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THE BOY AGAIN.

A Place Needed Whereby the Mind of the Boy Can Be Given Training.

Hear Him.

Editor of the Dispatch, Burlington, N. C.

Dear Sir: The Boy has been out of town for several weeks and would have written you long before now, but owing to this cause, he did not have time.

The Boy has spent a greater part of his time in a city where the necessary attention is given to the boys, so I wish to recall to you a few things that I think should be provided for through this boy organization. An arrangement should be made whereby the boys and young men of our town, and of every other town, should be given an opportunity to discuss the great theory and practice of municipal government in all its relations to industrial, moral and Christian life. It should be the ambition of every true Christian person to so educate himself, that religion is a thing that can wear shoes, hats, coats, skirts and trousers as well as locking it up in some sectarian Church from Sunday to Sunday, and then spend it only in a few Sunday handshakes that are never practiced on any other day in the week. I do not mean to say by this, that the church is not essential because I believe it should have first place in everything, but so far, my observation has been that true religion is not separated from the person that has it in any of his practices in every day life. My only ambition in this matter is that we might train our young men for citizenship that they could successfully and intellectually discuss and handle the various problems of daily experience.

To illustrate my point, I understand that the Board of Education of the City of Burlington met a few nights ago and elected for the ensuing scholastic year a majority of the teachers for the year's work before even considering the election of a superintendent. This may be a good educational system, but to the outsiders it looks like very poor business policy.

To illustrate, do you think that one of our leading merchants would permit the man that conducted a business in the same store building that he now occupies to select for him clerks and employees without consulting his wishes in the matter. What I was trying to say is that if the Board of Education had been properly trained in political and industrial economy in boyhood days and manhood years, they would have known that harmony is the first essential in any successful undertaking.

To further illustrate, the young men of our town and county should have an opportunity to study the question of taxation and learn how to determine the proper values of real and personal property so that every man's property would be taxed in proportion to what it is worth. To illustrate this point, I know of property listed in the Town of Burlington for \$1,200 that would not bring over \$2,500 under the most favorable conditions, while I know of property, in or near the corporate limits of the Town of Burlington, that was listed the past year for \$1,800, that has been recently sold at the ration value of \$10,000. There is a large per cent of the farm land listed in Alamance County at not over \$10 an acre, when it is true without a doubt, that it cannot be bought for less than \$30, \$40 or \$50 an acre. This flagrant violation of our economical laws are not willful in every case, but are the result of the lack of forethought, and if we would think about them seriously we would not permit such large discrepancies.

My hope is that ere long we may have a handsome Y. M. C. A. building where that we may have a commodious lecture room where we can invite men of experience to discuss these matters with us, and thereby so train the rising generation to be wiser and stronger.

All of these things can be easily accomplished if some conscientious boy or girl is willing to take the initiative and lay these things before the people of Alamance County and Burlington.

Yours very truly,
THE BOY.

LUTHERAN SYNOD IN SESSION.

Annual Convention of the Lutherans of North Carolina in Session. About 100 Delegates.

Will Close Sunday.

Beginning Wednesday, May 6, the 11th annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of North Carolina convened in Macedonia Lutheran Church. This Synod is one of the largest ever held. There are about one hundred delegates which are being entertained by the members of this congregation. The session opened with the synodical sermon by the president Rev. M. M. Kinard, D. D., of Salisbury. After this eloquent sermon the holy communion was administered.

The first business session opened at 9:15 Wednesday afternoon, President Kinard presiding. Most of the delegates were present to answer the roll call. The president's report was read and received and referred to the proper committee. Then followed the election of officers which resulted as follows: President, M. M. Kinard, of Salisbury; vice president, Rev. V. Y. Boozer, Lexington; secretary, Rev. T. C. Parker, Troutman; treasurer, J. D. Heilig, Salisbury. The officers were then installed by Rev. G. H. Cox, D. D., of Spencer, and took charge.

Dr. C. K. Lippard, missionary to Japan, who has been home for some time, was introduced to the convention and received as an advisory member.

The reports of the treasurer and secretary and president, were received and referred to proper committees. Standing committees for the year were then appointed by the president.

Rev. E. C. Cronk, D. D., general secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the Lutheran Church, South, was received as an advisory member of the synod. It was decided to hold the day meetings beginning at 9 o'clock in the morning and until noon and the afternoon at 2 to 4:30.

Wednesday night was educational night. The educational address was delivered by Rev. V. Y. Boozer, of Lexington. His subject was "Beneficial Education, Its use and abuse." It was listened to attentively by a large congregation.

Thursday morning the session began with a devotional address by Dr. G. H. Cox, of Salisbury, the altar services being conducted by Rev. J. P. Miller, of Elizabeth College, of Charlotte. The subject of Dr. Cox's address was "The Christian Life; Its Source." The speaker emphasized the fact that the Christian life must, of course, have its source in Christ. In Christ there is life; out of Christ there is the opposite—death. And where this life is there will be its manifestations in good fruit.

Reports were heard from the two schools that are under direct synod control. These are the Collegiate Institute and Mount Amoena Seminary, both located at Mount Pleasant. The Collegiate Institute reports a full school during the session now about to close, and one of the largest senior classes in its history, viz., 11. The standing need of the school is a larger and fuller equipment.

The girl's school at this place was also reported as in a prosperous condition. This is the first session conducted in the new building, which has replaced the old one destroyed by fire a few years ago. This is described as a handsome building comparing favorably with those of other institutions of learning. There is a debt of several thousand dollars on the new building, but this is being carried for the present by interested parties, and so there is no immediated anxiety on this point.

In the absence of the president of Elizabeth College, Prof. J. P. Miller, at the request of the synod, made a short talk on the work of this institution during the present session. This has been one of the best sessions in the history of the college, and the synod showed its pleasure at the report. This school is not under the control of the synod, but since it is located within its territory, it is always glad to hear of its progress.

The reports from the congregation through their lay delegates showed commendable progress during the year, both in spirituality and especial-

ly in the adoption of better financial methods.

Provisions were made for the holding of a Sunday school normal at Mt. Pleasant during the coming summer. This is held jointly by the North Carolina and the Tennessee Synods.

A number of standing committees then made their reports, which were adopted.

At the afternoon session at 8:30 o'clock Rev. C. K. Lippard, D. D., of the Japan mission, at home on furlough, made an excellent address on the work of the United Synod in that country.

The evening hour, given over to be "missionary evening," was occupied by two speakers. Rev. J. L. Morgan spoke on "Home Missions," and Rev. R. A. Goodman on "Foreign Missions." Both addresses were good and were received by the large congregations that had assembled.

Friday, 8 p. m., Laymen's evening.

(1) "The Call of the Church to Her Men," Prof. G. E. McAllister.

(2) "The Layman's Place and Opportunity in the Church Today," Mr. Claude E. Reitzel.

(3) "Our Men and the Sunday School," Prof. W. L. Cooper.

(4) "Our Men and the Use of Their Money in the Church," Mr. H. E. Bonitz.

(5) "The Lutheran Brotherhood; Its History and Purpose," Mr. A. H. Snyder.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock several young men will be ordained. The sermon will be preached by Rev. B. S. Brown.

Death of Mr. John A. Coble.

John A. Coble, a Confederate veteran, of Green Township, Guilford County, died Thursday evening at the age of seventy at his home following an illness of one week with pneumonia. The deceased was one of the best citizens of that community and had accumulated considerable wealth. He is survived by a widow, who before her marriage was Miss Sarah Hunter. He was a brother of the late Dr. W. A. Coble. He leaves three sisters, Mesdames Austin Coble, Sarah Coley and Julia Branson, of Rock Hill, S. C. He is the uncle of Messrs. R. A. and C. M. Coble and Mrs. M. A. Huffman, of this town. The funeral services were conducted at one o'clock this afternoon at Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church by the pastor.

Meeting of the Classis of North Carolina.

The state body of the Reformed church held its 84th annual meeting in the Reformed Church at Rockwell, the sessions beginning Wednesday night of last week and continuing over Sunday. Rev. Shuford Peeler, of Greensboro, was elected the new president, Rev. D. E. Bowers, of Winston-Salem, treasurer; Dr. J. C. Leonard, of Lexington, has been the stated clerk during the past 22 years. The meeting was a most delightful one this year. Rev. Dr. C. E. Schaeffer, of Philadelphia, superintendent of Missions, delivered an inspiring address before the body last Friday. Popular meetings were held each night this one on Friday night being given to a class of orphans from the Nazareth Home.

Among the matters of special importance was action looking to the organization of another church in Winston-Salem. A splendid lot has been purchased in the Southside suburb at a cost of \$1,700, and the Classis appropriated \$850 as a donation on this purchase. The Board of Missions will be asked to take charge of the point and place a man in charge at an early date.

Rev. D. E. Bowers, of Winston-Salem, reported the building of a new church near the Davidson-Forsyth line on the road from Lexington to the former city. This church is to be dedicated on the last Sunday in May, the sermon being preached by Dr. J. C. Leonard.

At the meeting of Classis this year a movement was inaugurated looking to the co-ordination of the educational work of the church in the two institutions of learning, Catawba College and Claremont College. Rev. J. D. Andrew has done a splendid work in his first year as head of the former institution. It is believed that the two schools can with advantage be brought under one management.

An encouraging increase in the membership of the Classis was reported. One of the large charges in the Upper Davidson in this county, served by Rev. J. A. Palmer.

The next annual meeting will be held in Grace church, Newton, May 20, 1915.

PROF. CURTIS HONORED.

Accepts Position With Large Publishing House of Chicago. Headquarters Richmond, Va.

Lucrative Position.

Prof. F. H. Curtiss has accepted the position of sales manager for the School Methods Company, of Chicago, with the Southern depository and headquarters in Richmond, which was recently tendered him. The position is a lucrative and responsible one. Recently the firm, which is the largest educational school publishing concern in the United States, increased his working territory and offered some extra inducements which he could not very well refuse.

Professor Curtiss has been in charge of the Reidsville Seminary three years, coming here from Burlington, where he was for ten years superintendent of the Graded Schools of that town. The Burlington News of June 28, 1911, had the following to say of his work: "Prof. F. H. Curtiss informs us that he has accepted the presidency of the Reidsville Seminary, which has recently been offered him. It is with genuine regret that we see him go, as he has proven himself a most excellent citizen and a valuable addition to our city from a church, business and social, as well as educational standpoint. He is one of the State's foremost educators and Reidsville is fortunate in securing him."

Under Prof. Curtiss' management the patronage of the Seminary has more than doubled. New departments have been added—Business, Telegraphy, Voice Culture, etc., and the school is doing a work of which Reidsville may well feel proud. Professor Curtiss is one of the best equipped school men in the State and has been so recognized for many years. Before casting in his lot with Reidsville he rendered valuable aid to our public school teachers as county institute conductor, and his decision to become one of us was hailed with much satisfaction. Professor Curtiss will devote his entire time to his new work after June 1st. He will spend the entire summer visiting the universities, colleges, state normals, summer normals and institutes in his territory. His work will be entirely among educators. Only the more prominent educational institutions will be visited.

While Professor Curtiss' connection with the Seminary will end with the present session closing May 26th, his family will continue to reside in Reidsville and he will abate none of his interest in our city's welfare, which he has labored so faithfully to advance. The Weekly wishes him much success in his new work.—Webster's Weekly, April 7, 1914.

Finger Tried to Escape.

Greensboro, May 7.—Sid Finger, who was convicted and sentenced to death in Salisbury yesterday for the first degree murder of Preston Iverly at Barber Junction, tried to get away yesterday afternoon on train No. 40. Sheriff McKenzie, of Rowan county, caught the negro in his attempt and with the assistance of trainmen made his chains secure again.

The sheriff and his prisoner were in the car used by negroes, and the sheriff noticed that the prisoner placed one hand to his mouth in such an attitude as if to wring off a chew of tobacco, then dropping his hand to his lap. The negro was asked what he was doing and he replied nothing.

He was asked if he was taking a chew of tobacco. He said he was not and that he already had a chew.

"Let's see that hand" asked the sheriff.

Finger told him there was no handcuff on it, and so it proved. In some way he had freed himself and the handcuff was loose.

Sheriff McKenzie called on other negroes in the car, some 50 were in there to assist him, but none would do so. It was at this juncture that the baggage-master came into the car. He called another trainman and the two stood by and assisted in chaining the negro again.

Who said the day of miracles is past? Here are the Mexican federals making a desperate attempt to capture the waterworks!—Greensboro News.

TWO GIRLS MISSING.

When Last Heard From Were Said to be in Charlotte and Police Are Searching.

Whereabouts Unknown.

Durham, May 6.—Josephine Cockrell and Annie Howell, two young girls not over fifteen years of age, left the city Saturday afternoon with Henry Goss and a Derssett man, his initials could not be learned, and they have not been heard from since. The numbers of both young girls are grievously over the girls leaving home and the police authorities are making a desperate effort to locate them. They were last reported to be in Charlotte and the police of that city are now making a search for them.

Derssett is not known very well in police circles, although Goss is an old offender. He was arrested last year with Eumant Smith on a charge of white slavery and at that time was let off with the understanding that he would not get into more trouble. Recently he was arrested for gambling and it was alleged that he was running a gambling room, although this was not proven. At any rate, his reputation in police circles is far below the average, and the authorities would like to see him prosecuted severely.

The young girls are of tender age and were doubtless led astray by the boys. They were inveigled into leaving their homes and run away, and did not stop long enough to obtain advice. Just what the intention of the girls was in leaving the city, with two men of doubtful reputation, cannot be ascertained.

It is reported that the young Cockrell girl claimed that she was either already married, or was to be married to young Goss. However, should they be married there is not evidence of such being the case. The girl is much too young to obtain license and is said to be only fifteen years old. The young Howell girl is even smaller, and if anything, younger than the other.

The case was reported to City Attorney Scarlett and he stated this morning that should the men be found that he would take steps to have them prosecuted. Under what charge the prosecution would be made, is not known as yet, although it will doubtless be white slavery or seduction.

Diocesan Convention.

Delegates chosen to represent the Parish of the Church of the Holy Comforter at Raleigh, N. C., May 19th, 1914 Ninth eighth annual convention.

The following delegates have been elected by the vestry to represent the Parish of the Church of the Holy Comforter, at the approaching Diocesan Convention to be held in Christ Church, Raleigh, N. C., May 19th to 22nd, 1914:

Delegates: F. L. Williamson, E. A. Holt, S. A. Steele, R. E. Riddle. Alternates: Jas. N. Williamson, Jr., B. L. Holt, S. I. Moore, J. G. King.

The Charlotte News Buys The Chronicle.

Charlotte, May 7.—A transaction of import in the newspaper world of Charlotte, and also of interest in the State, to be announced tomorrow is the purchase by the Charlotte News of the Evening Chronicle of Charlotte. The purchase was completed Tuesday, and announcement of same will be made in Friday's News and Friday's Chronicle, that issue being the last of the Evening Chronicle. W. C. Dowd is president, general manager and largest stockholder of The News Publishing Company, and has managed, directed and practically owned The News since 1895, when he and a company he organized bought the paper from Wade H. Harris.

The Chronicle was founded in 1903 by the Charlotte Observer Company, the late J. P. Caldwell and D. A. Tompkins owning it as part of the Observer plant. It was practically the afternoon Observer. With the consolidation of the two papers the Charlotte News has now the entire afternoon field, and the Observer remains, as ever, in charge of the morning field. The News force, operating under the direction of Mr. Dowd, consists of J. C. Patton, editor; Mrs. J. P. Caldwell, city editor; W. M. Bell, advertising manager; Preston Allan, associate editor.

COUNTY SCHOOL NEWS.

Moving Pictures of Alamance County Corn Clubs and Tomato Clubs to be Shown.

By J. B. Robertson

The moving pictures of the Alamance Tomato Club girls, made last summer at the Melville Farm, are at last coming to Alamance County. On Tuesday night, May 12th, these pictures will be shown at Friendship High School; on Wednesday night, at Spring; on Thursday afternoon at Maywood; and on Thursday night at Hawfield. These exhibits are free and we hope for a large crowd at each place. These pictures have been shown all over the United States, from California to the eastern coast of North Carolina, from New York to the Gulf of Mexico. Let every Corn Club Boy and every Tomato Club Girl see these pictures.

It is possible that these pictures will be shown in Graham, Monday, May 11th. Watch for further notice concerning this.

The Oakdale Dairy School conducted by State Dairyman Alvin J. Reed and his assistant, Stanley Combs, closed last Monday night, April 28th. On that night they gave a magic lantern show and awarded the prizes. The show was very interesting. Three prizes were given for compositions and work done, and three for best kept cow records. In the first contest: Carl Alexander won first place, Midge Coble second and Oppie Spoon third. The first prize was a pure-bred Poland China pig, the second and third prizes were pure-bred White Rock chickens. Midge Coble won the first prize in cow records, Carl Alexander the second, and Eugene Thompson the third.

This has been a great opportunity for Oakdale. The children have taken advantage of it and have learned many things that will be very useful to them no matter what their calling in life may be. These Dairywomen went to only two schools in the State and Alamance should consider herself fortunate in having one of these schools.

The Hawfields High School closed Friday night, May 1st. Thursday night, Mr. J. W. Goodman preached the annual sermon. Friday morning Mr. Demore, of Burlington, made a splendid address. Friday afternoon was given over to athletic sports. Friday night the elementary department of the school gave a very interesting entertainment which was followed by the final exercises of the graduating class. In all the exercises the children conducted themselves with ease and efficiency that spoke well for the work done by the Hawfields School.

The Woodlawn School closed Friday night with a good entertainment and a crowded house. This school is soon to build another room.

The Knocker's Prayer.

We don't know who's responsible for the following anonymous article, which has been going the rounds of the press, but as every community probably has knockers, it will stand reproducing:

"Lord, please don't let this town grow. I've lived here for thirty years and during that time I've fought every improvement. It have knocked every thing and every body; no firm or individual has established a business here without my doing all I could to put them out of business. I've used every underhand method known to the knocking fraternity to injure their business; I've lied about them and would have stolen from them if I had had the courage; I have done all I could to keep the town from growing; never have spoken a good word for it, but instead I've knocked hard and often.

"It pains me, O Lord, to see that in spite of my knocking this town is beginning to grow. Some day, I fear, I will be called to put down sidewalks in front of my property, and who knows but what I may have to help keep up the streets that run by my property? This, Lord, would be more than I could bear. It would cost me money, although all I have I made right here in this town.

"Then, too, more people might come if the town begins to grow, which would cause me to lose some of my pull. I ask, therefore, to keep this town at a standstill, that I may continue to be the chief knocker. Amen, amen."

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