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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Decrease of Drunkenness. Recently we gave a contrast in these columns between the number of arrests for drunkenness in an Alabama town before prohibition was enacted and after, in which the decrease was not only marked but marvelous. It is always so. Prohibition does not prohibit, but it does evermore decrease drunkenness and lawlessness of all kind.

The police court of Atlanta, Georgia, the metropolis of the South, had before it in January, 1907, 1,663 prisoners, 341 of whom were charged with drunkenness. That was the January before prohibition went into effect. In January of 1908, there were 768 prisoners before the Atlanta court of whom 64 were charged with drunkenness. This is a decrease of 895 arrests in one month and a decrease in one month of 277 drunk—a total decrease of 80 per cent. Prohibition does not prohibit, but it does evermore decrease.

But these figures do not tell half. The most noisy and riotous places in Atlanta before prohibition came are now quiet, orderly and engaged in honest and profitable business. And thousands of dollars that had previously been spent there for liquor, lawlessness, and unhappiness, are now spent for the necessaries, comforts and conveniences of life.

When and where prohibition prevails then and there drunkenness and lawlessness decrease, and that very materially.

Excusing Sin and Folly. No man ever committed a sin but that he thought there was, in his case, an excuse for it, or was ever guilty of a folly but that he considered it, "in this one instance," wisdom. You simply cannot find the individual who sins without, what is to him, some valid excuse.

Here is one Rev. Thomas M. Smith of New Jersey who has quit the ministry to devote his time to breeding and raising throughbred dogs. He hadn't thought to give up the ministry entirely for dog raising, but his church members criticised him rather severely for captur-

ing at the fairs and shows, several prizes with his fine canines. "He retorted that his taking prizes on his dogs was no worse than for his church members to take prizes on bridge whist," and therefore, resigned his charge.

The argument was conclusive in that one instance at any rate.

(By the way, if he could not induce his members to quit playing bridge whist, did he after all make a bad exchange—for dogs will not play bridge whist.)

Every man justifies his choosing and his conduct by an argument that seems logical and plausible to him. A keen and an enlightened conscience is worth more in keeping a man to the right than all the logic and argument under the sun.

The Weight of Dollars.—No man who has a heart or a conscience can have money without feeling the weight of it. Evermore does wealth carry responsibility. The rich are not as light hearted, and as fancy free, as one might suppose. The weight of their wealth is upon them. This weight ties them to toil and study and deep solicitude. Man must work hard to achieve wealth, and then for the balance of his days, walk with the weight of it upon him. Do not forget that men pay, in nervous energy, or mental effort, for the high privileges attained in this life.

A thought of this will drive away envy, grudge, or ill-will. There are in the world inequalities, but my no means as great and glaring as at first might appear. Circumstances differ, and cause divergence in financial and mental attainment. No man enjoys all the privileges; no rank forms a monopoly on all pleasures. If your fellows enjoy some privileges which you do not, be it known that you enjoy some which they do not.

Poverty has its sting, wealth its eternal weight. After all more depends upon what is in the heart than upon what is in the hand. The rich have anxieties and responsibilities that the poor never know. Happy is he who can be content with his lot and envy no man of what he has.

BRAINS AND ENERGY.

In 1904 the Democrats nominated John Johnson for Governor of Minnesota. There seemed no chance for his election,

But about ten days before the vote some one sent out a circular which said that his father died in the poorhouse, and his mother took in washing. His party friends said that he must deny the story, but he answered, "I can't."

Then the reporters looked into his history, and this was the story they found to be true:

About fifty years ago a blacksmith named Gustav Johnson came from Sweden and settled in Minnesota. In his native land he had become a heavy drinker and he emigrated to this country in the hope that he could reform. A few years he did so, and married a Swedish girl, Catherine Haden, who had come to this country alone. For a few years the blacksmith earned a living for his wife and the children that came. Then the awful thirst for rum came back, and he went from bad to worse, and sank so low that the authorities placed him in the poor-house, where after a few years he died. Mrs. Johnson was left with six children to support. John, the oldest, was only twelve years of age, but he insisted on quitting school that he might help. He got a job in a grocery store, at forty cents a day, which he turned over to his mother, and found time to deliver "laundry" washed and ironed by the mother and also to deliver newspapers on the "carrier's route." After two years of this he got a place in a drug store at a little higher wage. From that time his mother quit taking in washing and John supported the family. In the next years three of the little sisters died and John was in debt to the undertaker. While working in the drug store he studied history, drawing books from the public library near by. He also became a licensed chemist. After nine years in the drug store he became a journalist in Saint Peter, Minn. There he succeeded. When this story became public the people with one accord supported him, and he overcame the other party, which before had had a great majority.

He had brains, energy and a noble spirit, and he loved his mother. He has made so good a governor that many people would like to see him President of the United States.—N. Y. Christian Advocate.

THE MOUNTAINS OF THE BIBLE. I.

A few weeks ago I was reading a late address of the great mountain climber of the Himalaya Mountains, and was fascinated by the charm of his modesty, as well as that natural attraction which the overcoming of difficulties always presents. He stated that he believed that the top of the highest peak there could never be reached by climbing.

It is unnecessary to repeat his convincing scientific reasoning. But the mere statement of his opinion excited the desire to prove that it could be done; that is, that he was in error in announcing that anything was impossible, that depended on endurance of suffering, foresight and earnest endeavor.

There are mountains more important than the Himalayas; some of those mentioned in the Bible. They have interest from their height and from their associations. And they are very hard to climb. But when the summit of a certain one of them is reached the spiritual athlete is nearer the Great White Throne than one may be who reaches the top of Everest. Let us take a trip to these mountains of the Bible, without leaving our quite, comfortable homes; taking down a book here and there from our library shelves, and studying the maps and the records of travel and history. It is an age of excursions. This trip will not cost us anything worth saving; only that which it is advantageous to lose. The best guide book may be the Holy Bible. The best guide may be the Holy Spirit. Let us yield to the gentle influence; and subdue somewhat the desires for human adventure.

We need not stop at ARARAT: for the Bible itself does not speak of any single mountain as that memorable stepping stone from the antediluvian world to the new; the language there describes the ark as resting "upon the mountain of Ararat," as if Ararat were then a region, rather than a mountain.

And this wise arrangement of Providence has so well prevented the idolatry that would probably have resulted from certainty as to the peak, that mountains as far apart as those of the Caucasus and Ceylon, Armenia and Afghanistan, or northern India, have been selected as the one from which Noah's family descended. But if we accept the double peak in Armenia, whose highest point is 17,230 feet above the sea, capped with eternal ice and snow, not sealed until 1829 by Dr. Parrot, as the right-mountain, we will have legend and tradition to support us. The conical symmetry and sunlight glory of this mountain, looking from whose sides other mountains seem like hills, make it look well

like a landmark; and we can easily imagine that from its foot-hills the tide of migration naturally flowed early southward to the fertile plain of Babel.

Let us go now to Horeb, the "Mount of God," between the two arms of the Red Sea, one of which the Israelites crossed by the help of God in their escape from the bondage of Egypt. It was there that God gave the ten commandments to men, by the hand of Moses. It is the mountain to which Elijah went forty days and forty nights, in his great flight from the land where his duty lay. And it was there that God asked him, "What doest thou here, Elijah?" Generations earlier, Moses, who also had fled from the land of duty, after having killed an Egyptian, led his flocks near the foot of this mountain, and saw a bush that burned with fire and was not consumed.

It is distinguished as no other height in the history of the world, except Mount Calvary, and that other elevation where Jesus delivered that discourse called the Sermon on the Mount.

How strange it is that the exact location of all of these mountains is somewhat uncertain; although events happened on them that have influenced the destinies of the world more than any other! It must be that the same Jehovah that has ever veiled his face, the same Jehovah that prevented any likeness of his Son Jesus from being preserved by his disciples, has carefully kept uncertain to us the exact spot of the ratification of the Old Covenant and the New Covenant; influenced by the same motives that caused him to keep secret the grave of his servant Moses.

But the tract in which Horeb of Sinai must have stood, is a wild, dreary and barren region. There are crags and precipices, separated by sandy defiles so narrow that they seem to make the opposing cliffs frown on each other; all desolate and terrific. There are springs and streams flowing among the crags, where, probably, the thousands of Israelites while waiting for the law secured water for their flocks and herds. Some traveler, whose name I have forgotten, without doubt concerning this part of Arabia Petraea, said, "It would seem as if Arabia Petraea had once been an ocean of lava, and while its waves were running mountains high, it was suddenly commanded to stand still."

Thus, blackened peaks of naked granite, stand sentinel over sheer precipices more than a thousand feet in height. In one place we may pass through a wild defile into a level plain, two miles long by two thirds of a mile in width. Here we may assume that Sinai frowns down: for the conditions of the Bible

history may here be met. The plain comes to the foot of the abrupt mountain, that might be "touched," or not, according to the commandment of the Lord. The desolate cliffs surrounding this space so suitable for a camp for many thousand, must have lent help to Moses in his effort to bring the Israelites into disposition of awe and reverence, suitable for receiving the law that has become the "constitution of the civilized world."

From the higher parts of these mountains can be seen both arms of the Red Sea, a part of Egypt, whose mighty army had so lately disappeared in the waters, and territory within a few days' journey of Jerusalem. I have sometimes wondered if Moses, when looking from those high peaks, did not gaze fixedly and long into Egypt (with that eye that even forty years afterwards was "not dim"), to discover the movements of new Egyptian armies mobilized and hurried this time to compass the Gulf of Suez, and fall upon the Hebrews while still in this desolate region between the two arms of the Red Sea, to bring them back again into bondage. For on these heights Moses spent days and weeks, during which the Egyptians might have gathered fresh troops for renewed pursuit of the Israelites, had not the terrible calamity to the military and to the dynasty related in the book of Exodus awed the nation into deep fear of their escape slaves lingering mysteriously so long so near their borders.

On these peaks, from which Moses might look into Egypt, he lingered long and often. But probably it was only now and then that he looked into the land of bondage: for around him the trumpet was sounding, the lightning was flashing, and the thunder of God was rolling. From the midst of scenes of sublimity the ten commandments were coming. Here probably was Sinai; no forests or villages among its bleak crags, towering upward 7,500 feet. The mountain rose abruptly from the plain; but must not be "touched. The awe of the Israelites, caused by that commandment combined with the trumpet blasts, the lighting flashes and the thunder roars of the mountain, gradually died away in the long waiting for Moses to come down. Though the mountain smoked and trembled, and the glory of the Lord covered it, imperceptibly the feelings of fear in the hearts of the Israelites died away, and the merely carnal sense asserted itself in the thought that all the impressive phenomena of the mountain were only the effect of natural causes; and possibly Moses himself, in the mountain's convulsions, (that might reasonably be attributed to volcanic activity,) might

have lost his life. At least, the Israelites wearily said, "As for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we know not what is become of him." The time had been so long! They forgot that before Moses had brought them to Horeb, he had smitten the rock at Rephidim, not far away, and water had come for them and their flocks in time of need. They did not reason that the God who had been their salvation in distress would continue to protect them; they "knew not what had become of Moses." They had trusted in man, and the man had disappeared. Man will always disappear, if he is our final reliance. If we trust in man, or his sciences, or his achievements, or his riches, or his intellect, or his prestige, the time will come of weariness, of loss, and bewilderment. The Israelites had lost Moses. They made a golden calf, and worshiped it at the foot of Horeb, on whose heights Moses was communing with the Lord.

But Moses returned. He ground the calf to powder. The fury of the prophet subdued the people again. And there they stayed, at the foot of the mountain, though they had made a god to travel before them. They stayed at the foot of that mountain; they who wanted to travel; they who were progressive and modern. They knew that the most learned men of Egypt honored calves. They felt like being learned and cultured; and desired to escape from the superstition of honoring God whose existence they could not prove by material demonstrations. To honor an invisible God seemed so much like believing in ghosts and fairies; and they chose to worship something material. That was the real reason why they had made a golden calf.

But Moses ground it to powder, and made them drink it. He gave them (solid) liquid proof that they had just had a god. And then he left them again and went up into the mountain. And they had nothing that they could see, that they could worship: for Moses in his anger at their making a god whose existence could scientifically be proved, dashed against the rocks of Horeb the tables of divine law he had brought down.

But later, Moses came again down from that mountain with law on stone; "a law cloud-embroidered; a law fire-begirt;" a law stony in terms, angular with negatives, like a bullet in its directness of piercing. It did not carry along in itself the proof that it had come from God; but it was not unworthy of God. And if that law of Horeb were everywhere obeyed the human family would live on a level not far below the

angels, and the world would again become a garden of Eden.

And Mount Horeb, with all its desolation, shines with the glory of the decalogue. The earth is illuminated with Sinai's stony brightness. Its beams and rays shine over all Christian lands, made softer and sweeter year by year and century after century by the radiance descending from Calvary's lowly light, that somehow seems to mingle and temper and subdue Horeb's stony glare; so that the law of stone becomes a commandment of affection. And we can more easily walk in heaven's light, shining through the loving death of Jesus.

Now let us go to Mount Nebo, and Mount Hor. No; let us take that excursion on another trip, and go more slowly and tread more softly: for they are the death chambers of two prophets, Aaron and Moses.

J. J. Summerbell.

Dayton, Ohio.

THE LOST PIECE OF MONEY.

The church is the agency through which the Holy Spirit does its work of mercy. In this parable the church is personified as a woman; the piece of money is the soul, stamped with the image of the Great King (Gen. 1:27), as the silver, gold, or copper was with that of the emperor or other ruler. The candle is the word of God, held forth by the church, and by whose light sinners are found and each one is precious in the Lord's sight as the silver money is to the merchant. The woman sweeps the house when searching for the lost piece, and raises the dust of selfish ease, and calls out such remarks as these in Acts, where it is said the Apostles were charged with having turned the world upside down, as the church is always doing, while searching for sinners.

The woman confesses that she lost the piece of silver, as if she had contributed to the loss through negligence, and called her female friends and neighbors together (see Ruth 4, 14, 17; Prov. 4:3), and it is supposed by some that they were angels. In the Epistle to the Corinthians the term angels is applied to certain redeemed members of the church. In the book of Job it is said "that sons of God" shouted for joy and sang together at the creation, and in the parable of the Lost sheep that "there is joy in heaven over a repentant sinner;" so in this parable there is rejoicing, but it is here on the earth. Some suppose that the joy here referred to is in a group of the invisible angels who are sent into the earth to minister to the heirs of salvation, and who belong to a higher race. There are several thoughts which group around this lesson.

The lighted candle is peculiar to this parable, and indicates that the church needs help—the help of the truth, which the light signifies—for the search. The candle is the Word. The image of the golden candlestick and its mystic explanation are familiar to students of the Old Testament. Among the furniture of the tabernacle and the temple, candles and candlesticks are used; also in the Revelation of John.

The spirit is the maker of the word, and its light the truth, and is therefore the truth searches, the church as the woman being only means to an end. Christ is the light of the world, and therefore He it is who searches for and finds lost pieces from the spiritual treasury. Sweeping the dust away that may have covered the piece of silver was necessary as a part of the process of finding it. Whether covered with dust or hidden by tarnishing, the searcher must still sweep. It was silver that was lost, and intrinsically precious; valuable, even when lost, and although more useful when restored, yet no more worth than before. The light of the candle and the divine glory still illuminate the world.

D. C. Gollady.

Timberville, Va.

PRAYER.

Prayer is the key to heaven's door. If we ever gain heaven it will be by faith and prayer. Nothing can give us more strength for the battle of life, nothing such sweet peace as going to God in simple, earnest, trustful prayer, and leave all our troubles with him.

What is sweeter than the joy of answered prayer? When we go to Him, feeling that no one cares for us; when the clouds hang heavy over us; when our hearts are burdened, then comes the real satisfaction. God has compassion, gives comfort to the broken hearts and wipes the tears from those who trust and obey Him.

No one can comfort like the loving Savior, who himself suffered and died that we might live. It is the opinion of the writer that a praying man or woman will never be lost if the right kind of prayer is offered. The sweetest hours of my own life were spent in secret prayer. No wonder we love to sing, "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Pardon a personal incident. I had a very affectionate friend who was taken very sick and I could not visit or minister unto her. So I went to God in prayer and asked him to restore my friend. I left the place of prayer feeling that God would surely answer my prayer. Ten days from that very night my friend was well and

at her accustomed place again. Surely God will answer. His great loving heart cannot refuse to hear the prayer of a true child of His. But when we go to Him in earnest prayer, He listens to our faintest whisper. God hears and answers prayer.

Nora W.

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

In the acknowledgements recently by Dr. W. S. Long of amounts received for the M. L. Hurley monument fund, by mistake Rev. J. L. Foster was credited in The Sun with \$10.00 when it should have been \$1.00.

It is planned to hold a great mass meeting of the citizens of Alamance county at the court house in Graham N. C., first Monday in April in behalf of the prohibition movement now on in this State. Everybody in the county who wants to see the saloon voted out on May 26, should be present at Graham Monday.

The Christian Reminder, a four page folder, issued every week by the First Christian Church, Dayton, O. carries much matter of interest about our Church and its missions and organizations in Dayton. Miss Bettie A. Stephenson, known to Sun readers is church assistant in the Dayton First church and contributes much to The Reminder.

No offense whatever is intended by the letters and statements we are sending to our subscribers these days. April 1 the law goes into effect that those in appears as much, or more than, one year must be cut off, and we want all our dear friends of The Sun family to have full warning and good opportunity to renew. Brethren, send in your renewal at once.

Since there art no doubt many of our readers who do not understand fully the why and wherefore of the Appalachian Park Reserve matter about which much is being written and said, and about which our national government is now interested to the extent of legislation and proposed purchase, we give on another page of this week's Sun a detailed statement of the matter as presented to us by the Geological Survey of N. C. It makes interesting reading; and what the valid objection can be to establishing such a Park we cannot understand. For one we favor the Appalachian Park Reserve and trust the bill now pending before Congress, or one as good, will be made law.

What would a church paper, and other church enterprises do without the dear good women in Israel? They not only help with their dollars but with their

kind and cheering words as well. Before us now lies a letter from one of these friends reading like this "I greatly appreciate the improvements in The Sun. I enjoy The Sun so much and am very glad to send herewith my \$1.50 to renew for another year."

Another one reads thus "My time is not out yet but I love to renew for my church paper in advance. Enclosed is \$1.50. I love The Christian Sun and cannot be without it in our home." Thanks again and again dear friends. The friendly dollars are necessary, and the good words are edifying.

Some weeks ago we stated in this column that "two of our aged and infirm ministers, now too feeble to work, were behind in paying their subscription to The Sun and were unable to take The Sun longer, though both loved their church paper and desired it." In response to that, a letter is before me from a dear good sister at Hurdle's Mill, N. C. "Enclosed find \$3.00, of which \$1.50 is for my renewal, the other \$1.50 for renewal of one of the aged ministers of whom you wrote in The Sun recently. I think I can enjoy reading my Sun better the coming year if I know these faithful servants (whom I do not know) can have their paper also."

If any brother or sister now wishes to renew for the other one I am sure it will be gratefully received, and I will cancel the back account.

Pity that our "Disciples" brethren are not satisfied with their own denominational name and very obnoxiously endeavor to filch from us the good name we as a Christian people have chosen and are trying to maintain in the world. One is reminded of Shakespear's trite and true saying:

Who steals my purse, steals trash,
'Twas mine: 'tis his, tomorrow 'tis
no man's.

But he who filches from me my good
name

Robs me of that which not enriches him
And leaves me poor indeed.

Now our Disciples friends purloin our name to the extent of sending their appeals through the mails for money for missions and their various enterprises to our people and our churches. A good sister has recently sent a letter received from "Christian Woman's Board of Missions," Indianapolis Ind. begging for \$10.00 to aid in the work of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions." If the sister had not known that our Christian Mission Board was at Dayton O. she might have been deceived. The Disciples church and the Christian church are quite different—in name, teaching and belief.

We are pleased indeed to have again in The Sun a "Norfolk Letter," thanks to Pastor Ryan. Norfolk letters used to occur in The Sun every week and were read with deep interest and profit. We shall expect Bro. Ryan to keep The Sun family informed of Norfolk church news and items which are of interest to many Sun readers.

NORFOLK LETTER.

Bro. Atkinson: I have been a little slow about reporting the work at Memorial Christian Temple. The work is going on very well. We have been waiting to get our hearings and find out where we are. After four months of work we see every reason to be encouraged. The good people of The Temple are very good to us and as we see things they are earnest Christians with a supreme desire to serve God and honor Him in all these ways. Jan. 1st we begun a series of meetings and surely God blessed us for many were constrained to renew their covenant with Him. There were thirty-five professed conversions, and seventeen joined the church. Sunday, Feb. 16, we baptized twelve of God's children at the close of the preaching services.

Both the prayer meeting and C. E. are well attended and good work is being done. The S. S. under the supervision of our new Supt., D. J. Bowden, is doing well. Last Sunday evening it was necessary to open the S. S. room to accommodate the people that attended the service. Though we lost a large part of our financial strength in the organization of the Third Church, yet at the official board meeting tonight it was discovered that the church was never in a better financial condition.

All our hearts were made sad last week because of the death of our dear sister, Mrs. M. J. W. White. She was one of God's noble women.

We began a meeting at the Third church tonight and expect tomorrow to have with us Rev. J. W. Yantis, of Ansonia, Ohio, who without doubt will be called to take charge of the work. The work there is doing nicely, considering that we can only give them afternoon services. The S. S. there yesterday numbered eighty-five which is the high water mark.

We hope very soon to have a pastor in charge. Eleven of the Christian ministers of Tidewater Virginia spent the day, today in our study and we are always glad to see them. May God bless our dear old church everywhere.

Your Bro,

C. C. Ryan.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONS.

To the Sunday-school pupils of the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference:—

In the Sundayschool lesson of March 1, when we studied how our Savior fed five thousand men besides women and children, did you stop to think what a glorious part the boy played? He must have been a good boy—one who was deeply impressed by the preaching, teaching and healing powers of our Master. He was no doubt on his way to the Passover at Jerusalem and his mother had given him the five loaves and two fishes as a lunch until he could get to some town or to some relative's house. It was all he had and yet when Christ had need of it, he freely gave it to him—gave all he had. That was an unselfish act, that was Christlike. Not all boys would be so generous or charitable. But this boy was charitable to the extent that he gave all he had to the Master and by his charity has set an example to boys and girls in all succeeding ages, has set an example to you, the boys and girls and young people of the Sunday-schools of the N. C. and Va., Christian Conference.

This boy helped his Savior perform a great miracle and has immortalized himself thereby. This it seems to me ought to be a great encouragement to you young people of our conference. His example ought to encourage you to do something for the Master's kingdom. If you cannot furnish the loaves and fishes to feed five thousand, you can at least exhibit the unselfish, Christlike spirit and give of your means to advance his kingdom and carry the blessed light and sacred comforts of our holy religion to those that have it not.

It is sometimes said in our conferences and truly so that our Sunday-schools are not doing their duty. (The same can be said with justice of many of our churches.) We know of a truth that our Sundayschool Convention has all but failed of its purpose. Why? I believe it is because our schools have proceeded on the basis that they exist for themselves. Any organization, more especially a Christian organization, is doomed to failure when it begins to exist for itself. If our Sundayschools are to grow and prosper and be the great force they ought to be, we must make them decentered, not self-centered—we must make them unselfish, charitable, Christlike, missionary. We believe our Sundayschools ought to do some definite Christian work, that they ought to give of themselves and their means for the lengthening and the broadening of the borders of our Zion. We believe that they will when the opportunity is afforded.

This was the view taken of the matter by the Home Mission Committee of our last year's Conference at Hines' Chapel. This Committee recommended as follows:—"That whereas our Sunday-schools are doing no special work looking to spiritual training in giving for the cause of the Master and His church, this committee suggests that Conference ask our various Sundayschools to contribute ten or five cents per member for a Home Mission Fund, and that this fund be used to establish mission churches, distinct from the churches aided by the Home Mission Fund of the Conference, in the bounds of our Conference, as memorials of the missionary efforts of the Sunday schools, and further that those Sundayschools which comply with this request shall be supplied with memorial by the President and Secretary of Conference, which they may display in their schools as an encouragement to further missionary efforts."

Now Sunday-school scholars, the opportunity is before you of doing work for your Master and his kingdom. Will you accept it? The door of opportunity stands ajar. Will you enter in? You know what a grand and glorious work the children of the Southern Christian Convention have done in building and maintaining the Christian Orphanage. Why should not the Sunday-school scholars of our Conference unite their efforts and raise money to extend our bounds to places where Christian churches are sorely needed, but cannot supply for the lack of funds? Winston-Salem, Reidsville, Mebane, and other places are in need of our people, but we cannot go there. Will the children not meet this call of the Conference through its Home Mission Committee and thus enable us to give these places our attention? They can do so, they ought to do so, and I have faith to believe that they will do so, provided they have the proper encouragement and efficient leadership.

I, as president of the N. C., and Va., Christian Conference, call upon the superintendents, secretaries, treasurers and teachers of our Sunday-schools, to become encouragers and leaders in this work, to take this matter up with their schools and to see that the money comes up from their schools to the next Conference at Longs' Chapel. I call upon the officers of our Sunday-school Convention for the sake of our cause and the continuance of the convention's life to help in every way they can to stir up an interest, a lively, living fruit-bearing interest in this matter. I especially call upon our ministers, who are our leaders in all such matters as is just and fitting, to throw the weight of their influence on the side of this call and to labor with

us, the laymen, to the end that it shall be met in the name and the spirit of Christ.

And I make this prediction. Those churches which respond to this call, which meet this opportunity for Christian service face to face and with the whole heart in Christ's spirit, will flourish and prosper as never before and that those churches which disregard it and continue in the old, beaten path of selfpreservation will continue to be half-dead and half-alive, if they do not wholly perish. And what warrant do I have for saying this? I say it because I have noticed that the churches that give most for missions are the best, largest, and happiest churches, that they prosper more in this world's goods and ways and enjoy more of the real spiritual life; whereas those that are anti-missionary or non-missionary are either dead, stagnant, or dying. I make this prediction further because the Word of God teaches me that the tree that bringeth not forth fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire and burned.

I appeal, therefore, to one and to all, to minister and officer of Sunday-schools, officer of the Sunday-school Convention, laymen, Sunday-school scholar, to all who love the cause of Christ and its prospering, to do everything in their power to get the Sunday schools to take hold of this matter and to encourage them to prosecute it to a successful completion, that their own church, Sunday-school, and community may prosper in things temporal and spiritual and that other communities which desire these blessings but have them not as yet, may have them in the near future.

Sunday-school scholars, remember the boy in the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand and consider if you would not like to help feed on things spiritual, some of the many thousands that are today in dire need of the Gospel and hungering and thirsting after the holy religion of Christ.

W. A. Harper.

President N. C. and Va. Christian Conf.

Rev. W. D. Harward, Norfolk, Va, has been in the clutches of the "grip" and understands the meaning of that word now. He is improved and at work again. We trust his helpful and inspiring articles on foreign missions will begin in *The Sun* again shortly.

President W. D. Samuel, Piqua, O. of the American Christian Convention, we regret to learn has been quite ill of late, but is better now. Also the beloved and venerable T. M. McWhinney D. D., Yellow Springs, O. has been suffering severely with "grip" and has been quite low, but at last accounts was convalescent.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

First Quarter, Lesson XI, March 15,
1908; Jesus Heals A Man Born Blind.
John 9.

Golden Text, I am the light of the world, John 9.5.

We are at the feast of the Tabernacles. Jesus had gone there for a brief visit to offer himself once more at the capital as the Messiah. He is nearly 33 years old and it was about six months before his crucifixion. Of the six miracles connected with blindness which are recorded in the Gospels this is the only one described as blindness from birth. In this lies its special characteristic. And according to the latest authorities, persons so afflicted are incurable. Blindness is especially frequent in the East. In our own country there is one blind person in 1,900 population. In Europe one in 1,094. There is in China one in 400 and in Egypt one in every 100. Blindness is common in Palestine to such degree that western lands can scarcely realize. The causes are attributed 1st to sudden changes in temperature and light. 2nd The intense brightness of the sun. 3rd The dust in the air in those countries.

Causes of blindness from birth are as rare in the East as in the countries of the west. Hence this was sure to attract attention. This man was blind hopeless and helpless—a beggar by the gates of Jerusalem. The prevailing belief in the blind man's day was that every affliction is the direct punishment for some special sin. Jesus answered this by saying neither has this man sinned nor his parents.

The blind man's case was a type of the sinner. In utter darkness, incurable and helpless. Jesus sees him and, with compassion makes a salve with clay and spittle, and anoints the man's eyes bidding him "go wash in the pool of Siloam. This was a test of his faith and obedience. When this had been done the man received his sight

This restoration or rather giving of sight to the blind man was an enacted parable of redemption. This miracle is a sign and proof and parable of his work of enlightening the world, and also the method he often uses in curing spiritual darkness. He uses means as an aid to a spiritual cure. The means were very simple, such as in themselves could not work a cure.

The cure was discussed among the acquaintances of the man and among the rulers. They made an attempt to discredit the facts and to prove that the cure was impossible. The result of their attempts was the establishment more firmly of the facts and additional proofs to Jesus' Messiahship.

This man was a type of the sinner; the Jewish nation; and of every nation that refuses to put righteousness before all outward prosperity. The belief that this man's affliction was visited upon him for some special sin and Jesus's reply should teach to guard against the temptation to both misjudge ourselves and others in the shadow of misfortune and affliction.

God can make good to grow out of trouble, so that the trouble will scarcely be realized. Jesus is the light of the world by shining with heaven's light upon men and by opening their eyes to the light that is shining.

G. W. T.

BIBLE STUDY IN YOUTH.

(A Bible reading.)

(Lamentations 3:21) It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart and ye shall find rest unto your soul, for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Ps. 11:5. David said, for thou art my hope, O Lord God, thou art my trust from my youth. And v. 11. O God thou hast taught me from my youth, and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works, v. 18. Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come. Ps. 144:12. "That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth, and that our daughters may be as corner stones polished after the similitude of a palace."

Ecc. 11:9. Rejoice O young man in thy youth and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes; but know thou that for all these; God will bring thee into judgment. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not nor the years draw nigh, when thou shall say; I have no pleasure in them: while the sun of the light or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain."

It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because he hath born it upon him. Matt. 19, 20 The young man said unto him, "All these things have I kept from my youth up." My manner of life from my youth, which was at the first among mine own nation at Jerusalem—know all the Jews. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned in thy youth, known of whom thou hast learned them. And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures which are able to make thee wise

unto salvation through faith, which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil days, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore having your loins girt about with truth and having on the breastplate of righteousness. And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. Above all taking the shield of faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of Salvation and the sword of the spirit which is the word of God. Praying always with all prayer and supplication with all perseverance and application in the spirit, and watching thereunto for all saints. And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel."

Now I ask the prayers of all God's people, for wisdom from on high,

Yours, D. C. Golladay
Timberville, Va.

**A CALL TO EVERY PREACHER—
MARCH TEMPERANCE MONTH.**

Dear Brethren:—The livest question before the people of North Carolina today is that of Prohibition. It is the talk in the homes, in the stores and shops and on the farms and highways.

This good day of an aroused public conscience on the liquor question has come more largely through the work of the preachers than through any other cause. And now that the issue is squarely drawn before the people, I am sure that our preachers will make the next three months busy ones in the fight to protect the homes and churches and schools of the State from their greatest enemy, the liquor traffic.

The preachers hold the key to the situation. By their visiting through the week and by their sermons on Sunday they can reach and influence the people of the State as no other class of men can. This is the opportunity, brethren, to bring to a happy fruition all of your sowing for temperance through the years.

Brethren, there is not a day to lose. Organize and agitate; agitate and organize. Hold rallies; have mass meetings; train the children in songs and recitations. Help the good women to organize and start the campaign for the defense of their homes and firesides. Make March Temperance Month in each of your churches. Do not wait, but start the ball to rolling. This is not a cam-

paign in the aggregate, but one where every man is expected to use every power within his own grasp to overthrow the liquor traffic in this State.

You know the situation and needs in your locality, and I trust that the moral forces there will achieve a great victory for righteousness.

Write me for literature or information and please report the progress of your work.

Sincerely,
Jno. A. Oates,
Chairman.

Raleigh, N. C.

CHURCH LOAN FUND.

I am anxious to impress on the friends of the Christian Church, that this season—the next two weeks—is an opportunity to help the Christian Loan Fund. We need your sympathy. Pray for, talk for, and give to this worthy cause.

All members are requested to send in their dues promptly. Some have already responded. This is encouraging, but have you done your own duty? These little amounts collected make a large fund. If all dues are paid this month we will have nearly one thousand dollars. We will send each member this week a statement of what is due this year which ends in March, also back dues if any.

Now let's put together; it will be more attractive.

We have already helped our Henderson Church and if it doesn't need more, there are other missions we can aid. Be sure to pay in the month of March please. Appended we acknowledge receipt of all dues remitted since last mention. Some of these were last year's dues, a few this year.

Fraternally,
R. S. Petty, Secy.

Greensboro, N C

Below is a list of cash received and paid over to K. B. Johnson, Treasurer of Christion Church Loan Association of North Carolina.

July 1907, Apples Chapel, \$2.00; Aug. 1907, A. L. Morris, \$1.00; Aug. 1907, Burlington Church, \$9.00; Aug. 1907, O'Kelley's Chapel, \$2.00; Aug. 1907, Wake Chapel, \$10.00; Aug. 1907, Rev. C. C. Peel, 1907 and 1908, \$2.00; Aug. 1907, J. W. Johnson, \$1.00; Aug. 1907, Greensboro Church, \$20.00.

The following for 1908:

Feb. 1908, Miss Mary Ayseue, \$2.00; Feb. 1908, P. P. Jones, \$1.00.

The above 1907 amounts were not reported as received so we start them off with the 1908 list. This makes a total of \$391.50 in the treasury and loaned.

R. S. Petty, Secy.

HOW NATIONAL FORESTS WOULD AFFECT THE PEOPLE.

The establishment of the proposed National Forests in the Southern Appalachians is intended like those in the Western States to be for the benefit of the people.

Since the Federal Government owns no land in the Eastern States which it can set aside for forests, as has been done in the West, it is proposed to purchase the land. The way it is intended to purchase is to buy rough land or cut-over land suitably only for forest purposes wherever it can be bought cheaply, giving due regard for difference in value of the soil and the amount of merchantable timber on the land. The bill it is proposed to ask Congress to pass for the establishment of the Forests provides for securing land only by direct purchase from the owners so that no one need sell unless he desires to do so. No person could be forced to give up either his land or his home, but if he wishes to sell and the price is reasonable and the land is forest land of the character desired by the Government, it would be bought for cash in the same manner as if by lumber company. The object of the National Forests is to make homes more valuable, not to destroy them.

There are several very important motives for the establishment of these Forests, none of which will operate to the detriment of the people in the region where it is proposed to locate them; and most of which will be for their benefit.

In the first place it is intended to buy only the highest, steepest, and roughest of the mountain land which is not suitable for farming, and wherever there are small areas within the Forests which are suitable for farming they will be used for this purpose.

It is expected that retaining this mountain land in timber and preserving a deep leaf mold on it by preventing fires will lessen river floods which are becoming higher and more dangerous every year, damaging farm lands, buildings, and mills, and washing away roads and railroads. This regulation of the streams will add to the value of water power and promote the building of factories which are so much needed in the mountains.

The timber in the forests will be managed in such a way that the valuable trees like popular and oak will not become exhausted but so as to perpetuate the supply of lumber for building purposes and for furniture factories, and of wood for paper-pulp, and tanning. Local industries and local users of wood will be given preference in securing this timber over outside buyers. Good roads will be built into the forests to enable timber to be gotten out

at all times, and these roads will always be open to the people. In the National Forests of the West cattle and sheep are grazed in the forests upon the payment of a small fee for each head, and the same would probably be done in the East.

A number of people would of course be employed in building roads, and getting out timber, and in protecting the forests, while in some places men would be employed to plant such trees as popular and oak, which are becoming scarce.

Since the Government pays no taxes, a provision is made to reimburse the counties by giving them for school and road purposes ten per cent of the gross receipts from the sale of timber or other income of the forests.

The object is to create the forests for the benefit of all the people and not for the benefit of any one class. In compensation for this, the Government would probably wish the States in which the forests lie to assist in protecting them from fire, and to aid private timber-land owners who do not wish to sell to the Government in managing their timber holdings so as to secure the highest returns from them.

ONE BY ONE.

My mind reverts to my boy hood days, when I use to attend Holy Neck Sunday School and church of which I was a member for twenty-four years, until I joined the Franklin Christian church.

I can hardly realize that so many of the fathers and mothers have passed away into the spirit land. That old hymn we so often sung declares the truth, "One by One we are Gathering Home." We should stop awhile for deep meditation and ask ourselves which home do we expect to occupy, a home with the saved, or a home with the doomed. We should consider this important subject for it confronts every living soul. Sooner or later we all will be gathered to our eternal home, whether it be with the holy angels and the saved or with the doomed and unsaved. Let us look to our greatest interest on so great a subject as this.

Then I think of my grandfathers and mothers and my own dear father and mother. But they have been called home and scores of others and I feel that, in God's own good time, I shall be gathered home with the innumerable host. And so should I and all of us strive to be ready to go to that glorified home where Jesus dwells. He has gone to prepare a home "yea, verily a house not made with hands, eternal and in the heavens," for all who are faithful unto death. Yes one by one we are gathering home.

I. W. Norfleet,
Franklin, Va.

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

THE WORTH OF SUFFERING.

In the economy of grace Suffering has a place. And, coming without invitation has its weight and might. As fire burns away the dross of metal, suffering consumes the wastes of sin and purifies for nobler purposes.

Paul was a Christian before he was made to suffer ship-wreck, imprisonment, stripes, stormings and many wounds. But who will say that he was not a far better and nobler Christian after these things? Suffering brought him closer to the Savior and related him more closely to the Cross. His feelings were deeper and tenderer and more majestic after suffering.

“If any man suffer as a Christian,” wrote an inspired one, “let him not be ashamed on this account.” To suffer as a Christian purifies one for better and nobler sentiments and living.

Some have had to suffer physical pain and torture; some mental anguish; some moral and spiritual upheaval and revolution.

In reading the biography of Christian heroes, one is struck again and again with this worth of suffering.

To such an extent is this true, one is constrained to ask, Who in the Christian who has reached the heights that did not first have to come from the depths? The valley of shadows seems to lie at wait always, the path that leads to sunny heights. He who would know Christ triumphant, and the power of His resurrection, must know Him at Calvary and on the Cross. Moses and Elijah and David had their days of triumph; but you do not know them unless you read and realize their sorrows and sadness and suffering. Peter and James and John were admitted to the Mount

of Transfiguration: but after as well as before they had their sufferings; James beheaded, Peter crucified, John banished to Patmos.

Luther and Wesley and O’Kelly reached high imminences in spiritual attainment and intellectual achievement. But ask their historians of they did not one and all taste the bitter dregs of suffering—and drink long and deep there. They came to triumph through trial.

This suffering was not self-invited, but it was not shirked or shunned.

What have you and I suffered for Christ’s sake? Whether in body, mind or social rank? Have we suffered aught?

Maybe we have sought to serve our Savior in ease, comfort and without sacrifice or suffering. Then we have not known what the heights and depths and breadths of His love and life are for us.

The best people you have ever known are the sufferers. They have suffered and endured and borne. Nor has it been in vain. God takes account. He knows. For He, a Father, all-love and all-merciful, arranged that suffering should have its place in His plan of saving mankind.

In the economy of grace suffering has its place, its weight and its worth.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN CONVENTION.

On Tuesday April 28 of this year our Southern Christian Convention is appointed to meet in biennial session at Greensboro. The Convention is composed of certain delegates elected by the several conferences in Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia and Alabama. While the local church, in our communion has the largest right and authority on its own account, this Convention has certain delegated and assigned rights and privileges not enjoyed by any other body amongst us.

Our general enterprises belong to the Convention, and are amenable to it. Elon College is a child of the Convention and is controlled mediately by it. The Christian Sun and all our publishing interests belong directly to the Convention. The Christian Orphanage likewise. Our home and foreign mission policies are directed in large measure by this body. The Convention is responsible for our Government and principles, and directory for church services and has the power of altering or amending these at will.

The body meets once in two years, and shapes in a general way the policy of the churches.

For such reasons as these every delegate elected to the Convention should see to it that he attend.

There are obligations resting upon him that he should meet by faithful attend-

ance upon every session of the Convention.

Not only delegates. Why should not others interested in our church work attend as well?

The Convention not only needs the presence of every delegate-elect, it needs interested visitors as well. These inspire by their presence and help by their prayerful attention and counsel.

We sincerely wish, with President W. W. Staley, that our next shall be our very best convention so far.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

By the terms of a recent order issued by the Postoffice department, after April 1st the publisher of a weekly paper will not be permitted to send his paper through the mails at second-class rates to any subscriber who may be in arrears for more than one year’s subscription. We presume that by this time, all Christian Sun subscribers are familiar with this ruling, and our only excuse for mentioning the matter again is to direct attention to the fact that the postal authorities have announced that the ruling must be enforced strictly. We trust that we shall not be forced to drop from the Sun list the names of any of our good friends, and we sincerely trust that all of our subscribers desire to continue to receive the weekly visits of this paper.

Since this order is to be enforced April 1, we earnestly solicit our friends who have not renewed to do so at once. After the date named delinquents of a year or more will have to come off the list.

Of course this will not relieve any of present or past indebtedness, but after April 1, we will not be allowed to continue the paper to any one a year or more in arrears.

By all means read Prof. W. H. Harper’s “Sunday School Missions” in this issue. There is practical point in it that should have attention.

The Executive Committee of the Walker Avenue Christian Church Sunday-school, Greensboro, N. C., issues quarterly a four page folder “Onward.” The copy in our hands is of vol. 1, no. 2, and is filled with interesting Sunday-school information. Among the local items this is noted:

“Last Sunday was “Orphanage Day” and the collection was \$3.40 or an increase of 66 cents over the collection for “Orphanage Day” in January. Every fourth Sunday will be known as “Orphanage Day” in the school and we trust that every member can arrange to increase their contribution on this occasion. Any friend may hand their offering to Bro. L. M. Clymer.”

SUFFOLK LETTER.

Friday night, March 6th, the Suffolk Christian Church held a "Church Sociable." The main auditorium was opened at 8 o'clock and the people filed in at two doors, where reception committees greeted them, pinned a little bow of ribbon on each one and gave them a refreshment ticket. The bows were made of different colors and persons wearing the same colors were requested to introduce themselves and converse with all other persons wearing the same color. It was a sort of ribbon introduction. Of course they could talk to anybody; but they must talk to those wearing like colors.

Perhaps more than four hundred were in the church at one time. A few minutes after 9 o'clock Prof. A. M. Wilber, the organist, rendered a fine selection; then Mrs. Lizzie Carr Brinkley sang "The New World;" then Rev. I. W. Johnson offered prayer; after which Misses Heles Borum and Martha Darden sang "At Evening Time there shall be Light."

Refreshments, consisting of ice cream and three kinds of cake, were served in the Basement where one hundred and fifty were served at a time. After returning to the Auditorium, the people lingered in conversation or retired from the church at will.

The committees were nearly all women and young ladies and that means that the service in every department was very fine. If good women love to do any thing well it is to serve others without considering themselves. I often think of that passage in Matthew, when Jesus was on the Cross, describing the convulsions of nature after Jesus "yielded up the ghost" "The veil of the temple was rent in twain, the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; and when the centurion and they that were with him saw these things they said, 'Truly this was the Son of God.' 'And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee,' ministering unto Him" That number of following, ministering women has been increasing from that dark hour to this bright day.

The verdict of those who attended was that the "Sociable" was a success. It had no financial string to it except the offering which members had made personally and privately to defray the expenses of printing and refreshments.

The object was to bring the members of the church together socially, to give opportunity to become acquainted, and to cultivate brotherly intercourse. Modern life is so "strenuous" and time so "scarce" that the oldtime methods of intercourse will not meet the new condi-

tions in denser society and multiplied work. Even young women are busy in these days as teachers, clerks stenographers, and, in many ways unknown in former years. Less time remains for visiting as individuals and this forces social life into occasions, masses of people, organized methods on a large scale. Whatever may be said in favor of the bygone customs, the modern necessity introduces people on a wider and more democratic and spiritual scale, and it may be in the line of the salvation of the world. I dare not dogmatize on a matter that has not worked out the results of the social change. It has proved itself in the world of business, and has come to stay, we will watch and wait to see what the result will be in the combination of the social and the religious as distinct from the purely social and purely religious as practiced in former years.

W. W. Staley.

ELON COLLEGE NOTES.

Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Atkinson left Saturday morning for a week's visit in and around Raleigh.

The Psiphehian Society gave their annual entertainment Saturday night, Mar. 7th. The young ladies always have a good program but it is the belief of some that they excelled themselves on this last occasion. The following is the program:

Piano Duet, Misses Farmer and Holland; Reading, An Object of Love, Elsie Atkinson; Essay, A Medley, Bessie McPherson; Cavatina, Come 'E Bello, Ocie Whitley; Monologue, Abbie's Accounts, Ethel Clements; Comicalities, Carrie Boyd; Piano Solo, Lois Davidson, Elon College Band.

Play: A Chinese Dummy: Grace Harlowe—A young girl who is being brought up, Wilma Winn. Miss Artemicia, Miss Ella Amellia, Aunts to Grace who do the bringing up, Ruth Stevieck, Elsie Atkinson, Beth Newson, alias "Eliza," who also takes a hand, Virgie Holland, Kate Newson, a would-be benefactor, Ethel Clements. Bridget, an unconscionable factor, Maud Pritchard.

Glee Club: Chorus, in the Merry, Merry May.

Among the visitors who came to enjoy the entertainment we noted Misses Clara Moffitt, Mamie Foville, and—Isley of Burlington, Mr. Charles McPherson of Chapel Hill and many others.

Dr. W. T. Herndon filled the pulpit here Sunday for Prof. W. C. Wicker, who was indisposed, and gave us a Temperance sermon. Dr. Herndon it seems, is greatly interested over the coming prohibition election which comes off in

May. We agree with Dr. Herndon and hope every young man and old one too, will vote to cast the great curse from our midst.

We have been especially favored by a visit from Mr. E. H. Stockton of Winston-Salem, N. C., who has been here in interest of the Christian Endeavor. He gave us splendid talks at S. S., Y. M. C. A., Junior Endeavor, and Christian Endeavor. As many know we are to have the State Convention in April and we felt especially gratified when Mr. Stockton in his closing remarks said: "I know of no better place to hold our State C. E. Convention than here."

Last Thursday we were pleased to have Rev. Mr. Barbee, of Durham, N. C. with us a few hours. His plans for Durham church we hope will prove as successful as he intends them to be. Brother Barbee does not visit us very often and hence his visits are very precious.

Another new student entered last week, Miss Lottie Phillips, of Washington, D. C. She is not entirely new to some of us who knew her several years ago when she visited her aunt, Mrs. M. G. Reitzel. We are always glad to welcome new students. They swell the number which is already large.

So many have written asking how our dear Brother Wellons has stood the winter. I am sure all of our Sun readers will be glad to know that he has kept up exceedingly well. Has attended church and S. S. every Sunday this winter and if it were not for a little lameness in one foot he would be as spry as ever. We are pleased to have Uncle Wellons in our midst and by his health now we will be blessed with him several more years. Uncle Wellons is a blessing to this community. May God bless and preserve him.

We are delighted to note that Dr. Frank S. Child, Fairfield, Conn., is to visit Elon College through the invitation of Prof. W. A. Harper of the Department of Latin.

W. C. Wicker.

North Carolina will put herself on record on May 26th in favor of encouraging homes, cotton mills, furniture factories and farms and against the liquor traffic—the enemy of all these.

Our subscribers will understand that we could not with one fell sweep wipe the patent medicine and all "foreign" advertisements from our columns. There were contracts already signed which we in honor were bound to carry out, but no new contracts are accepted and as rapidly as old ones expire the adv. goes out forever. There will be a fewer number every week and as early as possible all will disappear.

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Monthly Dues.

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- (\$1. Birthday offering) 2.20
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Elon College, March 4, 1908.

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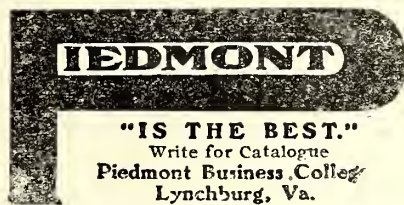
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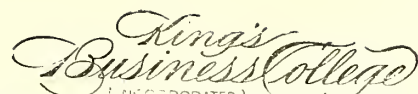
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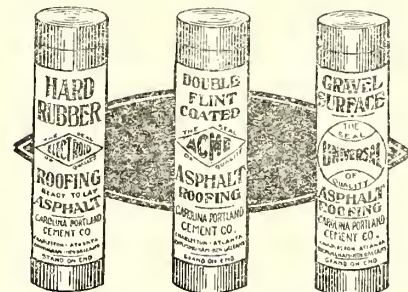
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Uncle Jim.

Berkley, Va., Feb. 22, 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

Enclosed please find \$2.20 in Post Office Money Order, one dollar being a birthday offering and \$1.20 monthly dues which pays up to January next. I hope you are all doing well in your new home.

Yours truly,
William P. Butt.

Thank you William. You are keeping a year ahead I see. That's a liberal offering. May you have many happy birthdays.

Eure, N. C., Feb. 23, 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

Enclosed please find 20 cents my dues for Jan. and Feb. I am still going to school. My teacher had to give up the school on account of the death of her father Mr. James Parker of Gatesville N. C. Mr. Rack Outland is my teacher now. I study spelling, reading, writing, geography and arithmetic. Little brother Tazewell has been sick and on Washington's birthday he cut his first tooth. I must not take up too much space so I will close with love for the cousins.

Your little nephew,
Thad Arnie Eure.

Well, Thad I guess you were as proud of sister's tooth as she was.

Durham, N. C., Feb. 29, 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

I come with my little mite. Glad that some people are able to give large mites. I wish I could give you the \$50. to buy Bill. Please find enclosed my dues for this month.

Your nephew,
Samuel Pipkin.

Thanks for your kind wishes Samuel. Perhaps when you are a man you can help very much.

Durham, N. C., Feb. 29, 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

I will write my letter for this month. I am well and have been having a good time. My brother Donald came home last Sunday. He had been gone five years. He came from S. D. It took him four days and nights to come. We were so glad to see him and too he gave brother and me such a nice treat of oranges apples and candy, and some money too.

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I send you 10 cts. my dues for this month. I close with love to you, Aunt Myrtle and the Cousins.

Your little nephew,
Glenn Pipkins.

I know you were proud to have Brother with you Glen, and Uncle Jim rejoices with you, for the sight of absent loved ones sometimes brings joy to the heart.

Columbus, Ga., March 1, 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

Enclosed find 10 cts. for the Orphanage. I hope this will be appreciated. Wish the orphans all a happy and pleasant spring. I remain,

Your little niece,
Maggie Taylor.

1935 North West St.

Your first letter is welcome, Maggie and we hope it will not be long before you send another.

Asheboro, N. C., Feb. 28, 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

I would like to join your band of cousins. I am a little girl eight years old and go to school. I like my teacher so much. Enclosed please find a dime.

Your little niece,
Mary Moffitt.

Your letters and money will be welcome visitors Mary, and we hope to see them every month. Be sure to wrap money securely in thin paper.

Henderson, N. C., Feb. 26, 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

Perhaps you think we have lost interest in the "corner" but not so. We have been so very busy since we last wrote. We have moved back to our home in Henderson, and going to school again, and we certainly have to study hard trying to make up for lost time. We send 80 cts. which pays all back dues and also for February. We have forgotten whether we paid for Nov. or not, but if we have we will pay it again. Will try to do better next time.

Lovingly,

Clarence and Addie Newman.

We have you credited with Nov. dues but will place this as you wish.

Elon College, N. C., Feb. 29, 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

Here I am with my dues. I lacked to have been too late for February. Grandma gave me my money this time.

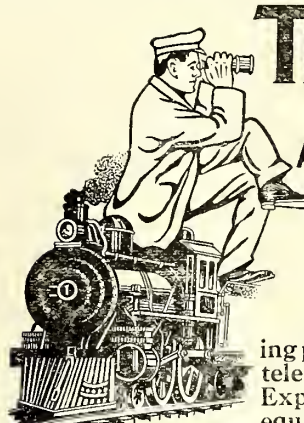
Wish much love to you and your large family.
Your little nephew,

Maryon Saunders.

Grandmas' are nice folks to have around, aren't they Maryon? Don't be too late again, but make mama think in time.


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Ridgeway., N. C., Feb. 25, 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

Will you admit a little girl into your jolly band? I like to read the childrens' corner very much. I am going to school and like my teacher fine. Her name is Miss Kate Mayfield.

Enclosed please find 10 cts. for the band. I will close with much love to you and the cousins.

Your loving niece,

Lenoa Hicks.

Another Cousin to welcome and we do it heartily. Be sure to write again soon.

Crewe, Va., Feb. 27, 1908.

Dear Dnele Jim:

I enclose 10 cts, my dues for Feb. I want to send in my little brother's name, but I can't send it in yet. I close with lots of love to you and the cousins.

Your fond little niece,

Helen Foster.

Alright Helen, bring on little brother as soon as you can.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 26, 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

I want to join the band of cousins. I am a little girl nine years old. I go to school every day. I am in the fourth grade. I enjoy reading the letters in the Sun.

Enclosed find 10 cts. for the Orphanage.

Your little niece,

Jessie Penny.

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N. G. Newman.

DIED.

Boone.

In Burlington, N. C., Feb. 14th, 1908, Mrs. Martha J. Boone, wife of Henry M. Boone. Sister Boone was sick only three days previous to death. Her age was sixty three years, eight months and eighteen days. A devoted husband and three children are sadly bereaved by her death. She was a worthy member of Union Christian church of which she had been a member about fifty years.

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dient child; was loved by all her school-mates. But why should we grieve? God does all things well. Five sisters, four brothers and an aged mother are left to mourn their loss. A dear school-mate from us has gone, so let us strive to the last to meet her in that beautiful place called, Heaven. May God's blessings be upon all her family and may they meet her in Heaven.

A School Mate.

Mrs. Lavinia M. Webb.

Mrs. Lavinia M. Webb, relict of the late A. R. Webb, died Monday morning, Feb. 24, 1908, at her residence near Disputanta. She was sick only four days of Bronchitis and heart-failure. She was buried Wednesday, Feb. 26, 1908, in the family cemetery at Disputanta, the writer officiating.

Mrs. Webb was 62 years of age. She

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is survived by one son and three daughters. Mrs. E. A. Hatch, of Wakefield; Mrs. B. D. Robinson, of Emporia; Mrs. Herbert Adams, of Richmond; and Mr. Jno. D. Webb, of Disputatna; also by one sister, Mrs. Albert W. Ennis and one brother, Mr. T. S. Smith, of Disputanta.

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. D. Payne, the obsequies were conducted by the writer.

Altho' the deceased had reached the 62nd mile post of her life, the majority of her years were spent as a loyal member of Trinity M. E. church at Disputanta. However, she was not known as distinctively a church member as she was a Christian woman in her community and among her friends. She was a personal friend to the writer and it was his privilege and delight to be in her home quite a number of times. He always found her to be most cordial in hospitality, the most genial in disposition, most unselfish in her consideration of others, and a possessor of the highest type of Christian graces. Peace emanated from her character and breathed itself most charmingly upon all her surroundings. Love dominated her life and harmonized all Life's vicissitudes. Few of us possess a greater amount of predominating, unfeigned, love for our friends and surroundings than she. It is a consensus of opinion that she was all this; yea, tongue nor pen can portray her life and character so beautifully as it is written in the hearts and lives of those who knew her. It is with the keenest sense of personal grief that I am called upon to mourn the loss of this dear friend. While no grief can be compared with that of a faithful and loving child for the loss of a devoted mother, yet, a friend's affections may be so genuine that his loss is irreparable. Still, the greater the loss here, the

greater the gain yonder; and greater too are the hopes we have to press on to "mark of the high calling," and the stronger are the ties that draw us thither.

To the bereaved ones I would say: I know that you feel the cords of your heart's affections are all unstrung; every tie which has bound you and your fond mother is torn into threads and left unbound to bleed life away without the shadow of reparation; but remember, "It is not all of life to live, nor all of death to die." The reason for your most heart-rending and unbearable sorrow is but a greater reason for your belief that your mother is at rest with Jesus. She hath but preceded you, not to the grave, but to our heavenly home where all the saints shall dwell with God. Let this soothe your disquieted spirits, comfort your broken hearts, and stimulate you to a more faithful exercise of Christian graces, that you may attain as worthily as did your sainted mother; and when you are called (as you must be sooner or later) be prepared to meet God and receive from Him that blessed benediction: "Well done thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord." There we have reason to believe you will find your mother serving God with the highest perfection of her Christian character.

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Holland.

Mrs. Margaret S. Holland, widow of the late Wm. L. Holland, died of pneumonia at her home near Holland, Va., Feb. 27th, 1908, aged 57 years. The funeral services, were conducted at the home by the writer and the remains bur-

ied in the family cemetery near by. Mrs. Holland united with Holy Neck Christian Church in early life and in her last sufferings expressed her hope of something better beyond. Left a widow with small children she bravely faced the trials and conflicts of life. She toiled faithfully and reared the children and now rests from her labors. She leaves two sons, Floyd Oscar and Kelly, one brother, J. K. Holland, and two sisters, Mrs. Joseph F. Holland, and Miss Anna Holland. To all of these we extend our sincerest sympathy in their bereavement.

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NEWS ITEMS.

Mr. Carnegie is to give \$25,000 to Furman University when the trustees shall have raised a like sum for a Hall of Science.

Gov. Glenn has thrown himself into the campaign for prohibition in this State and is making telling speeches in this good behalf.

The Mobile Register says there are ten banks controlled by negroes in Miss. and they have organized a Colored State Bankers Association.

The Republicans of Ohio have declared for Secretary of War Taft for the presidency and it now looks as if he will be nominated on the first ballot.

The Virginia legislature has abolished hanging in that State, substituting electrocution at the state penitentiary, when the death sentence is to be executed.

The House committee of Congress have agreed to report favorably a bill appropriating \$500,000 to aid our government in the exhibit at the international exhibit at Tokio, Japan, in 1912.

The women advocates of female suffrage had their hearing before a committee of Congress March 3. Some of the sisters are very anxious to vote, and have now a National Female Suffrage Association with "Rev." Anna Shaw as president.

The Transvaal government gave King Edward of England a diamond weighing one and a half pounds, estimated price when cut, \$5,000,000. The polishers are working with the diamond in a specially prepared room with guards as protection. One wonders what the King will do with the diamond when polished. Some things are too costly and troublesome to be a pleasure.

The most dreadful and shocking catastrophes we have read of in many a day was that in the public school of North Callingswood, Ohio, Wednesday March 5, when 164 school children were burned to death, and many others severely injured by flames, from the destruction by fire of the school building. Most of the children were small, between 6 and 10, and were being taught on the upper floor of the two-story brick school house when it caught. The single fire escape was in flames when discovered, and a stampede for the near stairway and door (which opened from within and was reported locked) caused a panic and while some were trampled to death, the great majority were burned—about one third of the school, including one teacher, being lost in the flames.

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