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WHO MUST ANSWER FOR THIS BOY'S LIFE?

Down in eastern North Carolina several weeks ago a 14-year-old boy, seeking revenge, shot a man whom he believed had told officers of a still he had been op-

with hate for society in his heart.

Who must answer for this boy's life? HO What environment, what condition is responsible?

Under the caption, "Fourteen Years Old," The News and Observer brings this question to the attention of civilization. It says:

Fourteen years old; he got his man and is proud of it.

Fourteen years old; he knows how to make liquor but he never learned to read and write.

Fourteen years old; he is familiar with the courthouse but he has never been in-

A boy who might pass for 12 years Sooks through the bars of Nash county jail and calmly admits murder. He learned to make liquor when he was the veriest child; he hardly remembers the time. His father taught him. His mother died when he was six, but his stepmother, the boy says, was good to him. Good to him!

Nobody has been good to that boy Fate, that robbed him of a mother who at least had started him on the way to school, was not good to him. The father, who taught him to steal and to make whiskey was not good to him. The stepmother, who saw no need for school of church, was not good to him. The community, which had abundant opportunity to see this menace in the making, was not good to him. The school, that noted his absence with indifference, was not good to him. 'The church, where neighbors worshipped in sight of this violation of God's handiwork, was not good to him.

Denton?

"I put him away. I protected society," the State may say, whether it thrusts him The special school building bonds were behind iron bars or sends his soul into sold in order to secure funds to lend to

of the Law, stands back of the Law, fights for the Law. Andrew Denton isn't a law. Yet he-

life, growth, happiness, achievementhas been violated. Who is going to answer for that?

GARDNER'S OPPOSITION.

O. Max Gardner, slated as the next Democratic gubernatorial candidate, is to have opposition. L. N. Johnston, of ing the first candidate as a matter of fact, forget one of its chief aims. to make formal announcement.

we are certain Mr. Johnston, with his jous aims in these simple words: tribution of both.

that Mr. Johnston has no chance for the to liberate all the powers and develop all nomination, it does think he will soon be the capacities of our human nature." nationally known and that he will make every front page in the country.

thinks The Times. "Mr. Johnston is one general head. After telling about mould suffer from the loss of the men avowedly 'wet'. He is a scofflaw with a other departments he said: serve his description of his platform:

tion charges."

the Governor's mansion at Raleigh. Mr. church holds in the Southern States this opposition.

IS AT LEAST ENCOURAGING.

Textile plants may not be any too pros perous this year, but at least they are headed in the right direction. After sev eral years of depression and uncertainty, the tide certainly has turned and the mills have a better opportunity for profit now than at any time within the past sev-

Figures released by the Association of Textile Merchants of New York indicate that the turn has been made. For in-By the side of the road this boy wait- stance, the figures show that sales of ed with his gun, and when the man rode standard cotton textiles for the first six along, he emptied the gun into his body. months of 1927 were 40.8 per cent. great-To jail he went, sullen, arrogant and er than for the corresponding period of

> Unfilled orders were 153.4 greater on June 30 than on the corresponding date in 1926, and were 48.1 larger than on

Stocks on hand were 39.6 lower than on the same date last year, and 24.1 lower than on January 1.

Statistics as to sales also appear to be highly significant. During the first six months of this year they amounted to 1,-703,401,000 yards of standard cotton cloth, which wac 114.5 of production.

Compare this with sales of six months in 1926, which were 1,209,891,000 yards, or only 91.6 of production.

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Business is so much better than it has been for the past several years, in fact, that several mills in this county may not take the usual summer vacation. It is customary for the mills to "stand" at least two weeks during which time the machinery is inspected and other needed ing in the late afternoon. Then a sumrepairs made. However, with business in sight it is reported that some local plants may forego the usual holiday, certainly so long as unfilled orders are the waken half of the world.

OUR STATE DEBT.

The funded or bonded debt of the state Nobody has been good to Andrew Den- government of North Carolina on May ton, murderer at 14. And now the State 31, 1927, was officially reported to amount -humane, advanced, prosperous-can to \$143,093,600. The debt has been inthink of no greater good for him than to curred for the following outlay purposes: feel the repose of night come to every tirhighway bonds \$84,999,000; general fund ed creature. The south wind would bring Who is going to answer for Andrew bonds \$34,221,000; special school build- up to me that smell of wet river banks ing bonds \$14,835,000; and general fund and green trees, satisfying as a breath see what belongs to the Bible! notes \$9,038,090.

counties to enable them more economi-That is the Law. The State is jealous cally to build schoolhouses. While the state incurred the debt and stands responsible for it, it really is county debt.

his immortal soul, his God-given right to that will in time be funded. Five millions of this represents highway notes anticipating bond sales, and \$300,000 Chowan River bridge notes anticipating bond sales.

THE RELIGIOUS AIM OF DUKE UNIVERSITY.

Duke University is not to forsake re Pender County, former State Senator, ligion. Its tremendous wealth and influannounces that he will be a candidate, be- ence has not made those directing its af-

In an address before the Twentieth We doubt if any man in the State Century Club at Boston on May 27th could seriously shake Mr. Gardner's po- this year, Dr. W. P. Few, President of sition and strength with the people, and the great university, described its relig-

"wet" platform, will not get anywhere. The aim of Duke University, as had He is an out and advocate of wine and been also the aim of Trinity College, is liquor, and thinks the government should stated by the words on its seal, 'Educatake a hand in the manufacture and dis- tion and Religion',-not two but one and inseparable; religion that comprehends While the Raleigh Times thinks also the whole of life and education that seeks

Dr. Few described some of the material plans for the University, covering the "It is his platform that does the work," various schools to be housed under the the opponents of the Free State win they

moral and economic slant. He would "We have also well on the way to comsave the boys and girls, and the farmers, plete organization a graduate school of too. He would abolish the bootlegger religion. Along with many other obligaand provide a substitute for the faulty tions and opportunities this school will logic of the McNary-Haugen bill." Ob- have the important duty of mediation between the religious conservatism of this "It provides that the national govern- region and the great intellectual ferment ment buy all the surplus grams and of the age. Serious-minded Southern stroy able, virile ambitious men. fruits at a fair price to the producers; people are not hide-bound and intolerant, that good liquors and excellent wines be as many not familiar with our conditions made by the said government from the have been led to believe from newspaper said grains and fruits; and that said strictures on the so-called Bible-belt; (Ala.) Herald. liquors and wines be distributed by par- but they are in earnest to see that the

the great new day of progress and pros-BIBLE'S ROMANCE This may get the Pender man on the perity to which we are hastening in the front page but it will not take him to South. The influential place which the Gardner has little if anything to fear from | sould like to see not only abide, but to |A grow and extend; for it is the business of the church to guide the spiritual forces that control the world. I believe we have a good chance to avoid a disastrous break between 'fundamentalists and modernists,' such as I have always supposed ing of the Bible just as a book, not formation of the contents of this Book came about in New England in the last a religious conviction," declared Dr. century and in Old England some two Bible scholar, in the first of a series centuries earlier, and so to escape in our of lectures at the new Presbyterian lecture at the new Presbyterian ehurch developing Southern civilization the deadly dualism of life that sees a world the Bible of beauty and power without a moral! A large crowd taxed the seating cameaning on the one hand over against pacity of the beautiful auditorium to austerity and narrowness along with religious intensity on the other hand."

This comprehensive outline of plans for Duke University's School of Religion should set at rest any fears entertained by those who thought perhaps the larger institution might forget one of the primary objects of the smaller college which ance of the Bible's influence upon the it has replaced.

Religious matters are still pertinent matters at Duke University and they will remain as such.

JOY IN LIFE'S COMMON THINGS.

Because it reveals such a range of enthusiasm for the everyday things of life that surround the homes of rich and poor lecture. alike, many readers will enjoy the following in the Progressive Farmer which language or literature. That is the isn't Bible study comes from a reader in Wise County, Texas, whose name is withheld by re-

"Like Paul, I have known how to be abased and have also known the comfort of moderate abundance. Whether in a poor rented home or in a good home of inspiration, just as its value as a my own, always there has been some special beauty-spot that made life rich- you will find no other book with the

"In a home of my early childhood there was a patch of wild morning glories that looked as if a rainbow had been broken there and its lovely fragments scattered over the ground. At another home there was a spring hidden among cat- national or racial interest to permit tails and alders where hundreds of yellow-splotched blackbirds came chattermer when every morning a mocking bird perched in a hackberry tree by the porch poured out enough rollicking music to

"Years later a half-circle of willow than 800 different languages, covering However, that method of marking the trees was the most comforting bit of nature that ever blessed my life. After long, hot days were over, rays scorching and destroying the fruits of weary toil, I have "When the sales figure of a novel watched the red sun sink behind the wil- runs into six figures this modern day, lows relieved to escape its heat and to wrom Paradise. I knew then why the Creator had His Psalmist say: 'He maketh me to lie down in green pastures! He efforts were made to put the Bible in leadeth me beside the still waters.'

"There are sunrises for busy; the storm's awe for the thoughtful; the call of the ocean for the wanderer; and the There is a current debt of \$5,300,000 peril of jungle and thunder of waterfall for the adventurous-something in nature to answer each need. I like to think that God places us where some manifestation of His handiwork keeps us ever remembering that He lives."

NO WAY TO CREATE AN EMPIRE.

Opponents of the Irish Free State will never cause the downfull of the government by the assassination of its strong men. It's a peculiar thing in a way, but stitched together, and became our Bialways there appear strong men to take ble," the scholar told his hearers, the places of murdered strong men. That is the reason the Free State will go on. Michael Collins gave his life to the cause and with his death many feared the new Republic would sag and eventually fail. Men to take his place were found, however, and while the guiding influence of such a man would of necessity be missed, his death did not halt the wheels of government for long and the Free State is stronger now than at the time of his time. Not because of his death, but despite it.

Empires are not created by the destruction of its best men. Negative policies do not create; they tear down. Even should they have slain.

Presidents of the United States and rulers of other nations have been destroyed on the altar of political hatred, but the policies of these nations was not changed with murders. Civilization is founded on a constructive basis. It profits a nation or an individual nothing to de-

To a lady who wants to know how to become an opera star, we suggest that judging from the

cel post to bona fide householders at actual things of the mind and the spirit rather than stark materialism shall control in Times.

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TOLD IN LECTURE BY DR. G. C. MORGAN

Capacity Audience Hears Noted Bible Scholar in an Unusual Message at First Presbyterian Church.

"The Bible is the most romantic church Monday evening. Dr. Morgan

the Bible student reached oratorical terse, but suggestive.

Each evening through Friday Dr. Morgan will lecture on the importonight will be: "The Study of the His subjects for the other evenings include: Wednesday, "The Bible and the Nation"; Thursday, 'The Bible and the Church"; and

said Dr. Morgan, explaining to his audience the meaning of "Romance" was used in the topic of his and touch a is the blending of the heroic, the service of 'romance' I used in this

"The Bible is the most wonderful book in the world today. Let us examine it as a book, its nature, and contribution to human fault and opinbook, I submit to you that among books-history, biography or fiction-

its translation into other laguages

which would be foolish to translate Here Dr. Morgan furnished statistics to show that the Bible has been translated into more nine-tenths of the world's population. Bible is a In the past 125 years two Bible ocieties-the two greatest in the world-have sold 500,000,000 Bibles. it is boomed everywhere as the 'best seller'," said Dr. Morgan, "Bibles have been selling for 1,700 years, and during these years determined efforts have been made to buy up every copy

and destroy it. Speaking of romance onsider the task of translating the Bible into 300 languages, which, until these languages, which had no written form, no grammar or literature. There will not one's imagination find food for thought on the romance of the Bible? Think of those men, heroes, who labored to put the Bible into these many different languages.

"The Bible-1 advise those in my audience who have not Bible to buy The bible is a book, yet it is It's a library, that is the marvel of the Bible. It contains 66 little books written by between 30 and 40 authors over a period of 1,500 years. I am not giving you any new facts about the Bible, but I am refreshing your memories.

'The Bible is a book that was sold and will sell and be translated into all languages always. You cannot "All of us know that other letters of epistles were written about Jeuss, but why were these 66 selected? Along these lines you will find the divinity of your Bible.

"At the present there are two committees arranging new Bibles. would have a word with these committees and give them this advice: 'Write your own Bible but do not touch a word in our Bible. Let it be, do not take from it anything you like free from pride, from prejudices, from to fill in your Bible'.

contribution of the Bible as a book to human opidion and fault in the realms of philosophy, theology, ethics. "The Bible is saturated," he said, with the philosophy of the Hebrew Bible philosophy does not egin with a question but with an affirmation, and when the magnificent will be where the Hebrew philosophy begun-fear of God.'

In the effort of the world to find the truth, the Bible has made possible scientific investigation, demanded the right of men to discover the truth. "Truth remains the criterion and science has no right to demand belief," averred Dr. Morgan.

In speaking of the influence of the able?"
Bible, Dr. Morgan declared that "some other n people who would go into Heaven of evolution. would find indecencies but the inde- Dr. Morgan made it clear that he Heaven. Some people say that the temporaries were taking their evolufault with the Bible are evil-minded tific stories. Dr. Morgan said it took

DR. MORGAN TELLS HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE IN LECTURE

Another Great Throng Hears in his belief of its truth. New Presbyterian Church mind. Tuesday Night.

"Bible study is the study of the

Tuesday night. ing with several phases of the Bible in his night talks, seeking to show his audiences the monstrous weight

theme of his gripping discourse in which he cited the many ways people believe themselves studying the Great translation of the Bible, and Book, but as a matter of fact regard in which Dr. Morgan presented his the Bible as some sort of magic or indulge in "higher criticism," or mere

n its interpretation," said Dr. Mor-"and this evening I am going gan. The ranks of our churches today ar not filled with Bible students,

"In the old country I met peop who believed in the Bible, yet the treated it as though it was a magica tice is almost wicked; treating the marvellous, the mysterious, ideas in Bible as a book of magic-and that "Another way is daily reading-

eading a bit of a chapter as outbit was about three hours later. But that isn't Bible study.

At this juncture the lecturer tole the narrative of finding a Bible in

ing the Bible when you hear a sermon; you are listening to the re sults of the study by your minister. how many in my audience tonight

a foregone conclusion, you will be unable to study it. If you let me study the Bible that way I can select a text and prove to you anything. can tell you to go hang yourself and give support to it from incoherent oits of the scriptures. That is gro But we will never be able to study the Bible if we entertain foregone conclusions. "I'll tell you another way that isn't

Bible study. - When you are discours ing with one on the author of some book of the Bible, that isn't Bible study, but higher criticism. But un derstand I am not condemning higher criticism. You can spend years talk ing or debating about who wrote this book or why it was written and never study what the book contains, "I'll tell vou what Bible study is

but first what is study? It is the man has never studied the Bible until he has girded the loins of his mind to the book and studied it. How much do you know of the Bible? "The true function of a teacher i

o make the student independent of the teacher. I am an in the position to say. I was trained to be a teacher. The textbook and the teacher are necessary but their business is to make themselves unnecessary. What was the value of your college educa Certainly it was not what you learned but the training. "The elemental things to study the

Bible are an open mind and a devoted You can't be a student of th Bible unless you come to it with an open mind and you give it your devoted wil-give diligence. When a teacher tells his student he must be lieve in the Bible before studying it, then he is asking the student to accept a foregone conclusion.

passion and the mastery of tradition. Next, Dr. Morgan spoke of the Have you noticed how much our Lord trampled upon tradition, scorned it ruthlessly, vehemently denounced it. Tradition is the opinion of people about truth, but truth is truth.

Dr. Morgan next told of a personal experience which he titled: Lost My Bible and How It Found The son of a "hardshell Bapmarch of philosophy reaches its end tist" and a minister, Dr. Morgan said that he was never allowed to read any fiction. His father "was a man of one book-the Bible. At the age of 16 years, three years

after he had begun to preach, Dr. Morgan said he plunged into an intellectual world and great scientific age-at that period when the question was being asked: "Is God know-It was when Darwin and other men were treating the subject

cencies are within them, and not believed that Darwin and his con-The people who might this what to believe the Bible or scien-

books into a closet, forgot them, and egan studying the Bible-then the Bible found him. He became devou Noted Bible Student, at away these books I had been reading and went to the Bible with an open I cannot allow myself t

Dr. Morgan told parents no clare to their children that they wil

To be a Bible stude

ond to study every detail gan advised to get the bes The Bible may be

I read, at least, each book in the Bible fifty times aloud before I formed an outline of the Bible. quired me seven years. Then I began studying the minute details

INTERURBAN PLANS TO BE READY WHEN DECISION IS MADE

Officials of P. & N. Will Be Ready For Actual Construction If Application Is Approved. Officials of the Piedmont and North

rn Railway will be in position to ension of their lines is approved by While it will be several months at

the earliest before the commission hearing in Charlotte, P. & N. officials are going ahead with plans for extending the line from Charlotte Winston-Salem in North Carolina and Spartanburg to Gastonia in inate any delay after the decision is

ompany:

Work preliminary to starting con the Piedmont and Northern Railway he negotiations for rights-of-way along the greater part of the selected route, it was learned Tuesday from officials of the railway.

Approximately ten miles of righ which are 23 miles apart by the prolso has purchased 5,355 feet of rightof-way between these towns at \$40 an acre: 14,093 feet at \$50 per acre-and 6.080 feet at \$100 an acre.

"A very considerable portion ight-of-way between Kannapolis and farm. Winston-Salem will be donated by sentence in A landowners," according to officials of records show the P. & N. Practically all the twice convic right-of-way not donated "can be ac- ing pareled aft quired at a reasonable price," it was being sentence stated. The line from Charlotte to months after t Winston-Salem will be 77.91 miles in The records length, if constructed. Construction time of his c will not be undertaken until, and if, wife, listed renders, a decision favorable to this the wife with will railway on its pending application for ing in Stanly authority to build the additional trackage.

Whole Family Have Measles. The family of W. H. Baxter, who mother Mrs. ive on Broad street, Kannapolis, have mitted suicide h had measles for several weeks. There the local jail are ten in the family, nine of whom had measles within the past few had met with Mrs. Baxter. who was the rants charging weeks. last to take it, will soon be

Miss Ocie Mae Black, of Bessemer with foul p grandmother, advised to City, is visiting her Mrs. J. E. Lindsay Mrs. Carl W. Sherrill, of 1014 Rose

Avenue, was taken to the Presbyter- returned from an Hospital at Charlotte on Monday the mount

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