

Church Directory.

Pastor—Rev. L. G. Broughton, 315 Pond street.
 Preaching every Sunday morning at 11, and every Sunday evening at 7:30.
 Clerk of Church—J. M. Jarvis.
 Board of Deacons—J. M. Martin, A. J. Hunt.
 Finance Committee—W. A. Cooper, W. J. Martin, Jacob Cook, A. J. Hunt, R. A. Womack, J. D. Hollister.
 Music Committee—W. A. Cooper, Miss Hartie Martin, A. J. Hunt.
 Church Collectors—J. D. Hollister, J. M. Martin.
 Church Ushers—S. F. Pierce, Luther Wade, W. J. Martin.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORY.

Superintendent—D. Rich, Liberty street.
 Sunday school every Sunday at 9:30 a. m.
 Recording Secretary—W. J. Martin.
 Treasurer—Henry Stultz.
 Teachers—W. A. Cooper, Mrs. D. Rich, Miss Hartie L. Martin, S. F. Pierce, J. M. Martin, Miss Minnie M. Martin, Mrs. Nannie Leak, Miss Carrie B. Martin, Mrs. J. D. Hollister, A. J. Hunt, J. D. Hollister.
 Organist—Miss Hartie Martin.
 Librarian—Ed. W. Rayle.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

President—Miss Carrie Martin.
 Secretary—Miss Hartie Martin.
 Treasurer—Mrs. J. D. Hollister.
 Society meets each Tuesday at 3 p. m.
 December places of meeting:
 Tuesday, Dec. 8, at Mrs. D. Rich's.
 " " 13, " Mrs. A. J. Hunt's.
 " " 20, " Mrs. S. F. Pierce's.
 " " 27, Mrs. L. A. Wade's.
 Society meets every Tuesday at 3 p. m.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORKING BAND.

President—Miss Minnie Martin.
 Secretary—Miss Mamie Williams.
 Treasurer—R. L. Still.
 Society meets every 1st and 3d Sunday in each month at 4:30 p. m.

CHURCH PRAYER MEETING.

Regular church prayer meeting at the church every Wednesday night at 7:00, conducted by the Pastor.

SUBJECTS FOR DECEMBER.

Wed., Dec. 9, Church Conference and Prayer Service.
 "The Bank account," Matt. 6:19-20.
 " " 15, "The danger of unbelief" Mark, 11:22.
 " " 23, "Prayer," Matt. 26:39.
 " " 31, "The Christians hiding place," Psalms 46.

COTTAGE PRAYER MEETING.

The Cottage prayer meeting, conducted by the brethren, meets at some private home every Thursday night at 7:45.

CHURCH CONFERENCE.

The regular business conference of the church is held every 1st Wednesday night of each month, immediately after prayer meeting.

CHRISTIAN SACRIFICE.

A Few Thoughts on the Subject by J. D. H.

The one Christian duty, most talked and least practiced, is perhaps sacrifice. Now let us see what constitutes Christian sacrifice. We cannot take Webster's definition on the term sacrifice, because he only regards it from the world's standpoint, really from the most contracted worldly view, as he defines it to apply only to the old Jewish sacrifice of beasts, or the more hideous heathen sacrifice of human victims to idols.

But let us ask Paul, that great exponent of Christian Faith and Practice. In Romans 12:1 we find "I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." So we are to present our bodies a living sacrifice. One that lives and is not dead, a sacrifice that shall live while and after the sacrifice is made. Hence it cannot mean that we are literally to sacrifice or imolate our bodies upon the sacrifice altar, nor can it mean that we are to punish our bodies in penance as is practiced by some so called Christian churches, by cutting, lashing, or other physical inflictions.

This last idea is excluded by several passages of scripture—among

them 1st Cor. 3:16-17, in which Paul says "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you. If any man defile the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." And in Chap. 5 verse 19—"What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you."

So then, there is some other character of sacrifice of our bodies, which we are requested to make. To state the proposition in its broadest or most general sense, we must sacrifice our lives. Not the principle of Life—not to cease to live, that would not be a living sacrifice as before shown, yet there has been many instances, not only in the scriptures, but since the scriptures were written, in which men sacrificed their lives literally in God's service, and it may occur again, even in this age, but in saying that we must sacrifice our lives, I mean that we must live regardless of selfish interest—sacrificing in our daily lives every enjoyment, pleasure, luxury or desire, that is not in accordance with the teachings of God's word—or that conflicts in any degree with our duty to Him in other words; to give up when necessary, everything for the service of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in Matt. 16:26 says, "For what is a man profited if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? And again he says in Matt. 11:29. "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart," and Paul adds further testimony in writing to the church at Galatians 6:14. "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." Now this means a setting a part of the Christian from the world. I mean that the follower of Christ should completely turn his back on the world, its attractions, its pleasures, and live with his face toward Christ. As stated in the outset, we must sacrifice our lives, so far as they conform to the pleasures and enjoyments of the world without Christ.

Now to be a little specific, I think that from the foregoing we find—
 1st, That we must sacrifice our human heart or affections. When Christ called for the sons of Zebiddee, they left their FATHER and the SHIP—their kindred and property—and followed Him. Human affections, Father and ship—were immediately sacrificed to come after Jesus. So also the disciple who asked Christ to suffer him to go and bury his father, (Matt. 7:21.) but Jesus said "follow me and let the dead bury the dead." Hence we find that if it becomes necessary for us to sacrifice our temporal affections, or in other words our hearts desires or impulses to live for Christ, then we must do so.

2nd, We must sacrifice our pride, our love of honor or reputation as to the world. Paul gave up his position in the Jewish Sanhedrum sacrificed his exalted friends his high social affiliations to follow Christ. Moses sacrificed his kingly home to lead the degraded and unslaved Israelites out of Egypt. Daniel showed himself ready to sacrifice all the splendors and benefits of the Babylonish courts, to meet God's approval. In His sermon on the Mount, Christ says "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the Earth,"—"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven,"—"Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall speak all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake,"—"He that humbleth himself, shall be exalted." These are all exhortations from the lips of Christ himself and their tenor cannot be mistaken in this connection:

3rd, We must sacrifice our comfort and ease. We must visit the sick and the distressed. We must minister to the poor, giving freely of our time to this purpose.

Bad weather, fatigue, disinclination, none of these excuse our failure

to do this work. It has been said that "example is a more successful teacher than is precept." If this be so—then are we doubly taught by Christ along this line, for He did Himself repeatedly make all the sacrifices—aye a hundred fold more than He has asked of His followers, and blessed though He says "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself daily, take up his cross, and follow me." Oh blessed Savior, we would come after thee, through the great wilderness of sin and temptation, down through the valley of humiliation and deprivations, on through the deepest waters of sorrow and trouble, up over the rugged hills of toil and self denial over the rocks of pain, we would come after thee, needing thee ever in sight so that when the darkness of death shall overtake us we shall be so close to thee that we can take fast hold of

thy hand, and follow thee through the deep valley of the shadow—into eternity of bliss that lieth beyond, and we know that there "God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes, and there shall be no more death neither sorrow, nor crying. Neither shall there be any pain, for the former things are passed away.

Before another issue of our paper Christmas will be here. To some it will bring joys, good cheer, and comfort. To too many it will bring sorrow and want. Brethren, lets try to share our blessings with others. God gives them to us for this purpose. Too frequently we divide our happiness with those who have as much as we, and don't need ours. Why not make a departure in this respect and divide our surplus of pleasures among those who have none of their own.

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