

May the Heavenly Father guide us all by His Spirit during this year and enable us to find the cause, if there is any failure in the lines of any of our Sun family to do the things that pertain to the upbuilding of our dear Lord's cause in the community in which we live, is the sincere desire of my heart.

Wadley, Ala. Bettie Stephenson.

PURITY OF SPEECH.

Purity of speech means something more than the omission of vulgar phrases that ought not to be used by any self-respecting person. A young girl should carefully avoid falling into slangy or careless modes of speech. You can shut your eyes and tell whether the woman next to you is a lady (or, should I say, a gentleman?) by listening to her conversation. There has been in recent years a reaction against the word "lady," because it has often been misapplied. There is really no reason why we should not use it in describing an attractive, polite and agreeable woman.

A charming writer has given the definition of a lady as a woman in a high state of civilization.

I am sure you prefer to be considered highly civilized to being thought savages and barbarians.

When a girl says: "Geewhiz," "It is something fierce," or "Your're up againstit," you need nothing more to convince you that she is not altogether a lady. She may be a good-hearted, well meaning girl, but when she proclaims to the universe that she is common and ordinary, is to indicate a fatal defect.

Purity of speech requires the omission of slang and silly, superfluous phrases. The latter, while perhaps not profane, are often not refined, and show that one's association has been with illbred persons.

To think before you speak is an excellent rule.

You should make up your mind once for all to use only grammatical words and phrases to represent the things you mean to say. Never say, "hadn't ought," or "aint," or use a singular verb with a plural noun.

Most girls who have gone through the grammar school, if not further, have been taught what is right and what is wrong in framing sentences in English.

Vocabulary is another matter.

We acquire a good stock of words for daily use by a working vocabulary; that is, partly by listening to others who use good language and partly by every day reading a few pages in a book that is worth attention.

No matter how busy one is, she should try to keep one good book on hand and read it through page by page, although to do so may occupy several weeks. More than people think, they enrich their vocabulary by regularly attending church services. The habit of listening to sermons does more for you than its first object which is to lift the mind into an atmosphere of devotion.

It adds little by little to your treas-

ury of beautiful and well-chosen words.—N. Y. Evening Telegram.

"UNTO WHOMSOEVER MUCH IS GIVEN."

There is a law of our being which requires much from those who have received much. When a husbandman plants a vineyard and spends much time, much money, much thought and care on it, he expects to receive much from it, and is grievously disappointed if his vineyard fails to bring forth much fruit. When a father expends much money, much care, much love and much time on his son, sending him to the best schools, buying for him the best books, affording him opportunity to travel extensively through the world, he expects much from him, and is grievously disappointed if his son proves to be ungrateful, unappreciative and worthless. The father hoped he would be a great man, a wise man, a useful man in the world, and he is nothing but a prodigious and humiliating failure. We pity such a father from the depth of our heart.

Our Heavenly Father has bestowed much on us. Besides all other good gifts He has given unto us His Son and His holy Gospel. He expects much from us, and if His vineyard does not yield much fruit He will be grieved as a father is grieved. He has done great things for us and is looking for great things in return. Great gratitude, great character, great strength, great usefulness, are due from us. We have been placed in situations where these are possible by the grace of God. If we should fail to make suitable returns for all that has been given we shall never know the blessedness which has been provided for us. It is only by making the best use of the advantages we have received that true blessedness may be found. Many are miserable, not because they have not received enough to make them happy, but because they will not use it. They are rich, but will not do good with their money. They are intelligent, but will not use their talent for the glory of God and the good of humanity. They have education, but seek to make mercenary use of their knowledge. They say, "We have something the world needs, and we will make men pay for it." Unhappy wretches! Jesus gave all, He gave Himself to the unworthy.—N. Y. Advocate.

MARRIED.

Griffin-Harrell.

At No. 207 Chestnut St., Suffolk, Va., Dec. 23rd, 1909, Mr. Benjamin O. Griffin and Miss Annie Viola Harrell. They have the best wishes of their many friends.

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LAYMEN IN THE SOUTHERN CONVENTION.

One of the fundamental features of our Christian Church government is that of equal representation of ministers and laymen in all deliberative bodies. Our Southern Convention is composed of an equal number of ministers and laymen. In that body a layman's voice and vote count for as much as that of any minister. So our fathers planned, and so we have carried out that there shall be equal rights to all and special privileges to none.

The observation of this writer, extending through a few years, leads him to say, however, that the laymen are not availing themselves of this high privilege and prerogative. When a layman speaks, or gives counsel, he is heard with all deference and respect.

But laymen are not enough in evidence in our assemblies and church councils. We have laymen as eloquent, as able, and as persuasive as are our ministers. But to date they are not sufficiently interested. Our assemblies do not attract them in sufficient numbers, and for the most part they are willing for the preachers to do quite all the talking, pleading and planning.

The day has come, brethren, when in some wise this must be remedied. Something must be done to interest the laymen in our church affairs.

Here is now a great laymen's missionary movement sweeping, like a mighty tidal wave, over the land. What is the Christian Church going to do to make this movement effective in our churches and among our members? We simply cannot afford to sit by with idle hands and see our friends, neighbors and brethren of other denominations and relig-

ious persuasions do all of this mighty work. To do so means not only loss of opportunity with us; it means going backwards, shirking duty, a shameful retreat in time of battle. We must help our brothers bear the burden, and share the joy of this most noble cause and call.

The next session of our Convention comes on apace. Early in May we shall meet, God willing, at Suffolk. Can something not be done to give this movement impetus at that day and place? May not our voice be heard in this momentous movement in some definite and effective manner at this meeting of our members?

If so, steps must be taken, plans laid, counsel given, to make the matter of the movement effectual.

May not our laymen be interested to attend this Convention in large numbers? And may they not be enlisted to take the initiative in the movement and give it such impetus at the Convention that all the churches will feel the effects thereof?

We are writing this because we know the time has come for the brethren to speak, and to act. Sun columns are open for the discussion of this matter.

What will our Southern Convention do at its next session to interest the laymen in missions?

THE TWENTY WHO WILL HELP.

In last week's Sun we gave the names of the "Ten Who Had Helped" in the glorious work of raising a fifty thousand dollars endowment for Elon College. As was said then, this was the first step in the completion of the great plan.

President Moffitt now turns with interest and hope to the finding of twenty who will help with a gift of five hundred dollars each in this good work. The following of that number have already registered their names and gifts: Dr. Job G. Holland, Holland, Va.; John King, Suffolk, Va.; C. D. West, Newport News, Va.; W. Z. Atkinson, Cardenas, N. C.; Col. E. E. Holland, Suffolk, Va.

This constitutes one-fourth the desired number. By their ready and willing response impetus is given to the matter and President Moffitt, with the rest who love this worthy cause, feels hopeful and much encouraged.

In his general canvass now inaugurated Dr. Moffitt will not only enlist now the names of those who will give \$500, but the names of those who will contribute any amount. It is useless to repeat here what has been said as to the importance and worthiness of this call. It is not a question of our choosing, brethren. The time has come when we must act. The call was and is a necessi-

ty. If the work already inaugurated shall be carried on we shall have to raise this \$50,000. The necessities of the situation demand this.

The ten who have already helped, the twenty who are to help, would certainly not have given as they have had they not seen and felt this pressing demand. The fact that these have given in such generous sums shows that the call is urgent, the cause worthy, and the demand a necessity. These have seen, and have responded. And President Moffitt in his quest will find that others are willing, as these have been, to respond as they may be able, to his plea for that which is so dear to all our hearts. Not to Elon College merely is the gift, but to every high and holy interest that we as a church and people stand for, represent and advocate.

GREENSBORO STILL AWAKE.

We are desirous that laymen who read The Sun in this and other States shall see that the editor of a religious paper has not been swept off his feet by the recent laymen's convention. Or, if swept, he has not been swept alone.

We reproduce here a dispatch to the Charlotte Observer from the Greensboro correspondent of that paper in its issue of Monday, Jan. 24. This dispatch tells a story that no words of ours could portray. Let Sun readers read this and judge for themselves as to what this movement signifies. The communication is as follows:—

“Greensboro, Jan. 23.

“A foreign missionary mass meeting was held in West Market Street Methodist Church this afternoon when the city churches made reports of the campaign for missions following the recent convention of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in this city. It was one of the most remarkable meetings of any kind ever held in Greensboro. The church was filled to overflowing and no one left during the services, which lasted over two hours. A. M. Scales, an elder in the Presbyterian Church, presided and made an earnest address on the significance of the Laymen's Movement. The reports submitted showed that the laymen of Greensboro have pledged \$19,172 for foreign missions this year. This is nearly three times the amount contributed by Greensboro churches last year and exceeds by more than \$4,000 the amount apportioned to Greensboro at the recent convention of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. The Greensboro churches have increased their pledges from 100 to 1,000 per cent. and the individual pledges are from 2 cents to \$12 a week. The Methodist denomination leads in the amount pledged, the largest

percentage of increase being reported by Spring Garden Street Church. After the reports had been received brief addresses were made by a number of laymen and several pastors."

SUFFOLK LETTER.

Solomon says, "of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh." When I was a young fellow and met young ladies who asked me if I had read certain books, and I had not, I was greatly embarrassed, because I felt that I was not keeping up with the times; but I have learned since that those same young ladies had not read many books themselves, and that no scholar even knows the titles or authors of all the books published. "There is no end." What is true of books is true of papers of many kinds. And the printing presses continue to roll out pages by the millions. Yet millions of the human race cannot read. Only one per cent. of China's four hundred millions can read and write. The printing press is not to the end of her great mission. Much study is a weariness of the flesh; but half the human race is not weary yet. This vast work for the papers and books opens a future for enterprise in business and education.

"The evangelization of the world in this generation" as the slogan of the "Laymen's Movement"; "the saloon must go" as the battle cry of the "Anti-Saloon League; these are noble sentiments inspired by enthusiastic meetings like the Greensboro gathering of last week of fifteen hundred men with missions in heart, on lip, and the gift of thousands, and the great assembly in Richmond declaring in favor of State-wide prohibition; but the magnitude of these undertakings suggests that larger time will be required than enthusiasm estimates. Governments must be changed before nations can be evangelized. It is true that China is in transition and that a new generation may see that vast empire changed so as to make an open door for the gospel; but you cannot teach three hundred and ninety-six millions to read in one generation; the process may begin in this generation, but the aged and many of the adults will never read and never accept the gospel as we preach it. In the Turkish empire the difficulties are just as great because of the crystalized form of the Mohammedan faith.

I know that regeneration may be instantaneous, for Saul of Tarsus was changed suddenly; but Saul was intelligent, scholarly, and could understand what the change meant in his own life and the life of others. It remains to be

seen whether these thousands of Christian men will carry their enthusiasm into continuous, persistent, life-long service; if they do, or even a large percentage of them, then the evangelization of the world is sure of realization. The increase of education and wealth in Christendom has no value unless it looks to the establishment of the gospel in all lands. This "Laymen's Movement" is the most hopeful sign of these times in the field of missions, and if the Christian Church needs anything more than another, it is that our laymen catch this spirit and join this crusade against evil.

Moreover, the temperance movement is among the greatest undertakings and contains incalculable blessings for mankind. The growth of temperance sentiment, temperance societies, and temperance legislation, for the last seventy-five years justifies the belief that the saloon will go. When lawmakers and business men learn thoroughly that the saloon has no real money value it will pass out of the civilization we call Christian. Lawmakers still fear the loss of revenue in the abolition of the licensed saloon, and business men fear the loss of trade. If their fears were well grounded it would not justify the toleration of an institution that lays such a heavy tax upon manhood and womanhood. But behind this ungrounded fear is that vast multitude of appetites that indulge in drink secretly and that can be rooted out only by the grace of God.

W. W. Staley.

FINDING A MAN.

Now and then we come upon a man who, with heart bowed down and saddened voice, tells us that we have again come to the time spoken of in the days of Jeremiah when we may "run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem," seeking a man who "executeth judgment and seeketh truth," and run in vain. These discouraged ones tell us there is no hope for Jerusalem, for we never shall find the man in our day again.

How these gloomy-hearted friends do take the spirit out of us! The very sound of their voices makes our limbs tremble under us! We donot, we cannot, believe the world has fallen upon times so fearful as had come to Israel in the time of the "weeping prophet."

The trouble is we have been too much engaged in searching for the men who do not execute judgment and who do not seek after the truth. They are certainly with us at the present time; they always have been; they always will be. And we need to hunt them up and deal with them as they deserve. And at the same

time it is not right nor best that we should be so intent upon this search after the base that we do not see the good and the true and the upright in heart who are everywhere about us.

Let us look for the man with just as much zeal as we look for the rascal. There is far more joy in finding one who in the midst of all the whirl and dazzle of our latter-day life has stood up strong and true than in hunting down a thousand who have betrayed the trust reposed in them. They are all about us. May our eyes not be holden that we cannot see them! Perhaps they are not just where we are inclined to think they ought to be nor where we have expected they would be. It is often the case that the truest hearts are in some humble line of life, patiently and earnestly lifting at the wheel. That they are not out in the glare does not make them any the less men after God's own heart.

And while we are looking for these great hearts let us not forget to be such ourselves.—Edgar L. Vincent.

ANOTHER \$500 FOR ELON COLLEGE

Through the generosity of Col. E. E. Holland, of Suffolk, Va., who sends us his subscription of \$500, with his check for the first payment, as the "Special Fund" for Elon College, we have now reached the \$12,500 mark—one fourth of the \$50,000. We want at least fifteen more \$500 subscriptions (to be paid in five equal annual installments of \$100 each). It seems to me we ought to be able to secure these fifteen easily and quickly. In fact, I see no real reason why that number of interested friends—men and women—should not just volunteer to complete the list, and write me for the regular subscription blanks, before I can get around to them.

I believe a few words of encouragement just now on the part of our pastors and other friends would speedily result in just that "sort of thing"—a voluntary offering to the College that would create such an enthusiasm in the movement that would bring complete success, and bring it quickly.

Who will be the first to volunteer on this list of "fifteen much needed friends"?

Dr. Atkinson's editorial last week had the "right ring" to it, and will be greatly appreciated by every one interested in the College and the church. We want to get at least 200 influential ministers and laymen lined up like that for the movement—writing for it, talking for it, and working for it—and it is bound to succeed.

E. L. Moffitt, President.

Jan. 22, 1910.

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My Dear Children and Friends:—

We welcome the new year with all its work and responsibilities. Much lies before us. God's greatest year is upon us. He expects more of us than last year. He hands us this new volume with broad, clean pages, and expects us to enter thereon deeds of real merit, words of genuine sympathy, and thoughts as pure as a child. We live in deeds, not in figures on a dial. May 1910 be to

each of us one continuous expression of love to God and service to humanity. We open our eyes to the task before us and—BEHOLD WORK!

We present a splendid report for our first week in 1910.

The following donations have been received: Hines Chapel, Mrs. Mollie J. Fryar 1 quilt; Mrs. Peter Iseley, 1 towel; Masters Lee and Rowland Iseley, one half bush. large hickory nuts; P. W. Iseley, 60 lbs. wheat; Henry Smith, 60 lbs. wheat; J. J. Busick, 60 lbs. wheat; Wade Millaway, 24 lbs. flour; and 24 lbs. meal; Andy Wyrick, 65 lbs. corn; Brooks Wyrick, 82 lbs. wheat; E. F. Smith, 55 lbs. wheat; Brooks Smith, 60 lbs. wheat; A. R. Hines, 120 lbs. wheat; Monticello Church, J. H. Rudd, 67 lbs. wheat.

We are grateful for the above donations. It gives us bread for two weeks; and the children will enjoy the hickory nuts from Lee and Rowland Iseley for quite a while; and the nice quilt from Sister Fryar will last for years to keep some child warm; and my! we need 100 Sister Iseleys just now to give 1 towel each! It takes towels for 17 boys! We don't believe it takes half so many towels for girls as for boys—can't explain this—who can?

Bros. Carlton and Johnson enter again supporting an orphan. The Citizen Bible Class, Elon Sunday-school, also decides to support an orphan. Suffolk, Va., Sunday-school starts out with Jan. offering sufficient to care for four orphans. What other friends, churches, Sunday-schools or classes will give \$5 monthly for the support of an orphan?

Our boys are very much interested about the barn these days—we have 5 new calves and 8 little pigs: some are making claims as to which pig he shall have, while others are talking of a new yoke of oxen.

We are hoping much for the new year, and earnestly solicit the co-operation of all. Our aim for 1910 is \$6,000 cash, \$3,000 farm products, support of 40 orphans! Yours for service,

Uncle Jim.

Manson, N. C., Jan. 10, 1910.

Dear Uncle Jim:—

Here we come with our Jan. letter, hoping you and all the cousins a happy and prosperous new year.

Santa Claus brought us lots of things. Glad to see so many people are giving so much for the Orphanage. Hope it will soon be out of debt. Enclosed please find our mite.

Brannock and Murdoek Newman.

Thanks for your good wishes, boys. Work to get all you can to join our

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R. F. D. 1, Suffolk, Va., Jan. 12.

Dear Uncle Jim:—

I am two and one-half years old today, and will send my first letter to the Corner. Papa is packing pork and I think it is fun to see him cut the slaughtered pigs head off. Did Santa Claus come to see the children at the Orphanage? He came to see me and brought me a "Billy Possum," a horn and lot of nice things to eat. I think he is a fine fellow. I send one dime with much love to you and all the cousins. Your nephew,

Joel Edward Harrell, Jr.

Welcome, little man! May your first letter be one of many you shall write this year.

Greensboro, N. C., Jan. 13, 1910.

Dear Uncle Jim:—

Here I come with my dime for Janu-

ary. Guess you had a fine time Christmas eating turkey. Wish I could have been there too. I had a real nice time Christmas. Will close with lots of love to all the cousins. Your loving niece,
Nannie Benton.

Every one had all the turkey he could eat, Nannie, and my! how we did enjoy it.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 13, 1910.

Dear Uncle Jim:—

Hope you and the cousins are enjoying this fine bright new year. Enclosed will find our dues for January.

Your little nieces,

Jessie and Pauline Penry.

A New Year's greeting to these faithful cousins who have stood by us all the year of 1909.

Seaboard, N. C., Jan. 13, 1910.

Dear Uncle Jim:—

I am a long way behind this time. I should have written in Dec., but I failed to do so. I like this place just as well as I did Franklin. My new teacher is very nice to me, and I like her too. I went to see Uncle and Auntie Christmas. How I did enjoy myself! They had a tree loaded with red berries and other things. It was for sister and me to enjoy and we did. Just had a fine time. I am always ready to go to my mama's old home; guess I will not get there as often now, as we are so much farther away. Enclosed please find 20 cents for Dec. and Jan.

Your loving little niece,

Willie Jackson Everett.

From what the cousins write, Willie, guess old Santa did not miss a single one. A dear old fellow he is.

Windsor, Va., Jan. 7, 1910

Dear Uncle Jim:—

As Santa Claus has been and the holidays are over and all my sisters have gone back to school, I think I will get to business now and try and let the cousins hear from me every month. I hope the little orphans spent a happy Christmas. We children had a good time, but it passed away too fast. I stay home and help ma. I want to go to school very bad. I am only five years old, and just think! I must stay away two years longer. Ma says time goes away fast, but it doesn't to me. Enclosed find one dime to buy something for a little girl. Maybe she loves to mark on paper as well as I do. Fondly, Your little niece,
Violet Davis.

To be Mother's helper, Violet, is a great thing, and you must give every minute something useful till you are old enough to study.

Sanford, N. C., Jan. 6, 1910.

Dear Uncle Jim:—

I will write my letter and send dime for January. Well, I had a real nice time at Christmas. All my brothers and sisters came home with their babies and old Santa brought me lots of pretty things. I got a doll, cradle, bed, chair, and so many other things I just can't tel you all in this letter. I hope the little cousins got lots of things and feel as happy as I do. With love to you and all the cousins,

Your niece,

Annie Pearl Way.

Wish you could have seen the children enjoy Santa Claus here, Annie. They were all delighted.

Sanford, N. C., Jan. 6, 1910.

Dear Uncle Jim:—

Here comes little Carl Lynn with his dime for January. Well, Uncle Jim, this was my first Christmas. I did not know what it meant, but I just laughed and holloed all I could. I got lots of presents, but I can't have them now, for I just break them all and tear them up. Uncle Jim, you ought to see me now. I am so fat, mama can't hardly lift me, but she says I am a good boy. I close with love to you and the orphan children.

Your nephew,

Carl Lynn Scholey.

I guess little boys are good to tear up, Carl, but they'll grow wiser after a while.

Gilmerton, Va., Jan. 5, 1910.

Mr. Jas. L. Foster,

Dear Sir:—

My sister, brother and I would like to join the band of cousins. We have read their letters, and enjoy them very much.

My sister's name is Esther Virginia Johnson, aged 12 years. My brother's name is Willard Sylvester Johnson, aged 6 years, and mine is Wm. Gay Johnson, aged 10 years. We send thirty cents in stamps for January.

Yours sincerely,

Wm. Gay Johnson.

You are most cordially welcomed, children. Let not a month pass but you send your dimes. They help so much.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Jan. 8, 1910.

Dear Uncle Jim:—

How are you and the little cousins getting on this fine weather? Hope you had a merry Christmas. Hope old Santa came to see the little cousins. I will send a dime for January.

Your nephew,

Hubert Neville.

We had a delightful time, Hubert,

thanks to Old Santa and kind friends.

Crews, Va., Jan. 9, 1910.

Dear Uncle Jim:—

I enclose my dues for Jan. Brother and I have been sick, but much better now. Hope you and all the cousins are well.

Fondly,

Thomas Clifford Foster.

Helen S. Foster.

You have started the New Year right, little cousins. Be sure to continue faithful throughout the whole twelve months.

Manson, N. C., Jan. 10, 1910.

Dear Uncle Jim:—

I went to Sunday-school to-day for the first time in three Sundays and I was so glad I hardly could wait to get on my cloak.

Old Santa was good to me, he gave me a tool box containing a hammer, a saw, square, rule, and other things, and all kinds of good things to eat.

I have a little calf. I think it fine to see papa give him his milk. I am always after papa to make me a halter so I can drive him.

Did you all have snow and rain Christmas day? Love to all. Your nephew,

R. Leslie Newman.

Now you can be a carpenter boy and mend things for Mama with your saw etc.

Waverly, Va., Jan. 3, 1910.

Dear Uncle Jim:—

I am going to try and write every month this year. Christmas has passed away and I hardly know how it went. We Waverly boys and girls had a nice time. Santa Claus came and brought me lots of good things to eat. We had a nice Christmas tree and such a cute little wheelbarrow I got; can carry in wood for Mama now. I guess she will find a penny or so for me then. I will send them to the Orphanage. Enclosed find ten cents. With much love to the little cousins, Your nephew,

Garland Gray.

That's right, Garland. Work hard for your money and you will appreciate it more. So glad to have you again.

MARRIED.

Phillips-Spitzer.

Mr. Charles F. Phillips and Miss Annie M. Spitzer were married in Harrisonburg, Dec. 28, 1909. The wedding took place in the parlor of the National Hotel in the presence of a few intimate friends. The bride and groom are popular young people of the Mayland neighborhood. Here is wishing for them a happy life together.

A. W. Andes.

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[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.]

ORGANIZED CLASSES—CARDINAL PRINCIPLES.

The word Baraca is from 2 Chron. 20: 26, which reads thus, "and on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of Berachah: for they blessed the Lord; therefore the name of the same place was called The Valley of Berachah, unto this day." It will be seen that the biblical name is slightly altered to form the modern one and the accent changed (from the first syllable in Ber-achah to the second in Bara-ca), but that the meaning is the same, "happy" or "blessed."

Philathea, the woman's organization corresponding to the Baraca, is a Greek name and means, "lovers of God."

The motto of both organizations is, "We do things;" their text is, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me;" and their platform is, "Young men (young women) at work for young men (young women), all standing by the Bible and the Bible School."

It would take a page in this paper to enumerate the various other names that have been adopted for Organized Classes. Their mottoes, texts, and platforms are legion and would fill a small volume, but all of them emphasize the essential ideas of the Baraca and Philathea as given above and are in fact obviously variations upon them.

Mr. Hudson, the Baraca's founder has all along insisted that the Baraca Class should be subject to the authority of the local church, a fractional part of the Sunday school with which it is associated, and that it should be taught nothing but the Bible on each Sunday, whatever other lines of study it may elect to pursue at its week-day sessions. These three might, therefore, appropriately be called the **Cardinal Principles** of the Organized Class Movement: **Recognition of**

the Authority of the Church, Loyalty to the Interests of the Sunday school, and Devotion to Bible Study for the Regular Sabbath Hour. Any Class which sets its face against any one of these three fundamental principles is dangerous and had best be disbanded. But what good may not a class of consecrated Christians, devoted to these cardinal principles, accomplish for the kingdom? We need more of them. We need them everywhere. **Shall we not have them?**

LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY CONVENTION AT GREENSBORO.

This was the greatest gathering of determined, earnest-souled, thoroughly consecrated men I have ever been privileged to attend. There were enrolled 1521 men from all parts of N. C. as delegates and the vast majority of them were laymen, perhaps 150 ministers were in attendance. These were hard-headed, cool, calculating business and professional men and farmers, yet they were deeply interested in foreign missions, and for two whole days, three sessions a day, and one extra night session in the third day, gave themselves unreservedly to that matter. The speakers, most of them laymen, presented the subject from every conceivable standpoint. Then there were the returned missionaries from the four quarters of the earth who told their thrilling experiences, just as Paul and Barnabas did after their missionary journey. These missionaries are the new Apostles and their deeds the new Acts of the Apostles. Listening to them and to the other speakers of the masterful program was to be thrilled, charmed, electrified, inspired. It has changed this writer from the condition of acquiescence in foreign missions to avowed advocacy. We had never seen it that way before. It is now clear to us that it is the whole duty of the whole church to evangelize the world in this generation. "We can do it if we will. We can do it and we will" said the N. C. Laymen's Missionary Movement Convention in one of its mottoes, of which more later.

We shall write from time to time on items of interest concerning this Convention. This week we close with this mere word of testimony to give space for "impressions" from others of our people who were there. We shall continue to

publish these "impressions" for several weeks to come, for two dozen of our brethren have agreed to send each an article along this line.

Christian Ladies of Greensboro.

Our good ladies of our Greensboro churches did the Laymen's Convention a great favor when they secured the dining room of the Benbow Hotel and in it served meals at very reasonable rates, a dinner in three courses for example at 35 cents. They also displayed excellent management and taste in the dinner which they served the ministers who were present at the Convention in the Smith Memorial Building. When 50 more came than had been arranged for, they cared for them with ease, grace, and dispatch which might well put some of our hotels to blushing. We felt proud of them, we did.

Impressions of the Laymen's Convention. Number I.

There is a blessing just as great awaiting the one who has not done his duty, as there is for the one who has been doing his duty all the time; if after seeing his duty, he consecrates himself first and then all he has to God to be used of Him in God's way.

The Laymen's Convention was a source of inspiration to me in that we could see our record laid bare before us, and realize as never before that we, as a church have not done our duty. Now if we want God to bless us we must do our whole duty.

H. C. Simpson.

Number II.

First of all, I think the Laymen's Convention is typical of the awakening of the National consciousness to its duty with reference to the world's evangelization. In the second place, it demonstrated the fact that men have come to realize that denominational differences are trivial when compared with the importance of saving souls. Again, it was shown that if the church will but acquaint men with the seriousness and the earnestness of the Macedonian call of the heathen kingdoms they will not be found slow to respond liberally to the demand.

The convention itself was an uplift

and an inspiration for the fourteen hundred men who attended. It has been my privilege to attend conventions, conferences and associations of all the leading denominations in the state, and I think I speak advisedly when I say no greater religious gathering has ever met in our commonwealth. The personnel was high, embracing men from all professions and lines of business. There was an earnestness and enthusiasm that will not be lost or forgotten in a few weeks.

From the standpoint of a representative of our denomination, it left some serious impressions. I feel convinced that those of our faith who attended will not rest until our Southern convention has a Laymen's board or secretary. Poverty alone cannot excuse us for our miserly and meager contributions to missionary enterprises. Lack of system and want of knowledge and failure of appreciation of a world obligation are greater obstacles. If our denomination is what we claim for it—the true conception of the New Testament Church with such broad and liberal principles that all Protestant believers can stand with us—it makes it imperative that we must shoulder our part of the church's responsibility and give evidence of our readiness to work with them in fulfilling the Great Commission.

Chas. A. Hines.

Christian Endeavor at Shiloh.

The weather was unfavorable when we organized, so there were not many present. Also, the Christian Endeavor movement had never been presented to the people; but after presenting the matter we organized with 7 members, which organization received an addition of 14 members at our next meeting. This second meeting was a prayer meeting in which the regular C. E. Lesson was used, and it was a very interesting meeting, all of the charter members taking part. We believe the prospects are good for a live society. What is needed to bring success is earnest, thoughtful planning of the work, energetic execution of the plans, and above all, prayer for wisdom to guide and strength to sustain.

R. L. Williamson.

C. E. TOPIC FOR JAN. 30—A FEW SUGGESTIONS.

The Most Stirring Events of Foreign Missionary History.

Acts 14:8-22.

Let the Missionary Committee lead. It should provide, in company with the Music Committee, for special music, music that will stir to missionary zeal, such hymns as "The Son of God goes Forth."

The Leader: The leader should be

one who has attended a Laymen's Missionary Movement convention, if possible. He should endeavor to show why foreign missions are characterized by stirring events. For this he might assign the stirring gospel they represent, the stirring nature of the missionaries, etc. Let him show that wherever there is missionary activity there is forthwith a stir, whether it be at home or abroad.

The Scripture: Let the pastor read the passage, the Society following from open Bibles. Or a responsive service might be made of it.

Question Spurs: (For answer to most of these questions, see the C. E. World or other hand-books on Missions):

What is the most stirring event in the missionary history of India? Of Burma? Of Persia? Of Turkey? Of Arabia? Of China? Of Japan? Of the Pacific Isles? Of South America? Of Africa? In Paul's Life? In Peter's? In John's? In Silas'? In Luke's?

Letters from Missionaries: If possible, have read in the meeting recent letters from foreign missionaries now in the field.

Scripture References: (Hand out, but let them come in under voluntary participation):

- Abraham's Call, Gen. 12,1.
- Isaiah's Call, Isa. 6, 8.
- Jonah's Call, Jonah 1, 2.
- Paul's Call, Gal. 1, 15.
- The Great Commission, Matt. 28:19-20.
- The Missionary's Source of Power, Acts 2: 1-14.
- No respect of Persons in Missions, Acts 10: 44-48.
- The First Christian Martyr, Acts 7, 59.
- Missions as They Appear Hereafter, Rev. 21:22-26.

Suggested Program.

1. Missionary Music. Sentence Prayers for Missions.
2. Scripture.
3. Music.
4. Leader's Remarks.
5. Answers to Question Spurs.
6. Voluntary Participation, including Scripture References with brief Comment.
7. Other Stirring Missionary Events, Letters from Missionaries.
8. Music.
9. Pastor's Remarks.
10. Music. Offering. Mizpah.

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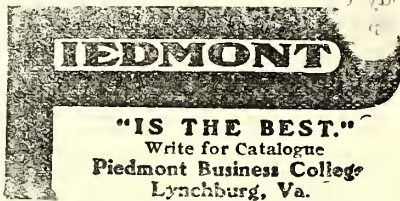
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Newport News, Va.

Butler-Wyatt.

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7:10	10:55	Tokay	8:12	4:17
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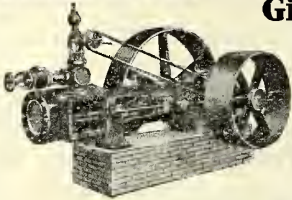
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