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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Ex-President Cleveland Dead. Since his second term as president of the United States expired in 1896, ex-President Cleveland has been living in becoming retirement at his modest but comely home at Princeton, N. J., familiarly called Westland. From this place of culture and learning he frequently sent forth messages of wisdom to the thousands of his admiring fellow-countrymen through the magazines and other periodical publications of the day, and it is safe to say that no messages were more generally read or carefully pondered the world over than were those of his. Occasionally would he lecture to the students of Princeton on matters of governmental and civic policies. One of his last public trusts was his acceptance of a trusteeship with the Equitable Life Insurance Company after it fell into disrepute some years ago. Mr. Cleveland was a trustee of Princeton University and used to march in the academic procession on the great public gatherings there, but he was such a plain man, such a man of the people, such a democratic man, that he could never be induced to wear the academic costume on such occasions. It will be remembered that he was married after becoming president. To his home five children were born. Ruth, his oldest daughter, died a few years ago, and this loss saddened all the remaining days of her father. The spirit of the Cleveland home was ideal in its sweetness and tender in its affection. Mrs. Cleveland is a woman to whom all point as exemplifying the ideal qualities of American wifehood and motherhood. It was out of such a pleasant home as this that the distinguished man and citizen was called to go into that other life on the morning of June 24. The end came very suddenly. He was sick only two hours, although his health had been bad for some time, and not good for over two years. None of his children were present at home, only his wife and the physicians who were hastily sum-

moned, so sudden was his final sickness and death.

There was no funeral, no military escort, but only the simples burial services—this in accord with the wish of the dead chieftain, who was as simple in his consignment to the tomb as he had been in public and private life. Such a funeral for such a man increases our admiration of him and sets a new standard for his worth.

President Cleveland was a great man. He rose from an obscure home to be the chief executive of the greatest nation under the sun, and he did it by hard work, steady application, and conscientious service. He was never a wealthy man—which in itself speaks volumes for his political and personal integrity—for he lived and wrought and rose to greatness in a day when graft and grafters were rife on every hand. He is by a considerable portion of our country considered one of the greatest presidents who ever directed the affairs of this government. Time only will tell that, when the wisdom or unwisdom of his policies will be demonstrated to all. Life is poorer that such a man has gone out of it. He was our only surviving ex-president.

Hon. W. W. Kitchin Nominated for Governor of North Carolina.—The Democratic State Convention for North Carolina met in Charlotte at 10 a. m. on Wednesday of last week to adopt a platform and nominate candidates for the various State offices. The chief interest centered in the governorship, as usual. There were three aspirants for the honor—Hon. Ashley Horne, Hon. Locke Craig, and Hon. W. W. Kitchin. For three days the convention balloted, in one of the most remarkable dead-locks ever known in the State, without securing a nomination. At the end of the 60th ballot at 5 p. m. on Saturday, Mr. Horne withdrew from the race. This brought hub-bub and confusion and almost pandemonium in the ranks of the adherents of both Craig and Kitchin. After about an hour, the 61st ballot was taken and Mr. Kitchin nominated. The campaign was a warm one and dealt too much in personalities. If all reports are true, too much money has been spent in this campaign. Our only comment on

this campaign is that we regret its personalities and its expensiveness, while we are satisfied with its candidate—would have been satisfied with any one of the three. We believe that the present method of nominating State officers is a bad one and hope it will give way to a general State primary, which primary shall be mandatory on the convention, as in Georgia and many other States.

William Walton Kitchin, of Roxboro, Person County, N. C., was born in the same State near Scotland Neck, Halifax County, October 9, 1866. He was educated at Vine Hill Academy and Wake Forest College, graduating in 1884. In 1885 he was editor of the Scotland Democrat, the paper of his native county. Shortly after he began the study of law under his father, the late Hon. W. H. Kitchin, and then under the late John S. Manning, of the University of North Carolina. He was admitted to the bar in 1887, taking up his residence at Roxboro. In 1892 he was married to Miss Musette Satterfield. He was elected to the lower House of Congress from the fifth N. C. district in 1895 and has since been a member of that body, from which he now retires to become a candidate for the governorship of his State. As a congressman Mr. Kitchin has established a record for clean dealing and high thinking. He is generally known as an anti-corporation man and as a warm friend and champion of the people as against wealth and organized influence tending to subvert the people's rights in any shape or form. He ought to make a good governor.

The New Secretary of War. The nomination of Hon. William Howard Taft for the presidency has lead to his resignation as Secretary of War in the present Roosevelt cabinet. Secretary Taft has proved an able occupant of the portfolio to which President Roosevelt called him. Many regard him as the ablest Secretary of War in our country's history. His resignation took effect June 30 and on that day General Luke E. Wright, his successor, took the oath of office. General Wright's appointment is rather unique, but only another indicative of the breadth of the policy of the

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THE BIBLE AS GOOD READING: A REVIEW.

By W. A. Harper.

The Bible as Good Reading, by Senator Albert J. Beveridge, published by the Henry Altemus Company, Philadelphia, price 50 cents, ninety pages. For sale at The Christian Sun office, Elon College, N. C.

This little book from the thrilling and facile pen of the distinguished senator from Indiana is worth the hour and few minutes of any man's time that it requires to read it. Senator Beveridge is not only the handsomest man in the United States Senate and one of the most brilliant writers among the public men of the present day, but he is also a devout Christian. His knowledge of the Bible is startling in its intension as well as in its extension. He is intimate with it from Genesis to Revelation. And his viewpoint at times is simply illuminating. He makes the skeleton of the Bible narrative live and move and have a being.

Senator Beveridge knows what good reading is; he has produced no little of it himself. He shows acquaintance in this short volume with the masterpieces of the world's best literature in times past and in the present time. And yet he with confidence avers that the best reading he has ever found in all his acquaintance with literature is contained within the covers of Holy Writ. Here are his own words on this point. In the Bible "you have not only the development of the only divine religion known to man, but you have easily the best reading to be found in all the libraries. It is of the Book from this last point of view that this little book is written. I am talking now to those who are asking each night about their fire-sides for "something to read;" and I am telling them to read the standard novels—the standard histories and biographies; and more than the standard histories and biographies—the standard poets; and more than both of these, the current magazines and all of them, for they are the living expression of the world's thought today; but I am telling that, more than all these put together, they will find 'good reading' considered from the viewpoint of 'good reading' and nothing else, between the covers of that volume which every home would be ashamed to be without, but which, curiously enough, is the last one to be read."

But the senator does not stop with the mere assertion of the excellence of the matter of the Bible as good reading, any enthusiast of a religionist could do that and many a one of them has done it; he goes further and with the skill of a literary critic and the discerning judgment

of one who knows whereof he speaks and by the accepted standards of what constitutes good reading exemplifies his thesis in seventy pages of rare worth and marvellous interest.

He first considers the short story, which is the prevailing type of literary expression today. David is a hero of adventure, the center of a story of adventure that not only makes your blood jump as do the stories of adventure that today appear in our current literary journals, but uplifts you as well. Jacob is the exemplification of intrigue, Isaac and Rebecca of an Oriental love scene. The story of Ruth, a story of unflinching, self-sacrificing fidelity, Senator Beveridge considers the most wonderful short story ever written in any language. Gideon gives us a charming story of a national hero, and in him the senator sees the prototype of Washington's night passage of the Delaware and his thunderbolt attack on the Hessians at Trenton.

"The Bible and Common Sense" is the apt title of one of the chapters of the little volume. As its wording suggests, it deals with the wisdom books of the Bible, and in this field of literature, as in the field of the short story, the senator is of the opinion that the Bible stands pre-eminent. He bestows great praise upon Marcus Aurelius, Epictetus, La Rochefoucauld, Confucius, and the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam, the immortal tent-maker, but closes his general observations on this topic with these significant words: "But in this, as in every other form of literature, the Bible is so far superior to all the rest put together that the others seem to be loose and wordy after you have steeped yourself in the Proverbs of the Book of Books." And then he proves this opinion by random citations from the wisdom books of the Bible.

In Solomon he sees the most burning of all the poets of passion, whose song is love's very delirium. Job is of course the Bible's great dramatic book and, to him as to all who know it, "abounds in noble passages, lofty conceptions and overwhelming presentations of the majesty of the Creator." In the prophets he sees a mighty race, whose stamp our present day civilization bears. But the mightiest man of them all is to him "Moses, the Jewish law-giver, statesman, and leader, the greatest of all merely human personages." Speaking of Moses the senator says: "I do not think that the lawyers that are being developed now are so good as our earlier lawyers, because not many of them read the Bible, and very few, indeed, are well grounded in it." Continuing he adds, "I have advised every law student who

has ever consulted me to study the laws of Moses before he begins his Blackstone, and keep on studying the laws of Moses after he has completed his law course. And then keep on studying the laws of Moses all during his practice. And, best of all, these ordinances of the ancient Hebrews are not a bit heavy and musty as are most law books. They are bright, keen, condensed and to the point. In short, they are 'good reading.'"

There are chapters dealing with Joseph the dreamer and with Paul, the most finished orator of the world, as the senator thinks, and in each of these chapters he substantiates his claims by a reference of the life and writings of the two men to the standards set by literary men.

One of the most remarkable "view-points" of the booklet is the estimate placed on the character of Isaac. Most biblical scholars look upon Isaac, I presume, as a man of no especial force in the world, as a sort of negative character, a country squire of large holdings, ambitious to keep out of trouble, certainly not inclined to give anybody else trouble, who served the purpose of continuing the race and left the world about where he found it, not better nor worse. Now Senator Beveridge sees in his life a tender and beautiful tale of delicacy and refinement, of chivalry and manners, which made up the character of this first of that "race of men whom the world has always loved and always will love—the race of gentlemen." For this one conception, for I conceive that the senator makes good his assertion by ample proof which I had many times read but failed to see, I am thankful that the editor of The Sun asked me to read and review this book. I feel that I owe Isaac an apology for a misconception of him and of his character.

The concluding chapter begins in this wise: "This little book draws to a close and yet I have said almost nothing about the Savior. Somehow or other I couldn't bring myself to it. The story of our Lord, as a mere matter of fascinating reading, is above the charm of any narrative you will find. His divinity aside, the practical wisdom of his sayings exceeds those of Solomon. But what he did, what he lived and what he said cannot be retold with an infinitesimal part of the entertainment which the Gospels themselves give. That is true, of course, of the whole Bible—true of Moses, of Joshua and David and the rest—but with the Master, somehow 'it's different.' I never read any essay upon our Lord but with a certain kind of repulsion. He needs no interpreter; comment and commentary on Him seem sacrilege; of course, such a view is undoubtedly

unreasonable and unintelligent, but I just feel that way about it. . . . But you, reader, you read the life and words of Jesus of Nazareth as given in the Gospels—just as you read them for yourself. That's all I suggest. And, take my word for it, you'll not find them dull."

LETTER FROM ENGLAND.

Oxford, June 16, 1908.

We arrived at Oxford Saturday evening, the 13th, and took a hansom cab for No. 21 White House Roads, where we found comfortable lodgings. On the way from the railway station we passed Christ Church College. The cabman raised the little round shutter to the window over our head and shouted, "Christ Church, where Mr. Gladstone, the present King, and other great Englishmen were educated. It is the greatest of all the Oxford colleges." A little further on we crossed a branch of the Thames by a stone bridge. Again the little round shutter flew up and the big voice of the sleek-coated, silk-hatted cabman came through the opening: "See the river filled with boats. Rowing is the leading sport at Oxford. The fastest boat stands head,—farthest up the river."

Sunday morning we attended services at Christ Church Cathedral, a venerable, spacious stone edifice. The music was very fine, a choir of boys lending especial charm. Oxford claims supremacy in the production of church music. The sermon was by an aged, scholarly man in priestly apparel and was on the history of the doctrine of the Trinity, this being Trinity Sunday. Text, John 3:18.

In the evening we heard an address by an American Episcopal Bishop, a missionary in China, in University College Church, St. Mary's. His subject was "China as a Mission Field." The discourse was clear, instructive, and forcible.

On the way here from Liverpool, we went aside to visit some places of interest, Chester, Stafford, Lichfield, Nuneaton, Leamington, Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon. Of some of these I hope to write later. Here I wish to say something of Oxford.

The town is a very ancient one and the evidences of hoary centuries is everywhere. The population is about fifty thousand. Of this about ten thousand are members of the twenty-two colleges in the University. The University Calendar for 1908 shows the total membership of the colleges to be over fourteen thousand however, but many of the names are duplicated since hundreds of students take studies in more than one

college. The University, therefore, is the chief interest of the town. Its antiquated traditions are too sacred to suffer wilful change on the part of the authorities. But for the modern shop windows here and there, and numerous bicycles and automobiles in the streets (many of the latter the means of traveling at this season of the year by wealthy Americans), you could very well fancy yourself in the town five hundred years ago. Everything is scrupulously clean, and on Sunday there is the quietness of an American country village. This is the season for flowers, and they are abundant and rich in color. The south windows in all the college buildings are crowded with richly-hued, fragrant plants. Also, they are abundant in all the homes, of the poor and of the wealthy alike. Then there is an air of learning fused with this cleanliness, this reverence for the Sabbath and this abundance of flowers. The echo of monastic life is still here. I have been in some of the cloisters. An ancient sacred intelligence looks out through the narrow college windows, and I fancy a voiceless spirit of the same religious culture in the gray stone walls, moss-covered and gnawed away here and there by the tooth of time. There also is the spirit of great men educated here through ten centuries. Brasnose College, sometimes called King Hall because it was once the residence of King Alfred, alone enumerates four hundred authors among its graduates.

Yesterday I called on Messrs. Berkley Blackman, of Florida, and D. B. Anderson, of Georgia, in Queen's College, Rhodes scholars from their respective States. It was through Rev. Dr. Child's recommendation that I looked up Mr. Blackburn. The meeting was a mutually delightful one. They assured me that the face of an American, though he be a stranger, was lovely to look upon and his voice sweet to the ear. It was as genuinely enjoyable to me for it was the first genuinely American meeting I had had since landing a week ago. We do not know how strong the national spirit is in us until we are ushered into the midst of another country, even though it be mother England. Later in the day, Mr. Hall and I called on Mr. B. R. Lacy, Jr., Rhodes scholar from North Carolina. This was another meeting as genuinely delightful, for us at least, as the one in the morning had been. Mr. Lacy is in Worcester College, was kind enough to secure comfortable lodgings for us before our arrival and has just been in to see us this morning. He is a clever young man, son of the State Treasurer, B. R. Lacy, a graduate of Davidson College, and purposes entering

a seminary, after his three years here, to prepare for the Presbyterian ministry. Oxford has no street cars nor electric lights. Gas is still used where the tallow or wax candle is not in use. The streets are lighted by gas lamps and the lamp lighter makes his rounds each evening pretty much in many instances as in the book entitled "The Lamp-Lighter." In many places the side-walks are so narrow that you have to get in the street to let a fellow pedestrian pass.

Student life is very expensive. The expensive standard of living is set by the nobility, sons of kings, lords, dukes and earls who are educated here.

W. P. Lawrence.

NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!

To All the Sunday Schools of Eastern Virginia:

To save time, discussion and parley at our coming Sunday school convention, also to save ourselves the embarrassment of begging, the program specially requests: Any Sunday school desiring the convention in the year 1909 will please attend to the matter before this convention and send its invitation by its delegates.

Thanking you, I am,

H. E. Rountree, Cor. Sec.

DOTTED LINES—WHY?

What meaneth those dotted lines in the statistical table of the Eastern Virginia Sunday school report for the year 1906-7? I mean those in the column entitled Home and Foreign Missions. O! I see now that it means that your school failed to send in to the Convention "one cent" for either one or both of these supreme calls. Now Mr. Superintendent, won't you see to it that no dotted lines spoil the record of your school during the next year? Dotted lines are bad enough on any part of our records but far worse when it comes to missions.

M. L. Bryant.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

The following churches of my charge, Hanks Chapel, Parks Cross Roads, and New Hope, have held memorial services. At each of these the attendance was very large, the services interesting, the flowers abundant and of choice selection. The music was appropriate. At Hanks Chapel, Mr. James Griffin, clerk of the court, made an appropriate address, followed by others. At Parks Cross Roads, Professors White, of Ramseur, and Weatherly, of Franklinville, were present and delivered addresses to the delight of all. The writer preached at each place. The people seem to enjoy these services abundantly.

P. T. Klapp, Pastor.

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Did you ever see more or better "Field Notes" than we have this week? We never did. Read and enjoy them. Brethren, the protracted meeting season is upon us. Let us know what you are doing.

Dr. J. J. Summerbell, enclosing two powerful arguments for the Virgin Birth of Christ, which will appear as soon as there is space for them, adds this grateful note of personal interest: "My health continues to improve, wonderfully encouragingly."

The editor writes that the revision committee on the "Principles and Government and Directory for Worship" will finish its work Wednesday, the day of going to the press, and that a much improved and better publication is being prepared. Good.

We are just in receipt of the Catalogue number of the Defiance, Ohio, College Bulletin. It is an excellent publication of 80 pages, profusely illustrated with cuts of the campus, buildings, and equipment. Its faculty consists of 24 members, including lecturers, instructors, officers of administration, and other assistants, and the faculty of the Christian Biblical Institute, which is now affiliated with the college. If the catalogue is any indication, this thriving institution is awake.

Mr. A. C. Hall writes privately: "I will go to Holland, then to Germany, Switzerland, and France—beginning the tour about the 6th of July. Then will join Prof. Lawrence again and we will visit the Lake District and Scott's and Burns' homes in Scotland. We have changed the date for sailing homeward from 22nd to 15th of August, as the former would be too late for us to be back in time for the college opening. So guess we will be in New York by the 23d of August."

Mr. D. Jennings Sipe had hoped to be able to submit a full program of the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Sunday School Convention for this week's Sun. He will be able next week to do so. See his notice elsewhere in this issue. To the editor he also states privately: "It is hoped that we can secure an active Sunday school worker for several addresses on live topics during the sessions." We deem this a good idea, since this is a day of specialists and specialism. Our conventions need to be more practical. If the aid of a specialist will assist toward this end, by all means let us import one, if we have not one of our own.

Be sure to read the Harrisonburg Letter in this week's Sun. Timber Ridge Church has already raised all its Conference assessments and 25 per cent. more. We doubt if that record can be matched by any other church among us. Bro. Walters is a ceaseless worker and a trusted leader in his Conference.

The Portsmouth Letter, too, calls for special notice. We all have our eyes on the Portsmouth work. The church has recently made a real estate deal by which it netted several thousand dollars and it begins to look like a temple in the peaceful city on the Elizabeth to which we shall all point with pride. But read the letter for yourself and then decide what your duty is.

Our sympathy and prayers go out to Bro. A. F. Iseley, Burlington, N. C., and his family. On the 24th of June Bro. Iseley fell from his wagon and broke his leg. He was carried to his home and medical aid summoned. He is now resting quietly. His physicians say it will be two months before he can be out. A word of sympathy to him at this time from his many brethren and friends would no doubt be appreciated.

We are sorry there are no Elon College Notes this week. Until the last minute we were expecting them to be brought in. We are permitted to say, however, that the canvass will begin this week with Prof. Wicker in Eastern Virginia, Prof. Cobb in the Western and part of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference, Prof. Pritchette in the Eastern Conference and South Carolina, Prof. Harper in the North Carolina and Virginia Conference and Wake, Johnston and Wilson Counties; and Mr. A. L. Lincoln in Nash and Edgecombe Counties. Prospects for the opening Sept. 2 are very bright.

Prof. W. A. Harper, Chairman of the Committee on Teacher Training for our Convention, informs us that he has received the manuscript of Dr. J. J. Summerbell for volume one of the course and that his own section for the same volume is complete and ready for the printer. It seems that we are to have the course ready by the fall, if the other contributors keep busy, as we are sure they will do. The other contributors for volume one are Rev. N. G. Newman, Rev. J. W. Harrell, Rev. W. C. Wicker, Prof. W. P. Lawrence, Dr. J. H. Fleming, Dr. J. U. Newman, and Dr. E. L. Moffitt. Dr. Summerbell has written on the "Geography of the Holy Land and of the Missionary Journeys;" Prof. Harper on "The Sunday School Teach-

Union Christian College, Merom, Ind., has bestowed a worthy honor and conferred a well-deserved distinction upon our good friend and brother, Rev. P. H. Fleming, Burlington, N. C. At its recent commencement it honored Bro. Fleming with the degree of Doctor of Divinity. No man among us will wear this degree more modestly than Bro. Fleming. Dr. Fleming, that sounds well and proper. Congratulations.

Elsewhere in this issue appears the program of the Eastern Virginia Christian Sunday School Convention. In all our experience we have never read a more complete or modern program. Corresponding Secretary Rountree has done his work well. If we mistake not, those whose names appear on the program will do theirs well too. We wish all our Conventions had corresponding secretaries like Rev. H. E. Rountree and sessions as practical and scholarly as those of the Eastern Virginia always are. We note with especial pleasure the prominence given the teacher-training idea.

Rev. G. O. Longford, Linville, Ala., writes in a private letter that recently he spent about a day "under the shade of spreading trees, surrounded by ruddy-faced men and good-looking women, the purpose of which gathering was to catch, cook, and eat the 'river cat.' The day was spent in jolly conversation, merry song-singing, and delightful fish-eating. We mentioned the editor of The Christian Sun as we gathered around the table there to devour the bodies of the recently deceased portion of the finny tribe." How the editor wishes he could have been there. Some people wonder why the editor is so fond of the piscatorial art. That is dead easy. As an editor, he fishes for bread; as a preacher, for men; and as a fisherman, for meat.

The editor is absent in Eastern Virginia this week, attending the session of the revision committee appointed by the Greensboro Convention to bring out a new and more up-to-date edition of the Principles and Government and Directory for Worship of the Christian Church. This committee, composed of Dr. W. W. Staley, Chairman, Dr. E. L. Moffitt, Rev. N. G. Newman, Dr. P. H. Fleming, and the editor of The Sun, is holding its sessions in the hospitable home of Capt. and Mrs. W. J. Lee, on the Nansemond River, near Suffolk, Va. It should not surprise the editor pro-tempore were they to spend more than the five days allotted to them for the accomplishment of their work, nor would we blame them.

Pleasant Grove, Virginia, will have Children's Day exercises July 4th.

We are glad to note that Dr. J. Pressley Barrett, editor of the Herald of Gospel Liberty, is at his post of duty again and able to do his work with his accustomed earnestness and facility.

Dr. W. T. Herndon was in a service at New Elam last Sunday, which resulted in three reclamations and one conversion. He goes to Greensboro next week to hold revival services with our Palm Street congregation in that city.

Dr. Charles M. Walters, graduate of Elon College and of the medical colleges of the University of North Carolina and Baltimore, has located near Union Ridge, Alamance County, N. C., where he is convenient to the Union Church. We congratulate that community and predict ripe success for Dr. Walters.

The wife of Rev. J. W. Holt improves very slowly. She has been sick now for over two months. We have never known a more patient, more sweet-spirited woman in the midst of such affliction as Sister Holt is proving herself to be. We extend to her and to her devoted husband a brother's hand, heart, and sympathy.

Do not forget to send a report of your school, Mr. Superintendent, to your Conference Sunday School Convention. Do not fail to have your school represented. Go yourself if you possibly can. The hope of our church is wrapped up in our Sunday schools and you are captain of one of our companies engaged in this work.

Mr. Sylvester G. Rollings, Dory, Va., a recent graduate of Elon College, has been elected principal of the Kenly Academy. This school, which is no stranger to Elon men, is now become one of a series of Johnston County district high schools. We regard his election to this important post as a compliment to Mr. Rollings; we feel that he is worthy of it, however; and that a brilliant future awaits him there.

We had the pleasure a few days ago of speaking with our friend and brother Mr. DeRoy Ransom Fonville, Burlington, N. C., on the train en route from the University of Virginia to his home. Mr. Fonville is a law student in the University of Virginia and has made for himself a name and a reputation as a student, an orator, and a man at that institution, winning a debate against the Johns Hopkins University, taking first rank in an oratorical contest among the great Eastern universities, and gaining other distinctions. We bespeak for him large success as a lawyer, when he has completed his course.

We clip the following from the Herald of Gospel Liberty: "The Memorial Christian Temple, Norfolk, Va., is happy again. Sunday, June 14, was the day of her annual offering for foreign missions. Rev. C. C. Ryan, the new pastor (he began his work November 1, 1907), felt great anxiety for the good work lest they should be able to keep up their record. And for this there were good reasons, as the Temple membership had been much weakened by the death of Deacon A. M. Eley and others, and the organization of the Third Church, which took quite a number of their leading workers and financial supporters from the Temple. But they are a praying and a giving people, and so Sunday, June 14, witnessed a great offering—\$1,035. All things considered, we regard that as the best offering in the history of the church, and we rejoice with the pastor and his people. This church will hold a great place in the missionary history of the Christians. For many years its annual offering has not fallen under one thousand dollars, and though much weakened financially, as above indicated, she grandly maintains her old-time zeal and her praiseworthy record. May God bless the Temple and its devoted pastor. May they go on to greater victories for the cross." We presume Bro. Ryan will furnish The Sun an account of his work at Norfolk before long.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Third Quarter, Lesson I, July 5, 1908.

Israel Asks for a King. 1 Samuel 8.

Golden Text: "By me kings reign, and princes decree justice." Prov. 8:15.

Here we are after a delightful study in the gospel as recorded by John, back with our old friends, the Israelites. They are still dissatisfied.

A few weeks ago we learned that the Jews decided to kill one who had come to be their King. Eleven hundred years before they had decided for the first time that they wanted to have a king.

This business of choosing a ruler is pretty serious. The people of the United States this year choose their chief executive to serve four years. Each political party in national convention selects its choice and in November next the people will be called upon to make the final choice.

For a century after Joshua Israel had been without a continuous national government though in times of emergency national leaders had arisen. Samuel acquired the reputation as a prophet when he was scarcely a man grown. At the death of Eli he seems to be the most influential man of the nation.

The third quarter's lessons cover the history of Samuel's share in bringing about Saul's career as King. Samuel's part in this history is that of a counsellor whose insight and outlook is little short of remarkable. The lessons then of this quarter might therefore be termed "the record of the gradual preparation of the proper personality for his responsibilities as the future ideal king of Israel." When you have finished the three months' study you will know more about Soul and David than ever before.

I subjoin the following explanations from the pen of Prof. J. Willis Beecher, writing in the Sunday School Times:

Time.—Shortly before Saul became king. The Bible data seem to make it about B. C. 1103: the Assyrian data as commonly interpreted should make it about B. C. 1052.

Place.—Ramah, Samuel's home, a few miles north of the frontier of Judah.

Persons.—Samuel and the representatives of Israel. Samuel had acquired a national reputation as a prophet when he was scarcely a man grown. On the death of Eli he seems to have been recognized as the most influential man in the nation. Under his wise guidance Israel had submitted to the Philistines for twenty years rather than make a premature effort to throw off the yoke. Then he had accepted the office of judge, had defeated the Philistines and made Israel independent, and in a singularly upright and able administration had brought the nation to a degree of unity and prosperity never before achieved since the time of Joshua (1 Sam. 7). He had now been a judge perhaps eighteen or nineteen years.

For a century and a half after Joshua Israel had been without a continuous national government, though in times of emergency such national leaders as Othniel and Ehud and Deborah had arisen. For most of the time from the death of Gideon the judges had regularly succeeded one another, but the government had lacked in prestige and effectiveness. Now, to the people whom Samuel's ability had rendered prosperous, the thought occurred that Samuel would not live forever, and that on his death they were likely to revert to the earlier calamitous condition. It seemed to them that the time of present prosperity was a good time in which to take precautions for the future.

G. W. Tickle.

We call attention to Prof. Lawrence's letter from abroad in this issue. Mr. Hall and Miss Atkinson will have contributions regarding their peregrinations, rustications et cetera next week.

HARRISONBURG LETTER.

Since my return to the Valley, after an absence of nearly two months, I have held services at all my churches except Concord and Mayland. I found the work moving on very nicely considering the circumstances. My first appointment was at Timber Ridge. I found a good, live Sunday school at this place under the efficient management of Bro. J. M. Anderson. We held two services on Sunday and had large and attentive congregations at both. Three good members were received into the church. Brethren A. S. Anderson and Mahlon Garuin were ordained as deacons. They are good men and have served in the capacity of deacons for several years, but in some way their ordination had not been attended to. This church has raised, in cash and pledges, all its conference apportionment and about 25 per cent. over.

We held services that night at Timber Mountain, a mission point. We had about a house full. This church has all its conference apportionments either paid or pledged. On the second Sunday we were at Bethlehem and Beulah. The former is one of our most progressive churches with a good live Sunday school and an interesting Christian Endeavor. This church remembered the pastor by keeping the salary paid up in his absence, for which he is very grateful. The church has over three-fourths of its conference apportionment in hand. Beulah has a good Sunday school averaging nearly twelve times its church membership.

The third Sunday was our day at Newport. Here we found an interesting Sunday school and everything moving on very well. The Divine Healers seem to have put forth a strenuous effort during our absence and secured a few of our members. We were sorry to find Bro. B. F. Dofflemyre of this church critically ill with little hopes of his recovery.

Our conference meets with the Bethlehem Church August 13-16. We hope our churches will be looking forward to it and will send their best workers. Conferences often make a mistake by sending just anyone to conference who will go. The work of the conference is important and needs the thought and counsel of those who are in closest touch with the work of the church. We are expecting to have several visiting ministers and hope to have a good conference.

I am under many obligations to my friends for the interest and sympathy manifested during the sickness and death of my dear wife. The trial has been a heavy one but the comfort and consolation of friends in this dark hour has made the burden easier to bear.

W. T. Walters.

PORTSMOUTH LETTER.

Since our last letter to The Sun the church here has purchased a new site upon which the church will be built. The matter of changing the location of the church has been under consideration for quite a while. The new location is considered one of the best locations in the city for a church and especially adapted to our needs. It is central and in a splendid residence section of the city. It has upon it three residences which made it cost us, what may be termed, a nice little sum. The price paid for it was \$9,000. This is less than our present location will bring. We expect to realize several thousand dollars for the building fund by the change, besides we have a much more desirable location for our church. Since we purchased the site which we occupy now, business has practically surrounded us, which fact renders it undesirable for a church and at the same time makes it a very valuable piece of property. The new site is on the corner of County and Washington Streets, just four blocks from the old site. It is the consensus of opinion that the church has done a wise thing in making the change.

The church has now at a conservative estimate property that is worth about \$25,000, on which it owes \$6,000. The \$25,000, on which it owes \$6,000. The debt must be paid. The interesting question is, How? Well, we will not say just now. We will have to have time to pray and think and think and pray. It would be fine if we could clear the new lot before we begin to build. If we could have all the old lot will sell for to put into the building, it would to say the least of it be a great help. We might dream of paying for our new church when it shall be completed. It would be a great thing for the work here if such a thing could be done. The Portsmouth church has struggled so long with nothing but a little chapel, it seems to me it ought to have something like a house of worship given to it, all paid for. Let us hope this dream will become a reality.

It gives us pleasure to acknowledge the following: Rev. N. G. Newman, \$5; T. E. Brickhouse, \$25; Dr. J. W. Manning, \$25; and Mrs. P. H. Lee, \$5.

The total cash receipts on the building fund to date have been \$3,030.04. The unpaid subscription remaining is \$643.21. It will be a great help to the work if the brethren will send this in as early as possible. It will help us in curtailing our note and therefore stop interest. We appeal to the brotherhood at large for their loyal support of the work. We need to be remembered in your prayers

and to have a place in your hearts. None but those who are in the battle can fully appreciate the struggles of a city mission church. Don't forget to pray for the work, and, then, don't forget to give to it. Let us show our faith by our works.

The work at Berea (Norfolk Co.) is moving on nicely. The congregations are usually good. The Sunday school is doing good work and the prayer meeting is being faithfully kept up. This church has nobly held her own and even gone forward in spite of the fact that many of her members have moved to town during the past few years. Quite a number of her members are found in the churches of this section and I am glad to say the larger percent of them are active. Revival services will be held at this church the week following the third Sunday in September. We trust it may be a time of great refreshing from the Lord.

J. W. Harrell.

June 25, 1908.

HOLLAND ITEMS.

There were two services at the Baptist church here last (3d) Sunday. This church, now, has four services each month. Rev. Mr. Davis preaches first Sunday, morning and night, and Rev. Mr. Creasman preaches third Sunday, morning and night. Rev. Mr. Davis, the minister that preaches first Sunday, is a man of some experience—has been preaching a number of years. The one that preaches the third Sunday is a young man, with not so much experience, yet he is a young man of liberal education and fair ministerial talent. Several members of our church attended the services last Sunday. The night service was somewhat interrupted by rain, as we had a real refreshing shower about the time the night services closed. The clouds looked quite lowering yesterday (Monday), but we had no more rain.

Our Sabbath school was well attended and the services were all very interesting. The officers and teachers all filled their places promptly and intelligently. The song service led by Miss Riedel at the organ, was a sweet and inspiring part of the exercises. The song service has now come to be a very important part of our religious service, and requires much more attention now, than years ago, to keep pace with the onward march of religious development. Religion has a refining and beautifying power and influence and it is best to keep in touch with its beautifying and saving powers.

As there were services at the Baptist church at night, by the new preacher, and the night quite dark and clouds

threatening, our congregation was small, yet Bro. Newman, our pastor, interested us with a short talk. The congregation, at the close of services, left in haste to escape a drenching rain. Several whose walks were farthest, were caught in this shower.

Next Saturday, the 27th inst., will be the time for our third conference, and it is very desirable that we have a full attendance of male members for the transaction of business. On Sunday will be our third communion service and as usual, on that day, if the Lord should favor us with fair, pleasant weather, in all probability we will have a large, inspiring assembly of worshipers.

We have been having very hot, sultry weather now for several days. Since living to be old, I enjoy moderately the warm weather, but do not enjoy the extreme heat, that is rather "too much of the good thing" for real enjoyment. But light and darkness, heat and cold, are the necessary things, it is God's plan, and we must not complain, but pray "thy kingdom come, thy will be done." Amen. R. H. Holland.

PROGRAM EASTERN VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Opening Session.

Wednesday Morning, July 22, 10:30
O'Clock.

President, Rev. I. W. Johnson, presiding.

10:30—Opening Song.

10:45—Roll Call and Enrollment.

11:05—Welcome Address, Rev. H. H. Butler.

11:15—Response, Rev. I. W. Johnson, President.

11:25—The Relation of the Sunday School to the Life of the Nation, Rev. C. H. Rowland.

11:55—Appointment of Nominating and Special Committees.

11:55—Song.

12:00—Address: "The Purpose and Mission of the Sunday School." Rev. J. O. Cox.

12:25—A Business Moment. (Election of Home Department Secretary, Decision Day Secretary, Teacher-Training Superintendent, and an Organized Class Movement Secretary.)

Adjournment.

Second Session.

Wednesday Afternoon, 2:30 O'Clock.
(All teachers specially requested to be present.)

2:30—Song and Prayer Service, conducted by Rev. C. H. Rowland.

2:45—Report of Nominating Committee.

2:55—Address: "The Model Teacher." Stanley C. Harrell.

3:10—Address: "Teacher Training the Highest Standard of Efficiency. How?" Rev. I. W. Johnson.

3:55—Address: "Learning from Jesus, the Master Teacher." Rev. N. G. Newman.

4:00—Address: "Methods of the Master Teacher." Prof. W. C. Wicker. General Discussion.

Business and adjournment.

(Be sure to organize a Teacher Training Class in your school. H. E. Rountree, State Superintendent.)

Third Session.

Thursday Morning, July 23, 10:00
O'Clock.

(All teachers specially requested to be present.)

10:00—A Quiet Hour with God. Rev. W. D. Harward.

10:15—Reading of Minutes and Enrollment.

10:40—Address: "The Two-Cent Sunday School Teacher." Rev. W. W. Staley, D. D.

11:05—Address: "Personal Devotion the Only Adequate Consecration." Rev. R. H. Peel.

11:30—Song.

Address: "The Sunday School Problem in Virginia." Mr. C. W. Bains, State Statistician, Newport News, Va.

12:00—Address, Rev. W. D. Harward.

12:30—Song.

Address: "The Teacher's Library." Rev. J. M. Roberts.

12:45—General Discussion. (A series of one-minute talks on some essentials in modern Sunday school teaching.)

1:00—Business and adjournment.

Get busy.

Fourth Session.

Thursday Afternoon, 2:30 O'Clock.

Theme: Missions in the Sunday School.

2:30—Song and Prayer Service, led by Prof. W. C. Wicker.

2:45—Address: "It is Our Vision that Makes Us." Rev. C. C. Ryan.

3:00—Address: "Organizing the Local Schools for Missionary Education." Rev. J. W. Harrell.

3:20—Song.

Address: "The Missionary Idea of the Sunday School." Rev. M. W. Butler.

3:50—Address: "The Bible a Missionary Book." Rev. H. H. Butler.

4:10—Address: "The Grace of Giving." Rev. M. L. Bryant.

4:25—General Discussion.

Business and adjournment.

(Do you need a greater missionary spirit in your Sunday school? If so, get busy.)

Fifth Session.

Friday Morning, July 24, 10 O'Clock.
10:00—The Prayer Hour, led by Rev.

M. L. Bryant.

10:15—Reading of Minutes and Enrollment.

10:30—The Next Session: Where?

10:35—Address: "The Problems of a Country Superintendent." Mr. O. W. Johnson, A. B.

10:50—Address: "An Ideal Superintendent." Rev. M. W. Butler.

11:05—Address: "How to 'Slug' and 'Spike' the Boy into the Sunday School." Rev. W. D. Harward.

11:30—Song.

Address: "The Organized Class Movement." Mr. Sylvester G. Rollins, A. B.

11:50—Address: "The Sunday School Organized for Business." Mr. C. W. Bains, State Statistician.

12:15—Round Table, led by H. E. Rountree.

Discussion, Business, Adjournment.

(Organize your classes.)

Sixth Session.

Friday Afternoon, 2:30 O'Clock.

2:30—Devotional, Rev. N. G. Newman.

2:45—Address: "The Divine Influence of Regularity and Punctuality." Rev. J. T. Kitchen.

3:00—"How to Procure Regular and Punctual Attendance on the Part of Both Teacher and Pupil." (Ten minutes of general conference, no one occupying more than one minute.)

3:20—Address: "The Place of Geography, Black-Boards and Charts in the Sunday School." Mr. J. A. Vaughan, A. B.

3:40—Address: "Catechisms on International Lessons for Primaries." Rev. N. G. Newman.

4:00—General Discussion.

Business.

Reading of Minutes and Adjournment. (Don't forget to put in practice what you have learned here.)

To All Readers of the Above Program and All Parties Concerned:

Owing to the rush of work and many engagements I have not been able to draft our Sunday School Convention program before this. As it is time that it should be published, as corresponding secretary, I take the liberty to forward it without having the program committee pass upon it. As it appears here, it is but tentative, being permanent only to the extent that every speaker has agreed to discuss the subjects as assigned. The committee is expected to meet in Norfolk Monday after the first Sunday in July and at that time will pass upon the program. If any one has any suggestions or corrections to offer, the Committee will appreciate them.

Yours truly,

H. E. Rountree, Cor. Sec.

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

OUR COLLEGE.

I am thinking as I sit in the editor's sanctum sanctorum this morning of OUR COLLEGE—yes, OUR COLLEGE. I mean Elon College, of course. I am thinking of this institution as it is today, a magnificently equipped and officered educational force, recognized by the great universities of the world and honored by them, the peer of any college in our broad land, and the superior of many of them, and as I think my mind goes back to the early nineties and the latter eighties when this grand institution was in the founding. Days of mighty hopefulness, broad vision, earnest praying were they—days of wise planning, dogged perseverance, ceaseless agitation and execution, days never to be forgotten by those who worked and labored and agonized and prayed that the Elon of today and the greater Elon of tomorrow might come into being. Time has demonstrated the wisdom of that movement and their planning. We would not have it otherwise if we could. Elon College, a blessed and noble institution of learning, sprung forth as if by magic, the pride of a noble people and the object of the love and affection and veneration of a virile, progressive, and aggressive denomination, rejuvenated and reinvigorated and encouraged to nobler and better things by its creature, we would not abolish if we could. But we could not. We could destroy the old East Dormitory and the stately Administration Building, we could demolish the grim power-house and the magnificent West Dormitory, we could wipe out the Chapel, the recitation rooms, the reading room, and the society halls, we could plow up the campus, sow it in salt, and fell its stalwart oaks and

hickories, but we can not abolish Elon College. Why? Because Elon College is more than its buildings, its campus, its recitation rooms, its society halls, and its books. It is an idea—and an idea is eternal, an idea never dies, cannot be abolished or destroyed. Elon College is writ in large letters, letters of crimson and gold, letters that time's tooth can not obliterate, letters more enduring than inscriptions on bronze table or stone monument, letters graven on the hearts and affections of a grateful people and a noble alumni and student body. We all love Elon—it is our college—it is the work of our hands and the sacrifice of our pockets and the cynosure of our hearts. Those who have no children vie in their expressions of love with those patronize her from year to year. Those who have been privileged to study within her classic walls are equalled in their expressions of affection for her by those whom age or circumstance or fate has denied such a coveted opportunity. Where is the man among us, with his heart set on the progress of his church and her enterprises, who does not point the finger of pride and give expression to words of praise of our intellectual Mecca, Elon College?

And this affection is not affectation—it is with cause—and good cause. Elon College has given us fully one-half of our active ministry—the men who within the last twenty years, led by the wisdom and experience of those who had been actively engaged in our ministry before the days of the college and who unselfishly sacrificed to establish it, have brought more things to pass in our church than any fifty years of our previous history had ever accomplished. She has also given to us trained leaders among the laity—men and women of trained heads, cultured hearts, and expanding soul, who are alive to every interest and enterprise of our brotherhood. Practically 2,000 different students have studied here, been touched by this uplifting, vitalizing, sacred atmosphere of learning and religion, and returned to the busy walks of life, to the marts of commerce, the clerk's bench, the plow-handles, the various professions, and the home, there to be evangelists of a new light, harbingers of a brighter and more glorious dawn, leaders and pushers, too, in the larger, nobler work of our more serene and hopeful day. And thousands who are not included in either of these classes, who are neither alumni nor numbered "among those who dropped out," yet love Elon College because of what she has done for them through those who have come into direct contact with and been placed directly under her fostering care.

Yes, I have been thinking of our college and a pleasant thought it has been. I am proud to live in this good time and at this good hour, when I can behold our college, doing such noble work, and I am proud that I can be a part of her, contribute to her onward progress and development and give utterance by word of mouth and expression by printed page to the thoughts that well up in me when I contemplate her humble origin, her majestic present, her yet more towering future. Brethren, this is our college—all ours—let us make her a better one by our loyal support and united patronage.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOME MISSIONS.

The Eastern Virginia Sunday School Convention raises \$500 per year for missions. This is well. We must train our young people to give, if we are to have liberal givers in the coming days. Boys and girls, whose fathers and mothers and Sunday school teachers do not train them to be liberal toward the Lord's work, will never, except by a miracle of God, develop into men and women who are liberal toward the church and its enterprises, who will practice the tithing of their income for the Lord as it is taught in the Scriptures. There is no better place to begin this training than in the Sunday school.

Realizing this and following the example already set by the Eastern Virginia Convention, the last session of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference at Hines' Chapel, N. C., passed a resolution, upon the recommendation of its home mission committee, to the effect that each Sunday school in the bounds of the Conference send up to the next session of the Conference ten cents per member, if possible, for Conference Sunday school home missions, or at least five cents per member for that cause. The money thus raised is to be placed in the hands of the home mission committee of the Conference and to be used to establish churches to be known as Sunday school home mission churches. In this way \$250 ought to be raised a year and this is sufficient to put a man at a point and keep him there one Sunday in a month. In a few years, with such support, and the assistance of the local church, we would have a church established firmly at that point. Then a new point could be taken. There are numerous points now calling for Christian Churches, High Point, Winston-Salem, Reidsville, Mebane, Danville, South Boston, Kernersville, but we cannot go to them unless our funds are increased. The conference saw this and considered its inability to meet these urgent de-

mands an open door of service, usefulness, and Christian training for our young people through Sunday-school Home Mission contributions. Such contributions will not make the Sunday schools poorer, but richer, and will give our young people that training in Christian giving so essential to them and to us, if they are to be liberal, and if we are to do our part in the evangelization of the world. The children can do it: the success of the orphanage proves that beyond the shadow of a doubt. They ought to do—in this day and time, no cause can exist for itself—it must contribute to outside causes and so demonstrate its right to be. Otherwise it will not long exist. Our Sunday schools need this opportunity of service to make them more efficient. Will they do it? That rests with the pastors, the superintendents, the teachers and their parents. We call upon you brethren and sisters to take this matter to the Lord in earnest prayer. We do not doubt what your action will be, if you will do as your consciences shall then direct you.

TEACHER TRAINING.

The subject of teacher training for Sunday school teachers is just as important to the future life, growth and development of the Sunday school and church as any other department of church work. We build colleges and erect schools to teach people the great principles of learning in language, literature and logical lore, but when it comes to training people with their learning and logic for practical Christian work in training the young and rising generation, the hope of the church and state for citizenship, and our people in many instances are not only derelict to their duty, but antagonistic to all innovations in methods and manner of church work.

All progress comes through the introduction of new ways and means of doing things and the day has already dawned for a more progressive policy in the church work. We have cajoled ourselves for over a century about our heaven-born principles until almost the entire protestant world has not only accepted them, but has more effectually put them into practical application. The day has come when every pastor in the church should be wide-awake to all practicable methods of church work and use them for the life and development of the church in every possible field of activity.

Teacher training for our Sunday schools is practically a new idea. There are many among us today who say that it is entirely impracticable, but if so,

the church in all its departments is impracticable. If to be contrary to custom is impracticable, then I admit that teacher-training is very impracticable; but if this method has not only been possible in other churches but has simply revolutionized their teaching force and efficiency I see no reason why it may not work equal results among ours.

In order to teach well, our Sunday school teachers must be prepared for their work with a special preparation. They must be well trained in the Holy Scriptures, sacred geography, ecclesiastical and biblical history. They must understand the pedagogical principles usually applied in teaching it if they would become skilful teachers. They must know something of psychology, sociology and theology if they become most wise and efficient in imparting the profoundest wisdom and philosophy of human life, as contained in the book of life, to human hearts and heads, and yet there are those who think the unlearned and untrained are just as capable of teaching in the Sunday school as they need be, while the same Sunday school teachers would not be tolerated in the public schools to teach these same pupils the alphabet of the English language. We demand the wisest physicians to administer to our bodies, but the most unlearned can with impunity and indifference on our part as parents administer to our spiritual needs. We want wise ministers to preach the gospel for the grown people, but anyone will do to teach these same profound truths, that we cannot understand, to our children. We demand the wisest lawyers to plead our cause at the bar of justice, but without preparation, fitness, or ability the untrained Sunday school teacher is called upon to teach our children the most profound law of the Word of God.

There are hundreds of excellent books on the various branches of efficient Sunday school work and dozens of admirable books on teacher training that should be provided for every Sunday school teacher in the church. Classes of teacher training should be organized, the best teacher in the school should be placed in charge of them, and the very brightest boys and girls who are prospective teachers should be enrolled as members, and the church should begin to look well and wisely after its future leadership.

The fact is that all the older people in the church should spend their entire time and talent in training the young people of the church for the leadership of the future church. Put the young people in charge of the various departments of church work and direct them in this

work until they become efficient, progressive leaders, and it will be only a matter of a few years until the pulpit and pew will be supplied with what it has needed for a century—efficient leaders for each department of church work.

W. C. Wicker.

TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

Our Convention meets this year in 26th annual session with the church at Bethlehem, Alamance County, N. C., on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 14 and 15, 1908. It is hoped that our ministers, delegates, and all our interested Sunday school workers who possibly can will be present.

A letter has been sent each school in the convention asking that delegates be elected next Sunday, July 5th. Report blanks will be sent each school in a few days. Please see that the reports are properly made out and sent together with the full amount of dues to the Convention.

Delegates and visitors will be met at Elon College. All who expect to attend are requested to notify Brother C. M. Pritchette, Altamahaw, N. C., stating whether they will come by private conveyance or wish to be met. Those who desire to be met will please state the time they will arrive at Elon College.

This is to be an important session of the Convention and it is very much desired that all pastors within the convention bounds arrange to attend. Let as many superintendents and other school officers as possibly can be present. Be sure to send up a full delegation.

D. Jennings Sipe, President.
Greensboro, N. C., June 27, 1908.

TRUETT, ALABAMA.

Dear Bro. Atkinson: We had a fine service last Sunday at McGuire's Chapel. The Sunday school has been organized and is doing well. Our congregation was not very large, but it was attentive, and I trust that much good will grow out of the service. Our collection in cash and subscriptions amounted to \$16.26. We are gaining strength in the way of giving. I will close these special services next Sunday at New Hope. Hope we may have a fine meeting. I will preach at Chapel Hill school house next Sunday night.

G. D. Hunt.

June 23, 1908.

Uncle Wellons is visiting friends in and around Pope's Chapel for the next ten days.

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Elon College, N. C., June 24, 1908.

My Dear Children and Friends: Nothing of unusual interest at the Orphanage for this week. Hot weather, doing work in a hurry, sowing and planting peas and thereby hope to have a large and profitable crop in the fall. We will work to make the pea crop a special feature on the Orphanage farm—as we have a splendid force for picking peas.

The boys have fixed them a small bathing pond which they enjoy very much. They found a hawk's nest at the pond, and caught two little ones, and later Uncle Jim tried to get the old hawk and shot two more young ones that could fly. He thinks the old mother hawk will die—this will save the children some chickens.

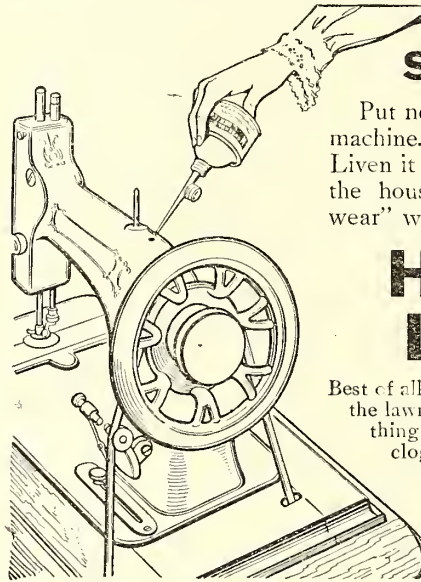
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We are sorry that the type in Sun of June 10th made Berea, Nansemond, Va., Sunday School offering “.29” when it should have been \$5.51. You can always depend upon Berea to do her part.

The superintendent visited O'Kelley's Chapel last Sunday (3d) and enjoyed his trip and the kind interest the people took in the Orphanage, and their liberal response. They have recently improved their church and it's neat and clean and nice. May God bless and prosper this old church of historical value to us. We observed quite a number of intelligent young men and women and this always speaks well for a community. Our short trip gave opportunity for only one visit—we took dinner with Brother and Sister J. H. Massey, and enjoyed ourselves, also were glad to meet and personally know “our old Cousins” Vallie D., Jessie E., and Vance Massey, who for a long time were so faithful to the Band. Mark this—where a boy or girl has been a faithful member of “The Band of Cousins” they are interested in and loyal to the Orphanage. (Recently Jessie sent \$5.00 and Sunday Vallie gave \$3.00.)

*Give us a large number of letters next week.

We kindly thank all those friends and schools for timely help.

Love to all.

Yours fondly,

Uncle Jim.

Clayton, Ala., June 12, 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

I wish you would have your picture in the Corner, I always want to see you when mama tells me about you and reads your letters. We were interested in the driving of “Nick and Ned,” would love to be there to ride. We have lots of blackberries, and we enjoy them so, we hope the little folks with you have plenty of them, too.

Our love and dimes.

Fondly,

J. Newman Denton,

S. E. Denton, Jr.

“Nick” and “Ned” are growing fast, boys, and give the little boys here a time trying to manage them.

Ivor, Va., June 17, 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

I will write and send my dues for June. I stay out doors most all the time now. I don't like to stay in the house much.

Love to you and the cousins.

Stella Presson.

That's the place for rosy cheeks, Stella, and bright eyes too, so let the sun shine on you every minute you can.

Holland, Va., June 22, 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

Please find enclosed my dime for June, which Aunt Gertie gave me. I hope all the little cousins are well and enjoying

cabbage and Irish potatoes. I like Irish potatoes but don't like cabbage. Uncle Jim, I have got six little biddies. I had more, but the hawk caught them.

I will close with much love to you and all the little cousins.

Your little niece,

Maud Lee Howell.

You should have seen the little baby hawks in a nest found by our boys, Maud. They were killed and we tried to get the mother but could not.

LINEVILLE, ALABAMA.

The Singing Convention of Chambers County held its annual session with our church at Pleasant Grove on Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in May. Different singing societies of the county were represented and two days of social intercourse and good nice music were enjoyed by the people of the community. By the way, Bro. Pastor, how is the music at your churches and in your Sunday schools? Would it not be well for us to emphasize this phase of worship more than we do? Every church ought to be well supplied with hymn books and every Sunday school should provide books for the children as well as the older ones. Failure to have song books means poor music, and poor music means very largely a dull, uninteresting service. By all means music ought to be given a large place in the services of the Lord's house—the church. Oftentimes where other things fail to interest and awaken the careless and indifferent, a good, soul-stirring hymn will arouse the attention of the inattentive, cause the inactive to become active and lend spirit and enthusiasm impossible through any other medium.

Saturday during the convention mentioned above was regular preaching day, but the pastor was in North Carolina at that time, consequently no sermon that day. However, Rev. J. H. Milam filled the pulpit Sunday at eleven, and it is reported that he preached an able sermon. Bro. Milam is earnest and zealous in his labors for the cause of Christ.

First Sunday in this month was our regular meeting day at this church. Splendid congregations were present at all the services. Rev. G. D. Hunt was with us Sunday night and seemed at his best in the pulpit. Those who are acquainted with Bro. Hunt know that for him to be at his best means for his hearers to be blessed with a logical, forceful, gospel sermon.

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At New Home our district meeting recently held a most helpful session. The representation from other churches was much larger than that of the previous session, and we had more ministers in attendance also. The spirit of harmony and brotherly kindness prevailed from the opening service to the closing benediction. We feel that much good has been the result of this meeting. The church seemed greatly strengthened and edified by all the services.

Last Sunday was our monthly meeting with this people. We held missionary services which resulted in raising all our Conference assessments for foreign missions. In the morning we organized a Sunday school with prospects for good work being done. This church was organized in 1894 but had never undertaken to carry forward a Sunday school. At this place our weekly prayer meeting is doing fine work. Here our good cause has taken on new life and we feel greatly encouraged because the work goes well.

The work at Macedonia moves on nicely. We have a thriving Sunday school, for which we are very grateful. At this point we have some deeply consecrated workers. When their church calls, they respond. During this year we have been planning for a new house, and now our plans are almost perfected. We hope to begin building some time in July.

Aside from regular work, the writer has been somewhat busy in other fields. It was his privilege to assist Rev. E. M. Carter in revival work at Columbus, Ga., recently. We trust the meeting resulted in good for the church and community.

The fifth Sunday night in May the writer preached to a large and attentive congregation at the M. E. Church of Lineville. The services were very pleasant.

In this section work is abundant. If a man remains idle it is his own fault, for opportunities are large, not only here, but always and everywhere there is something that ought to be done for the Kingdom of God. Some excuse themselves by saying that there is nothing to be done.

How many souls have you led to Christ in 1908? is a pertinent question. This is the last month of the first half of the year. Let him that heareth say come. It is as much a duty of one as another to invite men to come and to entreat them to accept the invitation. Well nigh all show they are constrained to ask men and to beseech men to join their political party and vote for their candidate for political office. It is just as incumbent upon all to thus try to induce men to do. But let us "lift up our eyes and look on the fields" of ripening grain that shall soon run to waste unless we per-

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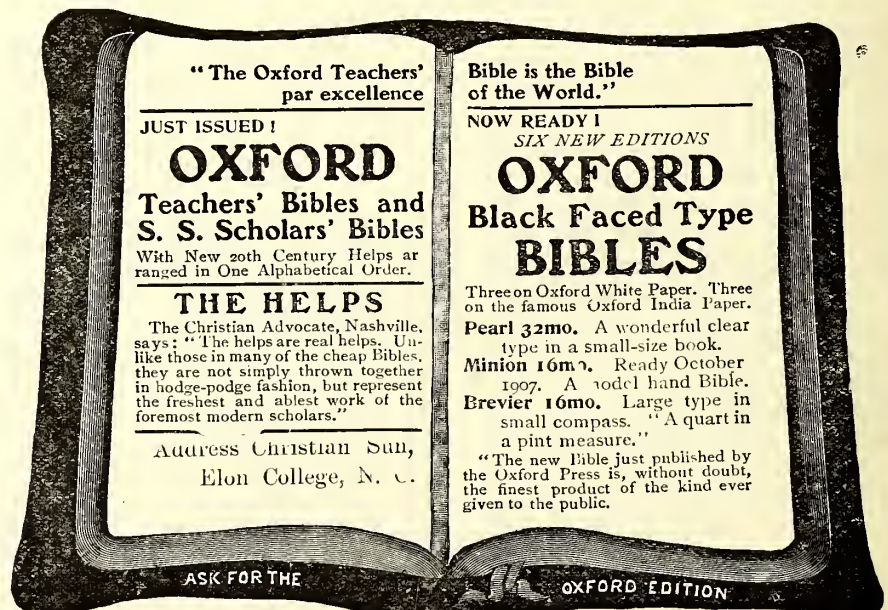
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form our part in the great work of carrying Christ to the lost. The church has not yet accomplished its work, as we might judge from the meager amount of time that some spend in service. There is too much "ease in Zion," consequently the perceptible, pressing need of more zeal, stronger purpose, greater activity and larger endeavor backed up by

an unflinching faith in God. We need a broader comprehension of His word, a little understanding of His will, a deeper spiritual life with a more thorough consecration of hand, head and heart deeply grounded and firmly established in the love of Christ.

G. O. Lankford.

June 16, 1908.

LA GRANGE, GA., LETTER: AN ACCOUNT OF A GOOD REVIVAL.

Our revival meeting began here June 4th and ended June 14th. We had with us at the beginning of our meeting Bros. B. F. Young and L. Willingham, of Columbus, Ga., from the Sunday following Bro. Leon Smith, from Elon College.

In the beginning of these services there were ten prayers offered, all of them founded on the same basis. This was to revive the church and convert the unconverted.

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The meeting started off well at the beginning and reached its climax Sunday night when the house was so full that there was not standing room. There were at each of these services from 500 to 1,000 people. We had 38 additions to the church, baptized 24, several others were converted and recommended to other churches. We had an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, one of the greatest ever known in LaGrange. Among those who joined the church were several grown up men who were already in good standing and some feel like our church is twice as strong now as it was. Bro. Leon Smith preached at each evening service and his sermons were very touching and interesting. Bro. Smith is making a very favorable impression on the people here at La Grange. Bro. Young is our pastor. He is one of the greatest revivalists we have in all of our churches. He always has good results because he goes to God for his help.

I write this so that the readers of the Sun may know what we are doing in the way of church work and what we are enjoying in the way of spiritual uplift. We purpose to have another meeting in the early fall. I ask the readers of the Sun to pray for us to have a better meeting than the one we have just closed.

M. J. Holman.

La Grange, Ga., June 16, 1908.

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After the ceremony the happy couple left for New York where they expected to spend the honeymoon sight-seeing. They will reside in Berkley on their return.

The groom is one of our prosperous business men and here is wishing for their future happiness.

M. L. Bryant.

Tasker-Kelly.

On June 18th, at four thirty o'clock, Mr. Charles A. Tasker and Miss Fannie A. Kelly were united in the bonds of matrimony. The ceremony was performed in the parlors of Mrs. G. B. Randolph, with whom the bride was making her home. Quite a host of friends gathered to witness the marriage. Miss Elizabeth Pierce acted as maid of honor and Mr. George Randolph, as best man.

Immediately after the ceremony the couple left for Washington and points North.

Their future home will be in Washington, where the groom is in business.

Here is hoping for them happiness and prosperity.

Ceremony performed by the writer.

M. L. Bryant.

Creekmore-Dozier.

Berea Christian Church (Norfolk Co.), Va., was the scene of a pretty marriage on the evening of June 17th, when Miss Lizzie Jane Dozier became the bride of John Edward Creekmore, of the county. They were attended by Miss Cora Dozier, sister of the bride, and Joseph W. Waterfield. The bride carried bride-roses. Miss Hila Hill, the church organist, presided at the organ. The church was tastefully decorated with potted plants and cut flowers. A reception was given at the home of the groom in which a large number of invited friends participated. May the blessings of Heaven attend them through life.

J. W. Harrell.

Portsmouth, Va.

Oliver H. P. Belmont, a famous New York society club man and millionaire, died at his home in Hempstead, L. I., June 10th, at the age of 50.

DIED.

Bracy.

At her home near Antioch Christian Church, Isle County, Va., Mrs. Mary Virginia Bracy, aged about 70 years. She was a member of the Church for 30 years and before her death expressed hopes of eternal life. She leaves a husband, four children and four grandchildren who are saddened by her death. Funeral services were conducted by the writer at the home in the presence of many sympathizing friends.

Drake.

At her home in Wakefield, Va., April 17, 1904, Mrs. Harriet Drake, aged 57 years, one month and seventeen days. She was sick only a few days but pneumonia soon proved fatal. She joined Barrett's Christian Church at the age of fifteen and remained a member there until Burton's Grove was organized and then became a charter member at Burtons Grove, where she continued a faithful member until her death. She was a faithful Christian, loyal to her church, and always seemed to exercise a strong faith in God. Her husband with whom she lived in married life for 39 years died about two years ago. In their death the church has lost two of its most loyal members.

Funeral services were conducted in Wakefield Christian Church in the presence of a large gathering of friends and loved ones, by the writer. The deceased leaves no children but leaves a large number of friends who were made sad by their death.

R. H. Peel.

FIELD NOTES.

Having completed my literary work for this scholastic year, I wish to make a partial report of my pastoral charges. During the year I have had the following churches: Ramseur first Sunday, Graham second and fourth Sundays, O'Kelley's Chapel third Sunday. This seems a very hard task, taken with a regular college course, when one thinks of it, but it is in real service that one finds real pleasure, and I am sure that any minister that has as loyal a people to serve as I, that he no longer thinks of his work as a task but a real pleasure and mutual benefit.

I would like to speak a word of appreciation to each of my churches for the encouragement, loyal support and hearty cooperation during the past and present conference years in my struggle for honest Christian service, and too would I speak of the very great kindness recently shown their pastor, that of relieving him of his pastoral duties for a month or

more during the summer, thus allowing him the privilege of visiting his home and Georgia friends again, which I assure them will be a very great pleasure, and one greatly appreciated.

My work as a whole is in very good condition and we are hoping for a better day when the time for our revival comes. However, we have not been waiting till now to begin thinking about the best interest of our church, but have been up and doing things, preparing for better service and better places in which to serve. For instance, at O'Kelly's Chapel, for quite a while, we have been struggling to repair our church building. At first the proposed plans of the committee in charge seemed almost impossible, but feeling that the work must be done, those who loved the church kept struggling and pressing on with faith and implicit confidence in Him who has the ability to do. So we finally saw the proposed plans about perfected. The building now stands with large Gothic head windows, neatly painted; snow white and trimmed in a dark slate color, making as we think a very pretty appearance. The inside walls are nicely papered, the new pulpit and new benches add much to the comfort of both the preacher and those who attend.

We heartily appreciate and wish to thank all those who have contributed to such a noble cause. Especially do Mrs. J. H. Massey, Mrs. Winston Upchurch, and Miss Ula Parrish deserve praise for their continued and successful efforts in soliciting and collecting funds to meet the financial side of the question. The work cost us, together with two nice stoves, something over four hundred dollars, and it is all paid for, we are glad to say.

We have good Sunday school at all the churches. The Graham school contributes one dollar monthly to the Orphanage, and Ramseur makes occasional contributions.

Fortunately for myself and the churches, I have secured for them the services of Dr. J. U. Newman and Rev. J. L. Foster during my absence.

Hope to meet my churches by the middle of July.

Fraternally,

L. E. Smith.

La Grange, Ga., 296 Whitesville St.

TEACHER-TRAINING AND OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS.

Our Greensboro Convention in providing for the preparation of a course for Sunday school teacher-training made it the duty of the Sunday school committee of the Convention to launch the course

when it shall have been published and to have general supervision of it; to place the book in our schools, to give directions for its use, to hold examinations on the course when any teacher-training class or individual teacher may desire it, and to award diplomas to those who have successfully completed the course.

This was a wise provision, because it gives system to the work, and system is absolutely necessary to the successful management of the course. The chairman of the Sunday school committee is Prof. S. M. Smith, of Raleigh, N. C., and a more suitable man for the launching of the course when it shall be completed it would be hard to find. He has had experience in teaching teacher-training classes and is an enthusiast for such work. There can be no doubt that he will do his work to the delight and satisfaction of all.

But he must have certain facts before he can work intelligently. I write this note asking the officers of our various Sunday school Conventions throughout the bounds of the Southern Christian Convention to see to it that every Sunday school is represented in the approaching convention of their respective conferences, at least by letter, and that the true address of the superintendent or secretary of each school be given, or both, so that the Sunday school committee of the convention may know to whom to write when they get ready to launch the Teacher-Training Course, which is now under way and will we hope be ready for distribution early in the fall.

Please do not let this request go unheeded. If any school is not represented by letter or delegate, ask some one from a nearby school and thus ascertain, if possible, the addresses and names of these two officers. To do this, will greatly assist the Sunday school committee in the outset of its campaign for better trained teachers among us. To fail to do so, will be to cripple the efforts of this committee at a time when all the help of all our people will be needed in order to full and ripe success.

The interests of the Sunday school conventions and of the Teacher-Training course are one and the same. It would not be a bad idea therefore to have at least one address at our approaching conventions on the problem of the training of Sunday school teachers for larger and better service.

W. A. Harper,

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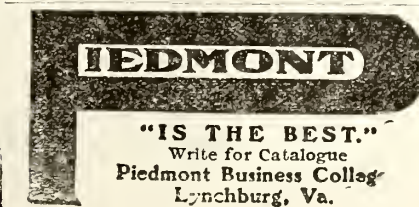
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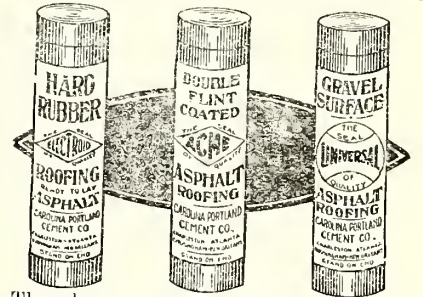
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