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LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

Mrs. Alma Wilson, who has been confined to her room for the past few weeks, has recovered sufficiently to be about her usual duties. This assures us that the play, "Tommy's Wife," slated for last Thursday, will be given Thursday of this week.

"Uncle" Wellons left Monday, A. M., for Suffolk, Va. While gone he expects to attend the East Virginia Conference, which convenes in that city beginning Tuesday of the present week.

President Harper returned Tuesday morning from an extensive trip through Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and South Carolina in the interests of the special fund. The results of his labors and the patriotism and as well as loyalty of members of the church with their friends will be immediately apparent from a glance at the scale in next issue. The President left Wednesday night for Suffolk, Va., where he will address the convention on the subject of the Place and Value of Collegiate Education.

Dr. J. O. Atkinson, editor of the Christian Sun, left Tuesday afternoon to attend Conference, and while there will preach the Convention sermon.

Among those who spent Sunday at home were: Miss Eva Chrisman, Miss Ruth Hall and Miss Sallie Foster at Burlington, Miss Annie Rippey, at Altamahaw; Misses Ethel Coggin and Jessie Dawson at Greensboro and Miss Lois Davidson at Gibsonville. Miss Kitty Byers, formerly a student here, spent the week-end at West Dormitory, visiting friends. She returned to her home in Greensboro Saturday evening.

Mr. John L. Farmer visited his parents at News Ferry, Sunday and Monday, last.

Miss Mary Lou Pitt, of the Music Faculty, was a pleasant caller in the home of Mr. Joe Garrett, at Altamahaw, Saturday evening.

Mr. Bunn Hearne, the premier slab artist and giant south-paw of the 1910 club, has recently returned to college and will assist Coach Doak in working out some baseball material, especially the pitching staff. Mr. Hearne expects to remain here until time to report back at St. Louis with the National League Club of that city.

Prof. Friedrich Spiker, of Mebane, N. C., spent a few hours here Tuesday morning.

Miss Ethel Clements, head of the department of expression of the College, appeared before a courteous and appreciative audience at Gibsonville on Saturday evening, October 28, with a program of bright, snappy numbers, yet enough heavy work to give the series ballast, much to the delight of all present. The dialectic sketches were really amusing, especially those of the negro type just as her cuttings from Shakespeare dignified and indicative of dramatic power. The appreciation of the audience was shown by frequent encores. The evening was under the direction of the Ladies' Betterment Association.

SUNDAY SERVICE.

In the absence of the preacher selected for the fifth Sunday, Dr. J. U. Newman delivered a short but meaning sermon, using for the subject of his discourse the three parables in the fifteenth chapter of Luke. Dr. Newman spoke partly as follows:

This Scripture is one of the masterpieces of literature, yet one would hardly think so because it is so simple. It is a master-piece on the account of its personal inspiration.

The first parable relates the story of the shepherd leaving his ninety and nine sheep and going in search of the lost one. You remember the story of how he carried it home, and called his friends and neighbors together, saying unto them, Rejoice with me for I have found my sheep which was lost. Likewise there shall be joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than ninety and nine just persons that need no repentance.

The second parable tells the story of the woman losing the coin. This coin corresponds to an engagement ring in our day.

The third parable is that of the prodigal son. His associates were after him to leave home that he might spend his own money, and do as he pleased. While he had money he had friends, and when he had no money he had no friends. He became disgraced and was so hungry that he wished even to eat the husks which the swine ate. These were something like the locusts of today. When all this began to stare him in the face he came to himself. He resolved to return to his father and become his servant, but his father ran to meet him and received him with great joy, not allowing him time to finish the story he was going to tell. After having placed the gold ring upon his finger, and clothing him with the best robe a feast was prepared.

This third parable represents the great anxiety of heaven. First, that of Christ; his temptation and his persecution, his going to Gethsemane and Calvary in order to save men. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Second, that of the Holy Spirit. "I will not leave you comfortless, but the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the father will send in my name, he shall tell you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. It is also the Holy Spirit that searches the heart, that reveals sin, and that reveals truth." To compare with the woman sweeping, the Holy Spirit brings the truth and sweeps out sin. Third, that of the Father. The Father's heart has never been portrayed so beautifully as in the picture of receiving the prodigal son. Christ seeks the lost. The Holy Spirit does the work of revealing, while the Father works on the natures of men, in such a way that forces the prodigal son to come home. He receives him as if he had never sinned.

In the plan that God has devised we are offered either sin or salvation; torment or heaven. They are as far apart as the opposite ends of eternity. For four thousand years there has been a land of pollution. A host of people born to be angels are going to misery. Salvation takes hold of all that is best within us and places us in harmony with God. The Holy Spirit makes us think. God's part is to offer us all. Man's work is that of accepting this. God's part is to convict, justify, regenerate and sanctify man.

The real work of the Holy Spirit is more effective between the ages of 12 and 16, and the thing for us to do is to save the boys and girls because as they grow older, chances of salvation decrease by tenths, hundredths and thousandths.

It is a dangerous thing to resist the Holy Spirit, because He is sent by God to convict man, and to show him of his lost condition. He shows us our weakness in clinging to material things. Some people think that because they are educated or have a high social standing they are all right. Sin must be felt to be an awful thing. It is the only thing between God and man. It has cost God more than anything else. On account of it he gave his only son. Sin is a deadly thing. War is feeble compared with it; the one destroys its thousands while the other destroys its tens of thousands. But to every man come good impulses. This is the wooing of the Holy Spirit.

Sometimes I am asked the difference between justification and regeneration. Justification comes when we repent with a Godly sorrow, and when God forgives all past sins. To be regenerated is to be born again. A change has taken place; wrong habits are broken, and God breaks the dominion of sin. We have broken from the ranks of the General of Sin to join the forces of Righteousness. The things we once loved we now hate.

It is the time when the prodigal son came to himself. He is then adopted to the family of God. If we were adopted to some ruler of earth, to share his wealth, and his social standing we would feel highly honored.

Sanctification is a very simple thing, yet there is a great deal said about it at present. It is the Holy Spirit continuing the work that God has started. The Holy Spirit separates man from sin, and helps us to move up higher. God's work is constituted of four things: conviction, justification, regeneration, and sanctification. Man's part is constituted of two things: repentance and confession; and then to let God do what he wants to do with us. John G. Truitt.

EXCHANGE.

The Defiance Collegian reported last issue has been read with pleasure during the week. A magazine of the type of this indicates a wideawake college life and we rejoice with our sister institution in their excellent opening and bright prospects for the coming year.

HALLOWEEN AT THE COLLEGE.

Halloween was not slighted on the hill. The Faculty and student body met in the gymnasium of West Dormitory where they were entertained in a most delightful way.

The gymnasium was decorated for the occasion, and no one would have recognized the marching that takes place daily in this room had it not been that all had partners. Even this seemed unfamiliar though, since we are accustomed to seeing two of a kind: A witch presided over the boiling cauldron, within which were the potent herbs that gave her the power to foretell the future destinies of many.

The amusements for the first hour of the evening were furnished by the negro comedians and ghosts. The comedians, gaubed in an appropriate manner presented quite an humorous and catchy program. The ghosts in their snowy costumes added the weird effect characteristic of Halloween. Many engaged in the several contests offered for their enjoyment.

The last hour was given over to the telling of spook stories? Of these we refrain from speaking.

THE TRIANGLE OF SALVATION.

When Adam in his Eve'y home
Fell from his happy state.

It cast about the world a gloom,
And shrouded it with fate.

As Justice saw his sin and guilt,
He cried, "I'll do the right,
For man, no blood shall e'er be spilt,
For man, eternal night."

As Justice' echo died away,
Another voice was heard,
Love sweetly said, "Listen, I pray
While I shall speak a word.

The serpent tempted man to sin,
So now I do decree
That man, though evil he has been,
Shall evermore go free."

With Love Justice could not agree
They could not half way meet,
A third must make a last decree
And both decrees defeat.

Then wisdom twixt Justice and Love,
With positive affirmation,
Cried, "This decree is from above,
Man shall be on probation."

AN APPROACHING WEDDING.

Invitations have been received to the marriage of Miss Margaret Poe, of Fayetteville, N. C., to Mr. George Chamness Davidson, formerly of Gibsonville, N. C., but at present professor in Donaldson Military Academy of that place.

Mr. Davidson, graduated from this institution with the class of 1904 and has been eminently successful in his chosen line of work. The Weekly staff and friends in college extend to him and his chosen bride every sincere good wish for a happy life.