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Our Pulpit.

Sunday Evening Sermon.

By Rev. J. J. Taylor, Pastor First Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.

God's commandments all men everywhere to repent.—Acts 17:30.

This text applies inclusively, though not exclusively, to men; and that it will serve to bring to your attention. Those who are conversant with the subject are aware that many churches are composed very largely of women, and that the average church has about twice as many female as male members. They know also that, as a rule among church members, women are more efficient in proportion to possibility than men. Even a casual observer will often see a wife or daughter or sister zealous in advancing the cause of the Master, while her husband or father or brother is careless and negligent, and almost worthless as a church member. So that it has become a matter of frequent remark that a large per cent. of church-goers are women. And some men who, with characteristic conceit, have supposed most of the wisdom and prudence and mental power of the world to be in their own great heads, have mentioned this fact as a matter of reproach to the cause of Christ; though for my own part I fail to apprehend the point of the reproach. "The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God"; and the promise of divine exaltation is to such as humble themselves. Nevertheless, as obedient persons have looked upon pews empty or filled, for the most part, with women, they have come to ponder the question, "Where are the men?"

Many have set themselves to answer and to show cause for this unequal interest in religion. Some have claimed that women are a "devout sex." And are by nature better than men. How they found that out I do not know. Even if it is true, it is not a satisfactory explanation of the matter in hand. Religion is not goodness in nature. It is a corrective for a bad nature; and although the heart may blindly cry out for God, all development in life toward God must be based upon principle, in the apprehension of which women have no advantage over men. Men have souls to save or to lose, and they know it. They are not bees, nor are they insects; but the sweet harmonies that roll in rapture above this material sphere. Sometimes the course of their own silent thoughts opens up the nature of true manhood, and the possibilities of an endless life; and they are filled with strange tremors, and with yearnings they dare not express. Yet from some cause they count these holy impulses as worthless, and without realization in fact; and so they live without hope and without God in the world, and without hope and without God they die.

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On the other hand, the rivalries of business and of professions are such that a man's best energies and thought are required to carry him through, and but little time is left for spiritual things. Even literary men are pressed with such a multiplicity of books that they have limited opportunity to study the Book of books, and meditate on the soul's pathway. You know there are so-called men in this city who do not spend one hour a day in consecutive study of anything outside of their business, unless it is politics; and usually the boss decides how we shall vote.

So it seems that there never was a time, since the apostles spoke by inspiration, when the preacher was better qualified to help men than he is to-day. And there never was a time when men more needed the influence of worship, and of the Sabbath day. Little by little there is springing up the notion that the wis-

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Editorial.

After long years of observation our deliberate advice to ministers is to keep out of political clubs, and partisan politics. In common with other citizens, it is the minister's duty to inform himself, and cast his voice conscientiously for the good of the country, but he is to do so from the plane of the walls of Zion, and can not afford to come down to the plane of political wrangling. His business is to preach the gospel (and as far as possible) to every creature. Regarding all partisan issues, there are conscientious men on both sides. When a minister is open-mouthed and active in any given cause he is sure to give off-ense, and drive off some who would otherwise gladly hear him. Therefore, keep out of politics.—J. M. Wood, in *Christian Index*.

Dr. W. R. Williams, pastor of the Amity Baptist church, in New York city, has written a new work, "Eras and Characters of History." It is a series of masterly studies of the following subjects: Nero and Paul; The Persian Titans and the Apostles; Manichaeism; Augustine and Cyprianism; Buddhism; Wrothlof, Savonarola, and Huss; Mohammedanism; The Crusades; Luther and his Times; John Calvin; John Knox; The Puritan and Mystical. The book will be published by Harper & Bros.

A notable change in the arrangements for the week talked of Bible Convention. So great has been the dissatisfaction at having that meeting held at Saratoga the 8th of November, that the committee of arrangements thought it advisable to alter another meeting, and give further consideration to the matter. They did not suppose they could please everybody by any possible adjust-

ment. Such a meeting was held at No. 9 Murray street on Thursday last. It was there fully considered in all its bearings, and decided—*finally* decided, we hope to change the time, and hold said Convention in Saratoga, in May next, immediately preceding the general anniversary, which are to meet in that place. This, we trust, ends the change.

The American Board, that has just held its anniversary in Portland, Me., was organized as a society for foreign mission work in 1810. The first year their receipts were less than \$1,000. The last year they expended \$650,000. During their history of seventy years they have sent out over six hundred missionaries. To one missionary have reduced twenty-six languages to writing, issued 4,600 different publications in forty-six different languages. They have established 610 colleges, and have more than 100,000 scholars under instruction. During the last four years they have added more than a mode of baptism; it is baptism itself. To speak of baptism by sprinkling is like speaking of dipping by sprinkling. Pouring or sprinkling is not a mode of baptism; it is baptism itself. It is merely something which has been substituted for baptism. Pouring or sprinkling can not properly be called baptism, except on the principle by which the name of an object is sometimes given to that which is put in its place of that object—the principle on which the Irishman said that the man of the house was a woman! The change from immersion to affusion was not simply a change in the method of baptism; it was an abandonment of baptism itself and the substitution of an entirely different act in its place. When the burial in water was discontinued, baptism itself was discontinued. Those who have been merely sprinkled or poured upon have not received another form of baptism; they have not been baptized at all. Like the Quakers and the pentecosts that they may be sincere Christians, but they have never received water baptism.—*Indiana Baptist*.

South no. H. see my ways, and count all my steps?

He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

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The Sunday School.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS, 1892.

FOURTH QUARTER.

Sunday, Dec. 6.

AFTER HIS DEATH.

Mark 16:7-8.

MOTTO TEXT.—Truly this man was the Son of God.—Matt. 16:16.

INTRODUCTORY.

The death of Jesus was the full consummation and fulfillment of the Old Testament types, and the end of the Messianic mission...

EXPOSITORY.

I. THE HEAVY VEIL. At the east end of the temple was built from the top to the bottom...

Significant fact: The great atoning sacrifice is now made, and that body which was slain...

The body of Jesus in the temple, was the sacred place where the atonement was to be made...

Jesus' death, and his entering into the Holy of Holies, after the true High Priest, Heb. 7:11-28...

3. AND AFTER THE CONSTRUCTION, which stood over against him, saw that he was crucified...

Matthew tells of the earthquake, the rent rocks, the open graves of the vices...

4. WHEREAS HE WAS IN GALILEE, followed him, and ministered unto him...

5. PATRIOTIC WORDS. There were three women looking on afar off...

Vs. 40, 41. "Looking on afar off" - as we do not and cannot see the circumstances...

4. AND AFTER THE CONSTRUCTION, which stood over against him, saw that he was crucified...

Vs. 42, 43. "And after the construction, which stood over against him, saw that he was crucified..."

Vs. 44, 45. "And after the construction, which stood over against him, saw that he was crucified..."

Vs. 46, 47. "And after the construction, which stood over against him, saw that he was crucified..."

Vs. 48, 49. "And after the construction, which stood over against him, saw that he was crucified..."

EXPOSITORY CONTINUED. I closed recently a series of meetings with Epworth church...

Have Patience, Sunday-school Teacher.

"How can we have patience?" you may say. "We had to rise earlier than usual..."

Yes, keep patient, you need not have felt cross about getting up earlier on Sunday morning than any other.

As to the whispering, don't fret about that. Speak about it afterward, in a kindly manner...

Above all, you must not lose your patience with those who act as though they neither knew nor cared anything about the lesson.

Let me repeat a circumstance that may cause some to look over their own experience for a similar occurrence.

One little boy never recited the text on his card, nor ever knew a word of his lesson...

5. BUREAU. And he brought his horse, and took his ass...

EXPOSITORY CONTINUED. I closed recently a series of meetings with Epworth church...

Correspondence.

Reply of Bro. Lacy.

DEAR BRO. LACY.—Having arrived at last at my home in Sweet Grove from a tour of five weeks' preaching...

You say, "Prove to me from the New Testament that the atonement is made in heaven..."

You say that "Christ, by the sacrifice of himself on the cross, satisfied the demands of justice..."

Now read in Hebrews that Christ tasted death for every man. This is unlimited. The death or the sacrifice is unlimited...

Connected with Broadway Baptist church, and under the presidency of Miss Robertson...

Letters were read from Bro. Walker, in China, and from Bro. Eubank, in Africa...

The ladies have begun to realize the necessity of enlisting our young people in our mission work...

read, "While we were sinners, Christ died for us." This transaction is not of God, and occurred while man is yet in the condition of an enemy to God...

You say "the atonement secures the salvation of man by the shedding of his blood, but those who do not believe..."

One more when speaking of Christ in heaven, you say, "He is there, not to make atonements..."

In regard to your criticism on the translation of the term "atonement" in the Bible Union...

Enough for the present. Yours fraternally, LEWIS H. SALIN.

Women's Mission to Women.

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The ladies have begun to realize the necessity of enlisting our young people in our mission work...

to meet at Deason Woodruff's, Friday afternoon, Nov. 17th. There is in proposed to organize a mission band, the plan of which I shall be happy to chronicle...

TEMPERANCE.

Dear Bro. Caperton:

I beg the liberty teacher for the thanks of an humble citizen for the promptness you are giving to the temperance question...

The greatest hindrance to-day to our rapid development as a State, and the most powerful foe to the spread of the gospel therein, is the flood of whiskey...

What are the Baptists of this State thinking of? The Scriptures teach that no murderer or drunkard shall enter the kingdom of heaven...

In this connection I beg to quote from an editorial in the Courier Journal of this date upon the subject of law in Kentucky...

These are true words, and suggest a practical movement. Let the churches clear themselves of the iniquity...

A Memorial Meeting.

Rev. J. A. Owens was baptised into the fellowship of the Lowburg church, Mason Co., Ky., and remained a member there till he entered the ministry...

A rainy day prevented some from coming, otherwise the mission church would have been crowded, for the sentiment of grief was universal in the community...

Before the address several letters were read, one to Mrs. Bill, in whose family he was particularly raised, speaking of his labors among the sick...

thousand or so... our moral is, Frank James is a great rascal...

WOMAN AHEAD AGAIN. A student of the University, Miss Myra Pollard...

While some at the South are contending that women can never make orators...

I confess that I would rather see all who are in the ministry teach their people as they will...

Dr. J. H. Spencer is down with malaria fever at the house of Sister Perina Pidgeon...

By contracting a severe Cough and Cold, I was compelled to give up my daily work...

Evangelists, Carroll, Co., Ky.—R. W. Jones and F. A. Johnson...

Misses' Conversations. The General Association closed its session on Saturday night, October 21st...

The country in which Springfield is located is a grand country, and destined at no distant day to be one of the finest farming countries of this great State...

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