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A CALL TO ARMS

(First of a series of contributed editorials sponsored by the Sandhills Kiwanis Club's Committee on Church Attendance. This is by Eugene C. Stevens, chairman of the committee.—Ed.)

"Whereas, in many lands churches have been abandoned and religious organizations abolished, strife and conflict exist throughout the world, controversy and turmoil have raged beyond the power of man to control, and all efforts, such as legislation, conferences and mediation, have failed to reconcile the differences between men and between nations or to bring harmony in social, economic and governmental relationships:

"Be it Resolved, that the delegates to the 22nd annual convention of Kiwanis International assembled in San Francisco declare their firm conviction that the principles of religion embracing the love of God and love of neighbor, are the only adequate and effective means for settling strife, misunderstanding and controversy; and believe that if all people will turn back to God, declaring their implicit faith in Him and giving support to the Churches in their spiritual aims, that the Power Divine will work amazing changes in the hearts of men, tempering strife and controversy, and giving joy and peace to the people of the world."

The above was passed last June by Kiwanis. Think how much more apt this is right now and has been for the past thirty days.

Kiwanians, a call to arms has been sounded and we are all asked to be sure to attend some church this coming Sunday and each Sunday this month. By attending a church you will greatly benefit yourself and will be a good example for others in the community. Don't forget, "We Build" not only materially, but most certainly spiritually as well.

AN OPPORTUNITY IN BASEBALL

Jack Corbett, manager of the Syracuse, N. Y. International League Baseball Club, paid a recent visit to Southern Pines. He was seeking a training camp location for his "chiefs" for next spring. That he was ready to sign on the dotted line was evidenced the following day when news came that Mr. Corbett had closed negotiations at Camden, S. C. the very evening of the day he left here.

Mr. Corbett knows North Carolina. He has managed teams in the state and has farmed other teams here. He says the Sandhills is ideal for early spring training. He liked Southern Pines, wanted to come here. But the ball field wasn't adequate. He requires a fenced-in field and something in the nature of a clubhouse. The entire playing field, including diamond, must be firm grass.

Upon his departure Mr. Corbett told The Pilot he was prepared to come here after next spring if Southern Pines would provide a satisfactory field. He'd be willing to sign a five-year contract, he said. It would mean some 45 persons here for one month, stopping at local hotels, spending their money locally. It would mean an income from exhibition games of 15 per cent, the amount allowed to local interests where ball clubs train.

It would appear to be something worth looking into. We are in the center of a baseball-loving community. A field could easily be made available. And 45 times—say \$4.00 a day as a minimum, times 30 days is \$5,400 to the hotels, not to mention what the players, their families and club attaches would spend in the community.

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It Is Foolish To Go To Church!!

By Rev. V. O. Taylor

"It is foolish to go to church," said my friend. "The church recognizes Jesus as the Person of our life, the one complete personality, the ideal guide to human living. Does not the church know that Jesus has failed; that the world is not following him as the churches ask it to; that Bibles are read no more and even their sales fallen off the past two years; that the cross has lost its appeal to mankind? I have no need for the church. I am of the opinion that it has out-grown and outlived its usefulness. I tend to science and the almighty dollar for my salvation. My scientific mind has discovered that much of the religious teachings of the churches is uninformed of the latest biological and psychological theories. I have an aesthetic nature that enjoys the beautiful tee and fairway more than the architecture of the churches and their outmoded techniques. My yearning heart finds no comfort in the

church where submission is taught. Only a weak person needs the church and its God, anyway."

And so on, my friend might have gone. Even in spiritual matters dealing with his own person, which can never be inherited but only experienced, he is trying to play the old American game of "passing-the-buck." However his own spiritual self may shrivel; he is sure that the church, perhaps Christ himself, is to blame, but not one bearing his own name.

Over eighteen centuries ago Paul in preaching Christ and his cross found the Greeks of his day calling his efforts foolish. They could not see any reason or common sense in the proclaiming of supreme happiness in and through a man that was crucified like a thief. And that long ago Paul stated the only answer: "The preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us that are saved it is the power of God."

The Spiritual Self

It seems never to have occurred to my friend that he has a spiritual self that must be fed lest it perish of undernourishment. Properly speaking, there are but two classes of men known where the gospel is preached: the unbelievers, the foolish, who are perishing; and the obedient believers, who are in a process of salvation. And my friend seems not to know anything of the strong current of return to religion among those who are seeing many of their theories about physics, evolution, or psychology vanish like the myth that they are. We know that Newton is not infallible, and we did not account for mutations in evolution, and entirely new frontiers of the mind are on the scene, with much more to come. My friend does not realize that modern science with all of its great advance in knowledge and methods knows little to nothing of the greater mysteries of life, death, or birth,—whence, whither, or why. Jesus was careful to say of a sick man that there was a little demon at work within him. Modern science makes the appalling discovery that the trouble is a little disease germ at work within him.

My friend has not learned that with all of our knowledge about faith and social living, or courage, or health, or valor of spirit, or serenity of mind, that only those who put forth effort in gaining such for others succeed in gaining it for themselves.

Humanness of Religion

It is foolish for one to go to church if he is going to be intellectually and spiritually lazy, or likewise snobbish. It is an easy fact that he who puts no effort to his task at hand finds no benefit therefrom. Many do not go to church from the simple expedient that in their lazy and snobbish aloofness of occasional, condescending, cynical physical visits, they have not brought to church with them a mind to learn and share and a mood to help and be helped. Such mental-spiritual laziness and snobbishness causes them to miss entirely the beauty of the simple shared humanness of the religious experience. Any experience is meaningless until it is experienced.

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Grains of Sand

Wilbur H. Currie, who on Monday was chosen by his fellow County Commissioners as chairman of the group for another term, has made a record that is outstanding.

During his eight years as Chairman of the Board, he has never been absent from a regular, an adjourned or a called meeting. Mr. Currie meant what he said when he took the oath of office.

Feedstuffs markets advanced slightly during the last week of November influenced by wintry weather and strength in feed grains, reports the U. S. and N. C. Departments of Agriculture.

We have never believed in being disrespectful to the President of the United States. But we can't resist telling this one heard on the corner as the President's special train went through Monday. Even Mr. Roosevelt, who loves a good joke on himself, will appreciate it.

One man approached another in front of the Broad Street Pharmacy and said:

"Did the President wave to you?"
"Yes, but I couldn't wave back."
"Why so?"
"I had one hand on my pocketbook and the other on my checkbook."

The Christian Advocate gives this story:

An old lady went up to a man who was singing at some work he was doing, and asked him, "Don't you find it monotonous to keep on singing the same songs day after day?"

"Yes, mum," he said, "I do. I've done it for years. My father did it before me for years and years, but it wasn't so monotonous for him, because he knew the words!"

CHURCHES

The Sunday evening meeting of the Fellowship Forum, at 7:00 o'clock in the Church of Wide Fellowship, will be a song service led by Miss Pauline Poe. Everyone is cordially invited.

At the Church of Wide Fellowship this Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock the Rev. Voight O. Taylor's sermon theme will be "The Offer of Personality." At 8:00 p. m. there will be a Union service at this church with the congregation of the Baptist church, Mr. Taylor preaching on Sons of God."

At the Emmanuel Church on Sunday the Rev. F. Craighill Brown, rector, services will be as follows: Holy Communion at 8: a. m., Church School at 9:30 and Morning Prayer and Sermon at 11:00.

"Is There A Purpose in Life.?" is the theme of the Rev. E. L. Barber's message on Sunday morning at the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church. In the absence of Dr. Marcus A. Brownson who is ill at Duke Hospital for treatment Warren A. Smith will address the Adult Bible class at 9:45. These services are held at the Carolina Theatre.

The subject of the sermon at the Southern Pines Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock will be "In a Thousand Tongues." The pastor, Rev. J. F. Stimson, will preach.

to the self-assertive tendency of dominance and leadership is a complementary tendency and necessary balance. This is a first principal of any education, meaning by submission, not fear, but desire for approval or praise, as well as adversion to blame or being looked down upon. The church, far from being a refuge for the weak, is the true home of the dominantly tough-minded. It takes a strong self to answer yes to the 'I ought' of his conscience. The church is his aid and his ally.

Go to church to learn of its spiritual aim, and to find for your own incomplete self the meaning and value of the experience that it keeps preaching about. Go to learn of the Christ, and his teachings about God, the moral law, the way of love, the Kingdom of Love, and the life everlasting. "He knew all men and required no evidence from anyone about human nature." He saw into the center of men's lives to know how they were corroded by pride, greed, and lust, and wrecked by love of self and fear of others. He knew how to unlock us to ourselves. In the great art of living, he is the greatest artist. We want him as our friend because such living thrills us. Across the ages his clear call still comes: "Follow me!"

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