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STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF JOB.

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II. Religion and Adversity

Job, once the richest man in the east, in the midst of a large family, and strong of body, stands before us, a pathetic and awful figure. He has passed from abounding prosperity to abject poverty. His bereavement is almost indescribable, and the once strong body is weakened by the unutterable misery of physical affliction. This man of God is overwhelmed with sorrows of mind and body, and yet, "in all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly."

There should be something in a man's life greater than his occupation or his achievements; grander than wealth; higher than social pleasures; more enduring than fame. Is it any wonder that our men start out with a false idea of the great object of life, when they see so many bowing and scraping and running after the men with crowns of gold upon their heads, but with corruption in their hearts? Can anything be more pitiable than a fat purse and a lean soul, a large house and a small character? In spite of many examples to the contrary, the race for thousands, and then millions, often strangles nobility of character and tarnishes the soul of honor.

The poor often think if they were rich they would be more religious, but the rich think the poor have nothing to do but be religious. The rich have their troubles, and feel that they are grievous to be born, and try to believe that if they were not so engaged that they would do better. The poor have their troubles, and many feel that they have all they can do to keep soul, and body together, and have no time to think about religion. Job had the approval of Jehovah in his poverty, for we hear, "There is none like him in earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil; and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause."

When the rich become poor they

are usually very helpless. They are ashamed, and are easily discouraged. They sometimes try to appear rich, and men lose respect for them. They become sour, envious, jealous, and abusive. Job said, "My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit." And again he said, "My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live." While he held fast his righteousness, yet he realized what a hard thing it was to be really poor. He had nothing with which to supply his needs, and was afflicted with a mysterious disease, and most of his friends had gone from him. There is no wonder that he cried, "Oh that I were as in months past." He knew that poverty was hard, cruel, and unrelenting. There is no romance about poverty.

The poor and afflicted are often forgotten and neglected. Relatives frequently desert them, and friends in riches and health speak unkindly about them. Hear the words of the man of God, who was poor and afflicted, "But now they that are younger than I have me in derision. I am a brother to dragons, and a companion to owls. My skin is black upon me, and my bones are burned with heat. My harp also is turned to mourning, and my organ into the voice of them that weep." It was not so in his better days, for he said, "When I washed my steps with butter, and the rock poured me out rivers of oil, * * * then when the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me: Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him."

The lips that speak kind words, and the disposition that seems to be warm and bright as a sunbeam, may only be a magnificent show window to a wretched stock of goods. The tongue that sings all day like an angel may at night be filled with the shadow of character. If a man does not exhibit Christian character in poverty and affliction, it is because there is no grace and genuine-

ness of character in the soul, and the outward plausibility of behavior only springs from fear of the world, and the slimy, putrid pool of his own selfishness.

There are real friends in want and suffering, but acquaintances are ever comrades of sunlit hours. It is only true friends who gather round a sufferer in the days of darkness. In Job's troubles he had three friends who came to bemoan and comfort him. But Job suffered more at the hands of these friends than by the attacks of the foe; for they knew not God, and their cold philosophy could not comfort him. They argued that God is righteous, and that He punishes the wicked, and blesses the good, but Job declared that he was righteous, and yet afflicted. They then holding to the first position, tried to show that it is only the wicked who are afflicted, but Job out of his own experience affirmed that the righteous are also afflicted, and that the wicked are not always afflicted. Then they declared that Job had sinned, and therefore suffered. The man of God made a solemn protestation of innocence. "And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding."

Poverty is no evidence of religion, for the poor are often vicious and jealous. Many refuse to try to be good, or do good because they are poor. Poverty is no bar to religion, for a man's relationship to God does not depend upon the amount he possesses. Behold Job, his earthly wealth has taken to itself wings and flown; great men look upon him disdainfully; cherished plans have been frustrated; ingratitude has been met on every side; friends have fallen from him; loved ones have died; disease has taken him. These things dispirit the men who know not God; for in losing these they lose their all. But the man who "feareth God, and escheweth evil" is not affected by these things. The wealth that is lost, is nothing to that which remains. How grievously do many insult God who rely in part upon him, and in part on something else; and who deprecate being left

alone with God. They accept the grace of God as supplemental to their own goodness, but when stripped of all their wealth and goodness they are found to be the prey of an intense despair. It is then seen how very slight and contemptible a part they had assigned to God. Poor man, says the world. But the believer says, "The Lord is my portion, saith my soul." He is poor and to be pitied who boasts of aught else than his portion in the Lord. If man trusts in anything except the Lord, it shall not stand. Let it be power like that of Napoleon, wisdom like that of Socrates, fame like that of Bacon, physical strength like that of Roosevelt, wealth like that of Rockefeller; let it be what it may it is contemptible, if it be his all. He must count all but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of God. And not only must his soul say it; his life, his daily life, must say it; must testify that he has made God first. "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

How singular that so many are not willing to take the Lord as their portion, and trust their own strength and goodness, when He has shown so many glimpses of His boundless wealth, and power, and majesty in His Son, Jesus Christ. It was the merest trifle for Him to spread a table for five thousand men, besides women and children; with but a word He filled a boat full of large fishes; He raised the dead; all power in heaven and earth was manifestly in His Son. But independently of all His material gifts to man, He is able to satisfy the soul throughout eternity. In all of Job's want and trouble he was looking for something better. He said, "My kinfolds have failed, and my familiar friends have forgotten me. They that dwell in mine house, and my maids, count me for a stranger: I am an alien in their sight. I called my servant, and he gave me no answer, I entreated him with my mouth. My breath is strange to my wife." But in the midst of all this he said, "I know that my redeemer liveth,

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EDITORIAL.

BETRAYED

The Son of man is betrayed unto the hands of sinners. Matt. 26:45.

(Golden text for November 30.)

There is no principle meaner than that which leads one person to betray another, especially when that other is an innocent person. All things considered the crime of the centuries is the betrayal of Jesus the Christ. From start to finish the whole transaction was one of basest and most shameless illegality and ingratitude. Judas Iscariot had not the first provocation or excuse for his villainy, his treachery and his heartless procedure. Our Savior had shown him nothing but the highest and holiest kindness and consideration during the years he was associated with Him. In fact Judas had been honored as only the members of the chosen twelve could be honored. In return for this Judas sells his kindest of all kind masters, his generous and gracious King and Lord for a consideration of money. No wonder one has written, "The love of money is the root of all evil."

We revolt today, in sickening horror, from the heartless and soulless transaction of Judas Iscariot; but there are people in the world today who are selling their gracious Lord and Master for a consideration of silver and gold. They are bartering their birthright for a mess of pottage. They betray to His sorrow and His death the kindly hand and loving heart that would redeem and save them. The very darkest picture of human motive pictured upon any canvas is this, that there are men who are capable of descending so low as to fling away all that is noblest and best in them for the wicked consideration of the moment.

And the brightest picture of human nature is this, that there was once a man, and since then, many other men, who can become so submissive to their Father's will as to be able to bear without a murmur all that cowardice and cruelty can lay upon them. Jesus the Christ was Himself betrayed, and in that awful ordeal showed that one could find a source of strength and security to sustain Him even in the most bitter and trying moment. The Son of Man went, in His awful moment, to the only place of safety and security.

You and I, reader, have our moments of trial, trouble, hardships. One went before us, and tasted the very dregs. We, too, may find strength, help, succor where and as He found it.

He said, and then He was able to bear all complacently and calmly, "not my will but thine be done."

In this Scripture we have the darkest picture ever drawn, placed alongside the brightest and most beautiful.

THE SAME

There are certain things that are eternal, and so abide the same. The years fly by, generations are born and die, scenes and incidents around about us appear and disappear. But there is much that abides.

The writer of Hebrews told it in this wise of the Christ:

"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever." He abides. And He is the same. Friends may forsake us, fortune take wings and fly away, and those who were constant may become fickle; but the Christ is the same one today that he was nineteen hundred years ago. There is no variability nor turning with him.

The very best things are these which abide—the truest, surest, safest.

The same sun shines on us of this day that shone upon the Israelites as they journeyed forty years in the wilderness. The same stars twinkle and glimmer at night now which bedecked the heavens when God sent his angels to slay the first born of those Israelites who would not keep the first Passover. Sun and moon and stars abide. They are the same. They obey implicitly the voice and will of God and so they remain.

Vice varies, but virtue never. The vices of a thousand years ago have passed away or changed; but that which was good and noble and true then is good and noble and true yet. Society does not abandon the good, relegate it to the background of oblivion and decay. Never. The best is gathered up, handed down, and so remains the same. Civilization conserves the best. We have no duelling now. That was a vice. That was a sin and a crime. But the high sense of honor abides, and is the same now that it was a hundred, a thousand and years ago.

We often lament the good old days that are gone. They are not gone. They remain. They are there

same. We have not in our society the same sort of breeding, bearing and conduct that prevailed in the colonial days; but we have a hospitality as congenial, a womanhood as noble, and a manhood as brave

now as then. The habiliments may have changed, but the reality abides. Virtues once born never die. Virtue remains the same.

There may be periods in history, as there are clouds in the night that obscure the stars, but the eternal things, like the Christ, are the same yesterday, today and forever.

The value of any man or woman to society is measured ever and always by the amount of the permanent, which he or she adds. The transient is not worth which. That will change and will perish.

In the home, in the heart, in life and in character, what are you adding to that which abides? That is the measure of your might and majesty in the world. The good, true, beautiful, pure, noble which each gathers and adds to society—that marks and measures the weight and worth of every individual.

HUNGERING AND THIRSTING

People no more hunger and thirst for food and drink than they do for religion and worship. The one is as universal and deep-seated, as an element of human nature, as the other. Some people make politics their religion, or a fraternal order, or their financial pursuits and possessions. At any rate the soul hungers and thirsts as does the body, and man finds that before which he bows down and worships. Now, the higher the being or ideal or person he worships, the more fully and intensely does worship appeal to his nature. The reason why the churches of Christendom are empty, when and if they are, can be explained on no other grounds than that the God we profess to love and serve is not told of, nor worshipped, in His fullness, and in His love. In the nature and characteristics of the God we serve are to be found all the elements that go to satisfy the soul and make our own natures full and complete.

We saw this striking sentence in a great Boston paper the other day:

"Not many Sunday evenings ago a young man in Boston set out for church with a friend. He started in good time, but the church which he had selected was so crowded when he reached it that he could not get a seat. He met similar crowds in three or four other places,

but persisted until he finally found one in which there was room for him. Unless all reports are untrue or misleading, similar conditions prevail on the Pacific coast.

"The people are hungering and thirsting for religious instruction, and when they find it in a church they crowd that meeting-house to the doors."

That is a far better and brighter picture of church and religious conditions than we are accustomed to find in the secular press, but it is, we have no doubt, a true one. If preachers preach an empty and hollow gospel they may expect empty churches and vacant pews. Why they persist in this is a source of constant wonder and surprise. Nobody wants ethical and esthetic essays from the pulpit on Sundays. People go to church, and will continue to go, to hear the message of the Cross, the sweet and full story of the gospel, the wonderful words of love and life that have saved and blessed so many millions and can save and bless as many millions more. The soul of man hungers and thirsts after righteousness as the body after food and drink.

THE NEED OF REVIVAL

Christians everywhere feel that the need of our time is a great religious awakening. The churches have become indifferent, in many instances, and the lethargic spirit everywhere in evidence is deplorable.

Dr. W. W. Staley, D. D., of Suffolk, who preached the opening sermon before the American Christian Convention at Troy, Ohio, recently, gave utterance to this need and evidently planned his sermon, and delivered it, with this great need for our churches in this particular upon his mind and heart. The Christian Vanguard, in giving a report of the occasion and the sermon prints the following which we gladly give place to:

"Dr. Staley took his text from Acts 2:4. 'They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues as the spirit gave them utterance.' His theme was, 'The Three Essential Elements of a Great Revival'

The Pentecostal revival has set the standard for all revivals; said Dr. Staley. Religious revivals usually originate in low spiritual conditions. The crucifixion of Christ and the persecutions following fostered fertile soil for Pentecost. Religious stagnation may often be the

harbinger of momentous spiritual activities. This was true in Europe at the breaking out of the fifteenth century reformation. The dynamite in Christianity is the spirit of revival and the great movements forward in Christianity have been movements under great spiritual revivals. The need of this hour and age is a great spiritual revival.

The great revival of Pentecost started in a prayermeeting. There were three elements there: first, concert; second, they were all together; third, it was a protracted meeting. This meeting differed from some of the sensational revivals of the present day in that it was essentially a prayer meeting. They spent ten times more time in prayer than in preaching. Today we have lost the art of prayer. People no longer want long prayers. The first element of a real religious revival is protracted prayer.

The second element essential is presence of the Holy Spirit in such a way that the people may have real experience of it. The sinners at Pentecost had experience of the Holy Spirit by sound, sight and feeling. They heard the noise as of a mighty wind, they saw a great light, and they felt the presence of the Holy Ghost within them.

Third, there must be preaching. They all spoke, not as before, but with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Talk for Christianity must come from the heart and the experience. They believed what they preached. The men who today are preaching literature and philosophy are talking something the people don't understand. But if you strike the chord of the Holy Spirit men can understand it readily.

What we need today is the help of the church that the preachers may be filled with the Holy Spirit that they may preach."

CURRENT COMMENT

Foot Ball.

It is with deep regret we note that the revised rules for playing foot-ball have not eliminated the death feature to some of the players. Fatalities are occurring already, all too frequently, and sorrow has already been carried to many homes this season because of death from playing foot-ball. The latest account is that of Rudolph Monk, captain and half-back of the West Virginia University team, who died November 12th, from concussion of the brain, an injury re-

ceived in the game with Bethany College, at Wheeling, W. Va., Saturday in a "hard fought game for the championship of the State." This is only the last fatality noted, several others having already occurred this season. The pity, the pity, the pity of it that our college young men may not have some form of manly sport in which there is not such brutality and loss of life. We want brave boys with vigorous minds and strong bodies, but must a price so dear as these repeated fatalities be paid for such a boon? God forbid!

Pursuing a Purpose.

No man, in the galaxy of the useful and the great, ever won a place there until he felt that he was a part of a plan or purpose larger than himself. The most noted example of this was Paul. He just counted for one, until on the road to Damascus, he heard a voice, and saw a vision, that made him a part and parcel of a larger plan than any he had purposed or pursued. He ever afterwards felt himself a part and parcel of a scheme mightier than his own, and far greater than himself.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon felt this, when, being offered a large sum to write a life of Christ, wired back: "I have no time to make money, and the best life of Christ is found in the four Gospels."

When a man or woman thoroughly consecrates himself or herself to some sublime and noble purpose, then a new force and factor enters that must ever afterwards be reckoned with.

Near Beer.

It is a difficult task indeed to drive the devil out. Displaced from one stronghold, he immediately seeks footing in another. Scarcely had the saloon doors been nailed up in this good State before an old enemy appears in new guise. The "Near Beer" shops are opening on every hand, town, hamlet, along the country roads. Who ever heard of "Near Beer" till the genuine article was driven out? And they are saying that the difference between the article and the near article is that it takes a few more quarts of the latter to bring on intoxication. Wherefore we class the near variety a worse article than the genuine.

Now we expect to hear the saloonist and their kind saying, "We told you so." But before that cry is raised bear it in mind that it is

not prohibitionists, but anti-prohibitionists who are establishing and running these joints and who by the act are trying to nullify the forced effect of prohibition. In other words, those who wanted to keep the saloons have never stopped a day since the election in their efforts to nullify and belittle the effects of prohibition. The "Near Beer" men are one of a class and kind with the saloon men, if we understand the situation, and all they care for the country is to get all the cash they can from the pockets of their deluded customers—and then said customers may look out for themselves as best they can. The "Near Beer" shops are standing advertisements to the fact that there are men left who want the saloon open and they have gone just as near to opening the saloon as the law will allow—and are ready to help repeal the law, or nullify it, at the first opportunity. It is indeed a hard task to drive the devil out. He finds so many who are willing to give him quarters and lodge him for a money consideration regardless of the cost to the immortal soul, the eternal welfare and the injury to the community.

ELON COLLEGE NOTES.

—Many ministers and ministerial students are away attending the four Virginia and North Carolina Conferences which hold their sessions during the successive weeks in November.

—Rev. Dr. J. F. McCulloch of Greensboro, was the Preacher at the college last Sunday. He delivered another of his excellent sermons.

—Prof. W. A. Harper supplied for Rev. W. C. Wicker at the morning service at Palm Street Greensboro Sunday. Dr. Wicker being in attendance at the Eastern North Carolina Conference of which body he is secretary.

—The walls of the new bank building are about completed. The roof is on and the interior work will be pushed to completion.

—The Elon Supply Company seems to be increasing their trade. The drug department is an increased convenience to the town and neighborhood.

—Rev. J. V. Night, of Alabama entered for a college course a few days ago. Two hundred students have registered since the opening this fall. There are a good many prospective students who should be secured as mem-

bers of college between now and the opening of the winter term at the first of January 1911

—The interest in the religious organizations is unusually strong this session. Frequently one hears the remark from young men, who have been here several years, that the Y. M. C. A. Meetings are the best they have ever had. The Christian Endeavor Society meetings are largely attended and almost without exception are deeply devotional and highly interesting

The Philologist Literary Society will give its annual public entertainment in the auditorium and Thanksgiving evening. The program provides for debate by four young men with excellent literary and oratorical ability.

—Mr. D. C. Loy, a theological student of the Methodist Protestant church in Greensboro, several days but is reported better. Mrs. J. C. McAdams has been sick also since last week.

—Mr. D. M. Lovell, a theological student of the Methodist Protestant church, and Mr. J. W. Amick are attending the annual Conference of the church which is in session at Kernersville, N. C.

W. T. Lawrence,

SUNDAY SCHOOL TOTALS

Sunday, Nov. 14,		
	Attendance	Con.
M. E.	238	186
M. P.	187	147
Baptist	210	167
Christian	188	147
Presbyterian	124	95
Webb Ave.	93	70
Reformed	140	111

The offerings for the Sunday schools are very poor. Many of the able business men think they have done something worth while when they give a bundle of five cent notes they could easily give a dollar. Think about it, good men.

Men's Bible and Barber Classes Total.

	Attendance	Con.
M. E.	31	25
Baptist	64	50
Christian	26	20
Webb Ave.	16	11
Presbyterian	15	11
M. P.	42	33
Reformed	32	23
Webb Ave.	19	14

T. D. DuPuy Pres.,
John H. Vernon, Sec.

Burlington, N. C.

S. S. Association.

Six men have been indicted by the government at Spokane, W. for conspiracy to rob the government of 20000 acres of coal land's worth \$20,000,000. That would have been a hefty steal if they could have carried it through.

and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall behold and not another.””

Affliction is no test of piety, for the wicked in their afflictions think about their troubles and not about God. There are many persons, who regard suffering in a shallow, superficial point of view, as an interference with their vocations, and consequently miss all the golden opportunities of growth in grace and knowledge which it holds out. Their plan of life is put out of joint, and they chafe and fret, because their activity is put to an end. This is the wrong view to take of affliction, for it may be that God is taking this medium through which to answer the devil's challenge. Satan failed when he touched Job's property, but he came back, and enlarged his proposition, and said, "Touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face." "So went Satan forth from the presence of the Lord, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown. And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes." A man may be wretched by affliction, but if he is true to God, there will shine through the rents of the wreckage a great character.

The trials of Job were wrought out for the benefit of all generations, and they have been read by countless readers. It is true that every one has his readers, the very obscurest, has his readers, fewer in number it may be, but equally earnest in attention. Your children are taking notice of you, seeing how you are bearing your temptations, afflictions, and difficulties. That child of yours sees you lie round home all day, Sunday not feeling well enough to attend Church, but Monday out at business at an early hour. It is known that you remained in bed Sunday too late for Sunday school, but was at your office at six Monday morning. You have your readers, in your kitchen, in your parlor, in your shop, in all the ways you go, and if you do not bear your trials, afflictions, anxieties, and difficulties, as a man of God, there will be mockery on earth, and laughter in hell. God is ready to help when death is in the home, and poverty is on the hearthstone, and affliction is gnawing at the vitals, if we can say from the heart, with Job, "Though

he slay me, yet will I trust him." The Lord uses the instrumentality of suffering to develop the best that is in man. The heroism of the Lord Jesus Christ took its coloring from endurance. The leaves of the aromatic plant shed but a faint odour, as they wave in the air. The gold shines scarcely at all, as it lies hid in the ore. The rugged crust of the diamond conceals from the eye its interior beauty. But let the aromatic leaf be crushed; let the ore be submitted to the furnace; let the diamond be cut and polished; and the fragrance the splendor, the fair colors are then brought out. Job was greater in his afflictions than he could have been without them. Well-borne trial is the finest argument that can be set up on behalf of the grace of God. Every trial that comes to us furnishes an opportunity through which the soul can show the fulness of faith in God.

The devil's estimate of Job, that material prosperity, and the flesh are supreme, is his perpetual estimate of humanity. Long centuries after Job had gone to his reward, he made the same suggestion to the Lord Jesus Christ in the loneliness of the wilderness. Job proved that the devil was false in his estimate of man. He withstood his enemies when "they marred his path." He showed his three friends who spoke up for God so nobly that they did not understand the workings of Jehovah. Job stood firm, when a thousand brave men would have given way in despair. He had no self-confidence, but he knew his weakness. But he had one glorious resource. He had a mighty friend in God, and God was with him in poverty, and in his affliction.

The Lord brought Job into the pathway of the knowledge of Him, and Job pursued that path through all its strange meanderings until it opened out upon the plain where he saw God's love. Our life is a following on to know the Lord. We marvel at some of the experiences through which we are called to pass, but afterwards we see that they afford us some new knowledge of our Lord. Job's poverty and afflictions do not teach that they are necessary in order that we may be religious, but that we may be true to God independent to our environment. Prosperity is promised to God's people upon obedience and faithfulness. Religion and prosperity should go hand in hand.

"The Lord turned the captivity

of Job"—took off his fetters and gave him liberty. "The Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning." "The Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before." And we hear, "In all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job." God blessed Job in a way that he could understand, in riches, health, friends, and a beautiful family. "So Job died, being old and full of days." "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death, and that shall be left shall be immortality, which being interpreted from the standpoint of Christ's cross means, not only longer life, but larger life, purer life, life consecrated to all high service, still finding its heaven in obedience, still finding its beginning and its ending in the eternal God."

GLORIFYING GOD

Paul in his first letter to the church at Corinth, tenth chapter and thirty-first verse, says, "Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God". Adam Clark says, "As no general rule can be laid down in reference to these things, there is one maxim, of which no Christian must lose sight: that whether he eats or drinks of this, or the other kinds of aliments, or whatever else he may do, he must do it so as to bring glory to God. This is a sufficient rule to regulate every man's conduct and practice in all indifferent things, where there are no express commands or prohibitions." Take for instance the use of tobacco. You endeavor to show a man, who is in the habit of using it, that it is wrong and he will, in all probability say, "If you will show me where, in the Bible, the use of tobacco is condemned in so many words, I will give up the habit." Now the word tobacco is not in the Bible, but the very best Christian men and women on the earth have long since decided that the use of tobacco is a filthy and injurious habit, and that no man can be at his best for the Lord and use tobacco. It has also been decided by the most intelligent people we have in the church and by the leading physicians of the land, that the use of cigarettes on the part of our boys, is one of, if not the most demoralizing and injurious habits, known among our youth. In the face of this fact how can any

minister of the gospel stoop to such a practice as using tobacco in any form? How can any Christian man or woman do such a thing? Behold our jails, penitentiaries, asylums and reform schools, how full they are. Full of boys, many of whom are from the very best homes in this country. Why are they so addicted to the use of tobacco? Nine times out of ten, in all probability, on account of the example set before them by professed ministers of the gospel, deacons of the church and Sunday school superintendents. With this probability staring us in the face can we use tobacco for Jesus, sake truly, or for the glory of God? For one I say no, a thousand times No.

Pious Quesnel has well said, "Everything honors God when it is done for His sake; everything dishonors Him when any ultimate end is proposed besides his glory. It is an unchangeable principle of the Christian morality, that all comes from God by his love; and all should be returned to him by ours. This rule we should keep inviolate." How can we use tobacco for Jesus sake? Is there any way? Surely not. To make the very best of it there surely is a great doubt as to its being right—just the thing for a Christian to do. "And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin."

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ENCOURAGEMENT

Cheering the workers in the different departments of human labor with sweet words of encouragement is a noble thing. To them who have toiled early and late surrounded by many adverse conditions encouragement is refreshing to the tired body and brain, raising the soul upon a high plane of gladness and giving relief from the great stress of anxiety by bringing that helpful peace and rest which produces the best results. So many sad hearts; so many heavy burdens to bear; so many whose work gets tangled in the rush and whirl of business pressure; so many who need strong, true, faithful and loving friendship and companionship; so many fatigued, belated ones struggling with urgent demands upon their time, means, patience, forbearance, sympathy, love and de-

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BEFORE FEB. 1, 1911.

The American Christian Convention directed that if possible the \$10,000 foreign mission fund should be completed before the first of February, 1911. Furthermore the Convention laid on those who were at Troy the burden of this undertaking:

"That in order to the raising of the balance of the \$10,000 the delegates of the various conferences be asked to endeavor to raise definite amounts until the balance is wiped out.

"That to carry out this resolution officials of the various conferences be advised to hold church rallies by inviting capable speakers and taking pledges until the amount asked for shall be realized.

"That to further carry out this plan a fitting appeal be sent out from the Mission Office in the name of the American Christian Convention through the *Herald of Gospel Liberty*, *The Christian Missionary*, *The Christian Sun* and *The Vanguard*, to all the brotherhood to aid in raising the fund by February 1, 1911."

By a further action the formation of the appeal was committed to the Secretary of the Convention and the Foreign Mission Secretary. The following letters have been sent out, and we hope that the response will be immediate.

AMERICAN CHRISTIAN CONVENTION \$10,000 MISSION FUND

DAYTON, OHIO, NOV. 1, 1910.

DEAR FRIEND:

As a delegate to the American Christian Convention you were permitted to experience that remarkable meeting on Monday evening, October 24, 1910, at Troy, Ohio, when the spirit of our Master was present in power, and when we all rejoiced in a mission offering amounting to a little more than \$4,600. And you were further gladdened when the next day brethren asked for the privilege of contributing and swelled the fund to \$5,350.25 in cash and pledges, with the understanding that all shall be paid on or before February 1, 1911. That was an epoch-making offering for our denomination. Tell your friends about it. Tell them that it is to wipe out our foreign mission debt of \$8,082.20 and to put our foreign work on its feet. Tell them that the American Christian Convention officially

calls on the brotherhood to swell the offering to \$10,000 before February 1, 1911, and asks for individual pledges and cash gifts at once. Church offerings are not called for, men and women gave individually, some of them sacrificed. Let the fund be continued in the same way. Do not let this get in the way of any regular offering.

Remember that the American Christian Convention laid the burden of completing this fund onto us who were at Troy. Will you kindly do your best and do it quickly? "We can do it if we will."

Yours for the cause and kingdom,
J. F. BURNETT,
Secy. Amr. Christian Convention.
M. T. MORRILL,
Secy. Foreign Missions.

WE NEVER SAW IT LIKE THIS BEFORE

\$10,000.00 The Aim.
\$5,350.25 Subscribed at Troy.
\$4,649.75 Still Needed.

DAYTON, OHIO, NOV. 1, 1910.

DEAR BRETHREN:

Something remarkable has happened. We must tell you about it. The Foreign Mission Secretary reported to the American Christian Convention at Troy, Ohio, that the foreign fund was \$8,082.20 in debt on account of our foreign missionary work. This debt was the accumulation of four years. During that time no new missionaries have been sent, and no new fields entered. The work has prospered, but largely because of the sacrifice of our missionaries. For all the the money spent we have good substantial results to show.

But the debt burdened the Convention and the Committee on Missions. The excellent report of the World Missionary Conference by J. P. Barrett, D. D., had made a deep impression and imparted an inspiration. Manifestly some of our missionary work must be abandoned, or money must be raised. The Committee on Missions thought to appeal to the Convention and the brotherhood for \$10,000 to wipe out the debt and put the work on its feet. Finally it was decided to have Rev. Dr. Woodworth and Rev. T. E. White speak briefly of Japan and Porto Rico, and then to have Rev. A. W. Lightbourne, D. D., of Dover, Del., make a missionary appeal. The tension of feeling was manifest to everybody. Then Rev. J. F. Burnett, D. D., took the floor and in the midst of oppressive still-

ness asked for \$100 offerings toward the debt. Subscriptions came readily until over \$2,000 were provided for; and then the sums were gradually reduced, pledges coming so rapidly part of the time that Dr. Burnett and the men in the aisles could not announce them, until the total amounted to \$4,600. It was without question the greatest missionary meeting our denomination has ever experienced. The next morning people who were absent the evening before asked for the privilege of contributing, and the Convention's business was suspended for some time to allow of subscriptions. The total offering to apply toward the debt amounted to \$5,350.25. The whole Convention felt the uplift and inspiration of positive achievement. We demonstrated right there and then what we could do for missions if we were to try.

The Convention afterward ordered that an appeal should be made to the whole brotherhood to add enough before February 1, 1911, to complete the \$10,000 fund, and upon the undersigned was put the responsibility of formulating this appeal. We therefore appeal to you, not in our own names, not for the Mission Board, but in the name and by the authority of the American Christian Convention, to personally give or subscribe to help complete the \$10,000. A few hundred people have already given and pledged \$5,350.25, which is considerably more than the average March foreign mission offering from our whole denomination. The hundreds and thousands of brethren not at Troy can easily duplicate what was done there. You can afford to give and sacrifice as your brethren have. Will you do it? Send cash or pledges immediately. This matter must be out of the way before February 1, 1911. It must not come in the way of any regular offering. Shoulder this burden with your brethren! Lift the cloud that has hung over our missionary work! Rejoice then that we are doing something worthy of ourselves and the Kingdom of God.

Yours for the cause and Kingdom,
J. F. BURNETT,
Secy. of the Amr. Christian Con.
M. T. MORRILL,
Foreign Mission Secretary.

SOME NOBLE MISSIONARIES

Peter Parker, of China, was practically the founder of medical mis-

sions. It was said of him that "he opened China to the gospel at the point of his lancet."

George Danna Boardman went to Burma when a young man to take the place of a missionary who had died untimely, and he himself, after some heroic years, passed away at the age of thirty. One of the last scenes of his life was his being carried on a litter into the jungle to witness the final results of his labors, the baptism of sixty native converts.

Mirza Izrahim was one of the early Moslem converts in Persia, and was cruelly put to death. While his torturers were beating him he cried with delight, "So was my Saviour beaten."

Miss Annie R. Taylor is the heroic Englishwoman who, nearly two decades ago, made a gloriously daring venture into Tibet, claiming from him to Pilate, the Roman every foot of the way for Christ. Amid all the many perils she wrote in her diary, "I am God's little woman, and He will take care of me."

Raymond Lull, in the thirteenth century, spent the last fifty years of his life preaching Christ in many lands and amid many dangers. At last he was stoned to death as he was trying to convert the Saracens of North Africa.

Melinda Rankin, the pioneer missionary to Mexico, was a school-teacher. She established a Christian school at Onterey, and herself raised money for this work and for a far-reaching work of Bible distribution.

Robert McAll was an English minister who was so moved by pity for the godless people when he visited Paris that he gave up his life, at his own charges, to establishing gospel missions in France. When he began his great work he knew only two sentences of French: "God loves you," and "I love you."

William Taylor, the wonderful missionary to all continents, slept for years with his head on a stone which he carried with him.

Joseph Neesima was the runaway Japanese boy who set out in dauntless pursuit of Western knowledge and the secret of Western civilization. He gave his life to most successful labors for Christ among the Japanese. "My heart burns for Japan," he wrote, "and I cannot check it."—Prof. Wells.

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

—Rev. M. L. Bryant, Main St. church, Berkley, Va., was too unwell to occupy his pulpit last Sunday evening. We note with regret from a Norfolk paper.

—We note this remark in an exchange: "Religious people are more polite than they used to be." We trust so, and that they will continue to improve as they should.

—Our readers will welcome our "Western letter" from the fertile and fertile pen of Dr. J. P. Barnett. We appreciate exceedingly Dr. Barnett's generosity in snatching time from a busy editorial life to write for the Sun.

—New York has just passed through one of the most destructive and expensive strikes in years, that of its express wagon drivers. Express traffic in the city was tied up for days and business in many lines was brought almost to a standstill.

—United States Senator Clay of Georgia, died very suddenly in an Atlanta sanitarium last Sunday.

—Rev. C. C. Jones, Wakefield, Va., has been assisting Rev. S. L. Berger, Conshohocken, Pa., in a series of meetings the past week, with good results.

—Rev. C. C. Peel rejoices in the gift (and warmth) of a new overcoat, presented by that faithful and loyal band of Christian workers whom he serves as under-shepherd at Belaws Creek. Bro. Peel is grateful and his people happy in the thought of a kindness rendered.

Rev. David A. Keys, South Norfolk church, used these themes last Sunday: Morning, "Paul's Prayer to the Ephesians," evening, "The Christian Outlook." Rev. W. W. Staley, D. D., Suffolk church, used these subjects: Morning, "Likeness and Likeness." Evening, "Man and Master."

—Will you please score another for Japan. The mayor of Tokyo who visited this country was not sufficiently advanced in civilization to have any officials who are grafters. Civilization does produce its ills and evils, the professional grafter being among the number of undesirable.

—The Virginia Methodist Conference in session at Richmond the past week, by vote, passed a resolution that the Times-Dispatch

from its floors, following a report said reporter had sent to his paper, and the other newspaper men doing the Conference, withdrew in sympathy with the excluded reporter.

—Thanksgiving Day should be duly and appropriately observed. President Taft, for the nation, and governors of States, have issued their proclamations calling on the people to meet in their churches, on Thursday, November 24, 1910, for the praise of Almighty God and to return thanks to Him for all His goodness and loving kindness.

—Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Win. S. Long left this morning by private conveyance for Chapel Hill where they will make their future home, to the regret of many friends throughout the county.—Alamance Gleaner. We join the Gleaner in the feeling of regret that Dr. Long leaves now the county which his efforts have helped to develop in many and valuable lines.

—The editor of the Sun feels a personal loss in the retirement of Mr. Kenton F. Murray from the editorial staff of the Norfolk Landmark. Besides possessing a sense of fine humor, with which his editorial page sparkled, Mr. Murray has an exceedingly cultured mind and a refined taste. He wrote with a fertile pen and we regret exceedingly that he lays it down.

—They are still disputing about the North Pole. Knud Rasmussen, a Danish explorer and an expert arctic traveler, who is himself half Eskimo, declares both on his own evidence, and on that of the two Eskimos who, Perry alleged, were with him when he found the big stick, that neither Cook nor Perry has been any where near the Pole. It certainly is a pity to discover anything and be unable to prove it.

—From the Haw River correspondent of the State Dispatch we gather that Rev. W. G. Clements, who has served Haw River church so faithfully for some years will not return to that work the coming year. In its issue of Nov. 9th the Dispatch says: "Rev. W. C. Clement preached his farewell sermon Sunday night. He has been a faithful pastor and he carries the love of his church as he goes to another field to labor in the work of the Lord."

—From our friend and brother, Rev. Hight C. Moore, editor of the Biblical Recorder, comes this word of brotherly greeting which is duly

appreciated and the implied wish of which we devoutly trust will be heeded: "We congratulate our friend and college class-mate, Dr. J. O. Atkinson, upon the enlargement and improvement of the Christian Sun of which he is editor. Every member of his denomination in the State should take and read that paper, and we hope its circulation and usefulness will greatly increase."

—Count Tolstoi, one of the foremost literary men living, and by all odds the leading literary light of Russia, has deserted his wife and gone into a monastery at the age of 81, desiring to spend the remainder of his life in solitude. Tolstoi was ever eccentric, but in this last act has capped the climax of all his erratic deeds and daring. His was a wonderful mind and one which has won for him readers throughout the civilized world, but his genius, like that of many another great man, has led him astray. Great men make most glaring and egregious blunders.

—The North Carolina and Virginia Conference convenes next Tuesday with the Pleasant Grove church, Halifax Co., Va., and will receive warm and cordial welcome from that generous and large hearted people. It is easy of access and there should be a full delegation. If any who are to attend will write Mr. W. O. Farmer, R. F. D. No. 1, News Ferry, Va., there will be conveyance at the station, News Ferry, which is on the Richmond and Danville division of the Southern, 26 miles north of Danville. Every delegate elect should attend this Conference. It is to be an important session, and much work of interest is to be looked after.

—Rev. J. O. Cox who has served the past year as business manager of the Christian Sun has moved with his family to Durham and becomes pastor of our church there. Bro. Cox is a hard worker and is a faithful and efficient pastor, being strongly aided and supported in his pastoral duties by his most amiable, helpful and faithful companion. In commenting upon Bro. Cox's new duties The Elon College Weekly of last week predicted the following: "Mr. Cox becomes pastor of the Main Street Christian Church, Durham. He is an earnest consecrated young minister who has been successful as a pastor of two other churches in Norfolk and of other churches in the country. His going to Durham, we predict,

will put a new life into that church."

—The Eastern North Carolina Conference was in session at New Elam in Chatham county last week. Owing to conditions in Sun office the editor could only be in the Conference one day. The work was going well. Rev. G. R. Underwood was presiding, Dr. W. C. Wicker was acting secretary and Bro. J. D. Ballentine was treasurer. The conference claims were well responded to and the delegation was good. Thursday was a busy day, the sessions being given to Missions and Religious Literature. This conference gives good heed to its Home Mission needs in particular and is doing much to build and sustain churches at needy and hopeful points. This conference has the Chapel Hill work at heart and will respond readily to the need there when the time arrives, as it likely will not far hence in future.

—A figure certain to attract attention in the next Congress is Caleb Powers of Kentucky, recently elected. This man Powers was three times tried for his life for complicity in the murder of Governor Goebel, was convicted and condemned to death, but appeals served to stay execution, until finally until after many years in a murderer's cell, he was pardoned. Here was either one of the grossest miscarriages of justice on record or Kentucky has sent to Congress a man with blood-stained hands. It will be in order now for Powers to write a book, or prepare a lecture on "From a Murderer's Cell to a Seat in Congress." All of which is put down here as pointing out how the vicissitudes of a man's life may change in a few brief years, and how fickle indeed is fortune in this world of rapid down fallings and uprisings.

NOTICE.

The Educational Committee of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference will meet in the Christian Sun Office, Elon College, N. C., Saturday Nov. 19, 1910 at 7:30 p. m.

J. O. Atkinson, Chm.

—The Christian Endeavor Society of Christian church will serve dinner to the inmates of the County Home Thanksgiving day. Any one wishing to aid in this work will please send a contributing basket to John R. Fosters Shoe Store by 1 o'clock Thanksgiving day at Burlington, N. C.

Among The Churchse.

NEW ENGLAND LETTER.

It would be impossible for me to describe my sense of loss last week in the absence from my table of the Christian Sun. It seemed as if my sky of religious reading was indeed greatly clouded. When, however, the belated number did arrive, I feasted my soul on the good things it contained.

So far as I now recall I have never written the Sun family anything of the work here in Lynn, which fell into my hands after Bro. Rhodes retired from the field. The present arrangement gives me two city churches, about twelve and a half miles distant from each other, and seven services on the Lord's day. Of course my Boston church is not quite the largest in the city. We have a membership of thirty-six, twenty-four of these live within about twelve miles of the church, the remainder about twelve thousand miles. Of the twenty-four first named, twelve are at least ten miles away, and the remaining twelve an average of about two and a half miles. But I started to tell you of Lynn. We have here a tremendous membership! (?) There are twenty-one names on our record. Eight of these reside in Lynn. Probably no one but the Lord Himself knows where the remaining thirteen all are. I am able to locate only four of them. A splendid future lies before us. Do you wonder that I am optimistic? Think of the twelves herein enumerated. But jokes aside, I doubt very seriously if a dozen churches in our whole denomination can show a better percentage of attendance at prayer meeting from the standpoint of the resident membership. Our attendance from May 1st to November 1st, averaged about twenty-one, lacking only a small fraction. As you see this is more than two and a half times our resident membership. What would Dr. Staley think if he came to prayer meeting and found two and a half times as many people present as he has resident members? He would have to get some one to lead a section of it in one place while he led the remainder in another. Or, Dr. Fleming; some of them would have to seek other quarters than their own church. Suppose Bro. Hawson should find 750 people clamor-

ing for admission to his prayer-meeting next Wednesday night, don't you think that he would begin to feel that another revival had begun? How well we can make things appear on paper is illustrated, when I tell you something not quite so gratifying. But little more than half of our tiny little membership (resident) is represented in this average attendance at the weekly prayer meeting. The attendants are largely young people of our Sunday School, and members of other churches whose church house is too far away for them to attend their own. Of course a large church would have a larger percentage of the residents of the community in its membership, leaving a smaller number of interested persons outside the church. The fact however, of an increasing number of the people of this community becoming interested in the prayer and preaching services is a source of encouragement to us. Remember please that during the past twenty-four years the Christians of New England have lost forty-nine churches and about three thousand members. This will enable you to understand my feeling and gratitude for what seems like an opportunity to see a church of our own in New England growing in the right direction. Our Sunday services are well attended considering the tiny membership and the many setbacks which the work has suffered. For the past six months the morning congregation has averaged almost thirty-one. In the evening forty-nine, plus. We have a property worth about \$8,000. This was secured by the indomitable push and energy of the organizer of the work, Rev. A. A. Williams, who solicited twenty-seven hundred one dollar subscriptions, and of course many larger ones. The property is secured to our work by a deed held by the New England Missionary Society. We feel that our prayer meetings are to be the means owned and blessed of God for reviving the work and increasing our efficiency. Will a number of Sun readers who may be interested in seeing New England rally round a growing work and signs of life, write me a letter to be read at our prayer meetings?

P. S. Sailer,
79 Clark St.,
Lynn, Mass., Nov. 5, 1910.

WINCHESTER LETTER.

The work at Winchester is encouraging. We organized a Sunday School at the beginning of the quarter and have an enrollment of over fifty. We are under many obligations to E. W. Cather, E. R. Johnson and Hook & Shuler, mill-ers, for kind remembrances in the way of good things to eat. The work on our new building is being rapidly pushed forward. If the weather continues fair, the brick work will be about completed by the time this reaches the readers of the "Herald" and the "Sun."

The following amounts have been received since our last report:

Amount previously reported	\$2175.25
L. P. Hook	1.00
Mrs. L. P. Hook	1.00
Miss Frances Hook	1.00
Rev. S. L. Baugher	1.00
Rev. C. O. Langford	1.00
Mrs. Laura Pease	1.00
Cash collection, Winchester	2.95
J. J. Miller	1.00
Rent	4.00
B. F. Strosnyder	5.00
Rev. W. P. Fletcher	1.00
W. W. Chase	1.00
Rev. Hugh A. Smith	1.00
Rev. Henry Crampton	1.00
Rev. W. W. Bagby	1.00
Rev. E. H. Crisman	1.00
Rev. Jno. Blood	1.00
Jas. S. Frost	1.00
Rev. J. J. Summerbell	1.00
J. B. Pease	1.00
J. N. Hess	1.00
Rev. W. J. Young	1.00
Rev. F. E. Gaige	1.00
J. E. Webb	1.00
J. W. Orr	1.00
Rev. H. J. Rhodes	1.00
H. E. Clemm	1.00
R. H. Daniels	1.00
Mrs. P. C. Ratcliff	1.00
Rev. D. E. Millard	1.00
Rev. W. A. Warner	1.00
Rev. T. E. White	1.00
Rev. W. O. Hornbaker	1.00
Rev. Alvah M. Kerr	1.00
D. B. Pence	1.00
Rev. B. F. Vaughn	1.00
Rev. S. A. Caris	1.00
Rev. O. W. Powers	1.00
Rev. J. B. Weston	1.00
J. W. Beck	1.00
A. V. Priddy	1.00
Hon. O. W. Whitelock	1.00
Friends (A. A. C., Troy)	6.00
Rev. J. E. Burnett	1.00
Rev. J. E. Etter	1.00
A. S. Anderson	1.00
Mrs. A. S. Anderson	1.00
Total	\$60.95
Material and Labor
Ed. M. Farland	\$.08
Davis Johnson	2.58
Union Specialty Co.	7.00
Oakland Pressed Brick Co.	27.00
	\$36.66
	60.95
	\$2273.17

We are grateful for all these con-

tributions. If the six friends, who gave \$1.00 each at Troy but whose names I failed to get, will send me their names, I will gladly give them credit for their contributions. You see we are getting along nicely with our proposition for one thousand persons to give \$1.00 each to the Winchester church. Would you like to be one of the thousand? It is taking money now to meet the bills in building. Will you please send \$1.00 as soon as you read this? I had the pleasure of worshiping with Brother H. R. Clem, in his congregation at Springfield, Ohio, on Sunday during the Convention. Brother Clem's congregation is not large but it has some zealous workers. Brother Clem is a strong young man and is held in high esteem by the people whom he serves. My stay at the Convention was pleasant. I appreciate the courtesy extended to me in permitting me to present the claims of Winchester work.

W. T. Walters.

NORFOLK LETTER.

Rev. H. E. Roundtree has been assisting Bro. Howsan in a meeting at Rosemont the past week. They report a good meeting and growing in interest. It will continue this week.

Yesterday was "Field Day" for the Naval Y. M. C. A. in Norfolk, many of the pulpits being supplied at the morning service by representatives of the Association, the Third church and Temple being among the number.

At the temple Bro. Howsan at the evening service gave an illustrated temperance lecture.

At the Third church the meeting has been in progress during the week—preaching by the pastor. The attendance has been good and increasing.

Last night the pastor preached a fine sermon to a large audience, from the story of the "Prodigal Son". At the close of the service four young ladies united with the church. Miss Fannie Holland and Misses Virgie and Mary Gordon from the Temple by letter and Miss Ethel White on confession of faith.

Some of our friends knew Mrs. Manning was in the hospital for a little while where she underwent a surgical operation. They with others may be interested in knowing that she is now at home and convalescing rapidly. It is useless

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Young People

W. A. HARPER, EDITOR,
Elon College, N. C.

A GOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL

SELECT NOTES. A commentary on the International Sunday-school Lessons. By Rev. F. N. Peloubet, D. D. 382 pages, cloth, \$1.25. Cloth, interleaved edition, \$2.00. French morocco, limp, round corners, gilt, \$2.00.

Peloubet's "Notes" again makes its annual appearance and this time is its thirty-seventh. Its steady growth during the past thirty-six years of continuous publication gives to it a quality only to be obtained by a gradual, constant and positive improvement year by year.

Although primarily designed to be an assistant to users of the International Lessons, each year it is purchased, so its publishers state, by thousands of other Biblical scholars, who recognize that it brings to them such a wealth of suggestion, illustration, and illumination of the Word that they need it for general use in religious reading and study.

The lessons for the year 1911 are based upon the history of Israel and Judah and take up the kings and prophets of that period.

Particular attention is centered upon the department of inductive studies on each lesson. This method of treating the subject is of importance and will be appreciated, as it compels the teacher to get all the help possible from the Bible itself, before consulting any outside aid in its interpretation of the truth found therein.

Whereas the commentary is of inestimable value to teachers and older classes, yet each week suggestions are made showing how the lessons can be so adapted to the Intermediate and Junior Departments as to make them most helpful and practical in the daily life of these younger members of the school. In fact, this commentary brings to the students of the Bible practically all that one can desire from such a book, presented in such a concise and effective manner that it is easy for him to impress the truth in an interesting and forceful way.

The tremendous and continuous sale which this book has received speaks volumes for its worth, and

as each year its circulation is increasing, it goes to prove that its popularity is extending not only through this country but throughout the world, wherever the Bible is taught. No Sunday school teacher nor Bible student should be without this assistant. The editor has used it for many years and would not be without it for any reasonable sum. "A help that helps" is Peloubet's notes.

For sale by the Christian Sun at publisher's price, for which read above at the head of this review.

C. E. TOPIC FOR NOV. 20.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS

How to Be Thankful, Psa. 100:1-5
LET THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY LEAD

The Scripture. It would be well for the society to memorize this beautiful Psalm and repeat it aloud in concert. Or it would be delightful to chant it to music. Or let one member recite or chant it. Let the Secretary of the Society give a two minutes comment.

The Leader. The leader, if the president of the society, would do well to give a brief review of the society's work and accomplishments during the year, calling attention to the number of new members received, the number of associate members brought into the church, the increased interest in the prayer-meetings, stating in what ways this interest has manifested itself, etc. If there have been any transfers from the earthly to the heavenly society during the year, a brief memorial service might well follow the president's remarks, or be included as a part of them. A suggestion or two for future improvement would not be amiss. Not over ten minutes should thus be consumed, five would be better.

Question Spurs. (To be voluntarily answered.)

What is gratitude?

How did Christ thank God?

How should we thank God?

For what should we be thankful to God?

When is the proper time to show our appreciation of our friends?

Give a Bible instance of gratitude. (To several.)

Give a Bible instance of ingratitude. (To several.)

What records are promised the grateful ones?

What end will overtake ingrates?

How should Thanksgiving day be kept?

How should it not be kept?

Why should our nation be thankful?

Bible Verses. (For memory, meditation and recitation voluntarily with brief comment):

I will prepare him an habitation, Ex. 15:2.

I will sing unto the Lord, Judges, 5:3.

Thank and praise the Lord, I Chron. 23:30.

I will declare thy name—when? Ps. 22:22.

Rejoice, Ps. 33:1.

I will pour out my soul, Ps. 42:4.

I will go unto the altar, Ps. 43:4.

Bring an offering, Ps. 96:8.

Bless the Lord, Ps. 103:1.

I will sacrifice, Josuah 2:9.

Glorifying and praising God, Luke 2:20.

With gladness and singleness of heart, Acts 2:46.

Singing in Zion blest to the Lord, Epl. 5:19.

Giving thanks, Heb. 13:15.

Pray, Jos. 5:13.

Let your light shine, Matt. 5:16.

Be ye therefore perfect, Matt. 5:48.

Bless, do good to, pray for—whom? Matt. 5:44.

Be charitable, Ex. 23:11.

Happy is he—who? Prov. 14:21.

Remember the poor, Gal. 2:10.

Essay Work. An essay or two on such themes as "The Origin of Thanksgiving", "The Spirit of Thanksgiving", etc.

For next week. Heroic Missionaries:

M., Nov. 21. Heroic love, 1 Sam. 1:19-28.

T., Nov. 22. Heroic service. Rom. 1:8-17.

W., Nov. 23. Heroic preaching. Gen. 6:1-3, 11; 2 Pet. 2:5.

T., Nov. 24. Heroic warfare. Judg. 6:11-15; 7:19-23.

F., Nov. 25. Heroic faithfulness, 2 Sam. 21:10.

S., Nov. 26. Heroic sacrifice, Heb. 11:17-19.

Sun., Nov. 27. Topic—My favorite missionary hero or heroine, and why, Heb. 11:32-40.

Ask each member to be able to report next time some missionary item of interest which is well vouched for. We print below some excellent items from Prof. Wells. Don't fail to ask that some of these come from the Bible and some from the fields of our own missionary enterprise.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM

1. Songs of praise—several of them.

2. Sentence prayers of gratitude.

3. Scripture and comment—see above.

4. Proclamations of Thanksgiving, by President Taft and by your state's Governor read.

5. Leader's remarks.

6. Prayer.

7. Special Music.

8. Written Work.

9. Voluntary participation—including answers to Question Spurs and recitation of Scripture verses, and any other form of participation desired. Intersperse with stanzas of appropriate song.

10. Pastor's five minutes.

11. Announcements of leader for next meeting.

12. Song. Offering. Benediction.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR NOVEMBER 27, 1910.

By Dr. W. C. Wicker.

THE TRIAL OF JESUS

Matthew 26:57-68

Golden Text.—Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again? 1. Pet. 2:23.

Read and compare Matt. 26:57-68; Mark 14:53-65; Luke 22:54-56; John 18:12-23.

Time and Place.

The time occupied during which the events of this lesson took place extended from Friday morning of the Crucifixion, continuing from between one and two o'clock a. m., until after sunrise.

The place of the trial was the Palace of the High Priest in the southwest section of Jerusalem. This was the palace built by Herod, which was afterwards occupied by the Roman governors, and was the praetorium, or hall which formed the abode of Pilate when Christ was brought before him. After Jesus was taken in Gethsemane, he was carried to this palace or hall for trial. They led him to the house of Caiaphas, the high priest whom the scribes and elders were assembled. Christ was first taken before Annas, who sent him to his son-in-law Caiaphas, who probably lived in the same house; he was then arraigned before Caiaphas and an effort made to produce false testimony sufficient for his condemnation. This expedient failed; for though two persons appeared to testify, they did not agree, and at last Caiaphas put our Saviour him-

self upon oath that he should say whether he was indeed the Christ, the Son of God, or not. The answer was of course, in the affirmative and was accompanied with a declaration of his divine power and majesty. The high priest pretended to be greatly grieved at what he considered the blasphemy of our Savior's pretensions, and forthwith appealed to his enraged enemies to say if this was not enough. They answered at once that he deserved to die, and then, in the very presence of Caiaphas, and without any restraint from him, they fell upon their guiltless victim with insults and injuries. As Caiaphas had no power to inflict the punishment of death, Christ was taken Governor, that his execution might be duly ordered.

I. Following Him afar off. vs. 58. But Peter (and John, John 18:15) followed him afar off. They kept out of the excited crowd as though they were careless spectators. They seemed to desire to keep their promise to follow Jesus even unto death, but they fulfilled this promise only formally. They who follow afar off, find themselves following in mere formalism and do not enter into the spirit of service, sacrifice and suffering with Christ. It seems that John Mark (Mark 14:51-54) was following Christ also and had to hurry to fulfill this duty not taking time to dress himself as usual.

II Jesus On Trial. vs. 59-63. Now the chief priests and elders and all the council. He was brought first to Annas who was of a proud, ambitious, arrogant spirit and virtually at the head of ecclesiastical affairs, though Caiaphas, his son-in-law was nominal high priest.

Sought false witnesses against Jesus. They could not find true witness against him for he himself was the truth and no true witness could bear testimony against him. All who ever bear witness against Christ are false witnesses. Many false witnesses came, yet found they none. They could find none that gave sufficient testimony to condemn him.

At the last came two false witnesses. These agreed in saying: This fellow said I am able to destroy the temple of God, and build it in three days. Jesus had not said that he would destroy the temple, and what he had said about the Jews' destroying the temple of his body and raising in three days

in the resurrection they had not understood. This charge against Jesus was false and they had to search through three years of his teachings, his miraculous mighty works and wonderful power before they could find one instance of word or deed that they could pervert into the semblance of a charge against him, and this was reported falsely and maliciously misrepresented. Had they misunderstood him, the fact that he said he would restore the temple proves that he had no hostility towards the temple that could be perverted into blasphemy.

Answerest thou nothing. vs. 62. Jesus had treated their testimony with silent contempt because he realized that his life, his teachings, his conduct silently and powerfully refuted the false testimony, and he made no reply, no explanation, no argument, for none would have changed the attitude or spirit of false witnesses.

He held his peace. vs. 63. Had he denied the charge, they would not have accepted it. He refused to "cast pearls before swine". There are many times in our Christian experience when it is better to keep silent than to endeavor to reply to those who simply seek debate, contentions, strife, bickerings and confusion. We should never refuse an explanation to any who are really seeking light, but should not waste time in replying to a prating fool. Had they been seeking the truth they would have asked the multitudes whom Jesus fed, to whom he restored sight, or speech, or raised from the dead; they would have consulted those who had been so wonderfully blessed of him during his three years of public ministry.

The high priest asked him under oath if he were the Christ? Jesus replied:

Thou hast said. He could no longer keep silent and he had no hesitancy in speaking out the truth when he thought proper to do so. Jesus took this opportunity to preach the Gospel to the high priest and the council, saying, "Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power and coming in the clouds of heaven." The time will come when Christ shall reign in his power and glory and then the high priest will become subject to him. They might destroy his body, they might kill him, they might crush the crown of thorns upon his tender brow now,

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but the time will come when they will feel their dependence upon him. Humanity may crucify him, reject him, scourge him, and pierce his side, but the time will come when humanity will be in his power crying for help when there is no other to help.

The charge against him was that he was guilty of blasphemy (vs.65). God, treason towards his kingdom. Blasphemy meant slander against the kingdom of heaven and punishable by death as is treason in many countries today. He is guilty of death (vs. 66) was the false verdict against him. According to the Jewish law he was not guilty.

After his trial before Caiaphas and condemnation, he was taken before the Jewish Sanhedrin, the council in full, in order to confirm the verdict of Caiaphas after sunrise as no legal Jewish trial could be conducted in the night. The conduct of Caiaphas and the council in contrast with that of Christ, the innocent, sweet, pure, spotless, immaculate character will forever draw the admiration of the human heart to Christ and condemnation of mankind upon the cruel perpetrators of that mock trial.

III Shameful Treatment. vs. 67, 68. They spit in his face, the

greatest insult added to injury. It seemed that the maddened frenzy of the cruel mob led them on to the meanest possible conduct toward their victim. Buffeted him, beat him with their fists, smote him with the palms of their hands, smote him with rods, with the sword, blindfolded him and asked him to prophesy who smote, ridiculing his claim to be a prophet. This cruel treatment was repeated at three different times and places, in the palace of Caiaphas, in the palace of Herod, and in the court of Pilate. It has been true that not only Christ has been ridiculed and abused, maligned with cruelty, vituperation and spleen, but all those who espouse his cause are called upon to suffer for him, with him, and by his side in many experiences of life, but they all make the faithful strong in his love and abiding in Christian faith.

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My Dear Children and Friends:
By the time you read these lines, more than 2000 printed and written messengers will have gone out from the Christian Orphanage on their silent appeal for a liberal Thanksgiving offering. We have prayed that God's spirit may accompany these messengers and that their silent appeal may reach the heart of love and purse of liberality, so that on their return they may pour their gleanings and their gifts into the treasury of the Orphanage till it shall so overflow that all indebtedness may be canceled.

The Lord has blessed his people this year, and we hope for the most liberal returns.

All our pastors will receive a personal letter, and we earnestly solicit their hearty co-operation in this Thanksgiving Offering; we ask that they explain the needs of the Orphanage, and solicit from each member a personal offering, also from each member of their several congregations, and thus swell the "Grand Total." Let no church neglect to take the offering, for the General Convention has asked that the offering be made for the needs of our orphan children.

We now have 36 children, with 10 applications on hand pressing upon us; but how can we heed this orphan cry without your help? The number of children we take de-

pends upon your help. Please send in all collections promptly.

The Pleasant Grove S. S. made the first Thanksgiving Offering, 1910. This week a little boy and girl from Michigan add a little more, and now that the report has begun, let it grow.

Donations this week are as follows:

Geo. W. Ellington, Greensboro, N. C., package of books; a box from Mrs. E. W. Neville and Mrs. Lindsay, of Chapel Hill, N. C., contains 3 books, 6 yards cotton flannel, 6 blouses for boys and 1 dress and two cloaks for girls, stockings and handkerchiefs and towels.

Mrs. J. Fix, Burlington, N. C., starch.

Miss Clendenin, Graham, N. C., a nice sack of dried fruit.

We sincerely thank these friends.

We thank Uncle Millard for again remembering us with one of his nice poems so suitable to the occasion. We know you will enjoy it.

Cordially yours,
Uncle Jim.

Dear Children:

I wish to introduce to you, in this number of the Christian Sun, two little children, who are very dear to me, because they are children of two of my nieces. Their names are Willie E. Durfee, age 11; and Almira J. Roberts, age 10. Just now, they are a part of my family. They each send a dime as a Thanksgiving Offering to the Orphanage, in harmony with the spirit of my Thanksgiving poem, in this same number.

Lovingly,
Uncle Millard.

Thank you children and Uncle Millard too for thus remembering us. Write again.

Macon, N. C. Nov. 4, 1910.

Dear Uncle Jim:

Enclosed you will find \$1.25 which pays our dues till November.

These are busy days with us, studying and getting ready for the holidays. Am sure the children had a fine time at the Fair and here's wishing them a happy "Thanksgiving" and a "Merry Christmas".

Well, goodbye till March, 1911. With much love for all.

Helen Winborne Scholz,
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Elizabeth Scholz,
Jessie Lee Scholz.

So glad to get this nice letter and

money. Just in time children to swell the Thanksgiving amount.

Sanford, N. C., Nov. 7, 1910.

Dear Uncle Jim:

Here comes little Carl Lynn with his dime for November. Uncle Jim I have been sick a week and I can't walk. The Dr. comes to see me once a day and I don't like that much. I close for this time.

Your nephew,
Carlynn Schobey.

Ah, sorry to hear that little man but hope the Dr. will soon get you well.

Sanford, N. C., Nov. 17, 1910.

Dear Uncle Jim:

I come with my dime for November. We are having cold weather now and old Jack Frost comes almost every other morning. I am going to school every day. I am learning fast. Well Uncle Jim I am in a hurry to go to school and I can't write much, but will write more next time. I close with love to all.

Your niece,
Annie Pearl Way.

You are doing nicely Annie Pearl and Uncle Jim hopes you may keep well so as to continue in school.

THANKSGIVING. NOV. 24, 1910.

On this glad Thanksgiving Day,
Thrill'd by God's most gracious love,

We our heartfelt tributes pay—
To the King who reigns above;
All we have to Thee we owe,
Kind Thou art in all Thy ways;
Low before Thy throne we bow,
Lord, accept our grateful praise!

To Thine altar do we come—
Bringing thanks for fruits of toil;

Thanks for all the sweets of home,
And the products of the soil;
Thanks for kindly friends we have,
And for social blessings given;
For the Christ who came to save;
For the hope we have of Heaven.

But, though God has been so good,
Given us such proofs of love,
Oft, I fear, we have withstood
Calls for mercy from above;

Now, as we His praises sing,
May we prove our praise sincere,
By the gifts we freely bring—
For the needy always near.

To our Orphanage, with prayer,
Cheerfully let gifts be sent,
That the orphans sheltered there,

May, from happy hearts, give vent—

To the joy they feel always,
When they know they have our love;

So shall this Thanksgiving Day
To each one a heaven prove.

—Uncle Millard.

Portland, Mich.

MARRIED

Bradshaw-Morris.

At the bride's home near Cumberland, Va., on the 26th day of October, 1910, Mr. R. D. Bradshaw and Mrs. Olivia Morris, were united in marriage by the writer. The parlor was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and ferns. There were many of their friends present to witness their marriage. After the ceremony the young couple drove to Cumberland and took the Southern train to Norfolk, then the boat to Washington and other cities. When they return they will make their home in Wakefield, Va.

We hope for the young couple a long and happy life.

Ellis-Morris.

In the study of the Wakefield Christian church on the night of August 17, 1910, Mr. F. M. Ellis and Miss Lucile Morris, were united in marriage. Mr. Ellis is a business man of Wakefield, and very popular among people of the town and well known in Wakefield.

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OUR WESTERN LETTER.

Now that most of the annual conferences, North and South, East and West are all over, it seems to be a good time for us all to be getting down to good hard work. The conferences no doubt made new plans and developed new lines of work for the advancement of the Master's cause, and that is right, but we all need to learn that the best plans ever made will not work themselves. The men and women who make the plans must also work them, or the plans will come to naught, just as many have done in other days, and just as many will do hereafter, for the same reason.

The next active work of the churches in the north will be the protracted meeting efforts. This work comes here chiefly in the winter season. Already some meetings are being held, and from this time till late next spring, the good work will go on, as we hope and pray, with great success. If the preacher can go to his protracted meeting with his own heart and mind with God and then can have a truly spiritual church behind him he may expect blessings in some shape to descend upon his labors—and most likely in the conversion of sinners, and certainly in the building up of the church and the spread of the truth.

It is related that a certain evangelist, having had a number of conversions, sought to show them how they could help the pastor in the work that so much needs to be done, and he said to them something like this: "Now, Christians, the people here are not in the habit of reading their Bibles to learn what God says to them, but I will tell you what they will read—they will read your lives and ways very carefully to see if you are really what you profess to be and mind you this—if they find your lives inconsistent with your professions, the devil will give them this for an excuse in rejecting Jesus Christ."

And I believe that is so. The devil can do more with an inconsistent Christian's life to pull down the cause of Christ in any given community, than the minister can do with a life that is really trying to walk with the Lord. Then it becomes us as ministers to be very careful in instructing men and women and children under our care in the way of the Christian life—we need to give them good instruction, such as is fully supported by

the teachings of the Bible. On this point we cannot be too careful. Error once planted in the heart may have the growth of years before it can be rooted up, and may be it will destroy the soul before the soul can destroy, or get the mastery over it.

This brings me to mention another thing which is of great importance, and that is the power of the preacher for good or evil in a community. A good man in the ministry can do great things for the building up of the cause of Christ and the opposite is just as true, viz.: A bad man can do so much mischief in the ministry. While this is surely true from a moral standpoint, it is even more true from the standpoint of the teacher. A minister may be a wreck morally, but the people drop him, and turn away from the wrongs of his life, and it may be with a greater determination to go in the right way and to do the right things; and in a large measure that may end his wrong doing in that community, but the other man, whom I have in mind, does not stop his work even when he is gone. I refer to the man who teaches false doctrine. He sows the seed of error and then goes away, but the seed germinate, they grow, and then blossom, and in turn they give out a great many more seed, which in turn get a foothold in the intellectual soil of a community, and they go on growing and spreading each year, with increasing power, till the whole community seems to be full of the error taught. This kind of work is hard to root out at any time and under any condition. The teacher of false doctrines is the one to be most dreaded as doing a harm that is not easily overcome.

We suspect it was on this account largely that Paul insisted that the teachers of the Gospel should teach only truth—that they should be careful to use the form of sound words. The minister reaching out after some sensational thought to give to the people, ought to be invited to vacate the pulpit, for we have no one to give to satisfy his propensity to teach error. You may count one thing as quite settled, viz.: If you have error taught in the church, or in the community, some one will accept it and go off into the ways of darkness, and at least run the risk of missing the mark in the matter of salvation. One thing I have observed for a number of years, and

that is, a good honest preacher of the Gospel, a man having a good character and giving a devoted service will most likely be a success in the ministry, and the church under the labors of such a man, will most likely prosper in spiritual things and the church which prospers in spiritual things is not likely to die. There may be rare exceptions, but when a church dies, it is due most likely, not to the lack of dollars and cents in money, but to the lack of real spiritual life and power. Note it well!

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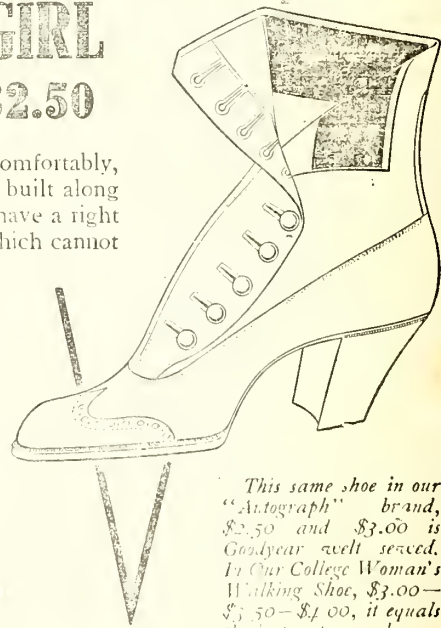
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Marriages.

JONES—PIERCE

At the home of the bride, corner Poplar Avenue and Second Street, Berkley Ward, Norfolk, Va., October 26th, Mr. Edward Tilley Jones and Miss Cecille Wesley Pierce were united in the holy estate of matrimony. The bride was becomingly attired in a blue traveling suit and carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses. Immediately after the ceremony they left for Washington, Baltimore and other places of interest. Upon their return they will reside in Chesapeake Avenue, South Norfolk.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Pierce of this place and is one of the leading soprano singers of Main Street Christian Church choir. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Jones of South Norfolk.

The ring ceremony was used by the writer, who wishes for this popular couple happiness, prosperity and long life.

M. S. Bryant.

SALISBURY—GWYNN

At the home of the bride's parents, Berkley Ward, Norfolk, Va., October 21st, I united in marriage Miss Cecille May Gwynn and Mr. Arthur Edwin Salisbury. The bride was attractively attired in white silk and carried bride's roses. The groom is in the U. S. service and they will reside here for the present. They have the best wishes of the writer.

M. L. Bryant.

GLEMMING—ELLINGSON

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The Christian fortitude and patience with which our departed friend bore for many years a life of physical pain, leaves a lesson that we who are left should learn with the feeling of tenderest sympathy and most profound respect.

We submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st—That in the death of Mrs. Norfleet the church (of which she was a charter member) has lost a valuable member, in whose example there is a light to shine along the dark valleys of pain and suffering. "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me."

Resolved, 2nd—That the family loses a loving mother, who from her bed of sickness was ever ready to advise and help; one who did not murmur at her own helplessness, but who tried to make life easier for others.

"I do not ask my cross to understand,

My way to see;
Better in darkness just to feel Thy hand

And follow Thee."

She was faithful to church, society, family and friends. Our loss is her great gain. That she has been received into the "House not made with Hands", and that the Everlasting Arms are about her, we feel. For in the death of our dear sister, it can be truly said, "A good woman has gone to meet her reward."

Resolved, 2nd—That we bow with reverence and humility to this dispensation of Providence; that we commend her dear family to "Our Heavenly Father" who never forsakes those who put their trust in Him; and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of deceased, also a copy sent to the Christian Sun and to the Suffolk Herald.

Mrs. Virginia Portlock,
Mrs. M. C. Riddick,
Mrs. Eudora B. Kilby,
Committee.

MRS J. D. Pond
Sad was the scene at the home

of Mr. J. D. Pond, of Dory, Va., when on last Wednesday evening the death angel came and took from it the beloved wife and mother.

Mrs. Pond, who was fifty-three years of age, had been a consistent member of Barrett's Christian Church for many years and, notwithstanding she had been confined to her room for several years, she bore her afflictions with the greatest of patience and proved to be a wise foreseer and adviser for her family. Her neighbor sisters always appreciated her companionship for she exhibited in her life a beautiful type of religion such as few realize.

The funeral services were held on the following Thursday at 3:00 p. m., by Rev. Foushee, of Wakefield, Va., at the home of the deceased. The remains were interred in the old family burying ground at the home of Mrs. W. D. Pond. She leaves to mourn their loss a husband, two daughters, two sons, a number of relatives and a host of friends.

Her loving Niece.

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votion, that it touches a chord of interest and produces a desire to help them. They need our help, our prayers, our sweetest words, and our most encouraging words. It is not often known how much they need them. A good, kind suitable word may send such a thrill of joy to them as will help them to grasp the situation and work out of it with more ease and greater confidence.

A house in a large city took fire. All the family escaped except a dear little boy left sleeping in his room during the great excitement, but the precious little fellow when aroused found himself alone, then rushing to the window, amid fire and smoke, put his beautiful curly head through it and extended his pleading hands crying for help. A long ladder was placed up to the window, and a brave fireman quickly started after the child, but the fire reached out its red, long tongue so far he was afraid to venture up, but someone in the great crowd below looking on with much concern said, cheer the fireman and send him up and let him rescue the boy. Then a loud cheer from a thousand throats was sent up, and from that 15—SUN earnest yell the fireman went on up, took the boy and brought him down safe to the loving embrace

of his anxious parents.

Never discourage any one, if they are trying in the right way, but cheer them to go right on up to duty. Encouragement will greatly help them to gain the victory when they feel that defeat and failure are about to overtake them. Some are braver and will let nothing overcome them, but many are timid and weak and need all the power which encouragement can give. Cultivate encouragement, and permit it to have a larger and better development in your character, and you will help somebody with it. You will much sooner overcome hard things by living such a life. Do not go moping and repining and think that every body is against you, but look to the front and listen at the command, Go forward.

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to say that we are thankful.

Mr. and Mrs. McKinney, parents of Mrs. Howsan, are visiting at the parsonage of the Temple again. These are good people and we always welcome them to Norfolk.

Norfolk is still "looking up" expecting to see the promised aerial visitor sailing over Norfolk. Almost every large fowl that is seen coming in the distance is scrutinized very closely before one is sure it is not a man bird. Two weeks ago at the Jamestown Exposition grounds, J. C. Mars thrilled thousands as he made his wonderful flights.

He was prevented from sailing over the city as had been planned on the last day, on account of unfavorable weather conditions. He came back last week determined to make the scheduled flight. Two days he gave some exhibitions of his skill at the race track. But weather conditions prevented the flight to the city again. He promised to return and renew the attempt again this afternoon.

We are getting used to flying "stunts," though it is a wonderful performance. We have the promise of more daring feats today and tomorrow than any yet undertaken.

We wonder indeed at what the skill and ingenuity of man will yet bring him to.

And as our wonder of man increases our wonder and reverence of the God who made him increase more and more.

J. W. Manning.

COLUMBUS, GA., LETTER.

It has been our privilege to attend the last four sessions of the Georgia and Alabama Conference, all of which were good, but the recent session at North Highlands was the best of the four. In our opinion the attendance was larger and those who were present represented the conference and not just a part of it. With one exception, all the churches were represented by one or more delegates, and this "one exception" was represented by letter. A good showing indeed. Not only was the attendance good, the interest manifested was deep. The session was full of life and enthusiasm. The sermons and addresses were interesting; the business was of a high order; the spirit of brotherly kindness was delightful and uplifting. As a result of

this meeting, the Conference occupies higher ground. The work will be inspired to move forward with a steadier step.

The churches of this city are provided with pastors for the next year as follows:

Rev. J. H. Milam takes Girard and will begin there next Sunday. Bro. Milam has a strong hold on the people of that church and community. He contemplates moving to Girard at an early date. We predict for him a good year with this work.

Rev. B. F. Young will serve North Highlands. He began his labors there last Sunday and we learn that the church had a good day. Bro. Young is highly esteemed by North Highland church and we see no reason why the work should not prosper under his ministry.

This writer is in charge for the year, full time, at Rose Hill. (We have been saying "Waverly Terrace," but hereafter we shall say Rose Hill, for the church assumed that name when organized. Waverly Terrace is a part of Rose Hill. We hope "to keep the Terrace up" while we labor on the Hill.) We have been with this work two Sundays. The church has only a very small membership, having been organized just a little

more than a year. Prospects are not flattering, but hopeful. The membership we have seems interested and faithful. With a faithful few much may be accomplished for the dissemination of divine light, the spread of gospel truth, and the redemption of lives that are without hope. In the name of Him whose grace is all sufficient, we go forth to the battle-field, hoping to bring some trophies and lay them down at His feet during this year.

WADLEY, ALA.

I will endeavor to pen a few lines from my field for the Sun.

We have just closed one of the most successful sessions of our Conference.
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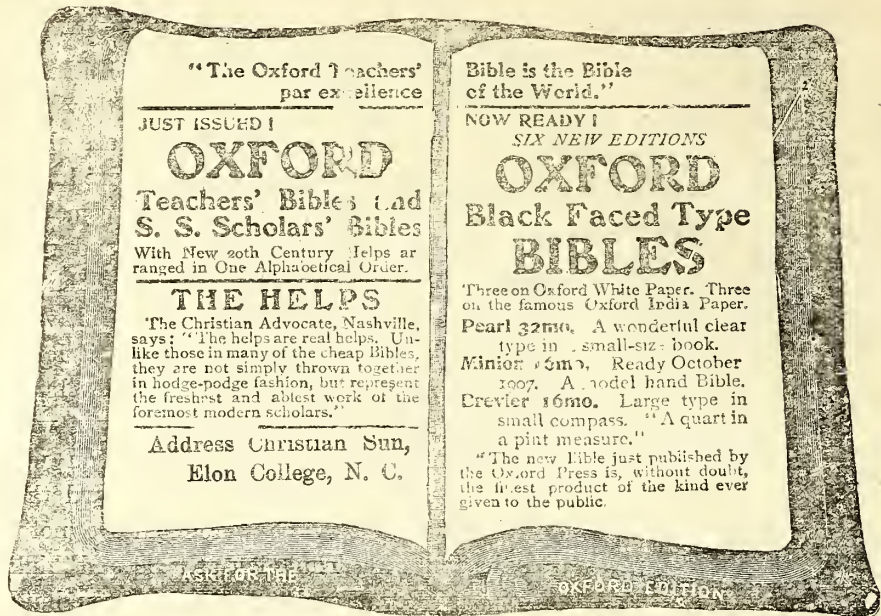
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ference. The business was transacted in harmony, peace, and good will abounded for every body.

Our work will be supplied next

year as follows:

Rev. C. M. Dollar will preach at New Harmony; Rev. J. W. Elder at New Home and Macedonia; Rev. J. D. Dollar at Corinth, Rock Stand and Pleasant Grove and probably at Forest Home. I understand that Rev. J. V. Knight will enter Elon College; Rev. J. H. Hughes will serve Flint Hill and Sardis, mission points in Clay Co.; Rev. C. W. Carter goes to Noonday, McGuire's Chapel, Rock Springs and Christiana; Rev. E. M. Carter at Mt. Zion and Mission Point, at Wadley; Rev. G. M. Holder at Bethany. This writer will continue at New Hope and Antioch, and will serve Beulah and Lagrange, Ga.

I am looking for a good year at all my churches. I expect to do my best for them, with the Lord's help I shall succeed.

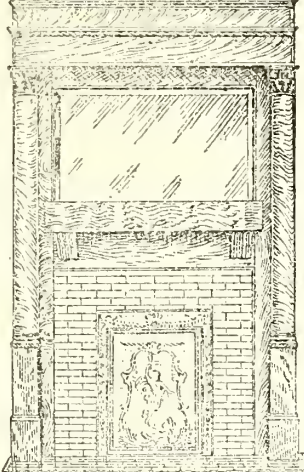
My first service for the new year is to be held today at Beulah. The weather seems very threatening and a cold rain is falling and we may not have service. This reminds us that we "do not know

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what a day may bring forth," but Truly we live in a good age and we should be patient and submissive all our days. God gives the sunshine and He gives the rain; He gives us opportunity for work and also opportunity for development.

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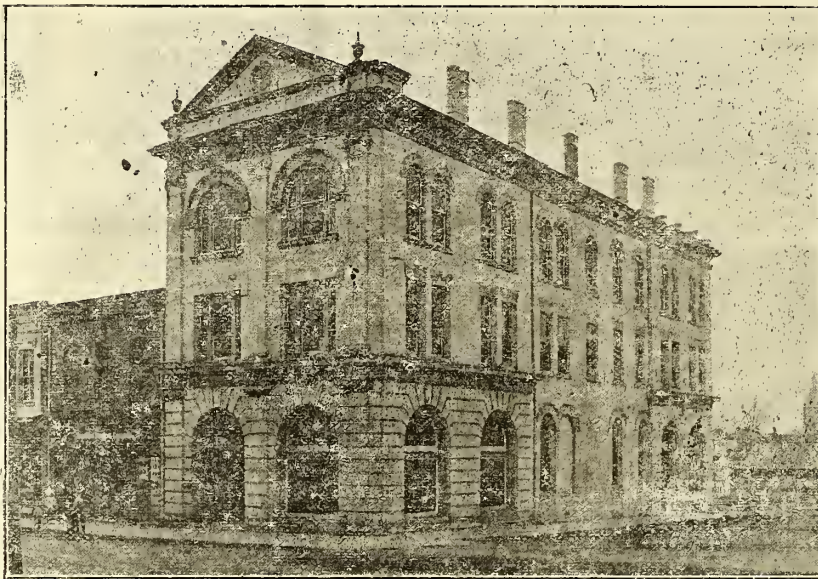
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