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### AN EDITOR'S DREAM.

"P. P. MASON."  
 An editor sat in his easy chair  
 Near the clock of a weary day,  
 And, having a moment from "copy" to  
 spare,  
 He closed his dreamland eyes,  
 He dreamed he was able to fly  
 To the heaven of angels his paper had gone,  
 Of all things to groups or spheres,  
 As he visited his dear home,  
 He thought of the far-reaching power  
 Of his words by each week they would  
 roam  
 As an ill or heaven-sent dove,  
 He had to be, as an apt saint pray,  
 "Good-bye" to his pen and editor too;  
 Thus thus pass'd for their various day by  
 day,  
 And help us to yield each their due."  
 He awoke with refreshed by his sleep,  
 And his dream blessed the close of the  
 day.

Still he wondered if his good readers keep  
 In remembrance his name when they  
 pray.

### ENCOURAGEMENT.

Have just received seven subscrip-  
 tions from Okla., I. C., with an  
 additional one for some Indian. Well  
 done for our palmetto states to which  
 our little Missionary has made reg-  
 ular visits since its birth. I will send  
 their extra copy to Bro. Keesch Joe,  
 of Ardmore. A letter from writing ap-  
 pears in this issue. It will rejoice  
 his heart to learn that he cry has  
 been heard, to some extent, and that  
 a missionary has been sent, and if  
 that dear band of Christians could  
 see the love of Bro. Joe and his Je-  
 woid associates, and the other 4000  
 wild Indians in his midst, who are in  
 total darkness, they would feel proud  
 that they were sending the only mis-  
 sionary to this land of greatest des-  
 titution. A few of their children  
 have just returned from school in the

## A LETTER FROM A WILD INDIAN.

The following interesting letter  
 to Bro. Wm. McDonagh, is from Bro.  
 Keesch Joe, a Wichita, whom we  
 call Wild or Plain Indian, residing  
 800 miles west of here. Two years  
 ago we sent Bro. John McIntosh to  
 offer salvation to them, and during  
 the first two months fourteen accept-  
 ed whom he baptized, and since  
 they have become christianized, and  
 he has a church of seventy warm  
 hearted working followers of Jesus.

Bro. Wm. Conner has been his faith-  
 ful missionary to them until last July  
 he had to retire from the field to his  
 own Nation, because, as the Baptist of  
 the Indian Territory, failed to sup-  
 port him.

The Board respocialized him to be-  
 gin in April next, and the churches  
 and the individuals of the Territo-  
 ry are called upon to respond with  
 their contributions for the may not  
 be under the necessity of leaving the  
 field any more. Those people love him  
 devotedly and he is your missionary  
 to them and you must support him.

A. F. R.

Arden, I. T., Jan. 13, 1886.

Dear Bro. Wm. Conner: This  
 Sunday morning, sisters and broth-  
 ers, thought we would write to you  
 to let you know what we were doing.  
 Bro. Williams is gone to the Nation  
 and preacher is Bro. Orbeysak. He  
 promises to us about God, but he  
 don't know how to read the Bible  
 like you do, but he tries hard to cell  
 us much about Jesus. On night be-  
 fore Christmas Bro. Kon hor-se-chie  
 said, Christmas is to-morrow the day  
 on which Christ was born; will we  
 must have meeting. The Christians  
 all said yes, and we had meet-  
 ing. Soderko led the meeting.  
 Keesch' John said, "we want you all  
 to do right so that same day God will  
 bring you into the church."

The Keesch' Chief got up and said  
 to his friends, "let us help those  
 christian women and men. We got  
 one father and we all like to hear  
 about Jesus Christ, what he use to  
 do in this world; but we don't know  
 the Bible like those Nations east, but  
 if we help each other God will help  
 us, because the Bible says God helps  
 those who help themselves." An-  
 other chief got up and said he be-  
 lieved like the Keesch' Chief. "We  
 sing and prayed, when Let Head  
 said, "we must try to do all we can  
 because we need somebody to help  
 us and that is God. If we work, God  
 will bring our friends into the  
 church."

Tehuccan Jim said, "you all know  
 nationalism in the world.—Progress.

## what a flower is, and love to see and smell it. One day it lives, next day it dies. The God that gives the flower gave us his book which will never die, and we must come in his house to see its truths for they are prettier and sweeter than the flower. God sent his son to die for us and he is the only one that knows all we think and do so we must always think and do right." It made Orbeysak glad to hear his brothers talk, sing and pray.

We had prayer and song between  
 talks, three joined our church, two  
 came back and one wants to be  
 baptized, but we got no full preacher.  
 So many come we had no room for  
 rest. The white people at the Agen-  
 cy give us five sacks of flour and oth-  
 er things too for our meeting. Our  
 house done. We buy seats for \$100;  
 our two stoves cost \$100. We feel  
 warm and happy, but we want a  
 preacher that can baptize and sell us  
 all about Jesus. O, we need a preach-  
 er, do help us to get one next time  
 we will get along also and God will bless  
 us.  
 From your brother,  
 Keesch' John.

## Another letter from a Wild Indian.

With extreme sorrow I have just  
 learned the sad news of the untimely  
 death of our beloved brother, Elder  
 V. V. McFarly, whose back was  
 broken, last week, by falling from a  
 wagon. He is well known and be-  
 loved in this Nation having labored  
 here about ten years. He resided  
 near Oklahoma, and belonged to  
 and was pastor of Canadian church.  
 He was also, we believe, Moderator  
 of Short Mountain Association,  
 which position he has filled since its  
 organization. May God bless his  
 dear wife and three sons I sincerely  
 pray.  
 A. F. R.

## saved by a Book of Cards.

One of our exchange contains a  
 piece under the above head. It rep-  
 resents that the saved man was in  
 a drunken row when his middle fin-  
 ger was shot off, the ball striking a  
 deck of cards that he carried in his  
 breast pocket. I would suggest that  
 if he had carried a Testament in that  
 pocket said had been at prayer-con-  
 ting he would have saved his finger  
 as well as his life.  
 A. F. R.

## In all charity believe that your brother desires to hold only Christ's truth, but do make sure that you hold it yourself, whatever he holds it or not. This is the best and most nationalism in the world.—Progress.

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TO THE CHESEBROUGH NATIOS PARACH.

The following article was found among the papers left by Rev. John E. Jones. It will especially be read with interest by those who were acquainted with him and listened to his instruction. In this article he is being quoted, yet speaketh not only to Chesapeake preachers but to all who read.

TO THE CHESEBROUGH NATIOS PARACH.

BY REV. JOHN E. JONES.

The world is a preacher of the Gospel in the most honorable and the most important in which any one can be engaged. An ambassador for Christ; the "little things" to mind every thing that is honorable and holy. It directs us to seek for the best preparation of mind and to maintain the present conduct. We must have light and knowledge ourselves, that we may be able to teach others and not be as the blind leading the blind. Our own minds must be filled with love to God; we must be diligent in prayer, which is the best means of preserving ourselves from being overcome by temptations and for obtaining the favor of God to ourselves and others. The word of God requires us to set our affections on things above, to help us in our lives, seek and love it, and it requires the warmest zeal for the glory of God, the most intense love for the souls of men, and the most affectionate sympathy for their temporal and spiritual necessities. It requires us to declare the whole counsel of God with faithfulness, plainness and force, speaking from the abundance of the heart, and anxiously desiring for the success of our labors. It requires us to be abject in the daily duties of our office, teaching from house to house, exhorting, rejoicing, comforting and maintaining discipline and order among the members of the churches. It requires that we should deny ourselves, and not conform ourselves to the world in any of its sinful pursuits or vain amusements. We should be as bold as possible ourselves and be as diligent as possible to make others holy.

The study of the scriptures is our proper business and requires our most serious and prayerful attention. How we have a full and just account of human nature and of our real interests in this and another world. Here we find clear-origines of the certainty and a lively description of the nature of the life to come. Here we are informed of the incarnation, suffering, redemption and ascension of Jesus Christ; the coming of the Holy Spirit, and the miraculous and sanctifying operations. Here we read of the nature and office of angels, the agonizing, misery and deification of death, the fall and recovery of man, the different and final states of mankind. Here we have the most perfect rule for conduct and the most powerful arguments, and helps to enable us to practice them. And we

have the most perfect pattern for our conduct in the holy life of Jesus Christ. Is it possible that we can be satisfied with a superficial knowledge of these truths which it is our business to explain?

When we stand up to preach let us consider that we are about to speak on matters of vast and endless importance to the immortal souls who are waiting to hear us; that the salvation or ruin of their souls, as well as our own, depends, in some measure, on the manner in which we perform our duty. Can any situation be more awful? And will any man dare to speak on these awful matters without first considering well and using every advantage that reading and study and prayer can possibly afford?

Let us think seriously on the condition of the immortal beings who have come to hear how they may be saved. Think of the high trust which God has put on our hands. Think that this may be the last opportunity. Are the doctrines which you are going to deliver suited to the wants of souls on the brink of eternity? Are they suited to their capacities? Are they suited to enlighten and convert, to sanctify and save them? Are our own hearts deeply impressed with such a sense of them, as to make our interest their hearts in them also? To obtain these feelings ourselves, no study, no attention ought to be spared.

MELINDA YOUNG CONVERTS.

There have been revivals of Christianity in several of the villages in our Territory of late. God grant there may be a genuine and general revival in every one and neighborhood. It is not difficult to "get up," nor to "set down," a revival the Holy Spirit is always ready and willing to bless earnest, persistent and devoted efforts in prayer and preaching for the salvation of souls. A meeting continued day after day or night after night, or both continued by faithful men and women, will result in the conversion of souls. The hard part comes after the revival is over. (It should never be over.) The feeding, tending and training of the young converts is the difficult part. They need continued and faithful spiritual instructions. They are like little babes and require "the milk of the word that they may grow thereby." In the church they should find fathers and mothers, by whose friendly and helpful counsel they may be wisely directed and saved from many an unpleasant and painful experience. Daily food from God's word, self-examinative and fervent prayers are essential to healthy growth. Also spiritual conversation and visitation, praying in public, at the family altar, church and mission work are excellent means to develop christian growth. Look well to the christian growth. J. S. M.

We have just returned from a visit to Tullessee Mission and the Indian University. At the former place the full number of students provided for by the Creek Council is in attendance. Under the efficient management of Dr. Johnson, the superintendent, and the earnest, faithful systematic instruction of his teachers, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Worcester and Miss Elder a grand work is being done for the young colored men and young women of the Creek Nation. Very marked proficiency has been made since the last previous visit to the Mission. It is encouraging and hopeful to see the results of the earnest, consecrated, self-sacrificing and untiring work of these servants of the Lord.

Two of the servants have recently gone to higher schools to the states to make a more complete and thorough preparation for their life work. One of these, a promising young man, of earnest Christian purpose, is expecting to go as a missionary to Africa. The colored people of the Creek Nation may well be thankful for this school. They can feel assured that their sons and daughters have good moral and intellectual training and that their instructors take the deepest interest in the welfare of each pupil.

And some the less thankful should be the welfare of this Territory be for the Indian University. A good number of students were found in attendance. President Bacon, through whose untiring energy the University owes, under God, its founding and present promising condition, is working faithfully and diligently as ever in the interests of the University. He has a corps of excellent teachers, Professor —, Miss Elliott, Miss Draughbn, Miss Bonian, and is music, Miss Bacone, who are imparting thorough instructions. If the young men and women who attend Indian University do not make rapid proficiency in their studies and improve in manners, morals and spiritual life, the fault is their own, not their instructors. The convenience and comfort of the students are closely looked after as well as their instruction. The building has been provided with furnaces and hot air pipes by which all the rooms in the house are warmed. We are glad to see so many intelligent young men and young women in attendance. If not greatly mistaken this Territory will feel an influence for good in future years as they go out to their life work, which will be widely felt. Character, as there moulded and developed, will be a power in promoting the prosperity of the Red Men. Our churches, in their desires for faithful expounders and defenders of the faith once delivered to the saints, "as they look toward Indian University, may well thank God and take courage."

PROGRESSIVE REVIEW.

It is not always as easy thing to be consistent, but it is very easy to be inconsistent. One of the ways in which we show our inconsistency is that of saying for certain things the answers to which may be in the conditions which God has made requisite for us to perform.

We frequently ask God for wisdom, which is eminently proper for us to do. And yet, if we expect that such a prayer will be answered to any great extent, we must apply ourselves to a diligent reading and study of God's Word. It is worse than idle for us to think that God will put Himself out of His way, in any special manner, to reveal His purposes and truths to us, when he has promised to give a comprehensive disclosure of His mind in the Bible. Yet these are the things that we do. We are ignorant of many plain and all-important truths and doctrines, which are really accessible to the humble searcher after wisdom. Now, it is infinitely inconsistent for any Christian to ask God for wisdom while he habitually neglects to possess the Bible. And, next to this, if we will not take a good religious paper when we can, and inform ourselves upon what the churches of Christ are doing throughout the world in the interests of the kingdom of God, we are inconsistent in praying for wisdom in all things. But many are thus inconsistent.

We are inconsistent when we pray that God will convert the heathen, if we do nothing towards financially supporting the missions in his own hands. We often hear people say that God would bless the work of sending forth His light and truth into the dark parts of it. And yet, these same people, when asked to contribute towards foreign missions, excuse themselves by saying that they are not consistent in praying, and that they are consistent in their prayers. They are not. Let us correct these gross inconsistencies, and then our prayers will be acceptable.

It is inconsistent to pray that God will bless the poor, if we do nothing to cheer and bless them, by taking special pains to visit them and help them.

He who is ashamed to heartily greet a poor person on the street, or in the public assembly, is sadly inconsistent when he prays for that person, or class of persons. We never ought to pray for anyone whom we are not willing to assist, in some way, when he needs help, and is willing to accept. It is true that there are many poor people, who, by a perverse and reckless course, put themselves outside the compass of obligation to put into their hands. They would spend the charity upon the gross sins of their lusts. At the same time, it is our duty to speak words of hope and love to them, and thus try to better their condition. Certainly we can be consistent when we pray, by trying to meet the conditions on which true prayer and its answer rest.

C. H. W.

—In The Watchman.

Senator Throckmorton has introduced a bill in the House granting the right to build a bridge across the Red River at Galveston.







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Our Representatives at Washington.

The following are extracts from a letter from Washington to the Indians...

States.

Black Dog, Principal Chief of the Osage, being called on for his views...

less from their eyes.

—Rev. 7: 18-17 and see chapter 14, 13. I saw also that she had glorious companions...

An Act to Prevent Distribution of Religious Tracts...

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Cherokee Nation: That any person or persons who shall...

—Now as to your affairs and the injustice and wrong with which you are now suffering...

Many bills are now pending in Congress, but we think they would work badly for the Osage...

The letter speaks of "rest," "fulness of joy," "pleasures for evermore," "a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,"...

Here is what a purely secular paper says about dancing: A great deal can be said about dancing for Indians...

Our Council having recommended to the Seminary of Grayson...

Before the delegation withdrew: Dr. Long, Ex-Commissioner of Affairs...

Would you ask whether she still thinks of husband, sister, friend? Oh, yes, for poor, lost Dives did as much as that!

Here are some figures which will show you how the Kingdom of Christ has grown since the end of the first century...

I am glad to meet you in your home this morning. We are thinking of you and your children...

Perhaps you are ready to say: "O that I could only hear from her once more." Mount upon the wings of faith and you shall see her...

There was an attempt to describe her happiness, but language broke down under its force...

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Our Dear Deprived Ones: Perhaps you are ready to say: "O that I could only hear from her once more." Mount upon the wings of faith and you shall see her...

I was looking in it this morning and found that she was well and happy: "Therefore are they before day and night in his temple; and he shall dwell among them." They shall hunger no more; neither shall they have light on them nor any heat; for the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of water; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

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