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## The Significance of Accepting Christ.

BY A. L. VAIL.

Does not the "natural man" always prefer a religion of works? He certainly does. Beyond the reach of christianity, he ever works out, in response to his sense of sin and fear of his deity, a system that sets him to doing something, something hard, that hurts him, and insists that he do it or be damned. And in christianity, as he loses the true conception of it as a system of grace and love of God for men, he accumulates works to be incorporated into his idea of christianity; he adds things that he must do in order to be saved, tacks on ceremonials and sacrifices to fill out the deficiency in the perfect work of Christ for human redemption, which has become imperfect to him through the perversion of it in the light in which he sees it. So it comes to pass that as the Christian (using the word here accommodatively) fails to understand that salvation is by grace and there is nothing for him to do, as other religions do, in order to be saved, he begins to accumulate his doings to fill out and patch up the perfect work of Christ, which is no longer perfect in his consciousness of it. This is true all the way from the extreme Roman Catholic conception of purgatory and penance and priest (to call which even loosely christianity is hardly admissible) to the touch of the same thing in the thought or feeling of a Baptist that he is a little more saved if he gets to meeting on "communion Sunday" or puts a nickel more in the collection than is expected of him.

But, second question, when one accepts salvation by grace, yields the point of his pride in helping himself at the starting point, which is very potent in holding most sinners back from the acceptance of Christ, and concedes that he cannot do anything toward his own justification before God, what then is his peril? It is much more subtle and just as deadly as in the other case. It is that he will see nothing but the external requirement, and, that being dispensed with, he will ignore or deny those internal requirements of free grace, that are more exacting than the external, harder to meet. Then he will proceed to regard the accepting of Christ as an easy way out of all responsibility. If Jesus has "paid it all," and he "accepts Jesus," accounts are closed and nothing remains to be said or considered. And that this is a portentous practical peril in all evangelism of sound quality, I do not doubt, a peril based in the spiritual stupidity or perversity of the "natural man." This is the self-contradictory output of human depravity, that when driven from its error of doing for itself what Christ alone can do for it, it goes precipitately and confidently to the contrasted folly of counting itself free from doing that which Christ cannot do for it. Sin is like a flood that restrained on one side, breaks out on the other, its nature being such that it must do damage somewhere.

Now if we have cleared up the prospect a little, we may come to see the peril of inviting, urging men to "accept Jesus." It is that they will, under the pressure, "accept" Him in a way that rejects Him. This being done, that man's last state is worse than the first when he has taken poison that cultivates his disease instead of medicine that cures it. Any one who has had experience with skepticism resulting from the disappointment of sincere attempt to grow in the grace and

knowledge of the Lord Jesus, when neither the grace nor knowledge has been really apprehended, will understand the serious meaning of the consideration now in view. A quarter of a century ago or more, there was a large company of men in this country, especially perhaps in the West, who had dropped into infidelity in consequence of deception at this point. A certain Arminian evangelism had been very urgent and not very intelligent. It had pressed the idea of "free grace," coupled with that of magnetic sensation as the sum of Christian experience, so far that they couldn't keep; when the excitement subsided, the "religion" was gone, and under the delusion that they had Christianity and lost it, they fairly concluded that it was a humbug.

It seems to me that the same danger essentially now confronts evangelistic effort in a different form, and it is possibly more dangerous; it certainly is more subtle, because its appeal is more to the finer internal error of the experience. The present aspect of this peril is the product of recent processes. I said just now that the kind of disappointment—infidelity of some years since—sprung largely from a certain style of "Arminianism." The present springs from another style of the same thing. "Arminianism" is the natural theology of the "natural man." It invokes his powers, exalts his rights and cultivates his self-conceit. Now, under other terms, there is a handsful of "scientific" Arminianism. It magnifies and glorifies humanity all around, against the forces of nature, the supremacy of statutes, the dignity of law, the authority of God. It produces an atmosphere of antagonism, pervasive, pleasant, persistent, polite and powerful, to those experiences involved in the true acceptance of Christ by a human sinner. This atmosphere adds definitely to the common delusions of sin in dealing with God, and correspondingly it bears a caution for those who know what accepting Jesus really involves, and who deeply desire that the lost may truly accept him and be saved. I fear, however, that many people are sincerely and sympathetically inviting men to "accept Jesus" who themselves don't know what it means. This may seem a paradox, but it is a very possible paradox. It states a natural result of that cultivation of human sympathy in company with human conceit, which has marked the popular trend of recent religious thinking. But we hasten to our application, which the limits of space will cut short. What things essential to a true acceptance of Jesus is a sinner most likely to overlook or misunderstand when he thinks that he accepts Him?

1. Repentance. Real repentance is harder work than going to the temple on one's physical knees; nevertheless real repentance is essential to real acceptance of Christ. You cannot do a soul greater wrong than to induce him to think that he accepts Christ without a change in his experience toward sin in relation to God. Don't lose out the last two words. They are the key words. In all desire and planning for "revival," the nib of the whole business is right there, at repentance. In fact, the pungent sense of sin before God into a community, and anybody can manage the meeting as well as assemble it. Leave that out, and all your preaching, however sound on every other truth, all your singing, however "gospel," and all your "work," however diligent and sympathetic, will only furnish a play ground for the devil to play tricks on. In order

to be saved, men must repent, the repentance that omits neither the sense of sin toward God, nor the reformation of life in his sight. "No dodging on repentance" might not be a bad sign over the entrance to every "gospel tent." It much more fits the needs of the times than does "Come to Jesus." Conceited men have heard that till they have made a fool ball of it, to the dishonor of the Lord and the destruction of themselves.

2. Faith. This needs not so much to be proclaimed as to be defined. The false atmosphere has falsified "faith." It is not believing something about Christ, but believing Christ; and "believing" is not philosophizing, it is being. Faith is a voluminous word, gathering up the whole life in it. Faith in Christ is fellowship with Christ; for a sinner to have faith in Christ is to have himself torn up by the roots!

3. Obedience. This is not a word, in its lower element of submission, for a Christian; he has passed that stage and risen into its higher element, of harmony with God. But it is the word for the impenitent. He is a rebel and he must surrender. He must rein all his pride and self-will up to the apprehension that accepting Christ abolishes his own sovereignty and obliterates the last scintilla of all his conceit about having his own way. Unless he will do these things, all of his "acceptance of Christ," Christ rejects. Philadelphia, Pa.

**THE TROUBLES THAT NEVER COME.**—The story is told of a lady who for a time kept a list of impending troubles. It was a relief to see them down in black and white. Some months later, in looking over the list, she was surprised to find that nine-tenths of these troubles had never materialized. They had an existence only in her imagination.

The troubles that never come form the heaviest part of our daily load. The worry, the fear caused by these apprehended miseries, often work sad havoc with brain and nerves. The actual sorrows, the bereavements, the disappointments, have their comfort and cure. But there is no cure for troubles that never come. They are haunting ghosts, unsubstantial as mist, yet very real in their depressing and harmful power over us. There is toil in our daily living; there is weariness; still blessed rest will follow. But the weariness of imagined burdens drags the very heart and hope out of those who indulge in these unhealthful fancies:

There's a song to lighten the toil,  
And a staff for climbing the height,  
But never an alpenstock  
For the hills that are out of sight.  
There are bitter herbs enough  
In the brimming cup of to-day,  
Without the sprig of rue  
From to-morrow's unknown way.

Each day comes as a fresh gift from the hand of God. In it are just the experiences his loving wisdom has ordained. Meet with a brave heart all that is in the day's portion, but shrink not from phantom lions or from shadows that seem to blot out the sun.—Exchange.

All which happens through the whole world happens through hope. No husbandman would sow a grain of corn if he did not hope it would spring up and bring forth the ear. How much more we are helped on by hope in the way of eternal life.—Martin Luther.

A PASTOR writing to the Baptist Commonwealth protested in a courteous way against the effort to form an "Evangelists Trust" on the part of a few Baptists to feel their ability to take charge of Baptist churches. One of said Trust said that the pastor ought not so to be criticized "a band of men who have a very near to God, and who are inaugurating a movement, which is evidently of God." There's modesty for you! There is infallibility also.

The boast of the Trust's nearness to God tells the story. That bears all the marks of the Keawick, second blessing, proffered life, or whatever may be the name for the heresy. It is an effort to spread this Keawick teaching in our churches.

The Trust wishes the churches to send money to them to pay the evangelists. It will become the servants of the money. Then when a pastor wishes to start a meeting he must send to the Trust to send him one of their evangelists. The modesty of this is cool enough, but refreshing to-day with the thermometer soaring towards 100 degrees.

There are signs, even in those Baptist churches, the District Associations that the Lord's presence is beginning to be felt to turn out the money changers. Money is right; it is a solemn thing and a high privilege, but there are other things. The salvation of souls is the chief thing. No Association ought to spend more time to be taken up by the matter of giving than is given to the spiritual things.

MR. O'RELL said that on his trip in Kentucky he never visited a city where people were not either just going to a convention, coming from a convention, or preparing to hold a convention. There is in this sarcasm, our people seem to be in a convention mad.

A growing tendency in the churches is to resort to all sorts of devices to attract people. One is one that requires a heavy price. There are such devices which are worse than failures. Little things are gained and much lost by diverting our energies to gratify a jaded appetite for new excitements and sensations by turning our churches into theaters, our services into musical entertainments, and our sermons into talks on the latest topics. Some of our modern efforts to make the churches popular are to be framed upon the assumption that the religion and undeviled has lost its power, and that the faithful preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is not sufficient by itself to attract.—Horton.



the "gen-er-a-logy" and Cat-ology and So Forth.

J. A. SCARBORO.

Chicago has two great institutions—Chicago University and a Cat-Home, or a home for homeless cats.

It is not my purpose to discuss the merits of the one rather than to say one of the "Artificial man," or a man without a mother.

We do hope that the teacher will make his "artificial man" without much and then send him out to preach, but let him get his theology in the school that proposes to make him. Send him to school or make him so he will not need a school.

Professor, please don't make him have everything "sterilized and purified." Look out for microbes, bacteria and like. Also please don't have him to speak nor let him be a Chinaman; make him serious in politics, and put his legs on so he travel in any direction without turning back.

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Few men are ready to repent and turn to God when first they hear the call. The blind are not ready to receive their sight. The lame are not ready to receive strength to walk. Lepers are not ready to be cleansed. Sinners are not ready to be plucked as brands from the burning.

A school-teacher in the West tells of an incorrigible scholar who was so willful and disobedient as to be a constant menace to the order and discipline of the school. At last the teacher felt called on to bring the question of authority to a definite and sharp issue.

Hour after hour passed away, and the teacher went about her work. But at last the stubborn scholar yielded, and, touching her teacher gently on the arm, and laying her aversive hand upon her shoulder, with a sigh that came from the bottom of her heart, she said, "I am ready."

The struggle was a hard and lone one. It was a struggle with herself rather than with her teacher. But when it was over she became one of the most obedient and high-minded scholars in the school.

So we often try the patience of our Divine Master. He calls us, pleads with us, waits for us, pities us, and makes the way easy for us. But with compressed lips and defiant look we give Him to understand what we do not say with words, that we have made up our minds not to yield.

There is one consideration which should aid us in coming to this happy state of mind. Our Leader is perfectly competent and perfectly safe. The soldier holds himself in readiness to hear the orders of his commander and obey them, even when he knows that he is human and liable to err.

But Tennyson could not sing in such a strain concerning our army or our Leader. He never blundered. He cannot blunder. He is a safe Leader. Therefore His followers are ready.—New York Advocate.

The Unstable Reubens.

BY REV. THEODORE L. CUYLER.

The eldest son of the patriarch Jacob has a prodigiously large family of descendants. "Unstable as water that shall not stand" was the verdict passed by the dying father upon the son who with all his good impulses was fatally lacking in moral stamina.

No pathway to excellence of any kind is an easy one. There are hills of difficulty to be climbed, a long, hard, and weary road to be trodden, and temptations to turn to the right or left out of the "air-line." The number of young men—often possessed of good parts—who are wrecked through sheer instability—passes all computation.

young Reuben whose heart was a boiling pot of unstrained passions. "Yes, Robbie, I mean you," sadly replied the dying man. It has been too common to speak of Scotland's gifted genius as it is seen only the victim of adverse circumstances, whereas his whole life was a conflict between the voice of conscience and the clamors of wayward passions that nearly always carried the day.

Instability is often regarded as an unfortunate mental weakness—a mere foible or constitutional infirmity. But it is really a vice. It is often the besetting sin that makes utter wreck of all hope of excellence, and is fatal to character. When I see a young man setting out in life with no fixed habits, no steadfastness of purpose, drifting from one place to another, chasing after novelties and ready to throw away everything that he has gained in pursuit of the next great phantom, I fear that there is at bottom a moral weakness that will end in ruin.

Are there no Reubens in the church? I do not refer to such flagrant cases of moral instability as send some professors of religion into drunkenness and others into knavery and into un-Christian practices. Brother A. is no such case; he is a good man, but he is quite too periodical and spasmodic; one day he is up to boiling point, and another day he is down to freezing.

During the "week of prayer," or when an evangelist comes along to hold special meetings he sings more loudly and prays more fervently than any of the brethren; but when the tides ebb, he goes out with the tide. Brother B. is very fertile in the suggestions of new schemes of benevolence, and while the novelty lasts, he works freely. The next new device pushes aside the old one, and Brother B.'s transient enthusiasm soon dries away.

Sometimes there are symptoms of this vice of Reubenness (if we may coin such a word) in the pulpit. It shows itself both in running after new devices and in running after new places. In nothing does patient, persevering, persistent work tell more effectively than in the work of the ministry. "No tree can bear fruit that is pulled up so often that it never fairly takes root.

Literary. All the Books noticed in these columns will be sent at publishers' prices by the Baptist Book Concern, Louisville, Ky., postpaid to any address, upon receipt of the price.

Lippincott's Magazine contains the following for September: The Blade that Won, a tale of the Middle Ages; novel, Burden of the Steeple; Arowak, George Moore; Fire Weed, Henrietta R. Eliot; Miss Atherton's Wanderjahr, Mary Moss; How Miss Turkington Did not See Queen Victoria, Seumas MacManis; The Sea at Noon, Maurice Francis Egan; The Bribing of the Senator, Josephine Dixon; Three Letters and a Note, Albertine Crandall; Summer in the South, Paul Laurence Dunbar; Rebirth, Charles Haman; Tom's Mendacity of Mr. Riggs, C. Yarnall Abbott; Friendship, Marion Pelton Guild; Walnuts and Wine.

"The Horse in America" is perhaps the widest reaching topic in the September Century. It is treated by John Glimmer Cooper in a masterly and amusing discussion, and there is a rare collection of pictures of famous horses, which will themselves be attractive to all who are interested in the development of the horse in the United States. It is followed by a paper on "The Berlin Bourse."

by William C. Dreher, who describes German methods on "Change and compares them with those of New York.

Other articles relating to recent events are "A Wonderful Change in Egypt" by Dr. Hovey, with photographs taken by him on the bank of the new peak. A remarkable phase of American life is graphically described by Ray Stannard Baker in "The Day of the Run," illustrated by Blumenschein, and the northwest also comes in for further consideration in an article by James O'Hann on "The First Ascent of Mount Assisi," being made by him, Ambassador Andrew D. White prints more "Chapters from My Diplomatic Life," full of anecdotes of notable people in various European countries. W. R. Merriam, Director of the last census, writes of "Noteworthy Results of the Twelfth Census," bringing out curious data.

The fiction has large variety and geographical distribution.

BOOKS.

"A Woman's Wanderings and Trials During the Anglo-Boer War." By Mrs. De La Rey. T. Fisher Unwin, 2s.

Perhaps this is the most illuminating book of all that have appeared since the war. It is utterly without literary art except the art that comes from perfect simplicity. But here we are at the heart of the Boer resistance. This is the first articulate voice telling, though with some difficulty, something of the life of the women against which the forces of Empire broke themselves in vain. For a moment we are admitted behind that outward veil of stolidity which deceived even the best of the officers of the camps, and made them think that the Boer women were callous or indifferent.

General De La Rey departs from Lichtenberg, and for months the wanderings of Mrs. De La Rey with one irrevocable sorrow in the death of the eldest son. Then come the records of defeat, and finally the "Khakis" swarm into the little village. Mrs. De La Rey was turned out of her home by Lord Methuen, and, with her children, started on her journey. For nineteen months after that I wonder what in my imagination practically summarizes the story. The rest is as cloudy and difficult to trace as the forty years' wanderings of the Children of Israel. There are occasional meetings with her husband and the fighting commandos; repeated flight from flying columns of "Khakis"; joining and separating with other wandering fugitives; the news of Lord Methuen's capture, and a meeting of dramatic intensity between the wounded General and the wife of his captor, whom he had turned into the wilderness. Finally, just before the peace, Mrs. De La Rey was captured by the "Khakis."

The narrative is of extraordinary patios in its simplicity. "On the slopes of the mountains large trees were growing. I set up my tent in the shade. There was fruit to be had. My children were happy." There is something elemental in such a record. One cannot read it unmoved. There are religious texts of consolation and frequent fragments of Boer hymns. There is no triumph at victory. The only emotion is at the impossible ending. "The surrender of independence leaves the women utterly bewildered and forlorn. "No," I said, "it cannot be anything like that, for then it would not be peace." "I did not know how to pacify my children; they wept bitterly, and could not find words for their indignation." "May as other people in the world," says Mrs. De La Rey, in a solitary outburst, "ever have to endure another such war so long as the world may last. I do not think that it can be forgotten." This story will be told to the children's children. How is it possible that they ever will forget?

SIGNS OF SPIRITUAL DECLINE.—When you are averse to religious conversation or the company of heavenly-minded Christians. When from preference and without necessity, you absent yourself from religious services. When you are more concerned about pacifying conscience than honoring Christ in performing duty. When you are more afraid of being counted over-strict than of dishonoring Christ. When you trifle with temptation or think lightly of sin. When the faults of others are more a matter of censorious conversation than of secret grief and prayer. When you are impatient and unforgiving towards the faults of others. When you confess, but do not forsake sin; and when you acknowledge, but still neglect duty. When your cheerfulness has more of the levity of the unrepentant than the truly joyful. When you shrink from self-examination. When the sorrows and cares of the world follow you further into the Lord's Day than the savor and sanctity of the Lord's Day follow you into the week. When you are easily prevailed upon to let your duty as a Christian yield to your worldly interest, or the opinions of your neighbors. When you associate with men of the world without solicitude of doing good, or having your own spiritual life injured.—Exchange.

"TOMMY," said the teacher, "name the three kinds of sentences mentioned in this lesson." "They are called declarative, imperative, and—hesitated Tommy. "And a sentence that asks a question is called an 'interrogative sentence,'" said Tommy, brightly.—Youth's Companion.

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**Sunday-School  
& Lessons**

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13.

**DAVID BECOMES KING.**

2nd Samuel 2:1-10.

**Motto Text.**—"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."—Ps. 133:1.

Saul and Jonathan had been killed in battle, and God had promised David the throne over Israel. For some time David had been living at Ziklag in the southern part of the Philistine country, where he had taken refuge from the anger of Saul. "Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah?"—The kingdom was to be his, but in God's own time. And David wished God's guidance in all his movements. Judah was his own tribe.

"And the Lord said unto him, (to up.)"—David probably inquired of the Lord through the high priest Abiathar, who was with him. Asking for specific directions, the Lord bade him go to Hebron. This was a city of the priests, an old royal city, and was in a neighborhood where David had spent much of his time while fleeing from Saul, and where he had, no doubt, made many friends. Part of the country was held by the Philistines, the majority of the tribes accepted Saul's son, Ishbosheth, as their king. But Hebron was far from the Philistines, and Judah would naturally prefer David as king.

They were to live at Hebron, making that a home. Therefore David took his family with him. In regard to Abinoam we know nothing except her name and the name of her son. Abigail was a wise and a beautiful woman whom David had married after Nabal's death. Polygamy brought the evil and bitter consequences it always does, and the great sorrows of David's life were the direct result from it.

"And his men that were with him did David bring up."—There were six hundred men in the band which he had with him at Hebron. They—and their families—made quite a large number of people, and they scattered into the villages near the city of Hebron. "And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah."—Abner, the brave and skillful general who was upholding the cause of the weak Ishbosheth, was busily engaged in freeing the northern tribes from the sway of the Philistines, and could not devote his strength to preventing the accession of Judah.

The Philistines had hung the bodies of Saul and his three sons upon the wall of Bethshan, four miles from the Jordan, that all might exult over their defeat and death. The men of Jabesh-Gilead had bravely broken into the lines of the enemy and rescued the bodies from this indignity. It was a graceful thing in David to recognize their valiant and kindly deed. All great generals know when to praise. Besides, by this message David showed that he felt no enmity towards those who had been faithful to Saul, and this was a great advantage to him in gaining their allegiance. "Your master Saul is dead."—God had chosen Saul for king,

**What are Humors?**

They are vitiated or morbid fluids coursing the veins and affecting the tissues. They are commonly due to defective digestion but are sometimes inherited. How do they manifest themselves? In many forms of cutaneous eruption, salt rheum or eczema, pimples and boils, and in weakness, languor, general debility. How are they expelled? By

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and he had not established the succession in Saul's family. Therefore these men of Jabesh-Gilead could rightly follow the example set them by the tribe of Judah and make David their king.

"But Abner, the son of Ner, captain of Saul's hosts."—He was a cousin of Saul's, and therefore closely bound to the family. He was a great general and a wise ruler, though a man of imperious disposition and quick temper. He carried Ishbosheth to Mahanaim, a walled city on the Jabkok, east of the Jordan, near where Jacob wrested with the angel. The Philistines had possession of the greater part of the country west of the Jordan. Over in Gilead, among the two and a half tribes, the king and the capital would be safe while Abner was driving off the enemy.

Verse 9.—From Gilead as a center, Abner gradually extended the dominion of Ishbosheth, and pressed back the Philistines into their own lines. Ishbosheth ruled over all except the tribe of Judah. That was peaceful and made no attacks upon Abner, so that he left it until he had driven out the Philistines, and strengthened his master's sway over the other tribes. Abner was both skillful and patient.

"Ishbosheth, Saul's son, was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and reigned two years."—This shows that Abner spent five and a half years in bringing order out of confusion, and finally driving back the Philistines. During the two years there were some small conflicts between Israel and Judah, but neither Abner nor David wished to fight—Abner because he was not ready, David because he was unwilling to fight his brethren, and preferred to wait God's time for giving him the kingdom.

"The house of Judah followed David."—During this time Ishbosheth was the one who was winning the day. David was trusting in the Lord and waiting patiently for him. But he was not idle. What he and his great nephew Joab were making of the army of Judah is shown by the after history. He was knitting Judah to himself by close ties, and teaching them to worship the Lord God and keep themselves free from idols. While the northern tribes were slowly and with difficulty freeing themselves from their invaders, Judah was quiet and peaceful.

It had been many years since Samuel, in the name of the Lord, had promised the kingdom to David. But God's time is the best time, and his way is the best way. He had led the shepherd boy through strange and devious paths, to the throne. But David's faith had never failed. In all his ways he acknowledged him, and he shall direct thy paths.

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**AFFLICTIONS — OPPORTUNITIES.**

BY O. T. MARSON, LL.D.

Shakespeare tells us: "Sweet are the uses of adversity," and, in the same breath, that there is "good in everything." You do not need to go beyond the lids of your Bible to find the same statements reiterated over and over again. I am thinking along this line because of being shut up in a sanitarium for my vacation. I have assumed as a basis of my conduct here the hypothesis that "calamities are golden opportunities," and am now making good my thesis. I do not now assert that they are *per se* blessings, or even blessings in disguise, but golden opportunities. It may be that this will fall under the eye of one who has lost health or dear ones or property, and who would like to spend a few moments with me on my thesis. How you would love to know surely that an invalid's lot, a new mud-grave, or a wreck of fortune opens upon any good in life! You have been told that God chastens those he loves and scourges his earthly children. I cannot teach you anything along this line. But it may be possible that you have not learned that earthly calamities are but golden opportunities.

Opportunity (1). I had scarcely landed at the door of this sanitarium, and been helped into the office, for I am a paralytic, before I discovered that I could by a polite and cheerful manner convey unexpected pleasure to others. It was not looked for in an invalid; that made it the more precious to

**A NEW ROUTE  
The Road to Wellville.**

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"All of my neighbors it seems to me now use Postum in place of coffee and some of them have been doing so for several years with splendid results from the health point of view." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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them. And I have learned that a pretty leaf, a wayside flower, some trifling little attention, brings the most charming smile even to the face of melancholy. They tell me that I look happy. My happiness comes from gazing into the countenances of those that I have blessed. Paul says that he was looking in a mirror one day, and suddenly beheld the face of Christ over his shoulder. When he looked back at his own wrinkles he had been transformed by beholding.

Opportunity (2). Not long after, I just happened to open another gate—the entrance to another revelation, that almost every human being is capable of kindness, if you give him a chance. Furthermore, I have learned that to give him a chance does good not only to me, but to him. In this case I have in mind the he was a woman. The poor creature had been reddened by disease from 160 to 100 pounds, and was subject to melancholia. When I bowed to her and stood near her she said: "I am so home-sick." "So am I," said my servant. "How glad I am to find a sympathetic friend." The poor woman began to question me about my home, about the great affliction that had fallen on me, forgot all about herself, and, figuratively, took me on her knee. It was not long before this stricken one, all unconsciously, had turned missionary. This little verse came into my mind:—

"To the hearts where light has birth  
Nothing can be drear;  
Budding through the bloom of earth,  
Heaven is always near."

Opportunity (3). There are a lot of children here and they appear to be out of place. What is more natural than for them to romp and laugh and scream? If father and mother and proprietor all combine to compel good order, that would be discipline, a last resort with human spirits. So I said, here's a gate.—If I can get these youngsters, from pure love and charity, to become a blessing to the afflicted ones, that will be self-discipline, and the sooner they begin that the better. We put bouquets of wild flowers and weeds on the tables where the afflicted ones ate, we told stories, found four-leaf clovers, tried to be helpful, and joyful without being nuisances. I am not going to say that all went home with wings, but I am happy to say that they more than once tasted the felicity of genuine self-restraint. As for me, I can't tell you how much golden delight came to me in the meantime.

So, you see, there are three well-springs of joy to the sufferer: give comfort and you get comfort; lay yourself open to comfort and it flows to you; teach sympathy and the whole fraternity of sufferers are enriched thereby.

**GEORGETOWN COLLEGE.**

The readers of the WESTERN RECORDER are anxious to know how things stand at Georgetown College. Well, things are in good shape in many ways. The prospects for a large attendance at the coming session are fine, never better. The canvass for students has been diligent and effective, and unless all signs fall there will be a great company of first class young people on hand at the opening, Sept. 8.

The Endowment is progressing as well as we could expect during

the summer days with so many of our people away from home. Full months will be the great time for harvesting, but I hope one who is going to subscribe do so at once, that we may constantly the inspiration of forward movement. The endowment will be pressed with all to a finish, and with our former at it we must and will make I will give a full statement of the status at the close of term Sept. 1st. At present we have over \$15,000 in good subscriptions, and I shall hope to that up by several thousand the next week. This \$15,000, added to Mr. Rockefeller's \$20,000, and the \$100,000 now reached or we lose all that have so far secured. Let us up in our united strength and the thing right.

At a recent meeting of Board of Trustees my resignation as President was accepted, to the Secretaryship of the Mission Board of the Baptist Convention. Dr. Yager was elected Chairman of the Faculty. He will attend all correspondence in regular terms and studies of students, is acquainted with the work, long before had experience in same position, and will do it.

Dr. E. B. Pollard, by agreement with the Georgetown Baptist church, is to have charge of the Bible and Psychology the first term, while the dormitory effort is pressed. Prof. Kling is to be in charge of the Athletics and be Instructor in Biology. He comes most recommended for his excellence in both departments. Dr. Ryland will put Chemistry Physics to the front in shape. So I feel well over the look for the College. My departure is a regret to many. I have been entertaining thoughts for the future of and success of the institution. Only a mighty conviction can more largely serve God in other sphere would suffer leave Georgetown College. Everybody stand by the old and we shall see great things the near future for her prosperity and usefulness.

August 24, 1903.

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA**

The corner stone of the Baptist church in Phoenix, was laid August 19th by pastor, Rev. Dr. Lewis gave an address. Rev. E. C. Dr. John W. Thomas, M. Coggins and Architect D. lard, took part in it. Among the documents on the corner stone was a copy of the WESTERN RECORDER.

**Popping  
Lamp-chimneys is  
mu  
to grocers.**

**MACBEE**

If you use a wrong chimney, you get a deal of both light and waste a dollar or two a year in chimneys.

Do you want the Best? MacBee's is the best. MACBEE'S

RIVER ASSOCIATION.

The body held its ninety-second anniversary with Nelson Creek...

In the absence of Bro. G. W. ... who was to preach the anniversary sermon, Elder J. N. ... being present, was chosen the place. Of course he ... His hearers will talk ... that sermon in years to ... for he told them in earnest ... what Baptists stand for ... woman who was so charmed ... the modern evangelist because ... during two weeks, never hint ... doctrine enough for any to tell ... church he belonged to, why ... well—she slid away "pre-

E. Gardner was made moderator and he presided well. H. Lee ... was re-elected clerk. The ... from churches reported ... interesting revivals. ... W. Milam, treasurer of Mis- ... Board, stated, the contribu- ... for missions was about one ... greater than last year. Re- ... able! For when several ... withdrew from formal ... Association, it was ... that this old fraternity was ... to die; but her finances ex- ... that reported before the ex- ... the Scripture, "There is ... scattereth and yet increas- ... is verified.

J. N. Hall, of Baptist Flag, A. ... Dorris, J. T. Casebier, D. J. K. ... E. B. Hibbits, — Hutch- ... G. T. Lawrence, C. J. Tru- ... E. D. Maddox, were ... ministers. President ... H. Harrison and Prof. J. C. ... of Bethel College, were in ... audience. The first named ... a fine address on limited ... on Higher Education, while ... Vick talked to the boys.

C. Cleaton, of the Baptist ... was present. All inter- ... fostered by the body received ... tion, but missions the most. ... On religious periodicals, the ... various Recorders, Baptist Flag, ... erty Baptist and Kind Words ... recommended; but the mo- ... to endorse the Baptist Argu- ... ment. Good preaching by several ... sisters was reported.

Waco Creek church was set ... for the next meeting at the ... time of year. A. B. Gard- ... was chosen for the annual ses- ... sion, and G. W. Milam for rep- ... resentative in Convention of 1904.

Waco Creek Church Centennial. ... On the day after the Association ... opened, most of the messengers ... remaining, services were conduct- ... ed to celebrate the one hundredth ... of the church's existence, it ... being formed June 10, 1803, ... five men and seven women (one ... woman).

J. T. Casebier was chosen 40 ... side and F. M. Welborn to ... be a record. A. B. Gardner ... read prayer for the church. Bro. ... T. Casebier, church clerk, ... a history of the church from ... end of the first twelve years. ... was the first church formed ... members of Hazel Creek church, ... years after it was constituted. ... fact was set forth in the read- ... that Elders B. Tobbart, J. B. ... Alfred Taylor, Wm. Tatum ... T. L. Garrett labored suc- ... cessfully as pastors for 40 years. ... read addresses were made by ... of the ex-pastors.

Waco Creek, Eld. Jas. T. Tay- ... having been chosen by the ... church, preached an excellent ser- ... mon for the occasion, at the close ... which two thousand people par- ... took of the bounty of good food,

like that of the two days preced- ... ing, furnished on the grounds by ... the church and friends. The ... church had gotten herself a new ... dress for the event, costing about ... \$500, made in modern style. It ... was very becoming. May it last ... her a hundred years.

The meeting was enjoyed by the ... writer as much as any he ever at- ... tended by being associated with ... brothers and sisters and other ... kindfolks, as well as old pupils, old ... brethren and comrades. The ... scene ended with a burning speech ... by Eld. A. C. Dorris on the whis- ... key traffic, pointing to a county ... election.

Two hundred and forty vehicles ... were counted on the grounds, with ... horses and mules to draw them ... besides as many saddles.

What a power are our District ... Associations, meeting with the ... country churches, in educating ... people in sociability and generos- ... ity.

F. M. WELBORN. Auburn, Ky., Aug. 26.

MISSOURI LETTER.

Elder Benjamin Wiseman, Zen- ... obia, Ill., concerning whom I ... wrote last week as having become ... suddenly unbalanced mentally, ac- ... cording to a dispatch from Zen- ... obia, now accuses a mission ... preacher of bringing about his ... condition by hypnotism. He ... claims that said preacher inter- ... ested him in what he (the preach- ... er) termed a new religion, and ... that after casting away the hyp- ... notic spell sent him out to fast, ... to travel without shoes and to de- ... liver messages from God to save ... souls. The advices from Spring- ... field, Ill., state that while the ... unfortunate man was in jail there ... he became unconscious, and that ... his condition there was quite sim- ... ilar to that suffered by persons ... under the influence of hypnotism. ... Mr. Wiseman has shown no indi- ... cations of insanity since having ... been committed to the asylum, ... and the authorities thought he ... would be released in a few days. ... This is a very peculiar case.

Bro. Cole, recently called to ... Fifth Street Baptist church, Han- ... nibal (Dr. Gill's former charge), ... was ordained Wednesday, Aug- ... ust 12th.

Rev. M. E. Broadus has been ... called to the care of the church ... at Willow Springs, Mo. He will ... also preach part time at Seymour.

The missionary of Gentry As- ... sociation, Eld. J. T. Wilbanks, ... has been called to the care of Cen- ... tralia church. He has been suc- ... cessful as missionary. He has not ... decided as to what he will do.

Central Baptist says: "Down in ... Barry county, Mo., two saloon- ... keepers were converted." Forth- ... with they poured the contents of ... their saloons into the gutter. ... Every convert ought to knock the ... head out of all their unrighteous ... business in which he is engaged."

Pastor O. O. Green, pastor at ... Versailles, Ky., is summing in ... Missouri. He is at Pilot Grove.

The indebtedness of the Macon ... City Baptist church has been li- ... quidated and a mortgage burning ... exercise was recently held in the ... church, and participated in by ... former pastor H. E. Truex, who ... assisted Pastor Clark and brethren ... in the deeply interesting ex- ... ercise.

Pastor R. K. Kelley, who has ... been eighteen months at Mountain ... Grove, goes to Grant City, Sep- ... tember 1st. He will succeed well ... at Mountain Grove.

It is stated on best authority ... that during Dr. Ray Palmer's pas- ... torate at Chillicothe 500 souls ... have been converted. He has re-

cently preached for Calvary and ... Westport churches. He is one of ... our best and strongest men.

A dispatch from Waco, Texas, ... is authority for the statement that ... a minister recently in that city ... created a sensation by defending ... Judas in an elaborate argument. ... He said that Judas, the betrayer ... of Jesus, had been much maligned ... through the centuries, and that ... he was not altogether a hopeless ... sinner, and that there were many ... things to say in his favor; and he ... believed Judas had been forgiven, ... and that he was in heaven with ... the rest of the disciples and the ... Master.

Good meetings have been recently ... held at a number of important ... points, and the fall campaign for ... souls is just getting under way, ... and large and blessed results are ... expected with the force in the ... field, in addition to the work of ... the pastors.

At a meeting of the State Mis- ... sion Board, July 28, Secretary T. ... L. West reported a deficit for ... quarter of \$1,000. Much good ... work had been done by men on ... the field.

Fraternally, J. N. BARBER, Louisiana, Mo.

LOSING TOUCH WITH GOD.

Individuals and churches do ... sometimes lose God out of their ... life. They once knew Him and ... enjoyed sweet fellowship with Him ... every day. The evidences of His ... presence were with them in the ... victories which they achieved and ... the fruits of their labors. The ... joy of the Lord and the peace of ... God filled their souls. But a ... change has taken place.

In some cases it is very easy ... to tell how all this happened. ... Some great sin committed at a definite ... time grieved the Spirit of God, ... and from that hour they have ... walked in darkness. In other ... cases the cause is not clear. ... Men lose the joys of God's salvation ... without exactly knowing when,

FOUND OUT

What a Mother Found About Food.

A mother found out what a ... change of food can do for a whole ... family, from the nursing baby to ... the adults, in this way: "Twice ... during the summer months my ... baby was taken violently ill and ... was very slow getting over the at- ... tacks. His former diet of cow's ... milk alone ceased to agree with ... him so I combined it with an ex- ... pensive infant's food but he soon ... became very much constipated. ... "Then I shifted to Grape-Nuts ... food and found that this was just ... what baby needed, adding it to his ... milk after softening in hot water. ... Baby has thrived upon this food ... and is now healthy and strong and ... chubby as any mother could ask, ... which you know is saying a great ... deal.

"It did not take me long to find ... out that a saucer of Grape-Nuts ... and cream is just what is needed ... by the tired nervous mother and ... I have also proved to my own sat- ... isfaction that when the children ... are old enough to chew Grape- ... Nuts it is far better for them than ... oatmeal or any other mushy foods ... for it develops their teeth and ... helps their digestion and their ... minds seem much brighter and ... more active too.

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where or how. They are not con- ... scious of any particular sin ... whereby they grieved Him. But ... a change has taken place, and they ... are no longer the men of God they ... once were. Like Samson when ... shorn of his locks, they have to ... be awakened by some emergency ... to find out what has happened. It ... is said that "Samson wist not that ... the Lord had departed from him." ... He thought that he was as mighty ... as ever. But when he rose up to ... shake himself and go out against ... his enemies he discovered that his ... power was gone. He was weak as ... other men."

When the Spirit of God departs ... from a soul or a church the life ... is gone out also. Other things ... amount to little. What are ... wealth and culture and refinement ... and music and art in the church ... without God? Good as these ... things are, they are only neces- ... saries. It is possible for us to ... give the first place to these things ... and give the second place to God. ... Men may become devoted to the ... church as an organization, to the ... Bible as literature, to worship as ... an entertainment. Then God is ... forgotten. In such a church pray- ... er is an empty form, preaching is ... a sounding brass, and worship is ... a mere performance. Sinners are ... not converted, the kingdom of God ... is not enlarged, religious efforts ... are unavailing. Then the inquiry, ... "What is the matter with the ... church?" is heard on every side. ... One says: "Nothing is the matter. ... It was never in better condition. ... I see no cause for complaint. ... I do not know how the church could ... be improved." Another says: ... "The trouble is in the polity of ... the church. Give us a change here ... and there, and the cause will pro- ... sper as in former days." Another ... believes that the difficulty is to ... be found in the kind of preaching ... they hear. It is not sufficiently ... eloquent, learned, or attractive. ... Still another points to the worldly ... lives of some of the members as ... the cause of all the trouble.

The danger is that mutual crimina- ... tions and recriminations will ... take the place of prayer and holy ... living. Brotherly kindness goes ... out and bitterness comes in. ... The members have no confidence in ... one another. Perhaps there is no ... room for confidence, but each one ... thinks his neighbor is to blame, ... and few, if any, think to look in ... their own hearts for the cause of ... the trouble. They know not that ... the Lord has departed from them. ... The great need is that each one ... shall come back to God. Enter ... into the secret place of the Most ... High and seek a renewal of spir- ... itual life.

The great need of the churches ... and the country to-day is a closer ... walk with God. Methods and ma- ... chinery are not useless, but with- ... out God they avail nothing. They ... are only useful when God is in ... them and in the hearts of His ... people. When weakness and fruit- ... lessness begin to be manifest it ... is a sure sign that the people have ... lost touch with God. It is need- ... less to inquire about other trou- ... bles. This one is sufficient to ac- ... count for all our failures. Begin ... in the right place. When the ... heart is right with God it will be ... easy to make all other adjust- ... ments.—Ex.

OHIO COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Ohio County Association ... just closed a spirited and harmon- ... ious session. Advances in contri- ... butions and missionary interest ... noted with pleasure. One church ... added and one failed to be repre- ... sented in the body.

Jno. T. Casebier, E. W. Coak-

Women as Well as Men Are Made

Miserable by Kidney and Bladder Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, ... discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, ... vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear ... when the kidneys are out of order or dis- ... eased.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent ... that it is not uncommon for a child to be ... born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the ... child urinates too often, if the urine scalds ... the flesh, or if, when the child reaches an ... age when it should be able to control the ... passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wet- ... ting, depend upon it, the cause of the diffi- ... culty is kidney trouble, and the first ... step should be towards the treatment of ... these important organs. This unpleasant ... trouble is due to a diseased condition of ... the kidneys and bladder and not to a ... habit as most people suppose.

Women as well as men are made miser- ... able with kidney and bladder trouble, ... and both need the same great remedy. ... The mild and the immediate effect of ... Swamp-Root is soon realized. It sold ... by druggists, in quantities of the cent ... and one dollar size bottles. You may ... have a sample bottle by mail free, also a ... Home of Swamp-Root.

pamphlet telling all about Swamp-Root, ... including many of the thousands of tes- ... timonial letters received from sufferers ... cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., ... Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention ... this paper. Don't make any mistake, ... but remember the name, Swamp-Root, ... Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the ad- ... dress, Binghamton, N. Y., on every ... bottle.

ley and J. P. Miller were made ... moderator and assistants as ... named: G. T. Tinsley and E. D. ... Maddox, clerks.

Independence church did nobly ... in caring for the body royally and ... keeping "picnic stand or saloon" ... of the grounds. Regan to head of ... these unholy things a year in ad- ... vance.

Many visitors present to our de- ... light, namely J. H. Burnett, ... Profs. Harrison, Dickey, Fuqua, ... E. H. Maddox, J. N. Hall, H. V. ... Royal, J. N. Prestridge, H. T. Hib- ... bits and many others.

E. W. Coakley preached a good ... sermon. WESTERN RECORDER ... strongly recommended. Interests ... fostered by the body received pret- ... ty fair attention. Agreed to meet ... with Bell's Run church in 1904.

JNO. T. CASEBIER, CHUR.

Many of your readers will re- ... member Rev. A. U. Cabrera, of ... Santa Clara, who made a talk at ... the Southern Baptist Convention ... at Savannah. He was the Cuban ... who resembled Zacheus, small, ... intelligent, consecrated. I am ... spending a few days in his home. ... I was shocked when I met him, for ... he has lost all his teeth. When he ... was at the Convention, because of ... the continuous cold rain he took ... cold, which brought on him neu- ... ralgia of the head, from which he ... could get no relief, until finally ... his physician advised him to have ... all his teeth extracted. He finally ... yielded, which cost him \$15, which ... he could ill afford, as he had so ... recently been robbed by tramps. He ... is now toothless, which makes it ... difficult for him to speak or eat. ... A new set of teeth will cost him ... \$31.80, for which he will have to ... wait till the Lord provides. Oh ... that I had the means to make him ... happy by presenting him with a ... new set. I don't believe there is ... a more thoroughly consecrated ... preacher living than is Cabrera, ... and he is a preacher of ability.

His membership is poor but well ... indoctrinated, thoroughly ground- ... ed in the truth, and are doing all ... in their power to bring these lost ... multitudes to a knowledge of the ... truth. I will return to Havana ... next week. C. D. DANIEL, Prado 67, Havana, Cuba.



progression. He goeth be-  
 fore them; they follow. The perfection  
 of heaven begins at its entrance,  
 and it is a perfection which can be  
 perfected, and is being perfected,  
 through the ages of Eternity. And  
 the picture of the Shepherd in  
 front and the flock behind, is the  
 conception of all the pro-  
 ceedings of that future life. "They  
 shall follow the Lamb whitherso-  
 ever He goeth." A sweet guid-  
 ing, a glad following, a progress-  
 ing conformity! In the long years  
 they must they grow.

Further, there is the communi-  
 cation of life more and more  
 abundantly. Therefore there is  
 the satisfaction of all desire, so  
 that "they shall hunger no more,  
 neither thirst any more," the pain  
 of desire ceasing because desire is  
 sooner felt than it is satisfied,  
 the joy of desire continuing, be-  
 cause the very satisfaction enables  
 us to desire more, and so, appetite  
 of food, desire and fruition, al-  
 ternate in ceaseless reciprocity,  
 we, being every moment capa-  
 ble of more, more will be given;  
 "to-morrow shall be as this  
 day, and much more abundant."

There is one point more in re-  
 gard to that pasture into which  
 the Lamb leads the happy flock.  
 And that is, the cessation of all  
 pains and sorrows of this life.  
 "I will only shall they "hunger no  
 more, neither thirst any more,"  
 that the sun shall not smite them,  
 nor any heat, and God shall wipe  
 away all tears from their eyes."  
 Here the Shepherd needed rod and  
 staff, and sometimes had to strike  
 the wandering sheep hard. There  
 are needed no more. Here  
 we had to move them sometimes  
 from green pastures, and away  
 from still waters, into valleys of  
 shadow of death. But "there"  
 one of the prophets has it:  
 "they shall lie in a good fold, and  
 a fat pasture shall they feed."  
 But now, we must note, finally,  
 the other kind of men whom the  
 Shepherd leads into His pas-  
 tures. "They have washed their  
 robes and made them white in the  
 blood of the Lamb." Aye! that is  
 that is why He can lead them  
 there He does lead them. Strange  
 alchemy which out of two crim-  
 sons, the crimson of our sins and  
 the crimson of His blood, makes  
 the white. But it is so. And the  
 only way by which we can ever  
 be cleansed, either by the initial  
 remission of forgiveness, or by the  
 daily cleansing of continual puri-  
 fication and approximation to the  
 divine holiness, is by our bringing  
 the foul garment of our stained  
 personality and character into  
 contact with the blood which  
 shed for many," takes away their  
 sins, and, infused into our veins,  
 cleanses us from all sin.

You have to do that yourselves.  
 "They have washed their robes,"  
 they did it. And how did they  
 do it? By faith in the Sacrifice  
 of Christ, by following the Example  
 of Him. For it is not merely a for-  
 getting of the past, but a per-  
 ceiving, progressive and gradual,  
 of the future, that lies in that  
 thought of washing their robes  
 and making them white in the  
 blood of the Lamb.

Dear brethren, life here and life  
 hereafter are continuous. They  
 are homogeneous, on one plane  
 though an ascending one. Differ-  
 ences there are great—I was  
 going to say, and it would be true  
 the resemblances are greater.  
 As we have been, we shall be. If  
 we take Christ for our Shepherd  
 and follow Him, though from  
 time, and with faltering steps,  
 amidst all the struggles and wind-  
 ings and rough ways of life, then  
 only then, will He be our

Shepherd, to go with us through  
 the darkness of death, to make  
 it no reluctant expulsion from a  
 place that we would fain continue  
 to be in, but a tranquil and will-  
 ing following of Him by the road  
 which He has consecrated for  
 ever, and deprived for ever of its  
 solitude, because Himself has  
 trod. Those two possibilities are  
 before each of us. Either of them  
 may be yours. One of them must  
 be. Look on this picture and on  
 this; and choose—God help you  
 to choose aright—which of the  
 two will describe your experience.  
 Will you have Christ for your  
 Shepherd, or will you have Death  
 for your shepherd? The answer  
 to that question lies in the answer  
 to the other—have you washed  
 your robes, and made them white  
 in the blood of the Lamb; and  
 are you following Him? You can  
 settle the question which lot is to  
 be yours, and you only can settle  
 it. See that you settle it aright,  
 and that you settle it soon.—The  
 Freeman.

CHRISTIANITY AS GRACE.

An essential distinction be-  
 tween Christianity and the ethnic  
 faiths is that every other religion  
 says: "Do good, practice right-  
 eousness in order that you may  
 obtain the favor of God." Christ-  
 ianity says: "Do good, practice  
 righteousness, because you have  
 the favor of God." Christianity  
 is primarily a revelation of the  
 grace of God to sinful men and  
 only those who accept this grace  
 can be responsive to the distinc-  
 tively Christian motive. "Work  
 out your own salvation with fear  
 and trembling," writes the Apostle  
 Paul, not that God may work in  
 you, but because He is working in  
 you. Again he writes, "Having,  
 therefore, these promises, beloved,  
 let us cleanse ourselves from all  
 defilement of flesh and spirit, per-  
 fecting holiness in the fear of  
 God." He does not say, let us  
 cleanse ourselves in order that we  
 may obtain the promises, but he  
 makes the present possession of  
 them the ground of appeal for a  
 purity that corresponds to them.

No one can overemphasize the  
 importance of personal righteous-  
 ness. Certainly Jesus Christ laid  
 down more searching tests for the  
 integrity of motive and act than  
 any moral teacher has done. But  
 not for an instant did Jesus give  
 the impression that He was a  
 legalist or that He believed that  
 any man could be saved by his  
 good works. On the contrary, He  
 insisted that He came to bring the  
 Gospel. In the thought of Jesus  
 deeds of righteousness do not win  
 the eternal life. Eternal life is  
 the gift of God, and personal  
 righteousness is the evidence that  
 that gift has been accepted.

As a matter of fact the principal  
 obstacle to the acceptance of  
 the Gospel is the difficulty of mak-  
 ing men believe in the grace of  
 God. It is very easy to make men  
 believe that they shall reap what  
 they sow. All their observation  
 of life, their sense of the relation  
 of cause and effect, and their  
 scientific conceptions corroborate  
 that statement. But to make men  
 believe that eternal life is a gift;  
 that the forgiveness of sins and  
 acceptance with God are offered  
 without price is a difficult matter.  
 Their predilections and habits of  
 thought are all against it. Be-  
 cause of this there is a strong and  
 inevitable tendency 'nt work in  
 every community in which Chris-  
 tianity has long been preached  
 to relapse from the basis of grace  
 to that of works, and men almost  
 unconsciously get in the way of

conceiving of the Gospel as a moral  
 discipline effected through sym-  
 pathy with the ideal character of  
 Christ, rather than as a supreme  
 and overwhelming gift of redemption  
 and salvation to sinful men.

Because this essential message  
 of Christianity is obscured the  
 prevailing type of Christian life  
 becomes pale and joyless, and  
 loses the note of confidence and  
 exultation. It does not make any  
 difference how good a man is, he  
 will find comparatively little in  
 his own character upon which to  
 build assurance of acceptance with  
 God, and triumph over death. But  
 the poorest sinner who feels that  
 he has accepted "the unspenkable  
 gift," that Christ has forgiven his  
 sins and accepted him as one of  
 His own has a basis of confidence  
 that fills his heart with heavenly  
 joy and peace. Too many of our  
 failures in Christian service can  
 be traced back to the fact that a  
 sublimated paganism and a legal  
 righteousness has taken the place  
 of the good news of Christ's mes-  
 sage.—Watchman.

TWO CONDITIONS OF EFFEC-  
TUAL PRAYER.

BY GEO. YARDEN, D.D.

The constant recurrence of some  
 words makes them so familiar  
 that there is liability of missing  
 their expressiveness. And this  
 holds of much of the language of  
 the Living Oracles. The current,  
 may I say thoughtless, use of  
 many expressions in some of the  
 most frequently cited passages be-  
 comes the occasion of hastening  
 over them.

To offer one instance. The verb  
*abide* occurs no less than seven  
 times in four consecutive verses  
 near the beginning of John 15. It  
 is verse seven about which I have  
 just a few words to say: "If ye  
 abide in me, and my words abide  
 in you, ye shall ask what ye will,  
 and it shall be done unto you."

It is well worth while to look  
 right narrowly at this word *abide*;  
 for pregnant interests are as-  
 sociated with it. Often it means  
 simply to continue, to pass a por-  
 tion of time; but its full signifi-  
 cation is to dwell, to take up one's  
 abode.

When Judas was nonplused at  
 the saying of Jesus that, after his  
 departure from earth, he would  
 still continue to be with his dis-  
 ciples by manifesting himself to  
 them, Judas asked with surprise,  
 "Lord how is it that thou wilt  
 manifest thyself unto us and not  
 unto 'the world'?" Christ's re-  
 sponse was fraught with a still  
 deeper mystery: not only would  
 he manifest himself to them but  
 he would take up his abode with  
 them. This reply involved much  
 more than an affirmative response  
 to the puzzling question of Judas;  
 as much more as dwelling with  
 them (elsewhere in them) expres-  
 sions greater intimacy and compan-  
 ionship than manifesting himself  
 to them. In these manifestations  
 the disciples might have been fa-  
 vored with only occasional and  
 temporary glimpses of his gra-  
 cious and cheering presence.  
 While in this verse Jesus declares  
 that they should dwell (have their  
 abode) in him. In either case  
 what a mystical intimacy must be  
 signified.

Moreover, not only is the child  
 of God to dwell in Jesus, but as a  
 second condition of the promise  
 that follows, the words of Jesus  
 must dwell in him, or, as the apos-  
 tle in the epistle to the Colossians  
 phrases it, "Let the word of God  
 dwell in you richly in all wisdom  
 and spiritual understanding." Not

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to run into pietism, I am inclined  
 to think that this means some-  
 thing beyond, far beyond an ordi-  
 nary acquaintance with the words,  
 clauses and sentences of the printed  
 page. For the spiritual man  
 esteems the words of God's lips  
 more than his necessary food,  
 they are sweet to his taste, and be-  
 come incorporated into his reason-  
 ed being. These heavenly  
 truths sway all his thought, all  
 his desires.

These conditions existing—the  
 petitioner dwelling in Christ and  
 Christ's words dwelling in him—  
 "he shall ask whatsoever he will  
 and it shall be done for him."

This utterance of our Lord just  
 before his departure has perplexed  
 many pious souls. Can it be pos-  
 sible, they doubtfully ask, that  
 the child of God can secure and  
 maintain such a relation to the  
 ascended Lord that, weak and ig-  
 norant as he is, he may ask what  
 he will with the assurance that it  
 will be done unto him!

Now, if the believer dwells in  
 Christ—his life being hid with  
 Christ in God—Christ must of  
 necessity so inform and so trans-  
 fuse—his whole being, bringing  
 every thought, every emotion,  
 every desire into harmony with  
 his own holy will, that, though the  
 suppliant ask for whatever he will,  
 it will be only for that which is  
 pleasing in God's sight and which  
 therefore God will vouchsafe to do  
 for him. Because he dwells in  
 Christ and, to shift relations,  
 Christ dwells in him, he is secured  
 against offering foolish and vain  
 prayers which natural and world-  
 ly persons often instance, as if it  
 were possible for him to offer such  
 carnal petitions.

Then, too, the words of Christ  
 dwelling in him, instructing him  
 in all that pertains to life and  
 godliness, his prayers will never  
 wander beyond the purview of his  
 heavenly father's will. Among  
 the words of Christ that abide in  
 him is the all-embracing petition,  
 "Thy will be done on earth as it  
 is done in heaven." And whether  
 this is expressed or omitted it  
 forms the undertone of all his  
 prayers.

The saints of all ages have al-  
 ways submitted their wills to the  
 will of God in all the affairs of  
 this changing life, believing that  
 God, the only wise, knows best

what is for the good of his chil-  
 dren. Paul longed to see the  
 brethren at Rome that he might  
 impart to them some spiritual  
 gift, but he took the matter to the  
 Lord in prayer—"Making request,  
 if by any means now at length I  
 might have a prosperous journey  
 by the will of God to come unto  
 you."

Let it be our chief concern, be-  
 loved, to maintain a close and con-  
 stant intimacy with our Lord and  
 Savior, and to have his truth  
 dwelling in our hearts as the man  
 of our counsel and our guide at  
 all times; the rest we may with as-  
 surance leave in the hands of our  
 Father in heaven, who will per-  
 form to the full the intent of his  
 Son's promise—that whatever we  
 ask it shall be done for us.

And may the Lord give us un-  
 derstanding in these things.

When Pompeii was destroyed there  
 were very many persons  
 buried in the ruins who were after-  
 wards found in very different situ-  
 ations. There were some found  
 in deep vaults, as if they had gone  
 there for security. There were  
 some found in lofty chambers.  
 But where did they find the Ro-  
 man sentinel? They found him  
 standing at the city gate, where  
 he had been placed by the captain,  
 with his hands still grasping his  
 weapon. There, while the earth  
 shook beneath him; there, while  
 the flood of ashes and cinders  
 overwhelmed him, he had stood at  
 his post; and there, after a thou-  
 sand years, he was found. So let  
 Christians stand to their duty, in  
 the post at which their Captain  
 places them.—Gospel Trumpet.

Rev. Dr. Hillis, of Plymouth  
 Church, Brooklyn, has been doing  
 good service by sharply calling at-  
 tention to a lack of parental au-  
 thority in the matter of the church  
 going habits of children. He just-  
 ly condemns the practice of letting  
 children of even eight or nine  
 years of age decide as to whether  
 they shall go to church or not.  
 Parents are altogether too indif-  
 ferent in this matter, especially in  
 cities, and it is a subject which the  
 pulpit can well treat with vigor.

Trust that man in nothing, who  
 has not a conscience in everything.  
 —Lawrence Sterne.



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Only a short time before he had joined Walnut-street church by letter, and he at once threw himself into the church work with an intelligence and a zeal that were remarkable. He took hold of the men's prayer-meeting, and at once became a leader. He took a class in the Sunday School. He took part in every meeting until his failure in health prevented, and then he sent in his church envelopes regularly, and his church and mission dues were paid up to two weeks beyond his death. In all the writer's ministry he never knew a young man to take such strong hold of the church in so short a time. He was a young man of rare gifts and of most brilliant promise, and his death is a serious and widely felt loss.

We enjoyed a visit to our office of Dr. G. W. Perryman, of Paducah, and also Dr. M. B. Adams, of Frankfort, who reports work progressing on his new meeting house. He expects to have it ready for use this fall.

DEAR RECORDER:

Please announce the next meeting of the Warren Association at Rocky Hill Station, Sept. 16 and 17. Arrangements will be made to stop the north bound fast train on the 16th and the south bound fast train on the 17th, so messengers and visitors coming from south of Bowling Green will have no trouble getting there and returning without a lay-over. We will expect one of the editors. Yours truly, W. H. COLLINS, Clerk. Bowling Green, Ky., Aug. 26.

Dr. T. N. Compton is recreating at Gerula Springs. He begins a meeting at Ripley, Tenn., Sept. 13th. After this he goes to fill engagements in Texas. Letters directed to him at Madisonville, Ky., will be promptly forwarded.

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This week finds me in the field for the old, reliable and always orthodox WESTERN RECORDER. To its thousands of readers I make my most polite bow and extend the heartiest Christian greeting. It shall be my constant aim to serve faithfully all the readers of the WESTERN RECORDER, including, of course, those who have so nobly stood by the Liberty Baptist, and who will, I am sure, as a rule, be equally faithful to the WESTERN RECORDER. I shall expect to spend my time in the field, visiting Associations, Conventions and churches, assisting in protracted meetings, preaching special series of sermons and supplying for churches and pastors as opportunity is offered. By this relationship I shall expect to do much more and better work for our Lord's cause, and with much less worry than for the last few years. Of course, all who have paid in advance for the Liberty Baptist will appreciate our giving them a paper containing three times the reading matter that the Liberty Baptist contained, and will continue with us. If there shall be any who are behind on their subscription who do not want to take and pay for the WESTERN RECORDER, they will confer a favor on us by giving notice at once, and by sending in the amount due on the Liberty Baptist to Eld. W. H. Smith, Cave City, Ky. I shall journey with the one desire to serve the Lord and my brethren. So let all understand that when I can be of service to them all they have to do is to command. W. H. SMITH. Cave City, Ky.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

We have bought the Liberty Baptist, and added its list to our Western Recorder list. The Recorder will be forwarded to Liberty Baptist subscribers just as soon as the names can be transferred. We are also pleased to announce that we have secured the efficient service of Bro. Smith, who for six years was editor and proprietor of the Liberty Baptist, as one of our field agents of the WESTERN RECORDER and Baptist Book Concern. We cheerfully commend Bro. Smith as one worthy of their great respect and confidence. He built up a large list of subscribers to his paper,

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will adjourn to the dining room for our Sunday-night lunch."

THE LITTLE FIFER.

More than a hundred years ago there lived in the town of Shirley, Massachusetts, a bright, well-known lad named John Holden.

On Saturday night John was early at the gate waiting for his father's home-coming; for Saturday was the day when John Holden went to the village, and returned laden with packages and news from Boston.

And imagine his greater astonishment on opening the case to see a beautiful life of dark wood with silver trimmings!

The boy could hardly believe his eyes; and as he was passionately fond of music, he lost no time in beginning to learn the use of his newly-acquired instrument.

Just before the Revolutionary War the whole country, as every boy and girl ought to know, was in a state of ferment and dread.

A visitor from Boston was at the farmhouse, and the talk, as usual, ran on the prospect of war in the Colonies.

"Upon my word, but the boy has the soul of music in him! He will be ready for the British bulks and lions when it is necessary."

John sat quite still for some time. But before he went to bed he went to his father, and said: "Father, if the British do come, shall I go to the war with my rifle?"

"To be sure," answered his father, laughingly. "They could not get along without you."

Long after his father had forgotten the incident, John Holden took his dog Zip and his darling rifle, and went to a favorite hill on the place to practice. At night the dog came back alone, and going straight up to the boy's chamber, began to moan and cry, and would not leave John's bed.

The family were greatly alarmed, and instantly divined that something had happened to John.

Indians had been traveling in the town lately. Had they carried off the boy? Or had they stolen the valuable rifle, and thrown the boy into the river? The woods were hunted through and through; the river was dragged; notices of the lost boy were sent in every direction; but weeks lengthened into months, and no clue was obtained which threw the faintest glimmer of light on the strange disappearance.

Everybody believed him to be dead or with the cruel Indians—everybody but one; the boys mother never lost faith in his being safe somewhere.

"My boy is in God's hands," she would say. "In his good time he will come home."

And nothing could move her from this belief while two anxious years slipped by.

In the meantime war had broken out, and Shirley had sent her full quota of men to fight for the country's independence. It was through one of these that a rumor reached Mr. Holden that a boy of twelve was in Washington's army as a fifer.

John Holden was impressed with the certainty that the boy in Washington's army and his lost son were the same. He went home and told his wife the story, and she was certain of it. Accordingly, Mr. Holden started for New York, where General Washington and his army were then stationed.

When he finally drew rein at the outposts of the Continental army, he made known his desire to see General Knox, who was with Washington at the time.

General Knox received the Massachusetts farmer with a cordiality which put him at ease in a moment; and Mr. Holden found no difficulty in stating his errand.

"There is your boy, sir!" exclaimed the interested General, pointing to a young fellow in a soldier's suit and gay with brass buttons who was playing on a fife. "He is drilling some raw recruits. That boy is captain-general of us all, sir. I have never known him to whimper, or say 'I can't,'—although he is the youngest of us."

The fifer was sent for in the colonel's name. As he drew near, and lifting his cap asked, "Did you send for me, sir?" his eye fell on his father in the corner of the tent.

In a moment the boy was in his father's arms, and sobbing like a baby. The father's tears mingled with the long-lost son's, and the redoubtable General was obliged to resort to his handkerchief as he withdrew, leaving father and son alone, with the remark: "I will see the commander-in-chief."

"When did you come," said John, when he could speak. "And how did you find me?"

A CERTAIN little Western girl, the Wichita-Eagle tells, came to her mother with a triumphant air, and said, "I've seen something I guess nobody else ever saw." "What was it?" asked her mother. "It was a Chinaman in the street. And he was wide-awake right in broad daylight." "Well, why not?" "Why, don't you know you told me that when we are awake all the Chinamen are asleep, and when we're asleep they're wide-awake?"

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Some in children, this is Sunday and you must not play on the street for that would be breaking the command, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." So I led a mother to her little ones and they came trooping in they murmured for a story. "A sure enough story, Mamma," one little girl said. "Well, what shall it be, let me see. As it is the Lord's day I will tell you several about His goodness in remembering His children when they pray. A good Christian man in F— requested her husband at the supper table one night, to perform an errand of duty for her after he had eaten, when he arose from the table he said and said, "now I am ready to do your bidding." She produced a basket of eatables, etc., she had just prepared for a poor widow woman, and her little children, I gave him directions to find the man. Her husband, at first hesitating, saying, "I am sure, my dear, if you allow yourself to be imposed upon by these people; if I thought they were worthy of my charity I would not say a word." The wife answered: "Well, I will make a bargain with you, if you come back, after seeing this man, and tell me they are unworthy I will promise you not to do it again."



BEND ASSOCIATION.

body will hold its one hundred anniversary at Bellevue Boone county, October 7. The first day will be devoted to a centennial celebration on the part of both the church and the association. A programme of exercises will be duly given out of the churches should consider the increase in the size and number of the minutes, and send money for that fund. Grant, Ky., the official name of the place of holding, and is about 35 miles from Cincinnati, on the Ohio river, to go by boat or by rail to Evans, Ind., and thence by boat. Requests for information to Dr. Covington, or Pastor E. B. Walton, Ky., will receive prompt attention. As we are expecting a great meeting, we hope to have many visitors. The Bellevue brethren are preparing a welcome new church in which to receive us. Drs. W. H. Felix, E. Dicken and J. A. Kirtley are the programme. Pastors Adams and Atwood recently held two good meetings. The first was with New Lick, a mission church, which was much revived and six baptized and two by revival. The other was at Gumbo church, where there were 44 additions, 11 of whom were baptized. There was an unusual revival spirit in the latter meeting. Indications point to an aggressive work the coming year. Daniel, of the old First, put in a part of his vacation visiting his brethren in meetings, and has now been enjoying a real rest for two and a half weeks. Pastor Hill, of the Third-street church, and the writer have labored tenaciously by the work during the summer. Extensive work is in progress at the old church, of which you will hear later.

B. F. SWINDLER.

WEST TENNESSEE NOTES.

Morristown Baptist church has celebrated its Centennial. P. T. Hale, D.D., of Owensboro, Ky., preached the centennial sermon. He remains a few days to preach for the church. The church is pastorless. S. E. Jones, of Jefferson City, is supplying for two Sundays. A vigorous young man with the qualifications is needed for this important field. The Second Baptist church, Nashville, has called Rev. W. A. Ashley, of the Bay State, as pastor. The Third church is yet pastorless. On the evening of the 24th inst. the Faculty and Board of Trustees of Carson and Newman Colleges gave the new President, Dr. D. D. Jeffries and his wife, a cordial reception. Some splendid refreshments were made and very delicious refreshments served. The College opened on the 25th inst. It is judged to be the finest opening in the history of the institution. The enthusiasm is high, and the outlook splendid for the next year. The reception to the students on Monday night was a brilliant affair. Dr. Ayres, Head-Professor of music, gave the entertainment, and it was thoroughly enjoyed. West Tennessee seems to be brightening. We thank God and our country.

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Greenup—Cattlettaburg, September 9.
Lynn—South Fork church, September 9.
Owen—Lusby, September 9.
Sulphur Fork—Sulphur Church, September 9.
Boonville—Bethel church, September 11.
Greenville—Shiloh church, Menefee Co., September 11.
Stockton's Valley—Wolf River church, Tenn., September 12.
Boone's Creek—Ephesus church, September 15.
Crittenden—Crittenden church, September 16.
Nelson—Little Union church, September 16.
Russell's Creek—Macedonia church, September 16.
Warren—Rocky Hill church, September 16.
Lynn Camp—Lynn Camp church, September 17.
Irvine—Chinquippin Rough church, September 18.
Second North Concord—Clear Spring church, September 18.
Concord—Drennon's Ridge church, September 23.
East Lynn—Corinth church, September 23.
Edmundson—Mammoth Cave church, September 23.
Salem—Forks of Otter Creek church, September 23.
Freedom—Stony Point church, September 25.
Goshen—Rock Spring church, September 25.
South Union—Bethel church, September 25.
Three Forks—Dwarf, Perry county, September 25.
East Union—Rock Spring church, September 29.
Goshen—Garfield church, September 30.
Seyern's Valley—Mt. Zion church, September 30.

OCTOBER.

- Laurel River—New Hope church, October 2.
South Concord—Canada Creek church, October 2.
Davies County—Sugar Grove church, October 6.
North Concord—Big Brush Creek ch., October 8.
White's Run—Carrollton, October 6.
Little Bethel—Harmony church, October 7.
Little River—Kuttawa, October 7.
North Bend—Bellevue, October 7.
Union—Cynthiana, October 7.
West Kentucky—Zoar church, Oct. 7.
Enterprise—Fairview church, Johnson county, October 9.
Mt. Zion—Williamburg, October 9.
Upper Cumberland—Slater's Fork, October 9.
West Union—Bandana church, Oct. 14.
Ohio Valley—Grave Creek church, October 30.
Blood River—Pleasant Valley church, October 31.
Green County—Oak Grove church, October 25.
If changes are desirable, please write to the papers.
J. K. NUNNELLY, Sec.
Georgetown, Ky.
The Southern Baptist Convention meets 1904 in Nashville, and consequently there will be a demand for seats among the Kentucky brethren. The attention of the Associations should be drawn to their privilege of sending such a representative, but this representative must be elected at the annual meetings which are about to be held. Fifty-seven Associations elected representatives to the Savannah Convention, but thirty-two elected brethren who did not attend, nor their alternates either. Booneville, Clover Bottom, Cumberland River, Enterprise, Green Creek, Greenville, Laurel River, Lynn Camp, North Concord, North Concord 'nd Rockcastle, South Concord, South Cumberland and South Union did not elect at all.

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VEECH.

Big Clifty church is called on to mourn the death of one of her best sisters, Sister Melissa Veech, Sister Veech was a Godly woman whom everybody seemed to love. I have been her pastor for the last eight years, and feel her loss as she was always ready to help and advise her pastor. She leaves an aged companion, Charlie Veech, and an only child Mrs. Byron Cross to mourn her loss. May God comfort the bereaved one. She was born May 23, 1836; died August 18, 1903. The writer preached her funeral sermon from 2 Tim. 4:17. MEXCES W. WEAVER.

ATCHISON.

Mrs. W. O. Atchison died at her home near LaGrange, Thursday, July 29, 1903. She was just closing her thirty-third year. Sister Atchison has been a faithful and much-loved member of the LaGrange Baptist church for about three years; her daily life being one of holiness; her heart full of God, and a worthy example both to old and young. Her sympathetic face and intense interest in every service she attended will ever linger with us as an inspiration to be better servants for Him whom she loved and trusted to the end. To her beloved and deeply bereaved husband and children we extend our sincere sympathy, and direct them to Him who alone can heal the wounded heart. We miss the dearest sister, wife and mother; and loved ones bear a heavy load; We never expect to get another. But thou art happy, we shan't disturb thy least slumber. J. E. JOHNSON, Pastor.

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Items of Interest

News the World Over.

It appears from a correspondence between Gen. Botha and the British official in the Transvaal that the British Government promised the Boer Generals if they would quit raising money in Europe to aid their orphans, the British government would care for them.

According to the laws of England, the County Councils levy the taxes. The County Council of Cambridge, by a vote of 18 to 8 have refused to raise the money under the new Education Bill unless the Council is put in complete control of the schools.

Co-education is having a backward in Europe as well as in this country, to the great advantage of the Female Seminaries and Colleges.

The Protestant ministers in Buffalo have protested against the action of the City Council in ordering the illumination of the City Hall during the Catholic parade in honor of Bishop Colton on the evening of his installation.

The injection of the serum for lockjaw into the blood has been frequently tried, but without any result. A doctor in the Harlem Hospital, New York, decided to try injecting it into the spinal column in order to reach the nerves directly, and it is said three cases have been cured.

A party of Ohio State University students under W. C. Mills, curator of the Museum of the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society have unearthed a prehistoric village in Ross county, Ohio.

One of the pits was evidently used as a grave yard. One narrow grave was occupied by two aged lovers clasped in each other's arms.

The importation of sugar into the United States during the fiscal year recently ended amounted to \$217,077,034 pounds. The largest previous importation was 4,918,995,733 pounds in 1897.

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THOMAS.

Samuel G. Thomas died, after a short illness, at his home in Boyle county, Wednesday, July 29, 1903. He was a native of Kentucky and was born September 28, 1804.

H. A. SUMMERS.

[I wish to add my endorsement to this tribute from his pastor, Bro. Sam. Thomas was one of nature's noblemen, sanctified by grace.—T. T. EATON.]

SLAUGHTER.

James A. Slaughter, a valued and faithful member of the Danville Baptist church, fell asleep early Wednesday morning, August 12, 1903, in his 69th year.

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MONTGOMERY.

Sister Catherine Montgomery was born November 6, 1827; died July 5, 1903. She was converted 60 years ago; thirty years ago she joined the Grove church, Manchester, where she remained a consistent member until death.

MESSEK W. WHATHE.

DUNFORD.

Millard Dunford died suddenly July 4th, at his home in Clinton; was only fourteen years old, yet physically and intellectually a man above all he was a Christian young gentleman.

The funeral at the Baptist church Friday morning was largely attended. Rev. Halley conducted the services. His text was "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

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**Items of Interest**

News the World Over.

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A giant tower or obelisk of rock nearly 1,000 feet high is being extended from the summit of Mt. Pelee. Prof. Hieprin who has recently visited Martinique, says: "one can form no conception of its magnificent and terrifying aspect." He thinks the entire height of this newly formed cone is being pushed up bodily and has been pushed out in this manner to its present height. The volcano at Pelee that has lifted it in the same which in other volcanoes ejects flowing lava; but in this particular case the molten matter within the volcano hardened before it left the lips of the crater and came out as united and solid mass. This is something unique in the history of volcanoes.

The steady, resistless and terrifying advance of Russia in the last hundred years has been due to the succession of great silent men who have ruled, the Czars being little more than figure-heads. The world has not seen such a succession of great rulers since the Roman Emperors of the second century, though here and there have been individual rulers greater than any of them, such as Cromwell and Napoleon. The secret of the succession has been that one great man after another has kept his eye on all the men in Russia and picked out for the highest positions the ablest men.

An example of this selection is seen in Mr. DeWitte, one of the greatest among them. He was a railroad porter. He showed exceptional ability and was advanced rapidly. The government owned the railroads and this brought him the attention of the great rulers. Eleven years ago he was made minister of France, and his success has been wonderful. In his turn he will pick out the ablest man in his reach, no matter what his rank and station. Unless the other nations can learn in some way to get their great, silent men as rulers, they are helpless before Russia.

The continued use of the X rays is dangerous, even in the most skillful hands. The arms of an assistant of Edison have been so burned by the X rays as to make necessary the amputation of the right arm and of three fingers of the left hand. It was reported that Edison had nearly lost the sight of both eyes from the X rays. Edison denies this. He says his left eye began to pain him, and the sight was dimmed. He consulted an oculist who told him to cease work with the rays and he obeyed.

It is the turn of Rear Admiral Evans, commanding the U. S. fleet in Eastern waters, to protest against the autocracy of the mighty Taft, who seems to have the power of hypnotizing some of the Cabinet. Admiral Evans claims the right to command his own officers and he makes no attempt to interfere with anybody else. One of the naval officers, Lieut. Commander James M. Helm, was ordered by the Admiral to return to duty on shipboard. He has been on detached duty since March, and Taft declares he shall not obey the Admiral's order.

Lord Salisbury was the second son of the great house of Cecil, the founder of which was Lord Burleigh, born in 1620. The Earlom is one of great wealth but there is no provision for the younger sons, and Lord Robert Cecil had to make his own living. He worked as a miner in Australia, living in a cabin and doing his own work. Afterwards he supported his family by writing for the London newspapers. The death of his elder brother made him heir to the family estates.

Although he had been engaged in politics for just fifty years when he died, having been three times Prime Minister, Lord Salisbury gave so much time to the study of science as to make himself one of the leading scientists of the century. He was especially distinguished as a chemist. Like Lord Kelvin, the greatest scientist since Vitrochew died, Salisbury was a devout Christian.

The Bulgaria bandits, in their efforts to involve Turkey with other nations, have made a plot to murder the foreign consuls. The American vice-consul at Beirut was fired at but was not hurt. This led to the disclosure of the plot. These bandits are intentionally bringing Turkish vengeance upon their own people, and if Europe does anything, she ought to aid Turkey in putting them down.

**THE MARKETS.**

**LIVE STOCK.**  
Report for week ending Aug. 29.

**CATTLE.**

|                              |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Choice to prime ship steers  | 4 50a 4 75   |
| Med. to good ship steers     | 4 25a 4 50   |
| Choice butcher steers        | 3 75a 4 35   |
| Medium to good butchers      | 3 50a 3 6a   |
| Com. to medium butchers      | 2 25a 3 00   |
| Canners                      | 1 25a 1 75   |
| Good choice feeders          | 2 75a 3 00   |
| Common to med. feeders       | 2 25a 3 00   |
| Good to extra stock steers   | 3 25a 3 80   |
| Com to med. stock steers     | 2 75a 3 00   |
| Good to choice stock heif.   | 2 50a 2 75   |
| Com to med stock heifers     | 2 25a 2 50   |
| Plain light mixed stockers   | 1 75a 2 25   |
| Good to choice bologna bulks | 2 50a 3 00   |
| Med. to good bulks           | 2 00a 2 50   |
| Choice veal calves           | 5 25a 5 75   |
| Com to med calves            | 3 50a 4 50   |
| Choice to fancy milk cows    | 35 00a 40 00 |
| Med. to good milk cows       | 25 00a 30 00 |
| Plain to com. milk cows      | 15 00a 20 00 |

**HOGS.**

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Choice pack and butchers | 5 50a 5 65 |
| Medium packers           | 5 25a 5 85 |
| Choice light shippers    | 6 00       |
| Choice pigs              | 5 50a 6 00 |
| Good pigs                | 4 50a 5 25 |
| Roughs                   | 4 50a 5 00 |

**SHEEP AND LAMBS.**

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Good to extra ship. sheep | 2 75       |
| Fair to good              | 2 00a 2 50 |
| Common to medium          | 1 50a 2 00 |
| Hucks                     | 1 50a 2 25 |
| Extra shipping lambs      | 4 75a 5 00 |
| Best butcher lambs        | 4 00a 4 35 |
| Common tail end lambs     | 3 00a 4 00 |

**LEAF TOBACCO.**  
Following is report of sales for week and year ending Aug. 29, 1903:

| Week.             | Year.         |
|-------------------|---------------|
| January 1 to date | 1,928 82,280  |
| Year 1902         | 1,752 120,981 |
| Year 1901         | 2,822 123,024 |
| Year 1900         | 4,154 104,206 |

**COMPARISONS WITH PREVIOUS YEARS' SALES.**  
Total sales of new crop to date: 1903, 84,410; 1902, 110,097; 1901, 123,027.  
Sales of new crop to date, original inspection: 1903, 72,070; 1902, 90,954; 1901, 106,143.

**REJECTINOS.**  
Rejections this week: 1903, 273; 1902, 338; 1901, 471.  
Percentage of rejections to auction sales: 1903, 28; 1902, 22; 1901, 21.  
Rejections January 1 to date: 1903, 14,297; 1902, 25,273; 1901, 23,758.

**RECEIPTS.**  
Receipts this week: 1903, 1,431; 1902, 1,973; 1901, 2,731.  
Receipts Jan. 1 to date: 1903, 68,041; 1902, 86,432; 1901, 106,484.

**BURLEY—1902 CROP.**

| Red.           | Colony.                   |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| Trash          | 3 50a 4 00 25 00a 3 00    |
| Trash, sound   | 3 25a 4 75 6 00a 5 00     |
| Common lugs    | 4 75a 5 25 5 50a 7 00     |
| Good lugs      | 6 50a 8 00 10 00a 12 00   |
| Com. lf, sh'rt | 5 50a 6 75 6 50a 7 50     |
| Com. leaf      | 7 00a 8 00 7 50a 8 50     |
| Med. leaf      | 3 50a 10 00 3 50a 11 00   |
| Good leaf      | 10 50a 12 00 11 50a 13 00 |
| Fine & Sel.    | 13 00a 15 75 15 00a 20 00 |

**DARK—1902 CROP.**

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Good lugs           | 6 75a 8 00 |
| Common leaf, short  | 4 75a 5 25 |
| Common leaf         | 6 25a 6 80 |
| Medium leaf         | 6 00a 7 00 |
| Good leaf           | 7 50a 8 00 |
| Fine and selections | 8 00a 9 00 |

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In making money for you we make money for ourselves. In order that you may become acquainted with us we offer you an opportunity to get your money back if you are not satisfied.

We think you will not want to sell your stock which is paying 20 per cent annual dividend, but if you should, we will buy it and will pay you the par value.

Cut out the coupon and promissory note printed below, send them to us together with \$100.00, and we will send you a certificate of stock for 133 shares in the Mercantile Metal Milling Company and will return the note properly signed. Should you want to dispose of your stock at the end of twelve months you will return it through your bank or present it at our office together with the note signed by Mr. Morton and we will pay \$133.00 less whatever may have been paid you in dividends between now and the time we pay the note as provided.

Put your name and address in blank space. Cut this coupon out and send with your draft.

**Office John Morton, General Fiscal Agent,**  
206 Wainwright Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

**\$133 00.** ST. LOUIS, MO., SEPT. 1903

One year after date, upon twelve days' notice I promise to pay to the order of . . . . .

One Hundred and Thirty-Three Dollars, upon the following conditions: Certificate No. for 133 shares of stock in the Mercantile Metal Milling Co. is to be returned together with this obligation. Said stock and obligation to be presented at my office in St. Louis, when payment will be made as provided above, the amount to be \$133.00 less all dividends paid between now and the date of presentation of these papers.

Month of Dividends paid:  
October 10, 1902, \$ . . . . .  
January 10, 1903, \$ . . . . .  
April 10, 1903, \$ . . . . .  
July 10, 1903, \$ . . . . .

John Morton, Fiscal Agent, St. Louis, Mo.

Certainly this is a very fair and liberal proposition and one which you cannot afford to let slip if you are seeking a paying investment. The time is short, this offer will not be made after Sept. 15th. You will receive the first dividend declared after the purchase of the stock.

Let us hear from you by next mail.

**JOHN MORTON, General Fiscal Agent,**  
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