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THE NEW "TRINITY."

Trinity College is an institution of Christian Education—not simply in name, but in every circumstance, in its atmosphere, in its very life. Christianity is the essence of its being. It is the college of the Methodists of North Carolina, but because it stands for Christianity in Education, because it is determined that its sons and daughters shall go forth to serve God whatever else they may do, it is worthy of the interest of every man and woman who believes that Jesus is the hope of the world.

We believe that when Trinity College goes forward, the cause of Christ marches on. We believe that new life in Trinity presages awakening in Wake Forest and in all Christian institutions. And for this reason we attended the Commencement at Trinity Park last week.

It is well-known that we are of opinion that all men in North Carolina owe a great debt to John C. Kilgo, President of Trinity. For one thing he has suffered for the sake of the Truth; he has endured hardships that some one had to endure if Christian Education were ever to have any hearing in North Carolina. And more than that, he has not only gotten that hearing for our cause, but he has carried its colors forward. North Carolina knows what Christian Education means, now that John Kilgo has proclaimed it from one end of her borders to the other; and for one thing, there is no doubt that it means a bold, an unrelenting, a faithful and a fearless battle for the principles of Jesus as the foundation of education. We apologize no more for our denominational schools. The world knows that they have a mission and that they are going to fulfill it.

John Kilgo is not the wisest man in the world; but there is not a braver or truer one; no man ever had a clearer or nobler mission, and very few have been better prepared to do the work set for them. He has made Trinity, with the aid of the Messrs. Duke, a new college; and he is making the Methodist denomination a new denomination. No longer does it cringe before less worthy rivals, nay, not before any institution under heaven. It proclaims its path and marches grandly forward. And the Methodists are throbbing with new impulses, new independence, never again to be politician-ridden! That was a part of John Kilgo's mission. But more, he is touching the whole educational system in North Carolina with thrilling vitality. We Baptists owe much to him; his addresses throughout our State have served our churches as well as his; indeed his presence has been a very bulwark of Christian Education.

So, then, we were profoundly glad to see so great an occasion at Trinity College last week. It was a day-break time. Behind were the shadows of the night; upon us all was the light of the morning. The struggle is not all over; but a great battle has been won, and the dust is clearing away.

That splendid Craven-Memorial Hall, yonder new and magnificent gymnasium, these beautiful grounds with new buildings on every hand, this throng of people in here thrilling with gratitude for the benefactions which they have received under the blessing of God; it is enough to make a brother Baptist glad.

We have attended many commencements. This one crowns them all. North Carolina skies never beamed upon a better. It was worth living ten years to hear such addresses as those of Bishops Duncan and Vincent, the one dynamic with vitality, the other beautiful in its completeness; both educative as long as one lives. And then the Alumni Address, which was really remarkable, the ornate and majestic speech of Mr. Southgate receiving the Craven Hall from the Alumni, the new gift of Mr. Ben. Duke, the speeches of the boys and the Baccalaureate of President Kilgo (which we did not hear), and the beautiful and happy reception at the last: these all swell the occasion to tremendous proportions, making of it an era-mark in Methodist history if not indeed in the history of Christian Education in North Carolina. It is the new Trinity. It is no intention of ours to cast a shadow upon the old Trinity. The best former days is here. The old Trinity's of fidelity to God is stronger than it has ever been. As brother Jurney calls the names of the Fathers gone before we fancy them answering with shouts of joy, bearing witness that the new Trinity surpasses even their great faith.

For all that the new Trinity is and for what it will be, we owe more than words will measure to Mr. Washington Duke and his son, Mr. Ben Duke. Dr. Kilgo has never called upon them for help. Their fidelity to their church and their common sense have shown them the needs of the institution, and seeing the needs they have not been slow to relieve them. It is now half a million dollars they have given the institution; to them we owe the new Trinity. But for them, we dare not fancy what might have been. They found the college undone, a beggar. They have made it a magnificent institution. It was beautiful to see the eyes of the aged father fill with joyful tears as he heard the announcement that his son had given $50,000 more to the institution on whose welfare he has set his heart in his declining years. These two men have done nobly by Trinity. Wealth has not divorced them from their church, but rather drawn them to it. Level-headedness and religion that have survived wealth are rare indeed. We congratulate these men upon the wisdom and the beauty and extent of their benefactions, and we congratulate the Methodist people of North Carolina that in the time of supreme need their college found a leader who is worthy of the confidence of such men.

There is no joy like the joy of communion. Living apart from God is misery. Look at Gethsemane; see the Saviour's face; how sad with sorrow because of the Father's wrath! But on the Mount of Transfiguration, when the Father said, "This is my well-beloved Son," the person of Christ glistened with glory. Communion with God has the effect of making us joyous. The Lord does not like to see any of His disciples looking sad. When men seek to entice you to forego communion with God and to follow the world with them, let your face shine with the brightness that comes from your communion with the Master, and they will cease to trouble you. Christians can sometimes do more by shining for God than by speaking for Him.—Andrew A. Bonar.

—Rosa Bonheur, the famous woman painter of France, died recently. She was the most successful painter of animals in the world. Her most famous painting is the Horse Fair, now in New York.

Great men are the true men, the men in whom nature has succeeded. They are not extraordinary; they are in the true order. It is the other species of men who are not what they ought to be.—Amiel's Journal.

Life is not victory, but battle. Be patient a little longer. By and by in our hushed and waiting chambers, each in his turn, we shall hear the sunset gun.—Roswell Hitchcock.

Come, take that task of yours which you have been hesitating before, and shirking, and walking around, and on this very day lift it up and do it.—Phillips Brooks.

One reason why we do not find more new things in the Bible is because we do not search it expecting to find them. There is not a single chapter or verse which we have exhausted.

Man's Steps to Spiritual Life.

BISHOP H. W. WARREN, D. D., LL. D.

We are glad to study the works of the old masters in art, architecture, and every great thing.

The greatest events of the universe pertain to the salvation of sinners. Fortunately we have specimen and model cases wrought out and credentialed by the Master Himself. The progress of these model cases can be studied carefully by every worker in the same department whether the work is in himself or others. The first essential precedent to salvation is a state of sin.

This is more than acts of sin. It is the condition of soul out of which acts come. Clearly this was the case with Saul and the dying thief. Both confessed it unmistakably.

Next, men must be thoroughly convinced of this state.

This conviction must be wrought by the Holy Ghost. We vehemently resent such accusation from men. No man likes to be called a liar and the rest of the characterizations of sinners by his fellowmen. It does not convict him.

Note the model cases. Saul was hurrying from triumph to triumph. Suddenly a great light shone. It blinded his eyes, but it illumined the heart. So the penitent thief. He was convicted so that he confessed that even such a death was a just penalty. It was not from any process of reasoning, nor from any human accusation. The horrible pit experience has always been a good precedent for the joyful sense that God has planted one's feet upon a rock. No wonder the new song is a shout.

Third. God having begun to deal with a soul, there must be a total irreversible, affectionate surrender of one's self to God. It approximates a mental suicide.

Some test of this thoroughness of surrender is usually presented by the Holy Spirit, actively present. Saul instantly surrendered. He said, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" Change of thinking, or to stop doing what he was doing was not sufficient. He was ready to do differently. The test was a severe one. Go in humiliation into the city you were seeking in authority and pride, and there it shall be told thee what thou must do. Immediately, blind and weak as he was, he conferred not with flesh and blood, but sought hands to lead him, and then waited three days and nights without food waiting to be told.

The thief was the most spiritually illumined person in the world at the time. How did he know that that naked, bloody figure dying on the Cross was a King and had a spiritual Kingdom? Neither Peter nor John knew it. He alone confessed the sinlessness of Christ, and turned to Him for a spiritual life that should live through death. He bore the test. He rebuked his old comrade, and preached righteousness before he was made righteous himself.

Fourth. Then comes a definite committal of one's self by faith to Christ for salvation. He is seen to be the only and sufficient Saviour.

Paul became the great preacher of righteousness by faith. His only word to the penitent jailer was "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." The thief showed his faith in spite of every possible hindrance. He committed himself to Christ for life, even though the Lord was dying at the time. It was perfectly fitting that the Lord should take such an example of saving faith with Him into glory, as a sample of His saving work on earth.

Fifth. Now follows a change in nature that can not be expressed in human speech.

A dozen most significant terms and figures have been used expressive of the greatest change conceivable. The new birth, born from above, born of the Spirit, partakers of the divine nature, made alive who were dead, *etc.*, are expressive of a change that no personal effort, no highest culture can reach.

Do the sample cases correspond with these statements? Paul said, "It pleased *God to reveal His Son in me.*" "God hath shined in our hearts." "If any man be in Christ he is a new creation." The dying thief was made fit to be taken into Paradise that very day. As Christ said of the wretched, all-wrong publican-sinner, "he went down to his house made right"—justified.

Sixth. The length of time involved in these processes is non-essential, it varies greatly.

Between the "I will; be thou clean" and the leper's being clean enough for Christ to put His hand on him, was very little time. As little was needed in the case of the dying thief. In Paul's case it was three days. For the strengthening of Abraham's faith sufficiently to obey the command to offer up Isaac, it took an equal time of obedience in every step. The time varies as much in modern cases.

Seventh. God takes men into partnership in almost everything.

Any farmer named Paul may plant, and any ditch-tender named Apollos may irrigate, but God must give the increase. No man can breathe without God's sea of air, nor see without His ocean of sunlight. No mill is turned without God's gravitation, steam, or other force. So in salvation, Nathan goes to David; Andrew finds Peter; Peter goes to Cornelius.

God has done His utmost. He has no other son to die, the Holy Spirit can not work with greater endeavor, but man must do his part. Take the sample cases. Ananias must go to his brother Saul. In the case of the thief, the Elder Brother was the only one in the world who could give the human help.

A change from the chief of sinners to the very chiefest of the apostles, from a malefactor justly crucified to Christ's fit attendant in Paradise, is inexpressible. But as great changes transpire to-day. The forces of spiritual life are unwearied and unspent. The laws by which the work is done are changeless and eternal. Human nature in its vast possibilities is the same. The same forces working by the same laws upon the same material must produce the same results.

Swift and wide are the developments of achievements in material realms. Those in spiritual realms should keep pace.

What hints we have of it. A nation shall be born in a day. The knowledge of God shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. The heathen shall be given to the Son for an inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for a possession. Greater works than Christ did are to be done by those who believe on Him. The men on the muster-roll of mighty heroes in Hebrews xi. received not the fulfillment of the promise, God having provided some better thing for us.

These general, world-wide effects are only possible by individual conversions. The laws by which these may be made are clear. To these conversions there is no limit in number, thoroughness or efficiency.

Denver, Col.

A Few Words as to our Foreign Mission Work.

BY REV. JOHN S. HARDAWAY.

I can not understand how any intelligent Christian can be indifferent to the work of missions. We have misunderstood the Master's mission and have failed to catch his spirit, if we do not feel an interest in the preaching of the gospel in all the world.

I am often sad when I see the coldness and indifference of many concerning the work for which our Lord laid down His life.

Thank God! there are many warm hearts that long and pray for the coming of the kingdom of Christ in all the earth.

CHEERING REPORTS.

The reports of the work done last year by the missionaries of our Southern Baptist Convention were very encouraging. There were 845 baptisms on our foreign fields last year—a larger number than ever before baptized by our missionaries in a single year. Surely we may thank God and take courage. Let us unceasingly pray that God will "multiply converts as the dew of the morning."

A THRILLING MEETING.

The thing that stirred me most at the late Southern Baptist Convention in Louisville was the great missionary mass meeting held on Saturday night. There was manifestly the Spirit of God present in the meeting, filling all our hearts with the resolve to go forward in our Foreign Mission work. My heart burned within me as I saw brethren from all parts of our Southern land animated with the purpose to do more to hasten the coming of the Redeemer's kingdom in all the world.

TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT ADVANCE.

It was unanimously agreed by the Convention that the Foreign Mission Board be instructed to increase their work 25 per cent.

This means a great deal. It means that our churches must give much more than last year. It means the appointment of about thirty more missionaries. It means a great additional burden of work and care laid upon the Board, and upon our Secretary and his assistant. It means the awakening of many churches and pastors to the missionary idea. It means—who can doubt it?—the pouring out of God's Spirit upon his people at home and abroad, and the enlargement of our joy.

Last year we gave, all told, to Foreign Missions, $109,267.43. This year, if we carry out our purpose, we must give nearly $137,000.

Our Board, and all connected with it, will need much wisdom and discernment in the appointment of missionaries and in the enlargement of the work.

How greatly they need our prayers and our sympathy! How we should pray to the "Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest!" I believe that our missionary enterprises need our prayers more than anything else we can give; for he who prays aright will give aright.

When the resolution to increase our work 25 per cent was before the Convention, I said in my heart, "I will go forward myself in gifts and in work for Foreign Missions, and I will earnestly endeavor to lead my people forward." This, I believe, was the feeling in the hearts of all the brethren in that great mass meeting.

I pray that it may be the fixed purpose in the hearts of all our people.

Let us all by our prayers, our influence, our sacrifices and self-denials, from henceforth do whatever we can to preach the Gospel to every creature.

Oxford, N. C.

How Christ Makes Use of Common Lives.

BY MISS NORA COLE.

"God works in a mysterious way His wonders to perform," and thus does He work with His children. "Verily, verily I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do he shall do also; and greater works than these shall he do: And whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in My name, I will do it."

It was only the words of a song, sung within the prison walls of Richmond, that did more to melt the heart of stone of the murderer, Cluverius, than all the prayers of the clergymen or the words of great men whispered to him, a song sung by one of God's true-hearted singers. God here made use of His servant by the power of song.

David, the greatest poet, the sweetest songster, was only a shepherd boy caring for his father's sheep when anointed by Samuel to be king over all His people. He was still a shepherd boy when he delivered God's people from the hands of the Philistines, their bitter enemy. It was the hand of the boy which threw the stone that crushed into the forehead of the giant, but the strength of God in that hand that did the work and the eye of God which directed it so accurately as to fell the monster. Yet, while David was a chosen man of God, a man after God's own heart, we do not find him free of sin. We hear him saying, "Create within me a new heart, oh God: and renew a right spirit within me." "Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." And God says, "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh and I will give you a heart of flesh."

It was the Spirit of God within the heart of the little Israelitish maiden held captive by the Syrians that caused her to want Naaman, commander of the hosts of Syria, to see Elisha, that he might be cured of his leprosy. She knew of the great power of the prophet of God, and though only a child, was the means in God's hand of bringing Naaman to Elisha.

Who was Gideon? The son of Joash, a poor and obscure man, and yet Gideon was chosen for the Master's work in destroying the altars of Baal and rescuing the Israelites from the hands of the Midianites. While he loved God, still he wished for signs that he might believe with his eyes what he heard. Twice did the Lord send the dew, once on the fleece and again around the fleece that he might know what he said was true, besides sending him to hear the conversation of two Midianites. And then with only 300 men, without sword or spears, were the enemy put to rout. Oh, if we would only believe what God tells us in His Word. "If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thoughts for the rest. Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They toil not, neither do they spin; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

He was only a poor little boy with only $1.25 in his pocket when he landed in Philadelphia, and yet John Wanamaker is now superintendent of the most interesting Sunday School in America, numbering about 2,000 members. God has used him as the instrument of great good to humanity.

"Let us then be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate,
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait."

And let us remember—

"Small service is true service while it lasts,
Of all thy friends, tho' humble, scorn not one,
The daisy, by the shadow that it casts,
Protects the lingering dewdrop from the sun."

Special Offer for June.

As a special inducement to subscribers whose subscriptions have expired, we will give to each one renewing for one year, a copy of the . . . . . .

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State News.

—Fifty-nine students graduated from the State University at the recent commencement.

—The Department of Agriculture at Raleigh will make a $17,000 addition to their building to enlarge the Museum.

—Scarcely fifty delegates attended the W. C. T. U. in annual State Convention atGreensboro. The organization has never been strong in North Carolina; and since Miss Willard's death it has lost ground throughout the country.

—The State Dairymen's Association and the Swine Breeder's Association will meet in Concord June 27 and 28. The first named will occupy two full days. The latter will occur on the evening of the 27th. These institutions ought to be useful to North Carolina.

—Charlotte aldermen have passed an ordinance prohibiting spitting or throwing hulls or peelings on the sidewalks or in public buildings, churches, theatres, street cars, etc. The penalty is a fine of not less than $1 nor more than $50.—Landmark.

—The Seaboard Air Line has been granted an injunction by Judge Simonton, restraining the North Carolina Corporation Commission from carrying into effect the recent order reducing the minimum shipment on fertilizers from 15 to 10 tons per car-load. The injunction, which is temporary, will be finally heard before Judge Simonton at Asheville July 15.—Landmark.

—Messrs. S. P. Ryland, Jr., of Ryland & Brooks, 21 South Gay street, and S. C. Rowland, of 809 Merchants' Bank building, have concluded the purchase of all the timber holdings of the North State Lumber Company of North Carolina. The purchase includes from 100,000,000 to 150,000,000 feet of available North Carolina pine. Messrs. Ryland and Rowland have secured several other valuable lumber properties and have the option on others.—Baltimore Sun.

—The Trustees of Davenport College have elected Rev. C. M. Pickens, of the Western North Carolina Conference, now on the Brevard Circuit, President of the institution. He is a graduate of Weaverville College, has been an itinerant minister several years, and has some experience in teaching. His wife is a graduate of a college in Tennessee, and both come well recommended as refined Christian people. Mr. Pickens is in the prime of life, and comes of the noted Pickens family of upper South Carolina.—Lenoir Topic.

—The Trustees of the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Monday afternoon, upon the recommendation of the Academy Council, appointed the following fellowships for 1899–1900: George E. Barnett, of Mocksville, N. C., A. B., Randolph-Macon College, 1891, economics; William M. Blanchard, Hertford, N. C., A. B., Randolph-Macon College, 1894, chemistry; William L. Foushee, Roxboro, N. C., A. M., Wake Forest College, 1894, Greek; Charles C. Weaver, Greensboro, N. C., A. B., Trinity College, N. C., 1895, history. Mr. Foushee is a son of Mr. A. R. Foushee, of Roxboro. We congratulate his father and mother upon his distinction.

—"North Carolina on Wheels," the advertising car containing specimens of the products of this State, is to be changed to "Cuba on Wheels." Mr. W. H. Ramseur says that the car is not properly appreciated by the citizens of North Carolina. The name of the car will be changed from "City of Charlotte" to some name appropriate to its new mission. Specimens of all the resources of Cuba will be collected and put on the car, and it will be ready to start on its new mission about the first of next October.—N. C. Advocate. We are glad to make record that the managers of this "car" have been taught what they were publicly told, namely, that the North Carolina people would not patronize it so long as its chief purpose was to advertise our State as the headquarters for whiskey.

General News.

—The sale of the Caroline Islands, and the Ladrones, except the island of Guam, which we hold, to the German Government was announced by the Queen of Spainin her speech to the reassembled Cortes on Friday. Negotiations have probably been pending for some time.

—Some idea of the awful horror of the plague in India can be gathered from the death statistics. Since it began in Bombay, there have been 250,000 deaths, according to official reports. But the number may have been twice as large, as it is known the natives conceal the deaths as far as possible.

—Admiral Dewey is now at Hong Kong, where the Olympia is being prepared for his homeward voyage. The journey will be a leisurely one with many stops, and at every stop attention will be showered on the Admiral. Among other visits will be one to the King of Greece at Athens.

—Mrs. Leland Stanford has executed deeds conveying the bulk of her property to the Stanford University. The amount is estimated all the way from $10,000,000 to $34,000,000. The conditions annexed to the gift was a limitation to the number of girls received and a stipulation that no building costing less than $6,000 and none of ornamental design should ever be erected on the campus. This is the greatest benefaction ever made. Mr. Stanford's only child died and he founded this institution in his memory.

—The great Disarmament Conference at the Hague moves slowly. Nothing definite has been achieved. The best reports from the Hague concerning the Peace Commission indicates that the real work of the Commission will be an adoption of some plan of arbitration, which will be the American plan with slight modifications. Some of the Socialists on the continent of Europe are greatly alarmed lest the adoption of a plan for arbitration between nations and a closer alliance between great powers may strengthen the European governments in putting down socialism.

—Captain Dreyfus is on the way to France for retrial. His name will have no little notice for several weeks. Here is a statement of his history: "Capt. Alfred Dreyfus was arrested in 1894, nearly five years ago, and tried by court martial in December of the same year. He was found guilty of high treason, and on a special bill sentenced to confinement for life on a little island off the coast of French Guiana. The charge was betrayal of army secrets. A letter to Major von Schwartskoppen had been discovered, and it was evident that military secrets, though perhaps not of great importance, had been given out from the French army officers. It is now practically certain that Major Esterhazy wrote the bordereau, which was charged upon Dreyfus, though there seems to have been a conspiracy involving a large number of the army staff. Colonel Dreyfus seems to have been selected as a scapegoat because he was a Jew and unpopular. The army officers evidently expected to hear no more of the matter after his sentence. There seems to have been a few honest men, even in the French army, and the public opinion which has demanded a new trial has shaken the Government of France. A year ago General Cavaignac, Minister of War, became convinced of Dreyfus's innocence. Evidence showed that an important paper had been forged by Colonel Henry, one of the officers of the general staff, who was afterwards found dead and supposed to have committed suicide. Many people in France believe that Colonel Henry was murdered because he knew too much. Afterward Colonel Picquart, Chief of the Secret Service, who had the courage to announce his belief in Dreyfus's innocence, was arrested by the military authorities on a trumped-up charge. In open court he said he wanted France to know that if he were found dead with a knive beside him, it would be assassination, because he was in no danger of committing suicide. This public utterance may have saved Picquart from being murdered in the military fortress. Last week the Court of Cassation ordered a new trial for Dreyfus on the ground that he was not legally convicted on the first hearing. He will be brought back to France and tried again by court-martial, and undoubtedly acquitted. There seems to be not a particle of evidence against him. The whole history, now extending over a period of five years, is an indication of the rottenness of the French army staff, and explains one cause of the weakness of France is military affairs. It is to the credit of the French people that the demand for Dreyfus's retrial has been strong enough to secure this hearing, but the strength of the opposition, and the indication that perhaps a majority of the French people are not influenced by a desire for justice, reveals a source of danger. Dreyfus is practically a ruined man. He has suffered five years' terrible imprisonment. He can not return to the army, because the general staff would make life intolerable for him. A large portion of his private fortune has been used in bringing his case to the attention of the people. Poor France, which tolerates such things in its military organization!"

NEWS-NOTES.

.....The Tabernacle Church at Newbern has called Rev. J. S. Corpening.

.....Rev. H. M. Croom changes his address from Shelby to Rutherfordton.

.....We hear that the prospects for the Wake Forest Summer School and the Law School are unusually good.

.....Our diligent pastor at Morganton, Sam. Porter, is editor of a helpful little church paper called the Helping Hand. It will be worthy of its name.

..... Rev. James I. Kendrick, of Furman, Ala., who was educated at Wake Forest, is on a visit to North Carolina. He was at Weldon on Sunday.

.....Rev. C. R. Hairfield has accepted the Principalship of the Scottsburg Normal College in Virginia. He has been a member of the faculty of Bethel Hill Institute.

.....Pastor Cleveland, of Chapel Hill, recently extended the right hand of fellowship to ten new members of our church. We are glad that his work is proving so effective.

.....The Foreign Mission Journal announces that the fact that so many have applied to be sent out as missionaries should not deter any one who feels called to the work from applying for appointment.

.....Bro. C. E. Beams, of Maiden, N. C., requests us to announce that there will be a Sunday School Picnic at Thessalonica June 24; also a general discussion on mission work led by Dr. Gwaltney and others.

..... Rev. Arch. C. Cree, now at our Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will supply this summer the pastorate of Lincoln Park Institutional church in Cincinnati. He is one of the most capable young men our State has sent out.

.....It is seven years since Rev. W. C. Tyree took charge of our Durham First Church. In that time he has not only won a commanding place in Durham but in our State Convention. May he always be one of our North Carolina pastors.

.....G. N. Cowan, who has been with us for two years, has been called to Edenton, N. C. For genuine piety, consecration and oratory, commend us to brother Cowan. He will make the Edenton saints a model preacher.—Western Recorder.

.....This is the last month of the fiscal year of our Orphanage. We hope that the churches will remember this and send in contributions in such measure as will pay up all indebtedness and give brother Boone a little surplus for August.

.....His thousands of friends will congratulate Dr. Hufham upon the graduation of his youngest child, Miss Mary, with the highest honor, from Converse College. Her success is honorable to all our State. Brother Hufham ought to be proud and happy enough for once.

.....Rev. Dr. Thomas Hume has gone to Waynesville, Va., for his summer rest. He will make excellent use of his time. On June 14 he delivered the commencement address before Washington and Lee University. He will make four lectures for the Biblical Assembly at Charlotte.

.....If there is any teacher in North Carolina who wishes to put his summer vacation to the best use, let him come to the Wake Forest Summer School. He will find there one of the ablest of faculties, instruction in any branch, delightful rest and quiet and the most pleasant social life. It is an ideal place for a summer vacation.

.....The suit of Dr. S. A. Hayden against a large number of leading brethren in Texas for damages, has been decided in his favor, and judgment has been rendered for $30,000. He sued at first for $100,000 and afterwards reduced the claim to $50,000. The case will be appealed to the Supreme Court of Texas. A great many interesting points in regard to the legal rights of Baptist bodies and of individuals are involved in this case.—Western Recorder.

.....Bro. N. L. Shaw, Travelling Correspondent for the western part of the State, who has been East for the last thirty days, left a few days since to resume work in his territory. His purpose is to visit the churches west of the Blue Ridge and to attend the Associations, Union Meetings, etc. His work in the mountains, although in the severe winter months, was exceedingly pleasant and successful, and we sincerely hope the brethren and friends of the Recorder will welcome him gladly and do all in their power to assist him in increasing its circulation.

.....A plan by which the Salvation Army hopes to extend its work and influence in the South has been decided upon by the officers at the national headquarters in New York City. It has been decided to organize several colored corps of the Army in the principal Southern cities, with the view of establishing colored branches of the Army throughout the Southern States as soon as it becomes apparent that the idea is practicable. Although there are many colored members of the Salvation Army in the North, they have heretofore been practically shut out of the Army in the South.—Nashville Christian Advocate.

.....All who want minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention, send five cents in stamps for postage to the Baptist Book Store.

.....Rev. A. C. Dixon will be in Shelby from July 6 to 10, preaching twice a day. It will be worth going there to hear him. He is second to no preacher of the gospel in the world.

.....Rev. George H. Church has resigned the pastorate of our church at Statesville and has accepted the church at Burlington. He is one of our most successful soul-winning preachers.

.....We sympathize with Pastor Forrest Smith and wife, of Louisburg, in the loss of their little girl last week. Their hearts are sad; they can not understand; but the love of God is underneath them.

..... Secretary White requests us to announce the following additions to Volunteer Mission Corps assignments: Rev. T. B. Justice, Howells, Cabarrus county, July 23; Rev. J. L. Shinn, Silver Springs, Cabarrus county, August 20; Rev. Walter Johnson, Atlantic, Carteret county, June 24.

.....We had the honor to deliver the Literary Address at Henderson Female College last week. It was a pleasure to meet brother Horner, the Principal, and his wife, as well as many of the good people. Dr. Carter, of Raleigh, preached the Baccalaureate. The College is doing excellent work and deserves a large patronage. We will have a report of the commencement exercises.

.....Bro. N. B. Broughton was with Pastor M. L. Kesler at Rocky Mount on last Sunday morning, and addressed his people on "The Church and its Work." It was the occasion also of the ordination of brethren Z. T. Broughton and S. V. T. Chamblee as Deacons. In this service the pastor was aided by Rev. J. K. Howell, who delivered the charge to the Deacons, and Rev. J. W. Powell, who spoke to the church. The church at Rocky Mount is gradually growing along all the lines and pastor and people seem more and more devoted to each other and their work.

.....Pastor Pulliam was a happy man Sunday. He had just arrived in Raleigh from Durham. At Durham he had seen Col. Julian S. Carr and laid before him the splendid opportunity to buy a handsome property for school purposes at Lenoir. Brother Pulliam needed $300. He asked the Colonel for $200, but was given the full amount. That made him happy. This gift assures an excellent school of high grade for Caldwell and surrounding counties. It will be a light in all that section. Brother Pulliam has his heart in it, and he will see that it succeeds. On behalf of our people generally we desire to thank Colonel Carr for his timely and most helpful benefaction. We think that when a brother in another church does us such a good turn he is all the more to be admired. There is liberality of soul as well as of purse.

.....The following statement of recent action of our Home Board is given by the Christian Index of Atlanta: "It will be remembered that the Committee on Nominations at the recent Southern Baptist Convention recommended that there be two associate secretaries for the Home Board, and named for these offices Dr. I. T. Tichenor and Dr. F. C. McConnell. Objection being made to this by friends of Dr. Tichenor, an unfortunate discussion took place, and as a result the Convention referred to the Board the whole question of fixing the number of secretaries and electing them. The Board has been mindful of the delicate situation thus handed down for solution, and has proceeded with much prayerful carefulness. As a result of their deliberations they have decided to carry out the recommendations of the Committee on Nominations, save in the one matter of relative salaries to be paid the secretaries. It was decided that the secretaries, being associated together on equal terms and with definite responsibilities, should each receive the same salary, and this was fixed at $2,000 each. The Board then elected Drs. Tichenor and McConnell to these positions, and again retained Mr. M. M. Welch as the office assistant. Mr. Welch was felt to be necessary to the Board's work at the present juncture, as he alone is acquainted with the office details. Dr. Tichenor will probably accept the position for the ensuing year, but has let it to be understood that he will not serve after the present year. Dr. McConnell has not yet given his decision, but it is earnestly hoped that he will see his way to accept the offer made, even with the sacrifices it will entail upon him. For ourselves, we are solicitous that he shall take up again the work in which he was so useful."

—The semi-annual meeting of the Trustees of the American University was held at Washington, D. C., May 17, John E. Andrus, of New York, presiding. Bishop Hurst, the Chancellor, announced the gift of $60,000 from a friend whose name is not made public, for the founding of the Thomas Coke College for Missions. Bishop McCabe reported $128,000 as recently subscribed for the endowment fund. President McKinley and Mr. Arthur Dixon, of Chicago, were elected to membership in the Board of Trustees.

A Raid Into South Carolina.

Notwithstanding my desire and my purpose never to draw a breath beyond the borders of North Carolina, I have just returned from a sojourn of three days in the Palmetto State, wholly delightful days, too: so little do we know ourselves or the Fates which rule us. I tried to discover by the smell or other token when I passed out of our own into the sister Commonwealth: vain task. The atmosphere, the appearance of the country, and the people whom I met were exactly like those I left behind. Indeed, I had to remind myself continually that I was in South Carolina and not in the Old North State.

THE NEW SOUTH.

To one who was thirty years old when the surrender at Appomatox took place it was exceedingly pleasant to travel through this fair land of ours. At every step he is made to see that the New South is not a dream, but an actuality. Material development is the chief characteristic. Going westward over the Southern Railway from Raleigh to Spartanburg one passes through a series of factory towns. Raleigh is becoming and Charlotte is already a city of factories. As the traveler looks out of the car window the large brick buildings, the tall smoke-stacks, the rows of neat white cottages are the most prominent features of the landscape. Everything is new, everything betokens prosperity. The same conditions meet the eye passing over the Seaboard Air Line from Rockingham to Marion. The old things, including the straggling villages with the court-house in the center, and from which there ran out a few streets, bordered by houses and fences neglected and going to decay, have had their day, have passed away. It stirs the blood to behold these things, especially when one remembers that it is but the dawn of a long and splendid day.

THE NEWEST SOUTH.

These tokens of material change and growth, considered alone, might well cause apprehensions to a lover of his State. But there are newer things: the school buildings, sometimes larger and always more costly and artistic than the factories. Some of them, as at Durham, Greensboro and Charlotte, are as beautiful as money and art can make them. There is a charm about them. Through them the New South finds its latest expression. It is not a thirst for mere wealth, but also a desire for intellectual improvement. Above all the places that I passed through one stands preeminent. It is

SPARTANBURG, S. C.

Stopping over in this place occasionally, a good many years ago, I saw nothing to distinguish it from the other small towns of the South. Now all is changed. In the county there are twenty-two cotton mills, into which there have been put more than $6,000,000. In Spartanburg alone more than a million of dollars have been invested in factories. There is already a population of 10,000 souls. There has been a complete change, not only in the town, but in the face of the country around. The red hills, which were formerly given over to cotton and corn, most unprofitable servants, have given place to a charming succession of truck and dairy farms. Turning from these and looking for the emblems of the Newest South I passed the public schools and Wofford, which is the male college of the South Carolina Conference. My pilgrimage ended at

CONVERSE COLLEGE.

It is for girls, and has sprung up in nine years. One walks through the spacious and beautiful lawn to one of the largest and most imposing structures for educational purposes in the South. The main building is connected by colonnades with similar buildings on either side. The planning of it was the work of a master mind. The sanitary arrangements, according to so competent an authority as the American Journal of Sanitation, are absolutely perfect. The musical outfit has no equal south of Baltimore. The dormitories, the infirmary, the dining-room, and all the equipments are such as one wants for his daughter in school away from home. All the buildings are furnished with water from the city works, are heated by steam and lighted by gas, or electricity. The buildings stand on beautiful grounds, which include fifty acres. The purely denominational school has its limitations and is open to grave objections. From these Converse College is free. By the terms of the charter no one of the leading religious denominations can have a majority in the faculty, or in the Board of Trustees. And so the Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists and Episcopalians have equal representation in the management of the institution. It thus gives what the parent wants for his daughter: the highest scholarship without irreligion and religion without offensive sectarianism. From the first, the President and the other authorities decided that they could not afford to come into competition with the smaller and low-grade schools in other parts of the country. Besides the splendid equipment there is an endowment of $150,000, with a number of scholarships to aid promising girls. Here were gathered last year 452 young ladies, who came from 15 States.

In all this splendid array the central figures are President B. F. Wilson and

Mr. D. E. Converse. The former is a graduate of Davidson College and of the Theological Seminary at Princeton. He is the manager and the presiding genius of the college. Indeed, it has sprung up under his eye and by his direction. The other figure is that of Mr. D. E. Converse, a plain, New England man, who came from New York to Spartanburg in 1855 to be the manager of a small cotton mill at Glendale. When the Civil War broke out he entered the service of the South in the first military company from Spartanburg. In the stress of the times he was detailed by Governor Pickens to re-open the cotton mill. From that day to the present he has devoted himsef to his work. After the war he became the owner of his mill and of other mills, until now he is perhaps the wealthiest man in Spartanburg. At his repeated and earnest solicitation President Wilson consented to become the founder and builder of Converse College. The first gift of Mr. Converse was $75,000. From that time until now his gifts have been large and continuous. Of course others have given, and all Spartanburg is proud of her college.

It was to attend the commencement of this great institution that I passed once more beyond the borders of the Commonwealth to whose service my life has been given. But of the commencement I need not say much. Twenty-four young ladies received diplomas. Five of them were North Carolinians. They are Miss Elizabeth Payne, of Wilmington; Miss Gibson, of Scotland County; Miss Johnston, of Asheville; Miss McBrayer, of Shelby, and Miss Mary Hufham, of Henderson—the last-named being Valedictorian. Of the whole number of students 34 are North Carolinians, and they stand among the best in the college. Dr. Whitsitt was to have preached the annual sermon Sunday morning, but failed to appear, and his place was filled by Dr. Carlyle, of the Methodist Church in Spartanburg, a man whom it is always delightful to hear.

Sunday night Dr. Beverly Warner, rector of Trinity Church, New Orleans, preached the sermon before the Christian Association of the college. Monday morning, at 11 o'clock, he delivered the annual literary address. It was on the light that Shakespeare throws on English history. It was a new theme to most of the audience. Dr. Warner believes with Paul that Godliness is entitled to the best things of this life, as well as that which is to come; and so he is a pleasant man to hear whether in the social circle or on the platform. In the sermon and in the address he was at his best.

Following Dr. Warner came the conferring of diplomas with a brief valedictory to the class by President Wilson. Among other things he said: "Always remember that Converse College believes in you. We shall follow you with our love and our prayers. And our prayer for you shall be, not that you may have an easy time, but that you be brave, earnest, strong and faithful." At night the scene was specially brilliant. It was given up to the Literary Societies. There was a beautiful succession of essay, song and debate, followed by the valedictory. The commencement was over.

PERSONAL.

In enumerating the central figures of college life and activity I omitted one who deserves mention. It was Professor Brown, Master of the School of Mathematics. He is also the Business Manager of the institution. The ease with which he discharges the diverse and arduous duties of these two places is something wonderful to contemplate.

It was pleasant to meet Dr. Landrum, for several years the beloved pastor of the church at Marion; also Dr. Watkins, for twelve years pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Raleigh. Strong ties bind both these gentlemen to North Carolina. Many a time they look lovingly and longingly across the hills towards the scene of their former labors. And North Carolina will give a cordial welcome to these sweet-spirited prodigals if they conclude to return.

Among the compensations of the journey was my meeting with

DR. BRATTON,

the new President of St. Mary's. He is fully equipped for his work. He comes from one of the best families in a State where Family counts for so much. His grandmother, moreover, was a North Carolinian. Along with his training and experience he has the enthusiasm and aspirations of youth. Unless I am greatly mistaken, St. Mary's, under his administration, will surpass even its greatest glory in the olden time. I trust that the wealthy men of the denomination will promptly pay for the property and give the school a liberal endowment. If so, the coming of Dr. Bratton will prove a blessing to the cause of education in North Carolina.

J. D. HUFHAM.

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Marriages.

LEACH—WALDEN.—At residence of bride's father, Mr. Thomas Walden, Mr. Angus A. Leach of Moravian Falls, and Miss Julia V. Walden of York Institute. L. P. GWALTNEY.

Obituaries.

COX.—Died at her residence in Portland, Va., May 31st, 1899, Mrs. Joe Cox. Her remains were brought to Aulander for interment. Here live her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dunning.

She was a consistent member of the Baptist Church. Sister Cox was fully resigned to the will of God. We believe she is better off.

WEAVER.—Died at her home in Greensboro, May 22d, Miss Mary Weaver, in the 23d year of her age. She was a sister of Rev. Rufus W. Weaver. She lived a beautiful Christian life and died a triumphant death. She was a general favorite in Washington Street Church, and her death is a sad bereavment to us all; but we are comforted by the words, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." PASTOR.

UNDERWOOD.—Mrs. Mollie C. Underwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D B. Allen, was born Aug. 12, 1861. After six years suffering from the terrific disease, consumption, died at her home in Montgomery County, N. C., Feb. 24, 1899. Her husband preceded her about eight years of the same malady. She leaves three daughters, the oldest is fifteen years of age, with many relatives and friends to mourn her loss. Converted at the age of fifteen, she joined the Baptist Church, and lived a consistent Christian till death; an obedient child, a devoted wife, an affectionate mother, a consecrated Christian, and a patient sufferer characterized her life. Her noble spirit shone brightest in years of acutest physical suffering. The funeral services were conducted on Saturday, Feb. 25, from the church at Bethel by the writer. Miss C. C. Filly has taken the responsibility of caring for the children.

D. M. PRESSLEY, Pastor.

BUNN.—Died near Wakefield, N. C., May 15th, 1899, Beauregard Holmes Bunn, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bunn. Death's solemn call came before he had scarcely passed the tender age of childhood.

Holmes was a bright, noble boy, whose artless, upright ways, and respect for the wishes and feelings of others endeared him to all who knew him. He was a loving, obedient and respectful son; a diligent and faithful pupil, having won for himself the highest place in the esteem of his teachers and fellow-students alike. When it was announced that Holmes Bunn was no more a gloom was cast over the entire school. He will be greatly missed in the home and in the school. May God who "doeth all things well," comfort his grief-stricken parents.

"Dearest loved one, we must lay thee
In the peaceful grave's embrace,
But thy memory will be cherished
'Til we see thy heavenly face."

HIS TEACHER.

Acknowledgments.

By the Convention Treasurer.

STATE MISSIONS—W M S Munford Cove ch, Green River, $3.11; do, Statesville ch, So. Yadkin 5.38; B Y P U, Liberty ch, Piedmont, 1.60; W M S Kenansville ch, 3.91; do Pleasant Hill ch, Green River, .55; do Rutherfordton ch, do, .62; Sunbeams, do do, 32; Kendalls ch, Stanly, 3.00; Lattimore ch, 2.00; May's Chapel, Eastern, .75; Rockford ch, 1.74; W M S, White Oak ch, So. River, .98; Deep River ch, 1.00; Tarboro ch, Tar River, 5.50; W M S and Sunbeams, Autryville ch, W. Chowan, .87; W M S, 2d ch, Durham, 5.40; Sanford ch, Sandy Creek, 2 77; W M S, Dunn ch, 3.75; Hickory ch, So. Fork, 5.92; total, 44.17; previously reported, 1,469.84 total this year, 1,514.01.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—W M S, Statesville ch, So. Yadkin, .70; do Whiteville ch, 6.75; Macedonia ch, 1.10; Camp Creek ch, Green River, 2.00; W M S, Pleasant Hill ch, do, 1.05; do Round Hill ch, do, 1.80; do Rutherfordton ch, do, .62; Sunbeams, do, do, .32; Rutherfordton ch, Green River, 16.67; Sunbeams, 1st ch, Goldsboro, 8.00; W M S, Carthage, 4,65; do White Oak ch, So. River, (Xmas Off.) .23; Mill Creek ch, Flat River, 18.00; M S, Corinth ch, Pasquotank Co., 5.00; W M S, Tabernacle ch, Raleigh, 8 98; do, Leasville ch, 4.20; Hickory ch, So. Fork, 4.10; total 84.17; previously reported, 5,611.99; total this year, 5,696.16.

HOME MISSIONS—Gum Springs ch, Sandy Creek, 1 14; W M S, Statesville ch, So. Yadkin (self denial), .92; B Y P U, Liberty ch, Piedmont (self denial), .66; Macedonia ch, .40; W M S, Pleasant Hill ch, Green River, .55; do Rutherfordton ch, do, .61; Sunbeams, do, do, .33; W M S, White Oak ch, So. River, 2 08; do, do, do, (self denial), 2.08; M S, Corinth ch, Pasquotank Co., 5.00; W M S, Tabernacle ch, Raleigh (self denial), 4 50; Hickory ch, So. Fork, .55; total, 18 82; previously reported, 3,351.70; total this year, 3,370.52.

EDUCATION—Rocky Mt. ch, 10.00; Hickory ch, So. Fork, 1.70, total, 11.70; previously reported, 1,095.56; total this year, 1,107.26.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF—Bethel ch, Person Co., 5.50; Lattimore ch, 1.00; Chapel Hill ch, Mt. Zion, 5.00; W M S, Polloksville ch, 2.45; Hickory ch, So. Fork, .80; total, 14.75; previously reported, 276.95; total this year, 291 70.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—S S, Pittsboro ch, 1,25; do, Gum Spring ch, Pee Dee, .37; total, 1 62.

CORRECTIONS—Recorder of June 7; Foreign Missions, W M S, Wake Forest ch, $5.75 should be W F M S, Wake Forest ch, $5.75.

J. D. BOUSHALL.
Treasurer Baptist State Convention.
June 10, 1899.

By the Orphanage Treasurer.

Hillsboro S S, Mt. Zion, $0.68; do ch, do, 5.10; Jno T Pullen, 10.00; Cumberland U ch, Little River, 2.80; Juniper Springs ch, do, 1.70; do Sunbeams, do, .31; Holly Springs ch, do, 1.63; do, Sunbeams, do, 1.37; Ansonville S S, Pee Dee, 1.00; Abee's Chapel S S, Catawba River, 1.00; Palmersville S S, Stanley, .64; R F Lowe, 2.50; Shiloh ch, Eastern, 3.75; Ivanhoe ch, Eastern, 4.00; Siloam ch, Eastern, 2.50; Ahoskie S S, W Chowan, 5.00; Cool Springs ch, 2.00; Dennis Simmons, 5.00; Williamston ch and S S, Tar River, 8.15; Caintuck Chapel S S, Eastern, .70; Big Lick ch, Stanley, 1.40; Sunbeams, Laurinburg ch, Pee Dee. 5.75; J. H. Lassiter, 5.00; Scotland Neck S S, Tar River, 20.00; Braswell do, do, .75; Silver Springs ch, Stanley, 5.23; Colerain S S, W Chowan, 2.65; Hill Side ch, do, 1.00; So. Union, Eastern, 5.15; Raft Swamp ch and S S, Robeson, 3 65; Matthews ch, Meck. & Cabar., 2.55; Sardis ch, Caldwell, 1.23; Ephesus ch, Beulah, 14.20; Gastonia S S, So. Fork, 5.04; Dr W H Hoffman, 1.00; Reidsville S S, Piedmont, 15 37; Chapel Hill S S, Mt. Zion, 2.61; Mt. Hermon ch, Raleigh, 1.54; Mt. Moriah ch, do, .90; do, S S, do, 2.00; Bethel S S, Tar River, 1.15; Rennert S S, 1.00. Subscriptions to "Charity and Children"—Wake Forest S S, Central, 6.33; Baptist Grove S S, Little River, .75; Alma Thomas, 1.00; Joseph Nations, 1.00; So. Pines S S, Sandy Creek, 1.88; G. H. Sadelson, .77; Bear Swamp S S, Robeson, 2 85; So. Union, Eastern, 5.00; Highlands ch, 3.00; Ephesus ch, Beulah, 6.00; Cherry St S S, Piedmont, 1.60; Gastonia S S, So. Fork, 2 00; Kelford S S, W Chowan, 1.00; total, 191.98; previously reported, 9,113.30; total this year, 9,305.28. In Kind—R H. Newton, 4.20; previously reported, 1,128.30; total this year, 1,132 50.

IVEY ALLEN,
June 6, 1899. Treasurer.

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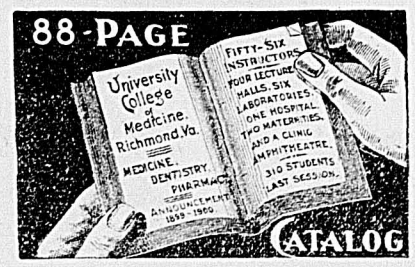
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W. L. POTEAT,
Professor Biology Wake Forest College.

A visit to the Oxford Seminary gives one an impression altogether pleasing. The beautiful lawn, the spacious buildings, the taste and neatness appearing everywhere, the convenience of schoolroom appointments, the faces of nappy girls, the sweet pervasive home feeling and the spirit of godliness over all—these make a picture that one likes to remember.
R. T. VANN,
Pastor Scotland Neck Baptist Church.

* * * Your school is a joy to all who know of it. I could but note the easy grace of demeanor and Christian ladyship—far better than the title of kings and queens. There was something in the atmosphere of the school which enveloped and charmed me.
[From a private letter by DR. THOS. E. SKINNER, Raleigh, N. C.]

DEAR BROTHER:—I greatly enjoyed my visit to Oxford last Sunday. I congratulate you upon the splendid work that you are doing in your institution. I was greatly pleased with the atmosphere of your school, and feel that if I had a daughter to put in College I should be perfectly willing to trust her under your care. The Lord give you many years of increasing usefulness.
[From a private letter by A. J. BARTON, Assist. Sec. Foreign Miss. Board of So. Bap. Con.]

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THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

As announced in this paper our Baptist Young People's Union of America will meet in Richmond the second week in July.

One is usually inclined to think that we have too many meetings; that the money expended in attending them is more than the return justifies.

Moreover, in regard to this organization there is considerable disposition to hold off. Many of our people want an organization purely Southern. Many want none at all. Most are indifferent upon the whole matter.

But we believe the time is here for a more strenuous effort to inspire our young people with zeal for our cause, and for moving to train them for the great work they will have to do.

Christianity has always meant more, has always been a more serious business than we have given it credit of being. In the near future it must become the world-work, the supreme hope of all men.

The churches are just entering into their great mission. In a little while they must literally become the light and the stay of the world. They must, as brother Rust said so well at Wake Forest, enter the realms of Commerce, of Citizenship and of the Home and make them over anew.

If this is so, we must arouse a new spirit in our young people, and having aroused that we must train and equip them. Christianity needs not simply willing and zealous spirits, but prepared hearts and prepared minds and prepared hands.

Now the meeting in Richmond will not serve this great purpose. No one can claim that. But it will be likely to stir the heart of any young Christian with new and wonderful spirit. We need that very much. And for this reason solely we are anxious that as many Societies and Unions as possible send delegates to the meeting.

Let us say, in passing, that the man who is head and heart and hand for the B. Y. P. U. A is well known to us. We know no better Baptist or more lovely Christian. In his hands we have no fear for our Young People's work.—Dr. Chivers.

North Carolina has not long been prepared to join heartily in a general meeting in this interest. Our young people have not been to any great extent definitely organized. But for months the number of our Unions has constantly increased and many of them have reached the point of assured permanence.

It appears to us that the B. Y. P. U. A. at Richmond will present to us an unusually favorable opportunity.

Our denomination can not but regret that Rev. J. P. Greene, D.D., has declined to accept the Presidency of our Seminary, succeeding Dr. Whitsitt. But we have no reason to be alarmed. Now is the moment to be calm. We can avoid a blunder by care.

Dr. Greene declines because he is convinced that he owes a duty to William Jewell College of Missouri. It seemed that Providence directed our Seminary Trustees to select him for President Whitsitt's place. But brother Greene is the better judge of the two in such a matter. There is not necessarily any conflict here. For all we know the election of brother Greene, even in view of this declaration, was the best thing that could have happened; and time may prove that his refusal is well for us. At any rate we must calmly face the situation.

The sense of relief and of peace that our denomination has enjoyed since May 13 has been too good to give up now. Let us continue in it.

Brother Greene is far from being the only man that can fill the place and meet the situation successfully. We know of others, but we have no candidates. And we have good faith that our Trustees will succeed in electing a President or in making arrangements which will win the favor of our people thoroughly.

PRESIDENT WHITSITT'S FAREWELL.

The Seminary Commencement was made notable by the farewell exercises in honor of President Whitsitt.

On behalf of the Alumni of the institution Rev. Carter Helms Jones presented the institution with a portrait of the retiring president, making a fervent eulogy of the subject. In like spirit it was accepted by Dr. W. E. Hatcher on the part of the Trustees.

When the diplomas had been delivered, Dr. Whitsitt made his final Baccalaureate, the conclusion of which we give here because it is good to read, it is timely to the hour, it is worthy of a great heart:

"I desire to present a parting request to all who have ever studied with me in the Theological Seminary. I beg them one and all to be always and everywhere orthodox, earnest Baptists; to stand fast in the ancient tenets of our denomination. In particular, I solicit them strongly to maintain and industriously to proclaim the fundamental Baptist doctrine of the universal, spiritual church; that church which Christ established on the rock (Matthew xvi. 18); the only church that has received and enjoyed the promise of unbroken succession; the only church that is identical with the Kingdom of God, and outside of which salvation is impossible.

This is one of our distinctive principles. This is a very citadel of Baptist orthodoxy. By an almost unexampled freak of history this fundamental Baptist doctrine has been called in question among Southern Baptists. In fact, it is the issue of the hour among us. If it were not an actual fact I should declare that such an issue was impossible in our denomination.

It would be the keenest satire of history if Southern Baptists should disown and forsake the fundamental Baptist principle of the universal, spiritual church, and should embrace the contradictory opposite doctrine of a general, visible church and of visible succession. It is true that in the Third Century of the Christian era the fathers disowned and forsook the doctrine and departed from the faith once for all delivered to the saints. But the present is a more enlightened period. It appears inconceivable that Southern Baptists should repeat the blunder of the men of the Third Century. That would be the heaviest calamity that could overtake us. God forbid that history should repeat itself after such a sort.

The doctrine of the universal, spiritual church is one of the most important tenets of Baptist orthodoxy; it is also one of the most ancient. It is plainly set forth in Holy Scripture; our fathers of the Seventeenth Century proclaimed it with deep conviction and enthusiasm; in every subsequent age our best divines have loved and defended it; it is enshrined in the foremost confessions of our faith; it lies forever imbedded in the creed of our theological seminary; it has been always, everywhere and by all orthodox Baptists believed and taught. I entreat my fellow students to eschew every innovation, to stand in the old paths and be orthodox Baptists.

But this almost inconceivable issue regarding the universal, spiritual church concerns many other people besides my fellow students in the Theological Seminary. It concerns every Baptist of the Southern States. I therefore appeal to all devout men and women; to every one who values our cause and principles to rally to the standard of orthodoxy. There is better hope at this instant of a return by Southern Baptists to this ancient fundamental Baptist principle than we have known for more than forty years.

In conclusion, I entreat the favor of God upon our school. It has done a good work hitherto. The past at least is secure. May the future also be glorious. May good learning, enlightened piety and real Baptist orthodoxy always prevail in our Theological Seminary. And now, with malice toward none but with charity for all, I bid you an affectionate farewell."

Our Baptist Book Store grows continually in favor and in usefulness. The book-trade of our Baptist people has slowly grown for years; it is better than it might be, but it ought to be far better than it is. For one thing we do not understand how a minister can discharge his obligation to render the highest service and the most effective that he is capable of without books to read. Be his salary ever so meagre; to the extent that he economizes by doing without books to that extent he runs the risk of making still more drastic economy necessary. The reading preachers, the men who feed their minds in order that they may be able to feed others, are the popular and successful pastors. We would like to cultivate in our preachers the habit of keeping in touch with the tables of our Baptist Book Store. Ask brother White to send you one of his lists.

I have lived to know that the secret of happiness is never to allow your energies to stagnate.—Adam Clarke.

You will find in this paper a list of our Volunteer Mission Corps of the second year. Once more these brethren go forth into the field for our cause without charge. They are our ablest preachers. They will serve two great objects, one the saving of souls, the other the strengthening of our cause in weak places. It is the best organization we Baptists have. It is worthy of the days of the apostles. It is not too much to ask that each one who reads this paper will earnestly pray that God will bless the labors of these men this summer.

Contemplate the spectacle for a moment: This array of our best men, leaving comparatively pleasant work behind for a while, and in the summer time when it is not easy to undertake extra tasks going forth wherever they may be sent to uphold the hands of our missionaries in destitute sections. Work like that will win the world.

The Magazines.

In June Scribner's Colonel (now Governor) Roosevelt concludes the account he has been contributing of the campaign of his Rough Riders in Cuba. One feels as he reads the closing incidents in the history of the exploits of this association of gallant spirits that the end is all too soon; and surely, if the regiment was the best in the service, as the "Round Robin" proclaimed, the result was in no small measure due to the soldierly virtues of their commander. Had Roosevelt pursued literature to the end he must have made a name as a writer.

Another of the war articles is an account of the opening of the war with the Insurgents in the Phillipines, "The Battle of the Block-houses," by P. G. McDonnell. The illustrations are from photographs.

The fiction writers of this issue are Joel Chandler Harris, who gives another installment of the "Chronicles of Aunt Minervy Ann," Quiller-Couch, who continues his novel, "The Ship of Stars," and Henry James in a short article, "Europe." The letters of R. L. Stevenson, edited by Sidney Colvin, still continue.

Harper's for June opens with "The Rescue of the Whalers," by E. P. Bertholf, of the United States Revenue Cutter Service. It is an account of a sled journey of 1,600 miles in the Arctic Regions. Perhaps one of the most entertaining features of this number, to the layman, is "The Century's Progress in Scientific Medicine," by Dr. Henry Smith Williams. He tells the history of the invention of the stethoscope, the discovery of the æsthetic properties of ether and chloroform and of the early work of Pasteur. It is not uninteresting to Southern people to learn that an Alabama doctor had made use of ether as an æsthetic in his practice before Dr. Morton demonstrated its properties in Boston.

H. B. Hulbert, F. R. G. S., and Mr. James Mooney, of the Bureau of Ethnology, contribute sketches of historical interest: "Korean Inventions," and "Quivira and the Wichitas," relative to some of the Indians in the West.

Part V. of Henry Cabot Lodge's History of the Spanish-American War embraces the war contributions for this issue. Frederick Remington, Richard Harding Davis and others are among the short story writers; and W. D. Howells and H. B. Marriott Watson continue their novels, which are running serially.

The twelfth of "Round the Fire" series of stories, by A. Conan Doyle, is the first on the pages of the Strand. "The Story of the Brown Hand" is the title. It is a ghost story, poorly told. This is an indifferent issue of the Strand, as is also the June Cosmopolitan, whose articles of principal interest are an essay on the "Woman of To-day and of To-morrow," by Harry Thurston Peck, and the third installment of Count Tolstoy's novel, "The Awakening."

June McClure's begins with an article by Cleveland Moffett, on the Progress of the Marconi Wireless Telegraphy. In the attempt to popularize his article by leaving out technicalities the writer has overdone the matter.

The story of the doings of Stalky & Co., by Rudyard Kipling, is the best part in the make-up of this number of McClure's. J. D. H.

Cheerfulness, pleasantness, a bright and sunny temper—these are some of the richest fruits of true religion. If our Christianity is worth anything at all, if it has any potent influence over our lives, if it is anything else but the feeble sentimentalism of a selfish and artificial piety, then it will make us "pleasant." It will brighten our spirits, sweeten our manners, and tame our tempers. Almost the first indication of the new life is the desire to smooth over trivial but ugly difficulties, to promote a general feeling of kindness and simplicity, and thus to rob life of its dullness and bitterness and monotony. * * * And there is a certain kind of Christian effort which no committee can do, no organization can accomplish, no code of rules can help—it requires human touch. It can only be done by a smile, a welcome, a handshake.—Frederick A. Atkins.

The Volunteer Mission Corps 1899.

This movement under God has been a blessing to North Carolina Baptists. Besides reinforcing our State missionaries at points where Baptists had no prestige, and where they needed strong help, its reflex influence on our other churches through the pastors who gave themselves to the movement and its stimulus to the evangelistic spirit of the denomination as a whole, has been of incalculable value.

This movement so successfully organized last year, regarded then as an experiment, has attracted attention in other States of the Southern Baptist Convention, and there is evidence that the spirit of volunteer service for the Master, guided by well considered method, will be stimulated in these States. It is very clear to those who have observed the practical working of the Volunteer Mission Corps in North Carolina that as a supplement to our regular work it solves many of the difficult problems of State Mission work.

It is also clearly in keeping with the spirit of Apostolic Missions, and it must have the effect of inspiring fraternity and helpfulness between all classes of our brethren; between the city pastor and the no less devoted and faithful worker on the mission field. It directs the fullest strength of the denomination to the points most in need.

Not a few letters have been received from the volunteers who went out last year and from the missionaries on the field, showing how the Lord had blessed them in this movement.

Last year eighty-six of our pastors had enlisted. This year the same brethren go out reinforced by thirty others of their brethren who have enlisted for four years.

Last year the volunteer missionaries reported 416 days of service, 726 sermons, 621 inquirers in meetings. 319 conversions, and collections in meetings for State Missions $333.37.

This year with our increased force we may expect greater work and greater results. Let us all in our public meetings and in our private devotions earnestly follow these brethren as they go with our prayers.

Below will be found the plan of campaign for this year as arranged and agreed to both by the volunteer missionaries and the fields to which they have been appointed.

Name.	Post Office.	Appointment.	Date.	County.
Rev. George M. Duke	Mapleville	Snow Hill	June 9	Green.
" L. M. Curtis	Aulander	Mt. Nelson	July	Wayne.
" A. A. Butler	Franklinton	Emmeaus	July 31	Wayne.
" J. J. Douglass	Clinton	Mt. Calvary	August 7	Wayne.
" C. L. Greaves	Pittsboro	2d Church, Goldsboro	September 11	Wayne.
" M. L. Kesler	Rocky Mount	Bay Creek	July 18	Pamlico.
" W. P. Jordan	Hertford	Bayboro	August 13	Pamlico.
" J. J. Payseur	Wilmington	Truitt's	June 30	Craven.
" W. H. Rich	Thomasville	Piney Grove	August 7	Jones.
" J. M. White	Apex	Fort Barnwell	July 17	Craven.
" T. J. Taylor	Warrenton	Maysville	July 7	Jones.
" C. W Blanchard	Kinston	Spring Garden	September 25	Craven.
" A. D. Hunter	Cary	Smyrna	July 25	Carteret.
" W. S. Olive	Apex	Lupton	July 4	Carteret.
" J. D. Moore	Red Springs	Davis' Shore	July 20	Carteret.
" C. W. Blanchard	Kinston	Marshallburg	May 23	Carteret.
" F. L. Cleveland	Chapel Hill	Onslow Mission	To be fixed	Onslow.
" A. W. Setzer	Greenville	Onslow Missions	To be fixed	Onslow.
" W. B. Waff	Reynoldson	Onslow Missions	To be fixed	Onslow.
" Forrest Smith	Louisburg	Onslow Missions	To be fixed	Onslow.
" Dr. H. A. Brown	Winston	Sparta	July 28	Alleghany.
" L. Johnson	Greensboro	Liberty	August 25	Alleghany.
" C. B. Justice	Rutherfordton	King's Creek	July 14	Alleghany.
" C. A. G. Thomas	Fayetteville	New Hope	September 8	Alleghany.
Mr. N. B. Broughton	Raleigh	Concord	To be fixed	Cabarrus.
Rev. M. E. Parrish	Salisbury	Cold Water	June 23	Cabarrus.
" C. G. Wells	Spencer	Mt. Peasant	June 23	Cabarrus.
" A. C. Barron	Charlotte	Rock Hill	July 7	Cabarrus.
" L. R. Pruitt	Charlotte	Newell	July 7	Cabarrus.
" J. Q. Adams	Wadesboro	Arlington	July 7	Cabarrus.
" B. Lacy Hoge	Concord	Friendship	July 7	Cabarrus.
" W. F. Watson	Gastonia	Dilworth	October 1	Cabarrus.
" O. L. Stringfield	Raleigh	Benson	June 3	Harnett.
" R. H. Marsh	Oxford	New Light	July 15	Wilkes.
" W. R. Gwaltney	Hickory	Mulberry	August 12	Wilkes.
" J. D. Hufham	Henderson	New Covenant	August 19	Wilkes.
" Thomas Hume	Chapel Hill	Newton	August 13	Catawba.
" J. T. Edmundson	Littleton	Lincolnton	June 11	Lincoln.
" R. T. Treadway	Shelby	Bessemer	September	Gaston.
" Henry Sheets	Lexington	Jarrell's School House	To be fixed	Surry.
" W. H. Wilson	Madison	Siloam	To be fixed	Yadkin.
" J. N. Stallings	Salisbury	Crouse	To be fixed	Gaston.
" W. M. Jones	Maxton	James' Cross Roads	To be fixed	Rowan.
" S. J. Porter	Morganton	Chestnut Hill	To be fixed	Rowan.
" James Long	Goldsboro	Hall's Cross Roads	To be fixed	Rowan.
" G. L. Finch	Carthage	Faith	To be fixed	Rowan.
" J. E. Herring	Henrietta	Mooresville	To be fixed	Iredell.
" Geo. J. Dowell	Lumberton	Spencer	To be fixed	Rowan.
" B. Lacy Hoge	Concord	Troutman's	To be fixed	Iredell.
" Thomas Carrick	High Point	Shady Grove	To be fixed	Iredell.
" S. D. Swalm	Mocksville	Calvary	To be fixed	Rowan.
" T. H. Jones	Reidsville	Beulah	To be fixed	Iredell.
" W. B. Morton	Roxboro	China Grove	To be fixed	Rowan.
" W. R. Bradsuaw	North Wilkesboro	Saluda	June 20	Polk.
" W. C. Tyree	Durham	Tryon	July 3	Polk.
" J. N. Boothe	Washington	Macon	July 23	Yadkin.
" A. M. Croxton	Monroe	Phaniel's	To be fixed	
" R. H. Herring	Enfield	Vaughan's	July 16	Warren.
" A. L. Betts	Raleigh	Sherwood	To be fixed	Cumberland.
" J. A. Stradley	Oxford	Weaversville	To be fixed	Buncombe.
" J. S. Hardaway	Oxford	Harriss' Chapel	August 12	Franklin.
" Forrest Smith	Louisburg	Bethany	August 19	Franklin.
" T. H. Leavett	Raleigh	Wake Forest	July 29	Wake.
" S. J. Conrad	Charlotte	Walnut Grove	July 29	McDowell.
" J. A. McKaughan	Albemarle	Turkey Cove	July 22	McDowell.
" A. M. Simms	Raleigh	Chapel Hill	August 5	McDowell.
" George V. Tilley	Winston	Clear Creek	August 12	McDowell.
" C. D. Graves	Louisville, Ky	Pepper's Creek	August 19	McDowell.
" J. M. Hilliard	Greensboro	Armstrong	August 26	McDowell.
" J. A. Mundy	Reidsville	Carter's Creek	September 2	McDowell.
" W. C. Barrett	Raleigh	Round Knob	September 9	McDowell.
" M. A. Adams	Lyon's	Buck Creek	September 16	McDowell.
" J. W. Suttle	Smithfield	Halltown	August 19	McDowell.
" B. K. Mason	Williamston	Biggs House	To be arranged	Martin.
" C. W. Scarboro	Murfreeboro	Eagles'	To be arranged	Edgecombe.
" Josiah Elliott	Hertford	Everett's	To be arranged	Edgecombe.
" R. D. Cross	Windsor	Halifax	To be arranged	Halifax.
" T. G. Wood	Belcross	Mildred	To be arranged	Edgecombe.
" G. H. Church	Statesville	Enfield	To be arranged	Halifax.
" R. R. Overby	Belcross	To be selected	To be arranged	
" J. W. Carter	Raleigh	Rocky Mount	To be arranged	Nash.
" C. J. T. Anderson	Hertford	Plymouth	To be arranged	Washington.
" B. Craige	Tarboro	Edgecombe county	To be arranged	Edgecombe.
" R. D. Carroll	Smyrna	Onslow Mission	To be arranged	Onslow.

The work of arranging for the following members of the Volunteer Mission corps is now in progress:

Rev. J. J Adams,	Rev. C. H. Durham,	Rev. W H Jones,	Rev. C. F. Ramsbottom,
" E. Allison,	" W. F. Fry.	" T C King,	" J. W. Rose.
" J. T. Betts,	" W. M. Vines,	" John Lewis,	" J. A. Smith,
" J. G. Blalock,	" C E Gower,	" W. P. Marten,	" N. P. Stallings.
" T L. Brown,	" G. P. Harrill,	" J. B. Morten,	" J L Shinn,
" A. E Brown,	" T. B. Justice	" John E White,	" J A Speight,
" L R. Carroll,	" A. J. Justice,	" W. S Pennick,	" A. B. Smith,
" M. C. Compton,	" F. M. Jordan,	" R L Patton,	" R. A. Sentell.

JOHN E. WHITE.

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They want to know us too, and will feel disappointed if we are not there to meet them, when they have come so far to see us.

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Why is This.

We have not had a more severe winter in some time; we have not had a more trying time financially in some time. Nearly all our Boards out of debt, and planning for greater work to be done next year. What about the old man and his family who have made such a sacrifice to open up the way by which we are enabled to do the work? Leave them out and cut them off, and let them all go to the poor-house, or suffer for the necessaries of life? What is the answer? God only knows, and the old preacher and his family only feels. Perhaps the other work has demanded the brethrens' time. If so, now brethren give us your hearty support and a liberal collection at your next meeting, and we will quietly submit, and keep our mouths shut awhile at any rate.

We should have had a meeting the last Wednesday in May; but the contributions were so small we thought it best to defer it for a few weeks. Give us a good contribution, please, brethren, and we will try to gladden the hearts of our dear old brethren.

Yours for Christ and the Old Brethren,
J. F. MacDUFFIE,
Corresponding Secretary.
Rock Spring, N. C., May 31, 1899.

Home Department of S. S. Work.

BY REV. E. M. LIGHTFOOT.

The subject upon which I am to speak, the Home Department of Sunday School Work, is one of the most interesting before us as Sabbath School workers.

The question naturally suggests itself: What is the Home Department? It is not something to take the place of the Sunday School, but something that will interest those who do not and can not attend Sunday School in the work thereof.

We can best tell what it is, by showing what it does:

a. It overcomes neglected Bible study. As secular education has been largely transferred to those whom we employ to teach the various studies of our daily schools, so the Bible teaching has been given over to more or less efficient teachers in our Sunday Schools, who may be volunteers or reluctant substitutes, drafted into service for the occasion, because no one else can be secured. It is the intention of the Home Department to get the study of the Bible, either with or without Sunday School Quarterlies in the homes of all who can not or do not attend Sunday School. Parents are to know what part of the Bible their children are studying, by studying the Bible with their children.

b. It emphasizes the fact that the Sunday School is for all ages. By introducing this Home Department into the various homes, the older people, who now absent themselves from Sunday School will begin to realize that singing is not all of Sunday School work, but incidental only. The statement of Governor Rollins, of New Hampshire, in which he says, "there are towns (in staid New Hampshire) where no church bell sends forth its solemn call from January to January; there are villages where the dead are laid away without the benizon of the name of the Christ, and where marriages are solemnized only by justices of the peace," is one of the most deplorable of the present century. Yet what they have we are seeking for by remaining away from Sunday School. It can be avoided by adopting Bible study in the Home Department. If you are *too old to go to* Sunday School, are you too old to study the Bible at home with your children? You can not reasonably expect the Sunday School teacher, who has the children one hour at the longest, on the Lord's Day, to overcome the teaching of the wickedness of a whole week.

c. It develops the true social life of the church. The system of visitation necessary to carry on the Home Department, the mutual exchange of sympathies, the encouragement imparted to the disheartened, the explanation of scripture to some perplexed soul and various other things which may be mentioned, all will develop true social life of a church. In this way you become of practical assistance to your pastor, to whom you are to report any unusual cases you may meet, and he will respond to your call for help.

d. The parents and children may unitedly study God's Word. Think of the hearth-stones where no Bible is used! What a radical change will be effected if the Home Department is adopted in each Sunday School community! The study of the Bible makes men more honest; tones up morals; makes men true and clean; combs the hair; puts good clothes in place of rags. Why all this? Because the Bible removes sin, which is the cause of every condition suggested. How can we have this? By becoming members of the Home Department and giving at least one-half hour every week to studying the Bible with your children and not apart from them.

The parent has made ready several children for Sunday School but can not go with them. Is it not a blessed thought that you are a member of the Home Department of the Sunday School where your children have gone; that you can put your money in an envelope provided for you, as they put theirs in their class envelopes; that you have studied about the same Jesus which they are learning about? You may by joining the Home Department.

II. How may we work up a Home Department in our Sunday School?

a. Appoint some one interested in Bible study and unused power in our churches and congregations. That is, get some Christian who believes the Bible ought to be studied more than it is, and who knows that everybody in the church and congregation, who are not in Sunday School, ought to be or else will become a member of the Home Department. Let this person select several others who are persons of tact. Persons possessing that nice, pleasant, agreeable manner which will make them masters of all they come in contact with. That nice manner that makes it impossible for those whom you ...ch to say no. Then let these go ...nd canvass the church and con... It may be necessary to have ... or act as superintendent, but as ...ersight of all church work, let ...day School superintendent be ... but be sure you always consult ... pastor. Let these workers call ...eligible, who are the aged, who ... active in Sunday School work, ...eel almost forgotten; the sick, ...you can minister words of cheer; ...who are rushed to get their chil... in time for Sunday School; ...rs who do not go to Sunday ...d who are anxious about their childrens' welfare, more so, sometimes, than their example for their children. The toilers at home, or on railroads, who would attend Sunday School if they could; and the indifferent, whom the Lord only knows how to move. Call upon all of these, get their consent to be enrolled as members of the Home Department of the Sunday School. Organize them into classes of not more than ten. (This we think a sufficient number; the Sunday School will have to decide the size of classes). See that they are supplied with quarterlies to aid in Bible study, and envelopes to mark dates of Sunday, lesson studied, and whether the student attended Sunday School, and amount of offering given. It is frequently the case that members of the Home Department become members of the Sunday School. Most Sunday School workers think women are the better teachers for the Home Department. Let each member of the Home Department be visited at least once in three months. Let canvassers, superintendent and pastor confer regularly as to the work. Pastors may aid materially in the organization of Home Department by talking of it during their pastoral visitations. Don't forget the members of the congregation who do not go to Sunday School.

III. Is it Scriptural?

Did you ever think that the commission of Jesus to go into all the world and preach the glad tidings of good joy meant more than our common interpretation—the heathen in foreign lands? It means these, to such an extent that we are obliged to either go with the Gospel or send it. But it also means the people at home whom we may help, without calling upon our missionaries for assistance. Yes, the Home Department is Scriptural for several reasons—first for its home training. The condition existing in New Hampshire and other New England States would not exist to-day if they had adopted the Home Department of Sunday School work. The absence of the melody of church bells is due to neglect of God's Word in the home. Whenever we expect law to take the place of home training, or society to produce home training, we are raising thorns and thistles. The home influence of mother is worth more than anything else. Many a child tossed by the world's rough buffeting is saved from destruction by the memory of mother's teaching. When we mould the home life into the right mould we get strong men and women. In a sense Jesus is the product of home life. All good and great men were aided by home influences. The Home Department proposes to bring all the children under the immediate care of the Home. The Home is to train them in Bible study. Then, again, we will get better Christians than we now have. I do not mean so much more pious Christians, but better informed as to what is necessary to be a Christian. The Bereans were more noble than those of Thessalonica. Why? They studied the Word of God daily. The trouble to-day is, so many think, that all we need is to profess Christ as Saviour and join the church. It can never be said of a Baptist church that its members were brought up in the church. Regeneration as a prerequisite to baptism excludes that. But what about some who rest upon the alphabet of Christian experience, while there is the grammar and logic of the same Christian life wholly unexplored? The Home Department proposes to impress the precepts of Jesus upon the daily lives of his followers, where it is not done by the Sunday School. Lastly, it makes good citizens. A drunkard may be the product of home training, but more likely he is the result of circumstances. One of the crying needs to-day is good citizens—men who will be honest to their convictions; who will spurn sinister motives; who will combat evil in every form; who will reject anything that has a tendency to lower manhood. Jesus was a good citizen, because he was the Son of God; Paul, because he was a follower of Jesus; we, if we obey the precepts of our Master—Christ. I need not further dwell upon this. The Home Department will materially aid the home, church and community.

IV. Is the Home Department practicable for country churches?

We country preachers and churches are unjustly suspicious of city methods and schemes of Sunday School work. The Home Department is preeminently for the country church. Cities and towns have good streets for wagons; many of them have methods of rapid transit. Their sidewalks are in good condition. A rain or snowstorm does not necessarily interfere with public worship. Not so in the country. Often our roads are impassable. We can get to neither Sunday School nor church. We are cut off from many advantages. The Home Department may exist in spite of storm and bad roads. With this adjunct to Sunday School work, the parent and children can keep themselves in touch with the work of Sunday Schools. There need be no feeling of being a stranger by absence from Sunday School. The fact that you have kept apace with the school in Bible study makes you feel at home. I believe this Home Department supplies "a long-felt want." It comes with joy to the sick, who may look forward with pleasure to the canvassers' visits. It encourages the busy mother. It reminds the toiler that he is not forgotten. It gets father interested and becomes a genuine blessing to many who are not now in touch with Sunday School work. By reason of the increased knowledge of the Bible it will mean better preaching, but better preaching in the pulpit means better living in the pew, and God knows we need both.

Let us add in closing: All literature necessary for the establishment of the Home Department may be secured at the Baptist Book Store, Raleigh. All that is needed are envelopes and quarterlies.

Waynesville, N. C.

A Busy Worker.

Editor Recorder—

We returned from Charlotte last week, where we had been with Bro. L. R. Pruett in a meeting. The Lord was with us and we had a glorious meeting. We stayed while there with brother Pruett, and to be in his family for ten days was indeed a pleasure.

Brother Pruett is doing a fine work at Twelfth street; he has the hearts of his people, and not only his people, but the people of Charlotte have the greatest confidence in Pruett, and he is doing a work there that few could do. He is a great worker and knows all about the people during the meeting, no matter how great the crowd. Pruett could tell you who were Christians and why certain ones were not Christians, and you could always tell what to strike at; then he had some good brethren and sisters in his church that would help in the meeting and go out during the day and see the people in their homes. Mrs. Hoge and Mrs. Pruett, with a band of good women of the church, were going between services from house to house talking with those interested.

Dr. A. C. Barron was with us a day or two in the beginning of the meeting and until he left for the Convention—sorry he had to leave.

Dr. McManaway and brother Willis added greatly to the pleasure of our stay in Charlotte, and also aided in the meetings, by putting their teams at our disposal for several days to go over the city and to visit among the people.

The whole family fell in love with Charlotte. Our stay there was a pleasant one, with nothing to mar its pleasure.

The work in Concord is going forward; we have additions to the church at nearly every service, and the debt on church is being curtailed.

We are expecting soon the volunteer missionaries, and hope to see a great work accomplished by them.

We will hold the first meeting of the B. Y. P. U. on Wednesday night next. Mrs. Hoge has a Woman's Missionary Society, and the children's society, called Cheerful Workers, and this is growing in numbers and interest.

B. LACY HOGE.

Concord, N. C., May 29, 1899.

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3 50	10 34	Gates	4 20	8 55
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4 36	11 06	Ahoskey	3 41	8 20
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	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Leave Weldon	11 50	9 43			
Ar Rocky Mount	12 55	10 36			
Lv Tarboro	12 21		6 00		
Lv Rocky Mount	1 00	10 36	6 45	5 40	12 52
Lv Wilson	1 58	11 14	7 10	6 20	2 40
Lv Selma	2 55	11 57			
Lv Fayetteville	4 30	1 10			
Ar Florence	7 25	3 15			
	P. M.	A. M.			
Ar Goldsboro			7 50		
Lv Goldsboro				7 01	3 21
Lv Magnolia				8 09	4 25
Ar Wilmington				9 45	5 50
			P. M.	A. M.	P. M.

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	A. M.		P. M.		
Lv Florence	9 40		7 45		
Lv Fayetteville	12 20		9 45		
Lv Selma	1 50		10 54		
Ar Wilson	2 35		11 31		
		A. M.		P. M.	A. M.
Lv Wilmington				7 00	9 45
Lv Magnolia				8 34	11 19
Lv Goldsboro		5 15		9 45	12 30
	P. M.		A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Leave Wilson	2 35	5 43	11 31	10 38	1 16
Ar Rocky Mount	3 30	6 15	12 07	11 35	1 53
Ar Tarboro		7 04			
Lv Tarboro	12 21				
Lv Rocky Mount	3 30		12 09		
Ar Weldon	4 32		1 00		
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The Sunday School.

LESSON FOR JUNE 18.

By Hight C. Moore.

The New Life in Christ.

Colossians iii: 1—15.

Golden Text.—*Let the peace of God rule in your hearts.*—Colossians iii. 15.

INTRODUCTION.

For six months we have been studying the life of Christ as recorded by John. A fitting climax and conclusion to those studies we have in our lesson to-day. It illustrates the significance and practically applies the historical data that have come under our notice. The story of Christ has a deeper meaning than that which lies upon the surface. He came not merely to stimulate life, but also and especially to impart it. So while we have been reviewing the charming external history of Jesus, we now approach the sublime doctrine of the new life that may be ours in Christ, with its various practical applications.

The lesson is a part of the Epistle to the church at Colosse; it was written by Paul during his first imprisonment at Rome. As indicated in our lesson title, this paragraph treats of "The New Life in Christ"; its origin in verse 1; its character in verses 1-4; its antagonisms in verses 5-11; its graces in verses 12-14; and its culture in verse 15.

I. ITS ORIGIN.

The unregenerate are represented as "dead in trespasses and sins." In no true sense do they possess life. But the regenerate "have passed from death unto life." This marvelous change is wrought by the quickening power of our Lord. So the condition of believers is here tersely pictured in the words, "risen with Christ." Only he who rose from the dead can now raise from the dead. And our resurrection to newness of life in Christ Jesus is beautifully set forth in the ordinance of baptism to which every follower of Jesus should cheerfully submit. For the source and sustenance of spiritual life we are dependent upon our Redeemer.

II. ITS CHARACTER.

1. In Effort. "Seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." We are not to be idle, but to strive and earnestly seek; to seek not for earthly things exclusively as the world does, but to seek heavenly treasure where Jesus reigns in glory and mercy. We can not conceive of life apart from energy; so here we have the upward-flowing current of the energies of our spiritual life.

2. In Spirit. "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." The new life is not confined to externals. The striving just mentioned would be valueless unless it sprang out of right impulses. Heavenly attainments never precede heavenly-mindedness. No one will ever reach heaven except those who first set their minds there. "The way to hit the mark is to keep the eye fixed upon it."

3. In Sphere. "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." So the Christian is both dead and alive at the same time! His death is worldward and his life is Christward and heavenward. Elsewhere Paul speaks of the cross whereby the world is crucified unto Him and He unto the world. Hence as Christ endured a crucifixion for us, so we must endure one for Him. Then shall our life be hidden; the blinded eyes of men can not behold its full glory and their rebellious hands can not destroy it. It is strength-increasing and secure.

4. In Manifestation. "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory." So permeated and interpenetrated is our life by that of our Lord that we may truly call Him our very life itself. Our identity with Christ being thus complete, we may happily anticipate appearing with Him in glory at His second coming. Sometimes we have here and now little foretastes of that day. But what effulgence will that be when He comes and "we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is!"

III. ITS ANTAGONISMS.

We may be sure that this new life will not be without its foes. In order that it may be protected, there is killing to be done, imprisonments to be effected, and repressive legislation to be enacted.

1. We must mortify our "members which are upon the earth," put to death the traces of our former selves. Two things are especially mentioned as deserving thorough and decisive action. First, every vestige of lustful conduct in its various forms must be obliterated; "fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence." The domain of passion must be conquered at whatever cost. Secondly, we are to make a corpse of "covetousness, which is idolatry." It is difficult to get entirely rid of the influence of this filthy lucre. Mammon is a goddess as exacting as she is bewitching. Yet covetousness must be slain, or the new life can not flourish. The reason is clear: "For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience." The duty is further enforced in view of the Christian's sinful past: "In the which ye also walked aforetime, when ye lived in these things."

2. There is also given a list of vices that must be put away, must be confined so as not to interfere with the progress of the new life. The apostle bids us put off all these: Anger, which rankles long in the bosom; wrath, which comes and goes like an awful tempest of destruction; malice, with its black envy and revenge; blasphemy, with its evil-speaking and derisive railings; filthy communication, combining abusive language with shocking vulgarities. Surely no pure life is safe with these enemies unfettered. Not one should be allowed to go free.

3. The writer now teaches us that the good must displace the evil. The tongue is capable of great usefulness, yet it is often abused. Hence Paul writes: "Lie not to one another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; and have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto knowledge after the image of him that created him." The new nature causes the old to slough off, as it were, it being itself daily renewed and made more and more Christlike. In the realm of this regenerate life, the apostle observes, the dividing-lines of earth are not recognized: the nationality of Greek or Jew, the ceremonialism of circumcised or uncircumcised, the culture of Barbarian or savage Scythian, the condition of bondman or freeman; "but Christ is all, and in all." Blessed indeed are they who, filled with the Spirit of Christ, overcome the foes of their spiritual life.

IV. ITS GRACES.

The writer addresses those possessing the new life as "the elect of God, holy, and beloved." Thus our spiritual being passes through the three stages of election, sanctification, and fellowship. The character that is so richly endowed from above needs to be clad in suitable garments of outward conduct. Hence the apostle continues, "Put on therefore a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, long-suffering." Kindly deeds are to spring out of a compassionate heart, and meek endurance of injuries is ever associated with humbleness of mind. There is also daily need of long-suffering in two directions: "Forbearing one another and forgiving one another, if any man have a complaint against any." In the midst of trying provocations we must withhold wrath and cultivate a generous brotherliness; and for all past offenses against us we must not harbor revenge, but a spirit of broad and sincere forgiveness. Our Lord Himself is our example: "even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye." Only the Spirit of Christ can prompt us to follow Him along this difficult path. But these graces and adornments of character which clothe the soul are to be united and harmonized with the girdle of love. "And above all these things, put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness." It has been well said that seeming graces, where love is wanting, are mere hypocrisy. Without this bond to perfect the other virtues, they will fall away from us like disconnected garments. But with every part in its place how lovely appears the soul robed in habiliments so pure and beautiful!

V. ITS CULTURE.

It is not enough that we should have this new life; it must also be cherished and unceasingly cultivated. Two hints are given us here along this line. First, we are to admit the divine peace into the throne-room of our hearts and then willingly submit to its every ruling: "Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which ye were also called in one body." There can be no true unity among believers unless peace reign within their individual hearts. And in the individual life, how much better it is to have as our umpire peace instead of carnal ambitions and desires! For the culture of the new life an atmosphere of peace is required. But, secondly, our spirituality becomes fruitful in the soil of gratitude. "Be ye thankful," is the language of the sacred penman. A grateful appreciation of what we have is the main condition of our receiving more. Thus, with peace in-ruling and thankfulness up-going, can we cultivate and increase the precious life which has been imparted to us by Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.

State Sunday School Chautauqua.

We hope to have the programme ready for publication next week.

Already we have the promise from Dr. C. R. Blackall himself that he will be with us during the entire session, giving a Normal Lesson each day and generally aiding in the meetings. Dr. Blackall, who is the editor of the periodicals of the American Baptist Publication Society, is without a superior in the Sunday School work, and every teacher in North Carolina that can possibly do so should meet him at Shelby July 25-30, and get the benefit of his great teaching.

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Flat River—Grassy Creek, July 11.
Pilot Mountain—Mt. Airy, August 3.
Beulah—Yanceyville, August 8.
New Found—Ebenezer, August 10.
Buncombe—Berea, August 15.
Tuckaseigee—Hamburg, August 17.
Yadkin—Sandy Springs, August 17.
Liberty—Abbott's Creek, August 22.
Haywood—Pleasant Balsam, August 23.
French Broad—Big Laurel, August 23.
Brushy Mountain—Louis' Fork, August 24.
Tennessee River—Stecoah, August 24.
Western North Carolina—Martin's Creek, August 29.
Ashe—New River, August 29.
Three Forks—Beach Mountain, August 29.
Piedmont—Ramseur, August 30.
South Yadkin—Society, August 31.
Stoney Fork—Mt. Vernon, September 7.
Alleghany and Grayson—Laurel Springs, September 7.
Mitchell—Yellow Mountain, September 14.
Caldwell—Blair's Fork, September 24.
King's Mountain—New Prospect, September 24.
Elkin—Shoaly Branch, September 26.
Liberty and Ducktown—Fairview, Sept. 28.
Green River—Mt. Vernon, September 28.
Yancey—Crabtree, September 28.
Alexander—Linnie's Grove, September 28.
Tar River—Warren Plains, October 3.
Mt. Zion—Mt. Pisgah, October 3.
Eastern—Mt. Holly, October 3.
Union—Marshville, October 5.
Sandy Creek—Sandy Branch, October 5.
Sandy Run—Concord, October 5.
Brier Creek—Cranberry, October 5.
Catawba—North Catawba, October 5.
Atlantic—Newbern, October 10.
Central—Brassfield, October 10.
Mecklenburg and Cabarrus—Friendship, October 11.
Cedar Creek—Mt. Gilead, October 11.
Transylvania—Boylston, October 12.
Montgomery—Troy, October 13.
Robeson—Bear Swamp, October 17.
South River—Spring Branch, October 18.
Pee Dee—Ansonville, October 19.
West Chowan—Ahoskie, October 24.
South Fork—Mt. Holly, October 26.
Raleigh—Holly Springs, October 26.
Little River—New Hill, November 2.
Stone Mountain—Trap Hill, November 3.
Stanley—Albemarle, November 9.
Bladen—French's Creek, November 9.
Cape Fear and Columbus—Bogue Chapel, November 16.

It takes a great mind to rise successfully above its prejudices. And this may be counted a chief difference between a great mind and a little mind, that the great mind seeks to estimate things according to their real value while the little mind usually does estimate most things according to its prejudices.—United Presbyterian.

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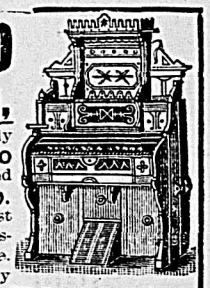

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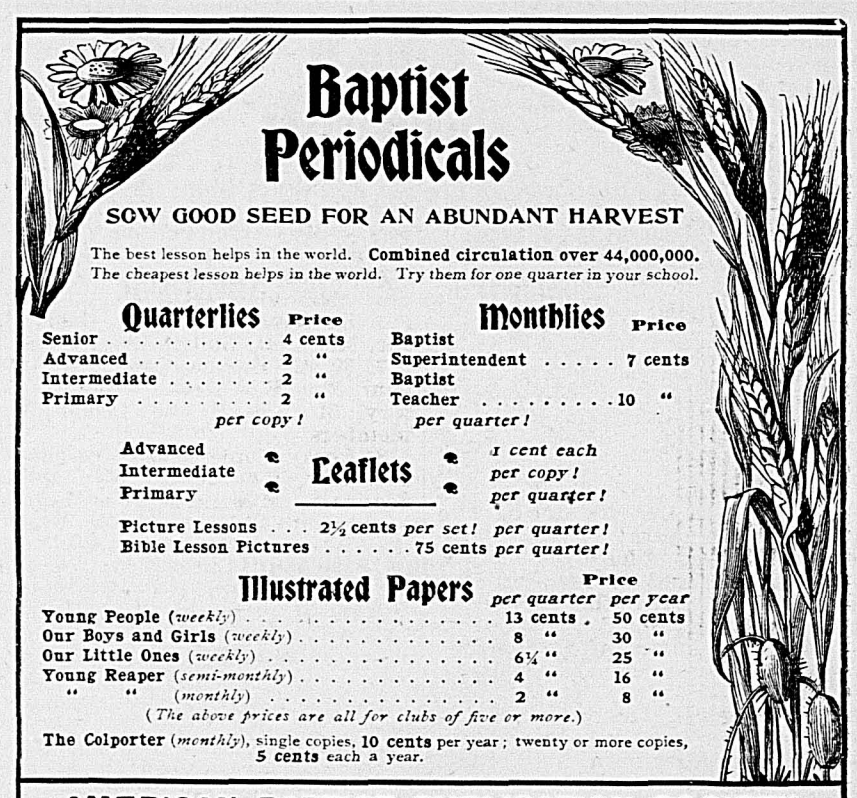

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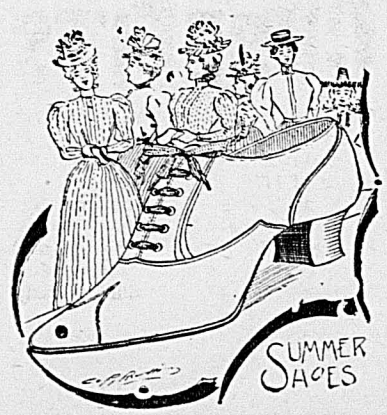
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Subject of Study for June—Italy.

"So must thou bear witness also at Rome." S. B. C. Mission opened 1870; missionaries, 1; native assistants, 25; churches, 21; out-stations, 15; membership, 481; baptisms, 55. Contributions, $695.40.

STUDY TOPICS.—Education and illiteracy and literature. Chief forms of opposition. General character of church members. Need of chapels.

Latest News from Italy.

The year 1898, which had its full share of difficulties, at least opened with an encouraging act of liberality on the part of an Italian brother, who with every influence against him at home and not at all well off, handed me $300 as a New Year's gift for our work.

The cause in Milan was not only at the time but permanently affected by the terrible popular tumults there in the month of May. Some persons who had attended the meetings, and who were hopeful inquirers, terrorized, left the city and have never returned, as far as is known. When the bullets were flying, and it was dangerous to be on the streets, the minister went to see one of his dying members. She gently reproved him for exposing himself; and, needing neither priest nor parson, undisturbed by the alarms without, fell asleep in Jesus. The same enemy in both cases returned evil for good, injured the church at Milan and that at Sampierdarena, but the latter far more seriously. Indeed, the former has nearly recovered, while that of Sampierdarena is, at least for the time, well nigh ruined, but there is some hope that the deceived and alienated brethren may one day return to their duty.

A large evangelistic work is carried on in Tuscany by our Florence evangelist, by some of his members, and by three colporteurs under his supervision, sustained by a generous English lady. This work is often attended with difficulty and danger. Even in Florence, the priests are bold and overbearing, and at Poggio and Caiano, only ten miles away, the fanaticism is such that the evangelist was warned by the authorities not to return there, and was obliged on his last visit to hold the service under ground with a little band remaining faithful despite bitter persecution. During the year this brother wrote five more tracts, which were published by the Claudian press, and he has evidence that his writings have been instrumental in leading souls to Christ, and in the progress of Baptist principles and practices. He had the privilege of preaching in a reformed Catholic church at Piacenza to a thousand persons.

All arrangements were made for a prolonged visit to Trieste by this brother, but the assassination of the Empress Elizabeth of Austria, by an Italian, and the consequent excitement against Italians, seemed to render it imprudent, so that we did nothing for Trieste during the year. But our brethren in Italy have been contributing for the evangelization of their compatriots in that almost Italian city, and their gifts, together with an individual contribution so designated, amounted on the 31st December to 620 lire ($124).

In Bari a better and more centrally placed locale was taken, to which larger congregations have been attracted, and we may hope for a proportional increase of fruit. Our Bari church has, year after year, lost heavily by death, and the year 1898 was no exception. The funeral of one aged brother, contrary to his own expressed wish, and to that of his son, was conducted by the priests, who at the last moment were most violent, and worked upon the superstitious fears of the other survivors. All this, though almost the last act of the departing saint had been the readin of God's Word. At the out-station of Barletta, during two nights before the death of a faithful disciple, in the street of his dwelling was seen a person dressed to represent the devil, in order to give the impression that the Protestant would be carried to hell. It became known afterwards that this feigned devil was employed and paid three lire by a fanatical papist. The evangelist had an encouraging proof that seed long buried may yet bring forth fruit. He met on the train a man whom he did not know, but who said to him, "Sir, you preached the gospel to me twenty years ago. I have never forgotten it. I am now a believer and am trying to walk by this book (producing the Bible) and in accordance with its teachings. I wish to be baptized, and will stay in Bari long enough for the purpose." He was baptized and gave to the minister for the mission.

e work at Gravina, a neighboring of some 20,000 souls, shows at the time the power of the clericals, the of some, at least, of our brethren, e divine blessing upon their labors rifices. They had rented a hall for eaching of the gospel, when an stic went to the owner and said, ve committed a damnable offense, go to hell unless you rescind that ." The man was in terror and himself willing to lose the rent ld only get back his hall, and our , partly to avoid possible litigation and partly in magnanimity, gave up the hall. Now it is almost impossible, in such a city, to procure a suitable place for evangelical meetings, yet the Lord gave them another, which they spared no expense nor pains to adapt and fit up for the purpose.

Another student comes from one of our youngest churches, viz.: that at Palermo, and this student is the only son of the widow of the minister who formed the church. On the occasion of my visit last May, long was the conversation with the deacon and a few others. He said to me: "The mission is going to send Arthur to school, and care for his mother, so do not send us a minister. We ourselves will hold the meetings and work for the interest of the cause without charge." I was greatly comforted by this proposal, but on account of the scarcity of means, and even more because it seemed to me that the solution of the problem of self-support lies just in this direction.

Cagliari, already a sufferer from a terrible hail storm, which blocked up 700 persons in a street where the hail lay five feet deep on the 19th of May, was from the floods of November and December terribly stricken. In the very street in which we were to have lodged, a very steep street, no less than seven houses fell, and the street itself was torn up for a hundred and sixty yards. Cagliari really prepared for a person more august than an humble missionary, even for the Emperor of Germany, and, while multitudes were without roof or bread, workmen, by order of the municipality, were preparing illuminations, but the ill-spent money was doubly avenged, for the floods destroyed the preparations, and the Emperor, happily for himself, went home by way of the Adriatic.

These calamities, however, gave occasion for displays of courage and self-sacrificing kindness. A poor fisherman, who frequented our meetings, saw in the house opposite to his two small children about to be submerged in the flood, rushed across the steep street through the strong current, and succeeded in saving them, but himself died three days later from the exposure and the bruises received. The priest called at the last moment, said that his death was a punishment for attending Protestant meetings. The evangelist and the church, helped also by brethren elsewhere, supplied one hundred poor persons with bread and soup for two days. With the cooperation of three of the members, he evangelized no less than twenty-six towns and villages in the vicinity, visiting some of them only once, others twice, yet others four times, during the year.

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Rome, Italy.

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10. Beulah Chapel, Cape Fear Association.—President, Miss Jennie Child; Vice-President, Miss Bertie Williamson; Treasurer, Miss Ada Child; Secretary, Miss Della Child, Malona—members, 27.

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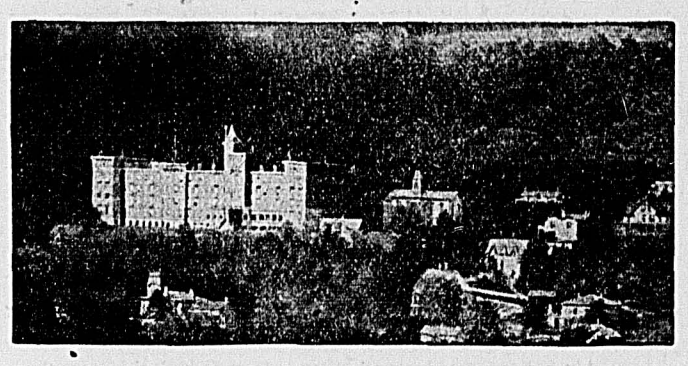
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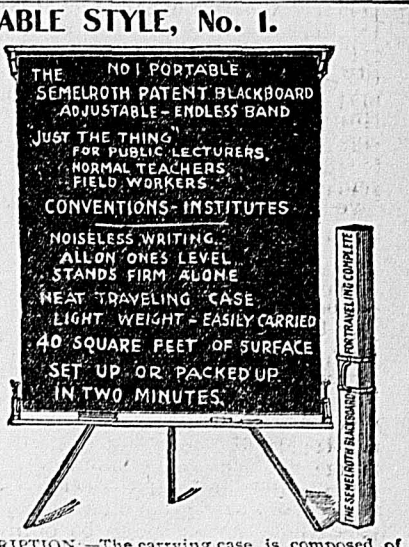
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Home Circle.

Afterwards.

The peasant sowed, unrecompensed, in pain;
An army rode and trampled down his grain.
Another year, behold! the harvest yield
Sprang rich and golden from the trampled field.

The miner delved in darkness and despair:
His tears concealed the trove his hand laid bare.
His orphaned child, years after, found the gem,
And, lo! it glorified a diadem.

Faint heart, be brave, and banish thy despair;
Look to the past, find vindication there.
Our little lives make God's rewards seem late,
But recompensed are they who work and wait.

—Burritt Hamilton.

By music, minds an equal temper know,
Nor swell too high, nor sink too low!
If in the breast tumultuous joys arise,
Music, her soft assuasive voice applies;
Or when the soul is press'd with cares,
Exalts her in enliv'ning airs.
Warriors she fires with animated sound,
Pours balm on the bleeding lover's wound;
Melancholy lifts her head,
Morpheus rouses from his bed,
Sloth unfolds her arms and wakes,
Listening envy drops her snakes;
Intestine war no more our passions wage,
And giddy factions bear away their rage.

—Pope.

His Wife.

The wide hall was sombre with ministerial broadcloth, but here and there a bit of gay ribbon betokened the presence of a woman or a business suit suggested a member of the laity.

The stir and whispered conversation which usually precede a business meeting were noticeably absent. The gathering had met for that tenderest and most pathetic incident of Methodist Conference week, the annual memorial meeting, when one after another of the assembled ministers pays tribute to the memory of those who have passed to their reward during the year.

Death had claimed four members of the Conference this year, and four of the brethren who had known them best gave, each in turn, the brief history of their humble lives. Then one of the presiding elders arose and began to speak:

"It is my privilege," he said, "to offer a word of loving tribute to the memory of Mary Watson Blake, wife of our brother, John Wesley Blake."

At the first mention of the name, a little, stoop-shouldered man near the center of the house bowed his head lower and lower until the forehead rested on his hand. The simple story which the presiding elder had begun to tell was in large measure the story of the little man's own life. How the past came back to him as he listened!

He thought of his first meeting with Mary Watson, while he was still a student in the seminary; of the acquaintance ripening into love; of her promise to be his wife, made on the day of his ordination. All his life he had wondered how it was that she had been content to accept the little he had to offer—the hard lot of a Methodist minister's wife.

And it had been a hard lot. Uncomplainingly she had gone with him from village to village, with never any permanent abiding place; always courteous and tactful, even with the most uncongenial and stiff-necked parishoners; living constantly in the bright light of public scrutiny and criticism; annually making his pitifully small salary perform miracles; keeping open house for visiting clergymen and evangelists; dispensing a cheerful hospitality to every itinerant canvasser for religious books—these, he thought with a heavy heart, were the things which had made up the life of Mary Watson Blake.

The little preacher was honest with himself. He knew that he had never been more than a feeble rushlight in the Church, and that his appointments, poor as they had been, would have been poorer still but for her who had been so faithful a helper and had so ably supplemented his preaching with her personality.

"And this is all," he thought bitterly. "Ten minutes of eulogy for a lifetime of such service. O if they could only know what she was and what she did!"

The voice of the presiding elder died away, and another voice broke in upon the stillness. A man was speaking whom some of those present recognized as the owner of the wollen mills at Belden.

"Ten years ago," he said, "a new pastor came with his wife to the church in our town. I had lost my own wife three years before that, and since her death my son had fallen into bad company, and sunk lower and lower, until his very name had become a disgrace to me and a reproach to the town. In some way, I can not tell you how, this new minister's wife gained a hold upon him. She lifted him out of his degradation, out of himself, and put the heart of a man into him again. It is due, under God, to Mary Watson Blake that I can say to you all to-day, 'This my son was dead, and is alive again.'"

In the hush which followed the gathering began to disperse, but before the little bent figure of the preacher had reached the door, two other figures, elbowing their way through the crowd, met him. They were both men in the prime of life, and as they passed out with their old friend, each had something to say of the past.

"It was your wife, sir," said one, "who gave me my first impulse and first encouragement to study for the ministry. I wish I could tell her now of my appointment to the Jefferson Avenue Church, and how earnestly I am going to try to make a worthy use of the great opportunity."

What the other man said was lost in the buzz of conversation at the door, but it carried the thoughts of the little minister back to a young "tough" in a seaboard town where he had taught a score of years ago.

"God forgive me!" he said humbly, "in my sorrow and my complaining. Her memorial is in the lives of the people for whom we have suffered and labored. With God is her reward."—Youth's Companion.

Reaching the People.

A preacher had better work in the dark, with nothing but mother-wit, a quickened conscience, and a Saxon Bible to teach him what to do and how to do it, than to vault into an aerial ministry into which only the upper classes shall know or care anything about him. You had better go and talk the Gospel in the Cornish dialect to those miners who told the witnesses summoned by the committee of the English Parliament that they "had never heard of Mister Jesus Christ in these mines," than to do the work of the Bishop of London. Make your ministry reach the people in the forms of purest culture if you can, but reach the people; with elaborate doctrine if possible, but reach the people; with classic speech if it may be, but reach the people. The great problem of life to an educated ministry is to make their culture a power instead of a luxury. Our temptations are all one way. Our mission is all the other way.--Prof. Austin Phelps.

"Blessed are they that hunger and thirst." Think of the picture that that suggests—the ravenous desire of a starving man, the most fierce longing of a parched throat. Is that a picture of the intensity, of the depth of our desires to be good? Do we professing Christian men and women long to be delivered from our evils and to be clothed in righteousness, with an honesty and an earnestness and a continuity of longing which would make such words as these anything else, if applied to us, than the bitterest irony? Oh, one looks out over the Christian church and looks into one's own heart and contrasts the tepid, the lazy, the occasional, and, I am afraid, the only half-sincere wishes to be better with the unmistakable earnestness and reality of our longings to be rich, or wise, or prosperous, or famous, or happy in our domestic relationships.-AlexanderMcLaren.

Patience.

Be patient toward all men. The cold hammer fashions the hot iron. He who would govern others, must first learn to govern himself. Passion is blind. Cool, deliberate and at the same time energetic action, makes itself felt in every department of life.

Be patient toward your brethren. Some men are slow to see into good things. They want to do right, but it takes them a good while to determine what is required of them. Every member of the body of Christ is not an eye. To get out of patience with these dull ones will not help either them or you. Give them time and they will do their duty. We all have our infirmities. Let us bear with each other.

To be patient you must have patience. The stream can not flow if the fountain is dry. The fruit will not grow without the tree. Resolutions alone, against impatience, will not answer. You must pray as well as resolve. Ask God, not merely to help you in your outward conduct, but to give you the inward grace. Unless you get that, you will fail as you have failed before. Be determined on victory in this.—World's Crisis.

God is Almighty.

No one thing in all nature has had its full meaning disclosed. God burns in every bush; His house is by the seashore; His tabernacle is in the stars; His temple is in the tiniest flower that blooms. The day is coming when the whole earth shall be the mountain of God. "No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up there, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." To bring about that day we are not called upon to be ideal, to dream away our time, to slumber in selfish contemplation; we are rather summoned to activity, to discipline, to suffering. Every man should feel as if the dawning of that day depended upon his individual exertions.—Dr. Joseph Parker.

Man must work. That is certain as the sun. But he may work grudgingly, or he may work gratefully; he may work as a man, or he may work as a machine. He can not always choose his work, but he can do it in a generous temper, and with an up-looking heart. There is no work so rude, that he may not exalt it; there is no work so impassive, that he may not breathe a soul into it; there is no work so dull, that he may not enliven it.—Henry Giles.

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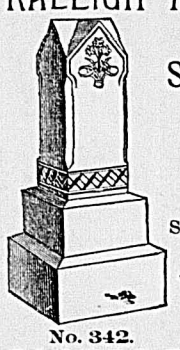
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