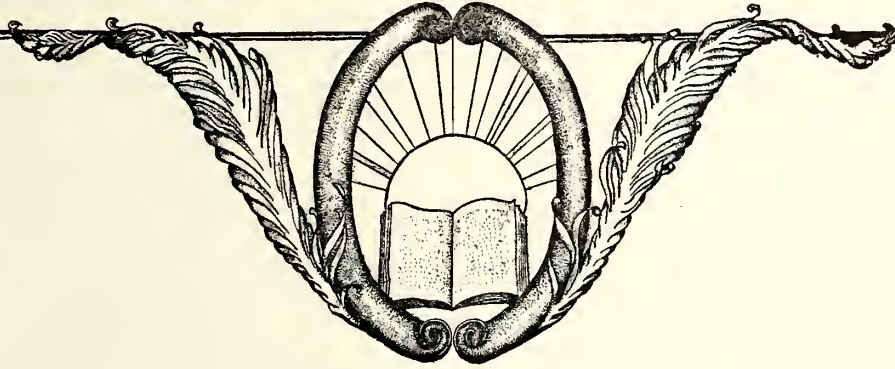


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PAUL: BOOK-LOVER.

Paul had a few books, which were left perhaps wrapped up in the cloak, and Timothy was to be careful to bring them. Then an apostle must read. Some of our self-sufficient brethren have thought a minister who reads books and studies his sermons must be a very deplorable specimen of a preacher. A man who goes up into the pulpit, professes to take his text on the spot, and talk any quantity of nonsense, is the idol of many. If he will speak without premeditation, or pretend to do so, and never produce what they call a dish of dead man's brain—ah! that is the preacher. How rebuked are they by the apostle! He is inspired, and yet he wants books! He has been preaching for thirty years, and yet he wants books! He has seen the Lord, and yet he wants books! He has had a wider experience than most men, and yet he wants books! He had been caught up into the very heaven, and had heard things which it was unlawful for man to utter, and yet he wants books! He had written the major part of the New Testament, and yet he wants books! The apostle says in Timothy, and he says to every preacher, "Give thyself unto reading." The man who never reads will never be read; he who never quotes will never be quoted; he who will not use the thoughts of other men's brains, proves that he has no brains of his own. Brethren, what is true of ministers is true of all our people—you need to read.—Charles H. Spurgeon.

ORGAN OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN CONVENTION.

EDITORIAL

TO YOU THIS DAY A SAVIOR.

(For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11. Golden Text for Sunday, Jan. 21.)

This message of the angel was very personal, and is very seasonable. To you, this day. It is said that a rich man once sent his servant to the great moralist Melancthon to enquire why it was that in their Christmas song the children sang: "A little child is born to you today." Melancthon said to the servant, "Go ask your master whether he has no need of a Savior today?" A Savior is born today in the heart and life of every one who feels the need of Him and will hear the angel's message.

A Savior to me this day! That is remarkable; and is wonderfully helpful and consoling. I find myself today in need of a Savior. I find a tongue that wounds others and hurt me in spite of myself. I need a Saviour today to save me from my tongue. I find in me a mind that thinks evil thoughts before I am aware. I need a Savior to help me today to a better way of thinking. I find myself overcome in a moment of evil temper before I have got control of myself. I need a Savior today to save me from my evil and uncontrollable temper. I find myself puffed up with false pride and vain glory. I need a Savior today to make and to keep me my very self to all that is true and good and pure within me. Not only to the shepherds on the Judean hills, but to me the angel, God's messenger, has announced that there is born this day a Savior.

It is all a mystery. No we cannot understand it. There is power, there is all sufficient power in the Christ to save me, and to keep me saved, day by day, moment by moment.

We may exclaim with Peter, "Thou art Christ, the Son of the living God." And then we cannot understand how this Son, though reflecting in Himself the power and the glory of God, can be human enough to see and feel and sympathize with our weakness and our failures, and then God enough to save us from these faults and failings of ours.

Daniel Webster, it is reported, was asked if he could comprehend Christ's divinity and humanity, "No," replied the great statesman, "I cannot; and I should be ashamed to acknowledge him as my Savior if I could. If I could comprehend him, he could be no greater than myself,

and I need a superhuman Savior." Sufficient is it for us to know that He is a Savior, an all-sufficient Savior, one who is able to save us in every time of need and trial and trouble and tribulation.

We may not be able to shout and sing and praise and rejoice every day and every hour because a Savior has been born to us this day. But, like the shepherds, having seen and known and fully realized that a Savior has been born to us, we may do like the shepherds, return to our work stronger, better, happier, securer in the knowledge that there is a Saviour born to us, and that henceforth we shall be better, braver, stronger men and women because we have seen and known Him.

What a blessed Savior is ours. He saves us today and keeps us saved day by day. His is the power and the willingness. It is ours to exercise the faith and show to Him that we want and need Him everyday and all along the way.

WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

Our women of the various conferences have been bestirring themselves since they realized that they had nothing of their own in the way of distinctive missionary work. As a result of this activity we now have a constitution for the formation of Conference Woman's Boards and Boards for Home and Foreign Missionary Societies in the local churches. These constitutions, which make the organization of a Society in the local church easy, are for free distribution and may be had in quantities desired by addressing The Christian Sun Office, Elon College, N. C. with request for the desired number.

We sincerely trust that the Woman's Boards in the various conferences will get busy and will be successful in organizing Societies in every local Church. The following members constitute the Board in the Eastern Virginia Conference: Mrs. C. H. Rowland, Chr'm., Franklin, Va.; Mrs. W. H. Dick, Suffolk, Va.; Miss Margaret Brickhouse, Norfolk, Va. This Board has held a meeting since Conference, has elected officers and divided up the work among its members to be undertaken by each in the endeavor to organize a Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society in each local church of that Conference during the present year.

The Board for the Eastern North Carolina Conference is composed of Mrs. L. F. Johnson, Chr., Raleigh, N. C., and Mrs. A. F. Smith. (We have not been notified as to the third member of this Board). This Board has also met, decided upon a third member, adopted a constitution and laid out the work for

the present Conference year. An attempt will be made to organize a local Society in every church of the Conference.

The following constitute the Board of the Western North Carolina Conference: Mrs. W. H. Carroll, Chr., Burlington, N. C.; Mrs. T. E. White, Ramseur, N. C.; Mrs. T. A. Moffitt, Ramseur, N. C.

The following constitute the Board of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference: Mrs. L. E. Smith, Chr., Greensboro, N. C.; Mrs. Minnie Farmer Cook, News Ferry, Va.; Miss Lillian Aldridge, Union Ridge, N. C. These two Boards had a joint meeting in Greensboro, organized for work, adopted a constitution and are to work to the organization of a Society in every church in their respective Conferences the coming year.

Now that plans of work have been laid out, constitutions have been adopted and printed and are ready for distribution, the work should go forward in marked manner. There is a great opportunity ahead of our good women in this field.

LEARNING THE BEST.

We have the opportunity of learning many things in this life. And in this day of multitudinous claims upon our time and talent it is sometimes difficult for us to decide what we will read, study and learn, and what we will not. But none of us can afford not to learn the best. And just now we have, in marked measure, a fine opportunity of learning much about the best. Our Sunday school lessons for the year have to do with the Life of Jesus the Christ. There is no better commentary on this great Life than will be given in current helps on the lessons. If we will read carefully the text of the lessons each Sunday, then in the week follow the daily reading and then spend a brief period during the week reading and studying what the best helps on the lessons teach all of us should be, and will be, helped a long way in learning the best that is to be learned about the best, truest, noblest Life that ever came to this world. It is worth while, and wise is he who avails himself this opportunity.

THE DAYS OF GREAT REVIVALS.

We frequently long for the good old days of great revivals, the days when cities were stirred and churches were awakened. But in truth those days have not passed. There are great revivals yet, and great revivalists. It is doubtful if our English speaking tongue has produced a man, certainly not within a hundred years, who could reach and move the people more mightily than Gypsy Smith. So far as numbers are concerned, Dr. Tor-

rey has proven a power and has had wonderful success in the evangelistic field.

And now we see that Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, whose series of meetings in Boston, Mass., attracted nation-wide attention and interest has had a great tour of England and Ireland. For nine weeks prior to the Christmas holidays Dr. Chapman and Mr. Charles M. Alexander stirred the cities of Belfast, Bangor, Dundalk and others in Ireland, during which nine weeks it is reported that 5,000 persons made open profession of faith and joined the different churches, and one hundred and eighty young men offered themselves for the ministry and two hundred young women for missionary work at home and abroad.

All of which signifies that when men put themselves unreservedly on the altar and give themselves heart and mind and soul to the work of winning men to Christ and the church, our God is ready and willing to own and bless their labors, and crown them with success. God has not forgotten His people, His covenant, His pledge and promise, and is not very far off from any one of us when we call upon Him and rely upon His strength. What the ministry needs today is a closer walk with God and a freer, fuller dependence upon His strength, love and power.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR GROWS.

We scarcely realize how rapid the growth of Christian Endeavor is, and what great things it is doing. The past two years the Society has gained more than a million members and its increase is unabated. The movement now on for closing post-offices on Sunday originated from Endeavorers, and nearly 25,000 Endeavorers are members of the Tenth Legion, i. e., givers of one-tenth of their entire income. Christian Endeavor has given to the literature of the times some of the best books to be had, and is contributing to journalism a rich and bountiful stream of splendid papers. It is a world wide movement, and untold benefits to mankind have already accrued from this source of Christian organization. Every Christian Endeavorer has the right to feel proud that he is a member and a part of an organization that has done so much and is doing so much for the uplift of humanity and the betterment of the world.

AGAINST GIVING FOR MISSIONS.

There be those who are opposed to giving to missions. They are honest folks we have no doubt. They are frank about the matter, and sincere we presume. Their excuse is valid to themselves.

Now the trouble with them is this: They simply do not know. They have brushed a side a big question without the willingness or the disposition to investigate for themselves. They feel secure in their belief and are not taking the pains or the time to set themselves straight in the matter. They are ignorant certainly of three things. First, of the fundamental conceptions of our Christian religion. Second, of the needs and conditions in missions lands. Third, of the benefits and blessings accruing to those who give for missions and sacrifice for missionary success.

We have not seen a matter more plianly and powerfully put than this by Horace Bushnell when asked the question, "Who ought not to give to foreign missions?" Here was the reply:

The man who believes that the world is not lost and does not need a Savior.

The man who believes that Jesus Christ made a mistake when He said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

The man who believes the Gospel is not the power of God, and can not save the heathen.

The man who wishes that missionaries had never come to our ancestors, and that we our selves were still heathen.

The man who believes that it is "every man for himself" in this world, who with Cain, asks, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

The man who wants no share in the final victory.

The man who believes he is not accountable to God for the money entrusted to him.

The man who is prepared to accept the final sentence: "Inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of the least of these, ye did it not unto me."

—A bill has been introduced into the Virginia legislature—now in session at Richmond—providing for a referendum on the subject of State-wide prohibition. If enacted, 25 per cent. of the electorate of that State can require the Governor to order an election to determine whether or not liquor shall be sold in Virginia.

—We often want to do all the fighting and fearing and work and worrying ourselves. Listen: Deuteronomy 1:30, "Jehovah your God who goeth before you, He will fight for you." Keep God before you, brother, and all will come out right.

—Mr. Chas. Underwood Butler and wife who are now in evangelistic meetings at Union, S. C., write that they will come to Elon College to assist us in evangelistic services about Jan. 23rd. Our meet-

ing here is to begin next Sunday, 21st, and will likely continue about two weeks.

—It is reported that the new president of the Chinese republic, Dr. Sun Yat Sen, will place himself at the head of the army of 100,000 men and personally lead the attack on Peking and the Manchus. The situation in China is turbulent and uncertain.

—Our brother ministers will understand that it is purely an unselfish task on our part, this of getting them pounded. Read Bro. L. F. Johnson's Raleigh letter and you will see how grateful he is both to his good people and to us. This is where our reward comes in, rejoicing over the joy of others.

—The next session of the Southern Christian Convention is to meet with the church at Elon College. The notice and correspondence on another page fully explain. This is central to the Conferences and the people of Elon College may be counted on to do their best at entertaining this body of great church workers. We should have the "best yet" Convention and here is hoping that we shall.

—We are pained to learn of the continued illness of Rev. G. O. Lankford's wife at their home, Wadley, Ala. For more than four weeks Sister Lankford has been ill from typhoid fever, and he writes: "Our boy has been ill two weeks and at present is doing nicely, but Mrs. Lankford shows no sign of improvement. Pray for us." The many friends of this stricken family will remember them at the Father's throne. The continued illness of Sister Lankford explains why Bro. Lankford has not sent an Alabama letter to The Sun for weeks and has not filled an appointment for a month. May a heavenly Father spare his loved ones.

—We were grieved to learn of the untimely death of Mrs. Ava Clendenin Lance, wife of Rev. C. M. Lance, at a Wilmington hospital, Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1912. Mrs. Lance was formerly Miss Ava Clendenin, a former student of Elon College, sister of Mrs. N. G. Newman of Holland, Va., and daughter of Bro. J. N. H. Clendenin, Graham, N. C. Mrs. Nance was living at Burgaw, N. C., when she was stricken with what proved to be her fatal illness and was carried to a Wilmington hospital for treatment. Miss Ava, as a school girl, whom we remember so vividly, was a bright, cheerful, happy soul and gladdened all who came in contact with her. She was a noble Christian soul and has made the world better for her living in it. The interment was in the Graham cemetery, some half dozen ministers being present and taking part in the solemn and impressive burial services. God rest her noble soul.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN CONVENTION.

Elon College, N. C., Dec. 13, 1911.

(The following correspondence should have attention and explains itself).

Rev. W. W. Staley, D. D., Pres.

Suffolk, Va.,

Dear Brother:—At a meeting of the Elon College Christian Church this p. m. it was voted unanimously and heartily to invite the next regular session of the Southern Christian Convention to convene with this church and as guests of the people of Elon College and vicinity. It is the desire of the church and people here that the Convention meet with us. We feel sure that no people will give the members of the Convention a more cordial welcome than we, and we know that none will strive harder to make the Convention comfortable and successful. Will you, therefore, as President, convey this message to your Executive Committee and on our behalf beg them to accept our invitation?

Awaiting your reply, and begging a favorable one, Very cordially,

Elon College Christian Church,

J. O. Atkinson, Pastor.

Mrs. W. A. Harper, Sec. Pro. Tem.

Suffolk, Va., Jan. 8th, 1912.

Rev. J. O. Atkinson, D. D.,

Pastor Elon College C. Church,

Elon College, N. C.,

My Dear Doctor:—The gracious invitation of the college church to the Southern Christian Convention to meet at the college in its next session, as signed by you and Mrs. Harper, as Sec. pro. tem., was received by due course of mail and placed in the hands of the Executive Committee of the Convention.

After thoughtful consideration of the matter and great appreciation of your generous and hospitable invitation, the committee heartily accepted and will give notice that the Convention will meet with your good people in its 19th regular session on April 30th, 1912—Tuesday evening—and adjourn Friday, May 3rd, 1912.

Very truly yours,

W. W. Staley, Pres. S. C. C.

LOOK! READ!

The Southern Christian Convention will meet at Elon College, North Carolina, in its 19th regular session, on Tuesday evening, April 30th, 1912, and remain in session till Friday, May 3rd.

The committee is able to make this announcement by the voluntary and kind invitation of the college church; and we think the location is central to the Conferences, that the delegates will profit by a visit to the Institution, and that the

Convention will bring a blessing to the College.

The chairman of each Board and committee, and all delegates elect, should begin in time to give thoughtful and prayerful attention to the matters entrusted to their charge; and the 1912 Convention should eclipse all the past in interest and progress.

W. W. Staley,

N. G. Newman,

E. E. Holland,

Ex. Com.

Suffolk, Va., Jan. 8th, 1912.

DR. MARTYN SUMMERBELL LECTURES AT ELON.

Dr. Martyn Summerbell, non-resident Professor of Church History and Biblical Literature in Elon College, made his annual visit from January 7th to 9th this year, and expects for the future to make this date the permanent one for these lectures. Dr. Summerbell has lectured here for the past two years, but this is the first time that he has lectured in the capacity of one of the regular corps of instructors, the Board of Trustees at the past commencement having elevated him to that rank, a rank richly deserved by reason of his scholarly utterances of previous years.

The weather was of true New England type. The night before Dr. Summerbell arrived, the earth put on a garment of white, the first time for this winter, in honor of his coming as Dr. Summerbell naively expressed it in one of his inimitable prefatory remarks to his lectures. Then came the sleet, and all the trees and every building had bedecked itself in diamonds to do him honor. Such weather we have not had for many winters. Yet despite all these disadvantages in a physical way, the attendance at every lecture was very large, never less than two hundred. This speaks volumes for the lecturer.

The first lecture came at the eleven o'clock hour on Sunday and was a masterly treatment of the New Testament Miracles, a most appropriate theme for College students and young ministers preparing for their life-work, at the time of life when faith is being formed and determined. The lecturer showed how the folly of the critics who object to the miracles, set forth how the miracles of Christ differed from the sleight of hand performances of the tricksters and from the tricks of the "spiritualists," and then proved that they were absolutely necessary to attest the divine nature and office of the Master. Many ministers of wide range of reading heard this lecture and declared that it could not be surpassed

as a defence of the Christian belief in miracles.

The second lecture had to do with the Origin and Principles of the Christians. We Christians felt good during and after that deliverance, we felt that we have a distinctive work and mission in the world. This is the lecture that won such fine words of praise from Mr. Winston Churchill and that saved a church that was about to go to the Congregational brethren to our cause. The chief facts and the principles set forth in this lecture have appeared in the Herald of Gospel Liberty, but the individual flavor given it by the lecturer made the spoken discourse unique in many particulars.

The other four lectures of the series treated of the Society of Jesus, or the Jesuits as they are familiarly called. The first lecture of this series of four dealt with Loyola, the founder of the Society; the second treated of the manner of making a Jesuit; the third and fourth lectures told of the Society in History. The original plan of the lecturer was to give only two lectures on the Jesuits and then two treating of the Reformation in England. But the interest in the lectures on the Jesuits justified the final decision to postpone the consideration of the English Reformation till next year. The concluding lecture was very appropriate at this time, for it made plain by the verdict of history that we need have no fear of Catholic domination of the American Government, for, said the lecturer, at the conclusion of a most remarkable amassing of facts pertaining thereto, "if the Catholics have not been able to hold Spain Catholic, with everything in their favor, how can they ever expect to gain control of America, with everything against them?"

Thus ended a visit that was pleasant to his Southern friends and admirers and, we trust, in a measure, satisfactory to the lecturer himself.

During his visit Dr. Summerbell was domiciled at the West Dormitory, where he saw our student life as it is. He was generous enough of himself to grant our students interviews for two hours each afternoon, an opportunity which many accepted and with pleasure and profit. "May it be our privilege," said one of the students in bidding farewell to the lecturer, "to have you with us many years to come"—and that was the universal verdict.

W. A. Harper.

—Poor, pitiable, death-doomed Richeon regrets it all now and has suffered, as he says "the tortures of the damned," but as many thousands have done and as many thousands will, his day of regret and repentance comes too late, too late.

THE BENEFIT OF DAILY BIBLE STUDY.

One is always benefited by forming good habits. What we do is largely the result of habit, and the way to keep these habits from being bad is to form good ones. One of the first things daily Bible study does for us is it helps us to form a good habit, the habit of studying systematically the greatest Book ever written. And once this habit is formed the good will be so evident that it will continue throughout life.

This study also helps us to meet the temptations of the day. It isn't hard to overcome temptations if one is steeped in the atmosphere of the Bible. Christ answered every argument the devil put to him with a quotation from the Bible. If our Saviour needed the Scriptures to strengthen Him in the time of trial, we who are weak and prone to sin must need them a thousand times more to help us overcome the wiles of him who is ever trying to pull mankind down.

By it we become acquainted with the Scriptures and those great heroes who lived so close to God. We are told that character is not taught, but caught. By associating for some time with a man of a strong character one catches something of his spirit. How glorious it is to catch something of the character and inspiration of the great men of the Bible!

Again, it sets standards for men. One who is a consistent student of the Bible is one who has high ideals of life. It is almost impossible for a man who studies the Bible systematically with the right spirit to deal dishonestly with his fellow men. The student who is a systematic Bible student is never caught cheating on examination nor anything else which he would not like to be caught doing.

It brings individual consecration. The systematic Bible student is consecrated to God, and the building up of His cause and the promotion of what is good in his fellowmen. The life of him who lives daily in the atmosphere of the Bible is so consecrated to the service of God that the man of the world feels when coming into his presence that he is very close to God.

It helps to fight life's battles. The man who studies the Bible every day is strong enough to win in the conflicts which come to him. The men who lose in the great battles of life are the men who do not study the Bible systematically.

Above all, it gives us fellowship with God and Jesus Christ, our elder brother. We never really know and have fellowship with a person until we know something of what he believes and teaches. Neither can we really have fellowship with

God until we are familiar with his word. Those great men like John Bunyan, Moody, and others who seem to carry the presence of God with them, were men whose lives were consecrated by diligent, earnest study of God's word.

Can we do anything for thirty minutes a day which will do more for us than this? What it has done and is doing for others it will do for you. All you have to do is to give it a fair trial. We have a few group Bible study classes here in Elon which are doing a great work, but still there are numbers of the young men who do not belong to any of them. We wish to organize more groups soon and enroll every young man in college in them. We can do this if we try hard enough. Get together and let's go forward to a more earnest, diligent and systematic study of the Bible. C. J. F.

COMING HOME TO HIM.

Newspaper readers well remember the part played in Tennessee politics in recent years by Gov. Malcolm R. Patterson. His relation to the liquor interest was much like that of Gov. O'Neal, of Alabama. He pardoned Duncan Cooper, convicted of the murder of Senator Carmack, the leading prohibitionist of that state.

All these reflections are brought vividly to mind upon reading in the daily press of the case of Malcolm Patterson, Jr., son of the former governor, who has been on trial lately in Seattle, Washington, for shooting and seriously wounding a man in that State. Gov. Patterson has been out there, at great expense, defending his son. The only plea that he could make was insanity, and the day after Christmas the commission appointed to investigate the young man's mental condition reported that when he did the shooting he was suffering from epilepsy as a result of continuous drinking, and that it was dangerous for him to be at large.

We do not know that the conduct and influence of the father is in any way responsible for this sad situation, but the thought naturally suggests itself to the mind. When any man, especially in high official position, deliberately lends or sells himself to the service of such an iron-hearted monster as the liquor traffic, he need not be surprised to reap in his own family, if not in his own body, the fruits of such an unholy alliance. This is no uncommon thing. It is the general rule. We do not have to go as far away as Washington to find an example of it.—Reanoke (Ala.) Leader.

An eminent English physician, Sir Jas.

Sawyer, has given the following twenty rules for prolonging life for a century: "Eight hours' sleep. Sleep on your right side. Keep your bed-room windows open all night. Have your mat at your bedroom door. Do not have your bed against the wall. No cold tub in the morning, but a bath at the temperature of the body. Exercise before breakfast. Eat little meat, and see that it is well-cooked. For adult: Drink no milk. Eat plenty of fat to feed the cells which destroy disease germs. Avoid intoxicants, which destroy these cells. Daily exercise in the open air. Allow no pet animals in your living rooms. They are apt to carry about disease germs. Live in the country, if you can. Watch the three D's—drinking water, damp, and drains. Have a change of occupation. Take frequent and short holidays. Limit your ambition; and keep your temper."

GRIMPS OR GRUMPS.

It is better to be a Grimp than a Grump
It is also more pleasant by far,
So, if you will listen, I'll tell you how you
can

Discover which species you are.

If you wake up in the morning and do not
get up

Until after breakfast bell rings;

If you can't find your book or your gloves
or your bag,

And someone has hidden your things;

If everyone's sober, and nobody smiles;

If the sun has gone under a cloud;

If no body pays much attention to you,

Although you may speak very loud;

In fact, if you find every one in the dump

You may be very sure you belong to

Grumps.

But if you get up with a smile on your face

And whistle a tune as you dress,

Your hat or your gloves may not be in the
place,

You're good humored, nevertheless;

If you look for the sunshine in others
meet,

And give it, unmeasured to all;

If you think that the world is as right
can be,

And that no one is petty or small;

If you conquer the Grouches and slouch
inps,

You may be pretty sure you belong to
Grimps.

There isn't much difference, really,
see,

In deciding the sort of person to be.

The only distinction you will find if you
consists in the use of the U or the I.

And whether this letter is I or is U
Depends most of all on your point of

—Robert Seaver, in Youth's Compa

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

—Rev. Clarence V. Richeson having confessed to the murder of Miss Avis Linnell was on Jan. 9 sentenced to pay the death penalty in the electric chair in a Boston, Mass., prison some time during the week beginning May 19.

—The Equitable Life Insurance Building, 90 story sky scraper marble and granite structure in the heart of New York's business center was destroyed by fire Jan. 9, entailing a loss of \$6,000,000 and six lives.

—Rev. Stanley C. Harrell, who is now studying at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., was announced to preach for our Berkley congregation last Sunday, using as morning topic, "Prayer for the Kingdom," for evening topic, "Christ's Assurance."

—We people of the South think it cold with the thermometer at 10 to 15 above. The people of the North and West know it is cold with the mercury away down below. Dr. Barrett, who writes a cheerful, bright, happy letter for this week's Sun says the thermometer in Dayton, O., is away below.

—It is reported that 167,000,000 feet of dimension lumber, to say nothing of building material, furniture, etc., were shipped out of Western North Carolina in 1911 and that this brought to the producers \$4,000,000. But my! what destruction, waste and consternation it brought to our fine forests in the West.

—The State Anti-Saloon League will hold a convention in Raleigh, January 26th, 27th, and 28th. Prominent speakers are to be present and the Convention is to take advanced steps in enforcing prohibition in North Carolina. It promises to be a great Convention and one worth attending. Governor Kitchen is to deliver the address of welcome on the evening of the 26th.

—Fire destroyed the magnificent stone sky scraper, the Equitable building, in New York the other day, but her vaults held good and sound and from them were removed after the fire, nearly four hundred million dollars in cash and securities. Which reminds us to say that there is a place of safety and security for all our rarest treasure, namely, in the heart: and though destructive elements from without sweep over and envelop us, the heart treasure which is the richest and best, need not be hurt or harmed.

—Rev. W. G. Clements is moving mighly to build himself a living monument at Chapel Hill. This veteran worker will live several to his credit long before the pile of perishable granite shall be given away by his friends. Bro. Clements believes in imperishable monuments, those

that will not waste and wear with time, the monument of good works in hearts and places that will tell for time and for eternity. God bless him in his great task of building a suitable church at our State University. If the brethren do not rally to him we shall be surprised; but they will, as time will prove.

—Rev. M. L. Bryant's address is changed from Berkley, Va., to "Hillside," Sunset Drive, Asheville, N. C., whither Bro. Bryant has gone in quest of health. His physicians say he wore himself out in revival work last summer and suffered a general break-down. He is hopeful now of gradual recovery and is comfortably situated. He will we are sure, appreciate a line of cheer and good fellowship from his brethren and friends. He has unnumbered friends and admirers in The Christian Sun family who will wish earnestly and pray daily for his speedy recovery.

—Col. Wade Harris, of the Charlotte Chronicle fled to Florida last week thinking to escape the cold weather, but the Colonel found it uncomfortable even in the land of flowers. "The villain still pursues me," writes the fugitive, "that is, the weather does." Sometimes bad weather is as difficult to escape as a bad conscience, and both alike prove villains to pursue to the limit. But the Colonel is an editor, and all editors keep clear consciences, or are supposed to do so.

—Fifteen thousands operatives in the big cotton and woolen mills of Lawrence, Mass., went out on strike and revolt Monday, 15th, and the militia had to quell the riot with bayonets.

—From Karl Lehman in Christian Endeavor World (Boston.): "President Harper of Elon College has been State president and is an enthusiastic Endeavorer. The society in the college has more than one hundred members, the majority of them being young men. The faculty gives Christian Endeavor every support. "We realize," said Dean Newman, "that Christian Endeavor has come to stay, and we need to help our young people to become familiar with its workings in our school."

—Rev. W. C. Wicker, Sunday-school secretary, left Elon College Monday to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee of the A. C. C. of which he is a member, at Dayton, Ohio, this week. Dr. Wicker is to return about the last of this week.

—We have seen it stated in several places of late that Dr. Sen Yat Sen, President of the Chinese republic is a convert of the Christian faith and is a member of the Episcopal church. If this be true, and if the Republic succeeds, as now seems probable, this will mean much for

the furtherance of the Christian religion in China. Missionaries have wrought long and hard in China and converts have not been numerous there, but the fruits of their faithful labors are beginning to appear in many ways and places. We may often grow impatient of seeing God make good His promises, but from everlasting till now God has never failed in a single promise made—and He never will. "To Him every knee shall bow and every tongue His name confess." And He will bring it to pass. What part will you have you, reader, in this glad, grand consummation?

—It is reported that 10,000 Manchus (royalists) were massacred by the revolutionists in China recently and that the province of Shen Si is in a state of turmoil and bloodshed—this province being the hot bed of a revolution.

—Postmaster General Hitchcock has proposed to recommend to Congress that the Government acquire and operate all telegraph lines as an adjunct of our post-office department. Congress is to consider the matter.

—The U. S. Supreme Court has given its unanimous verdict in upholding the employers' liability act enacted by Congress in 1908.

—The cold weather that prevailed all last week was general, wrought much damage and entailed no little suffering. It was the coldest since 1899, the Bureau says, and in many localities the mercury went lower than it has gone in a quarter of a century.

SUFFOLK LETTER.

With the temperature at 19 degrees and the ground covered with sleet my mind seems to be stationary. I have been trying to think of something for the "Suffolk Letter" and I find my brain like most people's woodshed—almost empty. But, I suppose, like the streams that are frozen over, that underneath the frozen surface the stream still runs in hidden currents. I know that underneath the frozen surface the stream still runs in hidden currents. I know that underneath apparent cold hearts and indifferent lives there are warm currents of affection and interest that only await the sunshine and the melting influences that come from above. They tell us that beneath the earth's surface are not only vast beds of deposits of incalculable value, but great stores of heat that break out at intervals through volcanoes. It may be that underneath this cold hearted world of "selfish humanity" that there are great rivers of faith and affection that now and then manifest themselves

in acts of mercy or shouts of praise. It may be that individual goodness is the output of a larger heart and a larger life in humanity. One thing is plain to my cold mind now, that great individual wealth and knowledge is the product of a multitude of workers and thinkers. "No man liveth to himself," and no man is rich or wise to himself. The rich man is rich and the wise man is wise because surrounded and aided by a multitude of active, thinking men. It must be true that the good man is good because inspired by the faith and love of a multitude around him. There is but one essentially good and that is God, or what is equivalent, Jesus Christ who was God manifest in the flesh.

It, therefore, appears more important to look after the character, temper, and conduct of society; for, while society is bad, individual goodness is more difficult of attainment. All laws, sentiments, gospels, that improve society, make individual opinion, faith, and character safer. Hence the great struggle in modern times with corporations, organizations, nations, churches. It would be easy enough for you to control your son or daughter were it not for the public sentiment that crystalizes into plans and movements on so large a scale as to demand submission. When you try to secure the will of your child to submit to your will, you will find that behind your child's will is a larger will of society. That public will is too large for your will to subdue and it can be done only by the creation of a counter-public sentiment. This must be created by the church. Society herself has no power and no disposition toward moral self-cleansing. Hence all religious effort is in a measure vain until church sentiment outweighs the sentiment of society. All Christian people who live up with the world are like the winds that line up with the storm; they are not only in the swim, in the current of influence, but in the sweep of destruction. It is this larger measure of sin that attaches to church members who consent to or seek the association and customs of the world. All church members should line up for righteousness in the interest of the weakest individual. All sanitary movements look to the health of the weakest member of the community. The strongest and healthiest might survive any sort of unsanitary conditions. The old excuse, "It does not hurt me," is too narrow and too selfish for intelligence much less for spirituality. Jesus came not to be "ministered unto, but to minister." He could endure any exposure, but he lived for others. It is not wise to go as close as possible to the

point of danger, but as far from it as possible.

If these crude thoughts are frozen over when the reader sees them, wait till they thaw out and then think of them. Springs and well fill up most in winter weather, but the outflow comes to cool the tired spirit in the hot summertime. I am simply trying to help the editor fill up the paper in these cold days when ink runs slow.

W. W. Staley.

NORFOLK LETTER.

What weather and how vexed nature must be! She is warm and cold by turn, trying by every mood at her command to make an impression. She wept as the old year departed, for it was raining copiously; she met the first Sunday of the new year joyously, for she had dressed herself in lovely garments of snow. Today she is fitful, perhaps someone has offended good old Dame Nature, for it rains and snows by turn.

The storm of the past week has played havoc for the sailors on the great deep. Men and ships have fought for very life. Some have reached harbor safely, others have taken voyage to the distant shore. One of Uncle Sam's boats reported six men overboard, another, unable to use its wireless, fortunately found a passer-by who telegraphed aid for her.

This wireless is surely one of God's benedictions upon man. Many a storm-stressed ship and crew have received aid by its means. Even as I write this letter, two of Uncle Sam's cruisers are hastening out to sea that they may rescue a comrade in great distress.

Likewise our prayers are a sort of wireless communication with the heavenly Father. Happy are the hearts who communicate with Him often. No wires are needed, only a sincere and supplicating heart.

The heavy snow of yesterday interfered with church services. Our church had none. At other places the attendance was only half the usual, or even less. The Third Church has found it necessary to organize two new Sunday school classes in order to obtain better grading. The quarterly meeting of the Tidewater Sunday school Association found it necessary to postpone its session until the 4th Sunday in January. The Ministerial Association met today at the Navy Y. M. C. A. Since Memorial Temple and Lambeth's Point have been without regular pastors, it has interfered with the weekly meetings. Also, since Bro. Bryant's sickness, he has been unable to attend. Rev. M. L. Bryant left last Tuesday for a sanatorium at Asheville, N. C., for a stay of several months. Mrs. Bryant ac-

companied him, but expects to return and teach, as supply, for two months, when she hopes to spend some time at the sanatorium with Bro. Bryant as company. Brethren, let us join in prayer that our brother may be fully restored to health and that right away.

A. M. Hanson.
Jan. 8th, 1912.

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Burlington, N. C.

W. K. Holt	\$100.00
A Friend	200.00
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Greensboro, N. C.

Dr. Chas. W. Moseley ..	25.00
W. H. King	25.00
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Total	100.00

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Mrs. I. W. Pritchard	25.00
Hon. I. W. Pritchard	125.00
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E. P. Williams	25.00
Total this week	625.00

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"OTHERS."

"Lord help me live from day to day,
In such a self-forgetful way,
That even when I kneel to pray,
My prayer shall be for—Others.

Help me in all the work I do,
To ever be sincere and true,
And know that all I'd do for you,
Must need be done for—Others.

Let "self" be crucified and slain,
And buried deep and all in vain,
May efforts be to rise again,
Unless to live for—Others.

And when my work on earth is done,
And my new work in heaven's begun,
May I forget the crown I've won,
A while thinking still of—Others.

Others, Lord, yes, others:
Let this my motto be,
"Help me to live for others,
That I may live like Thee."

"Our interest in Missions is a mark of our Christian character."

"Our knowledge of Missions is the measure of our Christian attainment."

"Our participation in Missions is the measure of our Christian efficiency."

—H. C. Mabie.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS and CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

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The secretary will be glad to give any information as to any of the things the convention stands for and where literature can be obtained. Contributions are invited and every class or society should make frequent reports to the above address.

BETTER METHODS IN THE SCHOOL

There is no reason why the country Sunday school should not be well organized and have every advantage that the city school has. If the country school can be well organized, the one in a village can do so equally well. What may be said in this department from time to time upon the matters of better organization is intended to apply both to city and country schools.

The place to begin is with the superintendent. He should be a man who can and will do something more than announce the hymns and lead in prayer. It is a sad fact that many people and not a few superintendents believe that is all they should do. The effective and successful superintendent must be an executive, and he can acquire this ability only by learning how to do and what other schools are doing. Literature for him is cheap, and if he does not feel inclined to buy books and subscribe for papers the school should do so for him. There is no reason why the school should not pay for them. If he gives his time to study them and works hard for the school he ought not to have expenses to bear.

The teachers should be furnished with something more than the same quarterly that is given to every member of the class. Buy commentaries and monthlies for them. There are so many of these published, and at such a small cost, it makes me sad every time I think of the many good things our teachers and classes are missing by not using them.

Not only should adult classes be organized, but the school should be well organized. The superintendent ought to have a good secretary, an assistant secretary who will look after supplies. A committee on plans and methods is a good thing.

The superintendent might use the card index system to advantage in keeping track of members and classes. There would always be a list of prospective

members to work upon. A good way to get the list of people to work upon is to get the church roll, copy it and check off the families that are attending or that that are too far away or so situated they cannot attend. Add to those that are left the names of other members of their families. Add the names of those in reach of the church who are not church members or members of some church too far away for them to attend. Pick out every Sunday a few of these names and give them to such classes as they would be assigned to if they come in; set the class members to work to build up their class by working on a few at the time.

This would be a work that would never end, for while some would come in immediately it would take time to reach others; new names would be added and there will be those who drop out and must be reclaimed. Opportunity for great work is here suggested. Not a small feature of this is the reflex influence it has upon those already in—it builds them up in faith and interest.

The Sunday school should do things. It should attract people for the reason it is doing things. Nobody likes a dull time. People are not coming to your Sunday school for the reason you are not making it worth while. You are not in business solely to save yourselves. Remember "the other fellow."

NOTES ON C. E. TOPIC FOR JAN. 28.

Subject: "The Foreign Missionary Whose Life Has Most Inspired Me." 2 Cor. 5: 14-20.

Daily Readings.

- M. One that inspires. Isa. 32: 1-8.
- T. Some traits. Jas 5: 10, 11.
- W. Men that did things. Heb. 11: 32-40.
- T. The first missionaries. Acts 8: 4-8.
- F. The missionary spirit. Isa. 50: 4-9.
- S. The man in bonds. Rev. 1: 9-11, 17, 18.

Sunday, January 28. The Topic.

The Heroes of Missions.

Missionaries represent the heroic element in Christianity. Boniface was slain by pagans in Friesland; Adalbert and Bruno shared the same fate in Prussia; Raimund Lull was stoned in North Africa; John Williams was clubbed to death and eaten in Erromanga; Bishop Hanington was slain by the savage King Usanda. Many have not been called to die for the sake of the Name but their lives have been quite as heroic as those who have. To all the words of the text are applicable: "They hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

When William Carey began to urge that it was the duty of the church to attempt to send the gospel to the heathen, he was laughed to scorn. His wife thought

he was going to India on a fool's errand, and declared that she would never consent to go with him. After seven years of toil and self-sacrifice he baptized one convert. This one was soon followed by others. While serving the society as a missionary, he earned in the employment of the British government \$200,000. He lived on a dollar a week, and sent another dollar a week to some needy relative at home; the rest of this magnificent sum he gave to carry on the work of the mission.

Robert Morrison was the first Protestant missionary to enter China. It was his sense of duty that made him a missionary. Duty was his pole-star. He expended his strength in translating the scriptures and in preparing a dictionary of the language. It took him twelve years to complete this task. Morrison was a wise master-builder, and laid the foundation upon which his successors have built. He lived to see only three or four converts, but his faith was not shaken. In his last letter he said, "The Lord reigneth."

When Mackay was leaving for Uganda, Africa, he said it was likely that some of them might die before six months. He might be the first to fall. When the news came they were not to be cast down, but send some one else immediately to take his place. This was the man of whom it was said that he built, cut type, translated, printed, engineered, navigated, diplomated, denounced evil, preached the gospel, acted school-master and doctor, befriended Emin, Junker, and Stanley, protected the brave Christian boys, and won a church in the wilderness, through baptism of blood and fire. He lived to say "I eat the rice and fruits cultivated by Christian hands, look on the fields of Christians, and see no dwellings but those of Christian families."

David Livingstone was the child of poor and pious parents. When he gave himself to the Lord he felt that the salvation of men ought to be his chief concern. He resolved to give all his earnings to the cause of missions beyond his necessary living expenses. Soon after he gave himself. When his strength was exhausted, he said to his servants, "Build me a hut." They did so. He retired for the night. The next morning they found him dead. He had died on his knees, pouring out his soul to God in the fervor and passion of prayer for that dark land. David Livingstone was the bravest and noblest spirit of the age in which he lived. At one time Stanley was as much opposed to missions as the biggest atheist in London. After he knew Livingstone his desire was to take up his work of redeeming

Africa from the forlornness and squalid poverty, initiating true missionary enterprise.

John Patterson was born to honor and affluence. He turned his back upon the most flattering prospects at home, and went to the South Sea Islands. This brilliant genius gave his life to Christianize and civilize savages. On the spot where he fell there now stands a house of worship. The very men that took his life are believers.

While Alexander Duff lay sleeping—he was only a boy at the time—on the bank of a Scottish stream, he dreamed that he saw above him a glorious light, and out of the light came a chariot studded with gems and drawn by horses of fire. Then he heard a voice say, "Come up hither; I have a work for thee to do." These words and his dream remained with him all his long life. "He was literally cast like seaweed upon the shores of India. He had already been shipwrecked at the Cape and had lost his valuable library." The only things saved were his Bible and his Psalter. The spirit of the man may be seen from his words: "Having set my hand to the plough, my resolution was pre-emptorily taken, the Lord helping me, never to look back anymore, and never to make a half-hearted work of it. Having chosen missionary labor in India, I gave myself up wholly to it. I united or wedded myself to it in a covenant, the bonds of which should be severed only by death."

Think of Robert Moffat working for thirty years on the translation of the Bible into an African dialect. He was used to hard tasks. As a boy he worked for a gardener in Scotland, rising at four o'clock on cold winter mornings, and knocking his knuckles against the handle of the spade to keep them warm. He reached Cape Town in 1817 and at once began his journey into the interior. On the way, conducting worship in the home of a Boer, he asked that the Hottentots be brought in. "Hottentots!" the man roared, "I will bring in my dogs and you may preach to them." Moffat began to expound the story of the Syrophenician woman, with her saying: "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." "Hold" cried the Boer, "you shall have your Hottentots." Moffat was preacher, carpenter, miller, baker and housekeeper; but first of all he was a Christian.

One of the greatest names in the history of Chinese missions is that of Hudson Taylor. He was a child of faith. While his mother, eighty miles distant, was praying for her boy, Hudson Taylor was impelled to take up a tract and read.

This resulted in his conversion. In China he endured unspeakable hardships. More than once people in his company were shot, but he remained unharmed. Often he was mobbed by furious Chinese, but ever and always he was delivered. Believing that God can supply all our needs, he gave up his salary as a missionary, but continued on the mission field. God never failed him. Up to his day Chinese missions were almost entirely confined to coast cities. Hudson Taylor determined to take the gospel inland, and thus the China Inland Mission was organized. The key-note of this man's life was unfaltering faith, and from that faith comes inspiration to us.

John Hunt was the apostle of the Fiji islands. On his arrival he found that two-thirds of the children born were killed in infancy to save their parents the trouble of rearing them. Every village had an officer whose duty it was to dispatch the innocents. He preached the Christ to them, and gave them the Scriptures in their own language.

At the Jubilee of the mission, James Calvert said: "Fifty years previously in all Fiji there was not a single Christian; now there is not an avowed heathen left." Cannibalism has for some years been wholly extinct, and the memorable customs of barbarity and cruelty have disappeared.

Allen Gardner, of South America, is one of the best examples of persistence in all history. He spent his year in the arduous attempt to quicken men's consciences regarding the Neglected Continent, and at last accomplished his purpose only by his own death through starvation.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Raleigh.

It would be an injustice to my Bro. Advocate of poundings if I did not report promptly. It happened last Friday night, the coldest night of the winter so far. It was the best pounding I have enjoyed in a long time. Of course it is nice to read of them when others are pounded, but it is something else when I am pounded. I am just delighted. It makes a fellow feel good. It improves his morals and his appetite. I see no harm at all in such doings. Wish all the churches would try it on their pastors. There is joy in the thing for all; for the people as well as for the preacher. I heartily endorse the movement, Bro. Editor, and trust that you will continue to advocate good things like this as long as you live. It is good reading matter. I feel sure that you can not use your pen to better advantage than to write on the subject of poundings often; at least until every church in the land

learns the art of pounding the preacher. I am very, very grateful to my dear people in Raleigh for their thoughtful consideration of me and my family—I appreciate them more than I can tell and I am determined to give them better service and love them more than ever.

The work at Raleigh goes forward. We feel greatly encouraged over the bright outlook for our church. I received three excellent members last Sabbath morning. We begin the new year full of hope and promise and we trust that it will be the best year in the history of the church.

L. F. Johnson, Pastor.

Winchester Letter.

We have been having zero weather here, but our church and Sunday school attendance has been good. We had 61 at Sunday school last Sunday. We had an interesting Christmas program which was witnessed by a large congregation. The Timber Ridge Sunday school also had an enjoyable Christmas entertainment. The pastor was unable to be present, but a large crowd and a good program is reported. Last Sunday night the Friendship Fire Company attended our services in a body. A special sermon was preached to them. The Fort Lawndon Seminary students also attended the services.

Our work is in a hopeful condition. We reorganized our Sunday school last Sunday.

The following contributions have been received:

Previously reported	\$5,393.20
Received since—	
Clarence Hardy	\$5.00
Cash offering	5.86
H. W. Barrett	2.00
Mrs. J. W. Davis	25.00
Mrs. Annie Ford	1.00
Mrs. Virginia Kingree	2.25
B. F. Harman	5.00
Mrs. J. E. Lincoln	8.00
Ladies' Aid Society	2.00

Total

\$5,449.31
We thank all the above contributors for the amounts given. W. T. Walters.

Winchester, Va.

Jan. 11, 1912.

Elkton, Va.

About two months ago I arrived at the little town of Elkton, which is situated on the north branch of the beautiful Shenandoah River—in one of the most lovely sections of the Shenandoah Valley.

I find the people in this section and throughout the valley very congenial, and their hospitality is equal to the many good things I learned about them before

I came to this work. The people in the congregations which I serve seem to throw open their hearts and their homes and bid me welcome.

My work, which consists of seven churches at which I hold regular monthly appointments, is located around Elkton, the furthest point being about twenty-seven miles. All my work thus far has indeed been very pleasant.

The first few weeks after I arrived here I spent with Bro. A. W. Andes, and Bro. R. L. Williamson in their meetings. Since then I have been in meetings among the churches I am serving. We just closed a two weeks' meeting at Wood's Chapel. There were several conversions and four united with the church.

I am longing and praying that I may see all the churches grow in spiritual things, as well as in material things and in numbers.

H. E. Truitt.

Our Western Letter.

Since I returned to Ohio from the South last November. I have been in such a rush with work that I have been unable to find time to write to our beloved people in the South. It is always a pleasure to me to write a little message to the 'home people' among whom the Lord gave me the privilege to labor for so many years in the earlier portion of my ministry. I am contented here and love my work and the people, but there is no place like the home of my early days. Speaking of early days forcibly reminds me that I am already in the later days of life. If I am spared to see Feb. 5th, I shall pass my sixtieth milestone. To me that means so much—so much of life is behind me and so little (we cannot tell how much) is ahead. The most comforting thought is that our Father in Heaven knows, and He is doing the keeping.

Often I think of the long past till I almost sigh for the privilege of going over all of life again, and for the reason that it seems to me that I could do better, if I could go over it all again. The fact that I did not do better and make more of life, when I had the chance, may be full of proof that another chance would result much the same, and then I am seized with an impulse to lay to and try to make the best of whatever of time may now remain to me.

The little visit South during the latter part of October and the first part of November was a real treat—a high privilege. To meet with so many friends of other days was a delight. To visit some of the churches where I had served as pastor was also a treat. Then I attended the Eastern Virginia Christian Conference.

It met with the Suffolk Church. As I sat on the Conference floor, I ran back in memory to the first conference held in the Suffolk church in my day. It was in November, 1876. I had barely entered the ministry. It was during the last illness of my beloved father in the ministry, Dr. W. B. Wellons. Though the conference was meeting in his church, he was too ill to meet with his brethren. He sent an appeal to the conference in behalf of the Suffolk Collegiate Institute. He wanted to see the last dollar of debt liquidated before he should be called away in death. The appeal, though in writing, was very touching to me. Two leading men (long since gone from us) made a plea, but failed—did almost nothing. My love and sympathy for Dr. Wellons moved me mightily, and when the men who had the matter in hand gave it up, I arose and asked if I might try. Permission was reluctantly given, at least so it seemed to me, but as it was given, no matter how, I took the floor and made a second appeal. I spoke from a heart of love, a heart that was much stirred by the request of Dr. Wellons. The thought of sending back to his sick bed a message of failure moved me. My appeal was a surprise to myself and every one else, I suppose. In a few minutes the money was all raised, and I was rejoicing because we could send to the sick room a message that would comfort the heart of the sick man whom I loved devotedly. This is only half of the story, but the remainder is too personal to relate here.

From Suffolk I went to Elon College. In the founding of this institution the Lord gave me a part, and hence it has always had a warm place in my love. Since last September it has had a place of double interest with me, as our only living child, Ethel, is there, taking a college course. I could not return to Ohio without going by to see her. I spent two days there, meeting many dear friends and recalling precious memories of other days. From there I went to Raleigh, my old home for more than ten years, and thence out to the Eastern North Carolina Conference, which was in session at Catawba Springs, where I served as pastor in the long ago (1882). There I met many dear friends, some of whom I had not seen in 20 years. I spent a single night in that community, with Bro. and Sister W. Z. Atkinson, whom I had the honor to unite in marriage many years ago. Now they have a grand child, a fact which admonishes me of the setting sun—it is certainly long past the meridian hour. These friends never know when they have done enough for their visitors.

From the Conference I returned to Norfolk, preached in the dear old Memorial Temple, where I had served eight years as pastor and paid a few visits to dear friends, and then on Friday morning, November 10, I started for Ohio. My route lay through the community of my childhood's home. I have three brothers. Just as the train was about to pull out from Norfolk, Bro. William came up, but he had time only to bid me good-bye. At Windsor, Brother Mills was standing near enough to say good-bye, and at Zuni, Brother Robert awaited the coming of the train to say good-bye. A few days after reaching home a letter came from the last named, in which he said "our meeting and parting under such circumstances suggested to me that we are on the life's evening train," and it all seems quite true.

All of this seems too personal for me, and yet as my machine got going, I see much has piled up that I had not thought of saying when I began.

There are many things I wish to say, and yet I know I have already occupied too much space. But do let me have just one more word. I want to say to the dear people of the South in whose service I spent so many years, that I feel the need of a greater work of grace—it is the need of the Church of Christ. The tendency is to drift away from a close walk with God. Let me say to the dear ones of The Sun family, that the one need of the church is a deep consecration to God's service and a life filled with His Spirit—this, and only this, can bring us to the full experience of the true Christian life, this, and this only, can bring us to our best and largest fruitfulness. I fear some of us are too much afraid of living close to God, but that is the need. Some seem to be afraid of the teaching which calls for a life of holiness, but brethren, the thing we need to be afraid of is a life of cold formality—living far off from God.

J. Pressley Barrett.

Catawba Springs.

Since accepting the pastorate of this church it has been my pleasure to hold only two services, and that on the third Sunday, and Saturday before, in December. Brother Clements and I exchanged appointments in January. I enjoyed my first service at Catawba Springs and have every reason to believe I will enjoy them all. This is a good people and a live working church; one that has a Sunday school through the winter. They have a splendid house, and since Conference convened there, the house has been equipped with handsome new pews. Those

who take most interest in the appearance of God's house take most interest in the worship.

May God's richest blessings be upon this good people and give us great success in our work together.

J. Lee Johnson.

Pleasant Hill.

The work at Pleasant Hill is looking up. The church, in many respects, is in the best condition now that it has been in for several years. The greatest need at present is more spirituality, and we are praying that the spiritual life of the church may be quickened by the power of God during the present year. The members are kind, and appreciate the Gospel, and several have been thoughtful of their pastor. Mrs. J. A. Murchison, and Mrs. P. D. Teague taking the lead with several others whose names I do not have, have graciously remembered their preacher and his family with helpful gifts. Bros. Eugene and P. D. Teague, a present of five dollars in gold.

How grateful we are for these fine gifts. May the Lord graciously remember each one of them.

New Lebanon.

This is our fifteenth year with this congregation, and the church is one of, if not the strongest, in that section. For the most part, this is an appreciative people to serve, and the Lord has done great things for us at this place, whereof we are glad. We are hoping and praying that this shall be the best year, in good works, in the history of the church.

Howard Chapel.

We have been pastor of this church for seven years, and are now beginning the eighth year, and while this is one of our weakest churches, yet we have a few faithful and sacrificing members as can be found anywhere. The majority of the membership has moved away, going to towns too far away to attend church services regularly; as a result we have a small congregation at this place.

Parks' Cross Roads.

This church has been growing for the past few years. This is our fourth year as pastor, and we are praying that a still greater love in, and for, the church may be realized this year than ever before. Our congregations at this place have never been what we feel they should be. We have one of the best church houses in the Conference, and a strong church financially, and we can see no good reason why it should not become one of our largest congregations, and one of our strongest churches spiritually. We are working, hoping and praying to this end.

Apples' Chapel.

This is one of our oldest churches, and here we have large congregations, ranging from four to five hundred at our monthly appointments. The latent forces in this church and congregation are beginning to be realized, and when fully discovered, developed, and put to work, this will be one of the strongest, and largest churches in the bounds of the N. C. and Va. Conference. The bright future of this church is in her young people. Nearly all the children and young people for several miles around, are members of the church—more than one hundred of them. This church is going to do more and better work than ever before in its history. The task before us is great, but in the strength of Him who never fails, we are pressing toward the victory, and shall hope to see this church as whole developed for service.

Monticello.

Monticello is an infant church, but in a much needed place for Christian work. The church has already gained favor, and accomplished untold good in the community. We have a few faithful and consecrated persons in our congregation here, and if the harmful and sinful practice of strong drink could be overcome in this vicinity, it would be one of the garden spots of the Conference. We are hoping that the church, by the Gospel, may succeed in counteracting this great evil, and in reaching those whose influence is now against the church, make of them strong men for God. The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation, to everyone that believeth, and we are praying that the Gospel may be preached in its purity and simplicity to the ends of the earth, and that men everywhere may accept and believe it. May God help us all to make 1912 the best year in the history of our lives. L. I. Cox.

Alabama Churches.

We held a very impressive service at Antioch at our last meeting on Sunday. Bros. B. F. Richardson, J. F. Baird and R. M. Brown were ordained to the office of Deacon in the church. At Lagrange 3rd Sunday in December we had a good service. The congregation was small but we had a good day. At the eleven o'clock service about \$16.00 of our conference funds were pledged. At night our service was along the line of Religious Literature. This was quite a pleasant service.

I failed to get to New Hope on Saturday of my last appointment on account of bad weather, but we had a nice service on Sunday, which was the day before Christmas. Last Sunday and Satur-

day before, Rev. C. W. Carter was with me at Beulah and assisted in the ordination of Bros. R. B. Culpepper, Chas. Bailey and W. H. Cook to the office of Deacon in the church. Bro. Carter also preached for us at the 11 a. m. service Sunday. We were indeed glad to have him. On account of cold weather he could not go to his church and so he came and worshipped with us.

We had the quietest Christmas in this section of country that I have ever seen. The Sunday school at Beulah enjoyed a nice Christmas tree on Monday.

The Sunday school here is doing well, and so is the Ladies' Aid Society. This Society has nearly \$50.00 in its treasury and is doing great good otherwise.

Mrs. G. O. Lankford and little son are very sick at this writing, on which account Bro. Lankford has missed some of his appointments. I trust they may soon be well. Say, Bro. Editor, if you would visit us now you could find something besides cotton and cane. We now have an abundant supply of the stickiest mud that we have had for quite a time. In fact, people are almost compelled to stay at home on account of bad roads and inclement weather. Church work always moves slowly at a time like this, but it is better further on.

Yours for success,

G. D. Hunt.

Franklin Notes.

I am glad that we have such a good Editor, and that he is so interested in all the preachers, and especially "the poundings." These poundings come and preachers and their families are made happy, and the good editor rejoices with them.

We have been pounded, and it makes us feel that it is good to be here with such good people. It was not formal, "cut and dried pounding," but an informal good wholesome affair. Those who contributed did not all come at one time, but at different times for several days. The first installment was about to be sent back by Mrs. Rowland, but before such a thing she looked for the bill and found a card from a friend, and then there was no further trouble.

We would like to mention all who contributed, but it would make this too long. There were turkeys, flour, sugar, coffee, and some cash, and many other good things to make us glad. We were remembered by friends in the country also. We take this method of expressing our appreciation to these good friends. May heaven's blessings be upon them. Our prayer is that we may be more faithful in service.

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Elon College, N. C., Jan. 10, 1912.

My Dear Children and Friends:

This finds us shivering from cold, slipping, sliding and falling on the snow and ice. We had quite a number of falls, but only one hurt. Herlart Womack fell on the ice at school, striking a broken bottle and cutting his leg quite badly. If it does well he will be out in 10 days. This looks like genuine winter and we are expecting more snow and then we will have a big rabbit hunt. Our boys and girls had a fine Christmas; in fact, they have been on almost a continuous picnic

since Thanksgiving so far as good things to eat are concerned. The many friends have given them a good time. We are grateful for all liberal help given and many have done well, while others have done nothing, and some churches have given but a few pennies—not even a nickel each! We still need several hundred dollars to square up and pay off all our 1911 bills. We feel quite sure that there are still churches and Sunday schools that are holding their offerings. We wish so much that they would send them in as we will close our 1911 report with next week.

We have received the following donations:

Missionary Society, Eaton, Ill.: 1 box good clothing and toys; 1 box canned fruit, by Mrs. Rea Rhodes.

Eaton, O., Christian Church: 1 box containing 19 sheets, 24 pillow cases, 26 towels, 15 handkerchiefs, 12 pair stocking, 6 bars soap, by Rev. Mc.D. Howsare.

3rd Christian Church, Norfolk, Va.: 1 large Christmas box containing 36 boxes candy, 17 (16th) sacks flour, 2 packages oats, 15 lbs. sugar, 5 lbs. coffee, 1 can tomatoes, 1 can beans, 3 boxes crackers, 2 doz. cans peaches, 1 overcoat, 2 pr. pants, by Dr. J. W. Manning.

Memorial Christian Temple, Norfolk, Va., \$3.47 to be divided among the children, by E. M. Epes, Sec.

The Willing Workers' Society of Palm St. Christian Church, Greensboro, N. C., \$5.00 to buy Christmas presents, by Mrs. Anna B. Atkinson.

We thank these kind friends for all their clever considerations and wish for them the multiplied pleasures and increasing prosperity of this great year, 1912.

Yours for work,
Uncle Jim.

Gilmerton, Va., Jan. 1, 1912.

Dear Uncle Jim:

Enclose please find check for \$3.75 for our dues for 1912.

Hope you and the orphans had a merry Christmas and will have a happy and prosperous new year.

Yours with love,

Esther V. Johnson,
Wm. Gay Johnson,
Willard S. Johnson.

Thanks, dear children, for your good wishes and check. You come in the time of need.

Mt. Clinton, Va., Jan. 7, 1911.

Dear Uncle Jim:

This has been a long, lonesome day. Our Sunday school closed Christmas and it was too very cold to go out to play so we thought we would write to you and the cousins.

Hope you have all had a nice Christmas.

Our little brother, Harold Brown, 3 years old, has been begging mama for a paper and pencil to write to Uncle Jim, so we will add his name to that list this time. Enclosed please find 25 cents for the band. Your loving nieces and nephews, Eula, Carlton, Jennings, and Harold Wampler.

Yes, children, let the baby come for they must be taught the "more blessed to give than to receive."

McRae, Ga., Dec. 30, 1911.

Dear Uncle Jim:

Santa Claus came to see us. We had a good time. We are trying to be good boys till he comes again. We hope that he came to see all the orphans. We send love and dimes. Fondly,

J. Newman Denton,
S. E. Denton, Jr.,
Jos. Rabb Denton.

Yes, boys, a good time the dear old fellow gave us too. Wasn't he nice not to pass us by?

MARRIED.

Savegde-Judkins.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Judkins, a quiet marriage was celebrated near Elberton, Va., Jan. 7, 1912, when Mr. N. H. Savegde and Miss Annie F. Judkins were united in matrimony by the writer.

A few friends were present to witness the ceremony. The bride and groom are members of New Lebanon church and are highly respected. Mr. and Mrs. Savegde will live in their new home near Elberton, Va. We wish this popular young couple a long and happy life.

C. C. Jones.

Loy-Spaide.

A pretty church wedding was solemnized in the First Christian Church, Winchester, Virginia, on the evening of January the first, when Mr. Maron S. Loy and Miss Clara S. Spaide were united in marriage by the writer.

Miss Ada Brill, niece of the bride, was maid of honor, and Mr. Brill, her nephew, was best man. The other attendants were Miss Hattie Brill and Mr. A. C. Richards.

A number of relatives and friends were present to witness the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Flavius Spaide of Hampshire county, W. Va. She has been making her home in Winchester and is one of the charter members of the Winchester church.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Loy. He is a native of Frederick County and is a carpenter by trade.

The couple left immediately after the ceremony to spend their honeymoon in W. Va. They will make their future home in this city. W. T. Walters.

Pike-Carter.

At the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Nancy Carter, near Pleasant Hill Christian Church, James G. Pike and Myrtle Carter were united in marriage by the writer, January 7th, 1912. A goodly number of friends and well-wishers were present to witness the ceremony that united these Christian lives in matrimony.

May the Divine hand guide, and may the blessings of heaven attend these young people through life. L. I. Cox.

DIED.

Gregory.

On Dec. 31, 1911, at the Virginia Hospital, Richmond, death claimed as its victim Robert Clyde Gregory of Warren County, N. C.

He was born 17th January, 1894 and leaves to mourn his death, mother, sister and brothers, besides a large circle of friends. May the Lord comfort the bereaved ones. Friend.

Roberts.

At Morrisville, Wake County, N. C., Jan. 7, 1912, Aaron Roberts. He was about 77 years old, was a soldier of the Civil War. He was a hard-working man. He leaves a wife, three sons and four daughters. May God bless them. He was buried in Morrisville Cemetery. Funeral services conducted by

W. G. Clemmets.

Pursell.

Mrs. Capt. J. H. Pursell, of Wakefield, Va., a well-known character of the community, and one who was always ready to lend a helping hand to the sick and distressed.

Her entire lips were eaten away by a cancer and for more than two years she was not able to eat any solid food, but lived on whatever little liquid she could use. The writer visited her often and tried to comfort her in her sadness and affliction, and he would always find her trusting in God. She prayed to die, and was ready when the hour came. So on the night of the 3rd of December, 1911, relief came when the death angel called her home. The writer conducted the funeral and her body was laid to rest in Wakefield Cemetery.

May God comfort the sad ones.

C. C. Jones.

Davis.

Mrs. L. A. Davis departed this life Sunday morning, Jan. 7, 1912. Sister Davis was in her seventy second year, having been a hard worker all her life. She was left a widow with seven small children, and reared four to manhood. She was left with limited means, and not strong in body, yet with a determined purpose and faith in God she toiled on till the end.

She was a member of New Lebanon church and had been a member for thirty years. She had been feeble for some time before the end came. The writer, her pastor, visited and talked with her many times during her last days, and she was bright and hopeful and willing to go.

A good mother and a faithful Christian has gone, yet her deeds still live, and we pray that her boys may often remember, as they will, the life and character of the mother and exemplify her conduct.

The writer conducted the funeral service and the remains were laid in Union Cemetery to await the resurrection morn.

C. C. Jones.

CHRISTIAN UNITY AND MISSIONS.

Will the Church ever bemoan in one body until our Lord Himself returns to reign? Whether or not this is too much to expect, it is assuredly not too high an ideal for which to pray and work. The question of the relation of various divisions of the body of Christ will never be settled until they are settled right. No true disciple of Christ can doubt that it is the will of the Master that all His followers shall be one in spiritual unity and loyalty to Him and love to one another, and that all shall work together harmoniously and with the one common aim—the speedy evangelization of the world.

There may still be room for a difference of opinion as to the extent of outward union and the method of co-operation. Different branches of the Church, like different men, may be divinely impressed by various phases of the truth and diverse needs of the world. Personality, training, and locality enable different men to accomplish different results, but there should always be a united front against evil and error and a spirit of fellowship and love in the various ranks of the Great Commander.

The papers dealing with this question of Christian unity in its relation to world-wide missions will be read with interest. Representatives of various branches of the Church have been asked to give their views, and there is a general unanimity of opinion.

The great purpose of Christ is for the conversion of the world to God. This must be accomplished through the body of Christ acting under direction of the head. If there is disharmony in the members there must be somewhere disharmony with the head. Remove, first, the inconsistencies of Christians, and, second, the discords among Christians and the greatest obstacles to the progress of Christianity will be taken away.

In order to bring about real practical unity and co-operation among various Christian bodies there must be agreement on a few essentials and liberty in non-essentials. The Protestant Episcopal Church must give up emphasis on the essential distinction between clergy and laity and the unbroken apostolic succession through human agency. The Baptists must yield in the belief and practice that immersion is the only true form of baptism, and that only adult immersed believers are true members of the family of Christ. Presbyterians and Methodists must agree that while the decrees of God are absolute, man has been given freedom of choice and the decrees of God have not been fully revealed.

It may be difficult to agree on a definite doctrinal basis, but loyalty to God, as revealed in Jesus Christ, His son, is the basis of all Christian union. Matters of church government and worship, with minor interpretations, doctrines, rules and regulations, are not essential to salvation or service. It is time to emphasize points of agreement and to lose sight of the matters of difference. Bishop Doane, in a recent address, gives the following as a basis of doctrinal agreement:

“There are certain irresistible and unescapable truths; the threefoldness of God, the Fatherhood of God, the creation of all things by God, the incarnation of our Lord, His ministry, His death, His burial, His Resurrection, His Ascension into heaven and the coming of the Holy Spirit. No mind can empty itself, and have any mind left, of these fundamental facts. What is there for us to do? First of all, to give ourselves to prayer, and then patiently to wait God's time and watch for God's way.”—Missionary Review.

—Many Sun readers should have a copy of the Life and Writings of H. Y. Rush, D. D. Dr. Rush was originally a Southern man, wrote often for The Christian Sun, and was a minister of winning power and personality. The book is a handsome one of 300 pages and can be had now for \$1.10. The price will be advanced later. The Sun will gladly receive and fill all orders.

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We are observing the week of prayer here this week. The weather has hindered some, but the interest is very good.

C. H. Rowland.

Chapel Hill.

On the third Sunday in December I was at Haw River in the interest of Chapel Hill church. The friends responded kindly and liberally to the call. They are going to round up a nice sum, for which we thank them.

It was a great pleasure to me to meet **with so many of my friends to whom I preached thirteen years.** I shall always love this congregation. Bro. W. C. Wicker is now pastor, and is highly appreciated. He spoke good words for the Chapel Hill work. He is always ready to lend a helping hand to every good work.

Last Saturday and Sunday, 1st, I was with the church at Catawba Springs. Notwithstanding the cold and snowy weather, this good church lent a liberal hand to the Chapel Hill cause, for which the congregation receives the gratitude of church and pastor at Chapel Hill.

We want to return thanks for a \$30.00 check sent to the work at Chapel Hill from New Elam. That was almost double what they promised when I visited the church. We congratulate the agent and congregation for their success.

O'Kelly's also sent a \$10.00 check, for which we thank Sister Massey and those who gave. We thank everybody who gives or prays for the work.

W. G. Clements.

Wakefield, Va.

It has been some time since the writer has attempted any notes of the field; not that we have nothing to write, but others can use the space in The Sun better. Yet the writer feels that he must ask for a short space just now.

A few months ago we had with us at Dendron Christian church, Rev. J. P. Barrett, D. D., of Dayton, O. The Dr. did most excellent preaching, as he always does, but the weather was bad and the diphtheria was all over town, so we closed with only three additions to the church. We hope to have the Dr. some other time under better conditions.

Sister A. J. Cotten gave her Sunday school class an outing to Jamestown some time ago. Mrs. A. C. Wicker and her children were visiting us at that time, and as neither of us had ever visited the historical town we were invited to join the class, which we did and enjoyed the trip very much. Brother A. G. Higgins had at Scotland wharf his handsome gasoline yacht, and took us across the river.

Those who went were Mrs. A. J. Cotten, Miss Bertha Cotten, Miss Elsa Mathew, Mrs. A. C. Wicker, and little Walter, Miss Gracey Slade, Mrs. O. W. Johnson, Mrs. N. B. Clements, Mrs. Jones, the writer, Dessie and Bernard. The day was pleasant and the picnic dinner was sumptuous, so the outing was a success, and we wish to thank Brother Higgins for the use of his yacht, and Sister Cotten for the enjoyable event.

The writer has heard and read of Sunday schools and Sunday school scholars, but we feel that Dendron school and her scholars have excelled any of our church, of its size. Miss Inez Whitmore had 41 perfect lessons during the year, Miss Lillie Cotten, 36 perfect lessons, and Miss Ruby Atkinson, was present every Sunday during the year and missed only three words during the year. She got a nice gold medal for her most excellent work. Christmas has come and gone, but we wish to thank all those who contributed to our Christmas dinner. Brother and Sister W. L. Anderson for a big fat turkey, 2 lbs. of butter, a nice fruit cake and lots of good sweet milk. To Brother and Sister O. J. Cokes, for a barrel of meat, potatoes, apples and so on; Bro. and Sister H. H. Bell, for a nice fat turkey; Brother Ned Spratley, for a barrel of corn; Prof. and Mrs. J. J. Lincoln for one dollar and fifty cents in cash, and for the many good wishes from our entire pastorate.

The year 1911 passed away very rapidly and we feel that some good was accomplished, but now as we have entered upon another year let us grow as the year passes more like Him who came to save the world, and in that we can make the world better by our having lived.

C. C. Jones.

HOW TO CURE CONSUMPTION.

Consumption is curable. This does not mean that every case of consumption can be cured. Advanced cases yield very slowly to treatment if at all. It does not mean that anyone having consumption will get well without making the supreme effort of his life. Merely hoping to get well will avail little. To cure even an early case of consumption requires an unyielding determination on the part of the patient that he will live according to a well defined sanitary and hygienic laws.

The first step in the cure of the disease is to recognize that the disease exists. Once established, make no effort to dodge the fact: Then away with the idea that the illness is "only a deep seated cold," or "simply a bad case of stomach trouble." The issue must be squarely

met. Remember that early stages of consumption are frequently diagnosed as malaria, dyspepsia, etc. Better far, to take the view that the trouble is consumption and find out later that it is malaria or something else, than to underestimate the importance of the trouble.

The second step is to provide a place for living and sleeping in the open air. By all means live out of doors in the open air and sunshine whenever the weather permits. If you can't camp out, put up a tent in your door yard or back yard, build a sun parlor on the south side of your house, or enclose a porch as a sleeping apartment. Don't permit the sides of the tent to be down, or the windows of your sun parlor, porch, or sleeping apartments to be closed except, to exclude rain or snow.

Proper diet is of the greatest importance in the treatment of consumption. Consumption is a wasting disease. To counteract this tendency and to build up the body it is absolutely necessary that the consumptive be given nourishing foods in abundance. Milk and raw eggs are perhaps the best articles of diet known for this purpose. Individual cases will differ greatly, but in general, a consumptive will need approximately the following daily allowance of food: two to three quarts of milk, three to eight eggs, four to eight ounces of meat, six to eight ounces of bread, two ounces of butter, one helping each of cereal, potatoes, and pudding, two to four apples and the juice of a lemon. Some patients will be able to increase this allowance 50 per cent. or even more, while others will do better on perhaps 25 percent. less.

Plenty of rest is absolutely necessary. Keep a careful tab on the body temperature and if the evening temperature runs as high as 100, decrease the amount of physical exertion to half.

Above all things, avoid patent medicines, cough cures, "consumption cures," and whiskey and other alcoholic drinks. Be cheerful, keep clean, bathe daily, follow the instructions of a competent physician, and your chances for recovery will be excellent.

For further information on this important subject write to the State Board of Health at Raleigh for literature or to the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, at New York City. N. C. State Bd. of Health.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 10, 1912.

—Dr. Frederick Cook, of North Pole fame, is lecturing at several places in North Carolina and "they say" he tells an interesting story about his travels to and from the Pole, and thereabout.

COLLEGE NEWS.

Elon is as all other parts of N. C. and the South Atlantic States in general, in the midst of the severest winter weather that it has experienced in many years. The students are sticking close to their lectures and of course to their meals. Students continue to come in from day to day. Several more new ones have arrived on the Hill and some who were here before Christmas had not expected to return have come back. This makes the total enrollment since Jan. 3rd, 217.

Intelligence has just been received here that the Southern Christian Convention is to meet here April 30th. It has been many years since the Convention met here and the people were very anxious to have it, and through Dr. Atkinson, the church and college community extended the invitation which was accepted. A large delegation of members and visitors is expected to be here, and nothing in our power will be spared to make this Convention both a pleasure to the visitors and of great profit also.

Mrs. J. M. Saunders, who has been living with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Boone, familiarly known as Uncle Sam and Aunt Mollie, for several years, has moved to Durham, where Mr. Saunders is engaged in an extensive custom tailoring business. It was a source of much regret to have Mrs. Saunders leave the town, especially since she took so much interest in the literary and religious life of the community. Mrs. Saunders was a teacher in the Primary Department of the Sunday school and her efficient work in this regard will be especially noted.

The college pulpit was filled yesterday by Rev. C. C. Peel, a member of the first graduating class of the College. Mr. Peel preached an interesting and helpful sermon and was the subject of much favorable comment on the part of the students and other worshippers.

Rev. N. G. Newman spent a day on the Hill last week with his daughter, Miss Blanche. Brother Newman is the pastor of the First Christian Church at Holland, Va.

On Tuesday evening of this week Rev. O. Atkinson, D. D., of the Chair of Political and Social Science in this institution will deliver a lecture before the student body in the college auditorium on Adam Bede. This lecture is the beginning of a series of faculty lectures which will be delivered one each month from now until Commencement. They are looked forward to with much interest and enthusiasm and especially Dr. Atkinson's lecture Tuesday night, because the subject to be discussed and of the

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" Chalybeate	9:35	2:30	8:00
" Kipling	9:40	2:35	8:05
" Cape Fear	9:53	2:46	8:18
" Lillington	10:00	2:53	8:25
" Harnett	10:08	3:01	8:33
" Bunlevel	10:14	3:06	8:38
" Linden	10:23	3:15	8:48
" Lane	10:34	3:25	8:59
" Slocomb	10:39	3:30	9:04
Ar. Fayetteville	11:10	4:00	9:35

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" Slocomb	8:28	1:28	5:38
" Lane	8:33	1:32	5:43
" Linden	8:45	1:43	5:54
" Bunlevel	8:55	1:52	6:03
" Harnett	9:01	1:58	6:09
" Lillington	9:11	2:08	6:20
" Cape Fear	9:16	2:13	6:26
" Kipling	9:28	2:24	6:43
" Chalybeate	9:35	2:30	6:49
" Fuquay Springs	9:50	2:45	7:05
" Varina	10:00	2:52	7:14
" Willow Springs	10:09	3:02	7:25
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