



Give Thanks.

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.  
Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases.  
Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies;  
Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagles.—Psalm 103: 1-5.

A PREACHER'S INFLUENCE

A subscriber was in our office last week and he began talking about preachers; their ability and their energy and the general influence that a good preacher would have on a community in which he was located. He was speaking more specifically of a certain preacher that he considered one of the best that he had ever met or come in contact with. This man is a good Christian himself, and he stated that he always felt better and inspired after a contact with this particular minister.

It is a fact that a visit from a preacher in whom you have confidence, will inspire you and naturally make you feel good after he has gone. Very frequently we have them come to our office. Sometimes they come when we are in the midst of vexations, worry and trouble. They remain a few minutes and after a talk on secular matters they leave us, and we find that it is much easier to overcome our difficulties than before they came. Somehow we manage to take hold better and adjust wrongs that appeared impossible before.

A visit to your home by your pastor leaves every member of the family better fitted for the obligations before them. You feel the everlasting influence of the man for whom you have the greatest regard. Then, too, their presence reminds one of his obligations to Deity, whose messenger the preacher is. It brings us face to face with our shortcomings. We seem to come out of a coma into a realization that we are really unfit for the life that has been mapped out before us and we strive to do better.

Sometimes we believe that if preachers of good standing would visit it unfortunately before they land in jail or on the road, that it might be a persuasion to them to look on the better side and leave their wayward way and become better citizens.

Anyhow, just as long as a man lives his religion and more especially a preacher, who will practice what he preaches, he will have the full confidence of all the citizenship in the particular communities in which he circulates. There are many just such men, several of them in Chatham County, whose wholesome good nature and pleasant manner wins for them the love and high esteem of everyone. One especially to whom our subscriber referred is Rev. J. J. Boone, of Pittsboro circuit, and it would not be fair to write this article and not call his name.

The Record is proud to have him with us for another year, and there are many Methodists and members of other denominations that rejoice with us.

THE RIGHT KIND OF FARMERS.

The observation of the editor of The Record since he has been in Chatham County has been to the effect that the major portion of the farmers raise what they consume at home. We have visited in many of the homes and we have had ample opportunity to see and know something of many that we have not been privileged to visit, and in every instance we have found plenty of "hog and hominy" and barns and cribs loaded with ample feed stuff for the dumb animals of the place, as well as some to spare.

It is true that much tobacco and a great deal of cotton is being raised, yet these crops are a side issue with most of our farmers. They raise a sufficient quantity of necessary food supplies for the home and for the farm and then put in extra time on these indefinite crops. The high prices this year may have a tendency to pull some of them away from their old method but it is hoped that they will not.

Those of our farmers who have linked up with the cooperative associations have found that it has more than paid them and there is no doubt but these organizations have made the prices higher than they otherwise would have been. It certainly behooves every farmer to join and help the cause. Every other trade and industry in the United States is well organized but the farmers and they are learning every day that it is important that they should get together.

Mr. B. J. Wicker, one of our good subscribers on Sanford, route four, who is on the Chatham side of the route, came in our office last week to renew for his paper and he stated that he always gave his greatest consideration to home supplies and only occasionally did he plant any cotton or other crop. He is one of the progressive farmers in Chatham and has made a good living and accumulated. Last week we had something to say

about Mr. J. J. Thomas and his thrift. There are dozens of just such men as Mr. Wicker and Mr. Thomas and we could name them one after another but suffice it to say the majority of our farmers are of the right type and no one goes hungry in Chatham. All our rural citizens are alert and progressive. This is amply demonstrated to us by the fact that they keep informed and are anxious about anything that concerns the welfare of their home county. The greater percentage of the farmers and rural citizens in general take several papers, nearly all of them are subscribers to The Record and they enjoy reading them. Our hats are always off to the Chatham farmer.

BEG BUT DON'T STEAL.

A friend came into the Record office and said: "Shaw, have you an extra copy of last week's paper? I have not read it and want to see one." We asked him if his paper had been discontinued.

"No," he said, "but we have a neighbor who does not take The Record and every week the family borrows it from my wife and it is usually badly torn and disfigured before I get it."

He told us that he wanted us to say something in the Record about it. "I know you have had two or three pieces about it, but I don't think these folks have ever read what you said about it. I simply hate to tell them they can't have it, but it is a nuisance and if they don't quit it I am going to pay for a paper for them and have you mail it to them so that I may have mine."

We explained to our friend that we had complaints like his every week from folks and that we were at a loss to know what to do. We have offered to send the paper absolutely free to any poor person, widow or anyone who is not financially able to pay for it, provided they would let us know that they wanted The Record and were not able to pay for it.

"Well," he said, "these folks that bother me are well able to pay for it but they belong to that 'ring' class that you preach about and they don't want to let you know that they are reading it. They want you to feel that they are ignoring the paper, but they are the very first to grab it when it comes to my house."

We are at our rope's end now. All we can do is to say that we hope the subscriber will find some way to overcome his dilemma. As we have stated before, a newspaper is like a wife, every man should have one of his own. If it is worth having, boys, it is worth paying for. Certainly if it is valuable enough to beg, the price is low enough for you to pay for it.

LOCAL BANK PROTECTION.

Now that harvest returns are coming in, the syndicates selling fake oil stocks and other soothing-syrup and rubberneck securities are already circularizing the farmers.

With the best investment and commercial banking system in the world at hand, why would it not be a fairly intelligent proceeding for would-be investors in securities of any kind to consult responsible investment banking houses instead of listening to fly-by-night stock promoters?

Look over The Record advertising columns and select a bank that will suit your emergency and you can depend on what they tell you.

Congress will surely have some hard work ahead of it when it meets in December. One thing they will have to worry over is to raise the tariff on canary birds.

That was a game man in Chicago who had two wives. He visited each three days in a week until his first wife found it out. To some men one wife is too many.

A Sampson County farmer saved his 1914 cotton crop until last week when he sold it at 33 cents a pound. That's a clear case of a bale in the house at the right time is worth two at the wrong time.

The railroads are catching it in every way. A Raleigh man has sued the Seaboard for \$25,000 for straining his back while lifting a heavy piece of iron. If he could not lift the article why didn't he call for help?

The Vass Pilot, one of the prettiest printed and best edited papers in the State, has entered on its fourth year. Long may it live, and may its pilot keep piloting The Pilot through all the big waves of adversity.

It looks as if it would have paid Dr. Frederick Cook, who was said to have found the north pole, but didn't, to have kept on hunting the pole or something else, than trying to fool a lot of people out of their money by fraudulently using the mails in a get-rich scheme. He has just been sentenced to 14 years in prison and fined \$12,000.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

On August 21, 1923, death came and called our sister and aged friend, Mrs. Martha E. Hatch, Granny, as she was affectionately called by many of her friends, can meet with us no more yet her sweet gentle spirit ever liveth to inspire us for greater lives of service.

Whereas God in His wisdom has called her to lay aside the working tools of life and enter into her great reward, therefore, be it resolved by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church of Pittsboro, N. C.:

First, that while we bow in submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, still we sincerely mourn the loss to our society, to our church and to the community in the passing of this faithful member,

Second, that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to her bereaved children and grandchildren and commend them to the safe keeping of Him who doeth all things well.

Mrs. W. R. THOMPSON,  
Mrs. R. R. GORDON,  
Mrs. J. L. GRIFFIN,  
Committee.

PLAY AT BATTLE SCHOOL.

Ladies Aid Society of Hickory Mt. Church Will Give Play.

Pittsboro, Rt. 2, Nov. 26.—There will be a play given by the Ladies Aid Society of Hickory Mt. Methodist church at Battle school house Thursday night. Everybody is invited. Mr. W. H. Daffron, of Indianapolis, is spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Daffron. Miss Dora Clark visited her grand mother, Mrs. Ellen Clark, last Wednesday.

Miss Annie Mann spent the week end with her parents on the route. Miss Eva Harris, of Pittsboro high school, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Harris.

Mr. Walter Clark and family, Mr. G. M. Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Campbell all visited in the home of Mr. W. A. Daffron Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Mann and children visited in the home of Mr. W. H. Ferguson Sunday.

Mrs. J. B. Burke and Mrs. C. S. Burke spent last Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. W. H. Ferguson.

Mrs. J. O. Womble visited Mrs. Mack Teague Thursday afternoon.

Miss Bessie Johnson and Volner Clark, of Siler City high school, spent the week end with their parents on this route.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

On Friday night, November 2, 1923, one of our dear friends, Mrs. J. S. Wrenn, was called from her labors to that eternal home.

The great suffering that she was called upon to endure for the past year seemed to only add luster and brightness to her ever sweet, gentle and cheerful disposition.

Whereas, her life is ended and her soul returned to God who gave it, therefore, be it resolved by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church of Pittsboro, N. C.:

First, That while we look to our Heavenly Father and say "Thy will be done" yet we deeply mourn the loss to our society, our church and the community in the passing of this good woman,

Second, That we extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved husband, daughter and sisters and point them to Him who has power to comfort and cheer.

Mrs. W. R. THOMPSON,  
Mrs. R. R. GORDON,  
Mrs. J. L. GRIFFIN,  
Committee.

Isn't there some fable about the ass disguising himself with a lion skin?

Yes, but now the colleges do the trick with a sheepskin.

Now is Your Best Chance.

In this paper is a large advertisement of the New Overland Champion at \$695 at factory. Now is your time to see me and get a real car. JUNE N. PEOPLES, Pittsboro.

SUING THE RAILROADS.

What's got into people? asked a citizen. Everybody that gets hurt nowadays on a railway, whether on the train or on the track, the party hurt sees a lawyer and sues the railroad company. I have been writing down some of the accidents and the sum of money wanted by the suing persons.

Jake Stetson, of Hickory Mountain, tried to see how far he could walk on the rail of a Southern track. He fell off and skinned his knee and wants \$10,000 damages. Joe Barnett, over in Harhett County, stubbed his toe while cutting cross ties, is going to sue the railroad for \$5,000.

Martin Van Buran Gilbert, a big, overgrown boy, of Wake County, was watching the train as it passed by and a cinder flew in his eye. About \$2,000 will satisfy him.

Joe Medlin was standing on the platform of a depot in Wilmington talking to a beautiful young lady. The conductor called "all aboard", the train pulled out and left Joe still talking to the young lady. He wants \$10,000.

Miss Mollie Moon, a fascinating young woman, of Goldsboro, while riding on a branch road, was suddenly jostled against the side of the car and about a dollar's worth of paint was rubbed from her face, and for the horrible condition it put her face in she is suing the company for \$25,000.

Peleg Wilkins, of Moncure, is suing for \$35,000 for the loss of a \$1 coon dog he had tied to a box car which he had put there on purpose. He said it was a good way to get a good price for a hound dog.

John Z. Jimson, of Chatham County, while riding in a local passenger train, broke his bottle of liquor. He is going to sue the company for \$20,000, saying that if the track had not been so rough he would not have lost his liquor. He said one thing that made him so mad was that he was just going to take a drink.

I have a lot more of these "anecdotes" but this is enough to show the railroads that they should be more careful in what they do. Joe Rivey told me he thought John Jones had a good case against the railroad, as whisky these days is worth something.

The people must be protected from these big corporations. As it is they have no rights whatever and if they don't look out for themselves, the railroads are not going to look out for them.

JOE SNYDER.

who is slowly vanishing away because the boat commission will not give him a job as canal driver on the new boat line.

To Speak in Goldston.

Dr. J. D. Gregg, of Siler City, will make an address at Goldston on the second Sunday in December at 11 o'clock in the morning. The talk will be at the auditorium. He will have for his subject, "God's Power."

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