

DR. R. J. BATEMAN RAPS "BIG HEAD"

"The man who thinks he knows it all is the most dangerous to a successful program," affirmed Dr. R. J. Bateman, pastor of the First Baptist church, yesterday morning, when he delivered a strong message on "The Gospel Through a Mirror." Reading the 13th chapter of First Corinthians as a scripture lesson and selecting the twelfth verse for a text Dr. Bateman, in part, said:

"In the last part of the 13th chapter of First Corinthians, Paul opens the flood-gates of inspiration; throws back the intervening portiers and allows us to see the radiance of heaven as never seen before. 'Now we see through a glass darkly but then face to face, now I know in part, but then shall I am known. It is the Gospel, the Gospel through this looking glass; Paul inspiring us to look into the perfect while we are enduring the limited.

"First let us not, we are always inspired with reference to anything by the limit of our knowledge concerning it. The more you become informed, the more you are invested in it. Most of us are led by the percolated; by little bits of information found in the roadway, where we walk. Paul is trying to say to us, all that I have said concerning love, sacrifice, is but the preliminary of the real disclosure. He is trying to inspire his pilgrims of grace to pursue and proceed further on. Now we know only in part. A man has evidence of culture when he acknowledges, 'I don't know all there is to know about it.' We do not have all the information concerning anything. Christianity is the most alluring study in the world. The world is getting happier because the world knows it all is the most dangerous to a successful program. If any one knows all there is to know concerning this Book, God and me, there isn't much to know—if anyone knows it.

"Then, let us remember, all that we do know has been a secondhand revelation. Did you ever see the sun? Man turns great telescope on them and the only way to show you the sun, stars and moon is by reflection. If the sun can be so beautiful mirrored, what must it be when we see it—you wouldn't recognize it—beautiful beyond all words of description.

"In the third place, let us observe our increasing knowledge of this, though we see through a mirror, is a guarantee of the fact that after awhile we shall know as we are known. What you have known has made heroes out of cowards and saints out of sinners. The most

dynamic influence on earth today is the Son of God. After awhile human limits are going to be swept away and God's unlimited revelation swept into the consciousness of man. Paul said Christianity is merely in its gloaming, its twilight days.

"There are three or four things here I would have you remember. First, we are going to have a better understanding among ourselves. Some of these days we are going to be able, with perfect adjustment of mind to look ourselves in the face and be absolutely honest. Some day we are going to be fair enough to throw the knife in where it belongs—let the soul of the man shine through without a thousand prejudices. We are going to understand it, we are going to be square.

"In the second place, we are going to understand more about others. One of the things that brings distress to the world, is our limited knowledge concerning others. You do not know me and I do not know you. There are longings in my heart and in yours, that crave for expression—maybe, only God alone knows it. A man proceeding on one phase of a man's character is unworthy to judge a man. We are to know one of these days when we do, there's going to be an inspiration; going to be a surprise. Some of the most despised characters are going to be some of the most loyal; some of those you digressed from, those who threw thorns in your way, you did not know them. Our lives are impoverished because we have not given the opportunity to sincerely know through and through, up and down, all over.

"There we shall know more about Him—the great God, before whose glorious face we have bowed; before whose feet we have bowed, under whose canopy we have lived day and night. We shall understand the surging heart of God, waiting to break over a world of need. When we understand Him there will be no marvels left. He is going to lift the curtain. We are now reading in the primer grades but after awhile we shall be in the great university of God's eternal presence; you and I are going to find our way upward."

"Wells of Well-doing" was discussed by the pastor at the evening hour. During the day, there were several additions to the church and the ordinance of baptism was administered and the Lord's supper observed.

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We accidentally stumbled upon the advisability of piping our spring water to the house but how? What would be the best and most economical plan?

While puzzling over this question, the hydraulic ram—that wonder of wonders—was discovered as a possible means. Surveys were made and presto we now have only to turn a spigot and here gushes that sparkling, crystal spring water, flowing just as freely into our kitchen and back porch as it does for our city friends. We have a 600-gallon capacity tank for protection in case of fire and this gives sufficient pressure for a modern bathroom that will be built adjoining my bedroom on the first floor, just as soon as the rush season for farm work is passed. In the meanwhile, we are enjoying a spigot at the brooder house another at the stock barn, one convenient to the garden for irrigation purposes when needed, another in the combination house used for shower bath, laundry, and canning purposes, a sink with drainboard in the kitchen, and one without drainboard on the back porch.

Since my husband is capable of doing anything that comes to hand, our only expense was for the necessary materials required. Total expenses for the complete water supply equipment, including bathroom fixtures—strictly modern—will not exceed \$350. Already our outfit has been worth the amount spent, and the improvements are for a lifetime and require absolutely no operating expenses of time or money.

Anybody who has a spring of branch nearby could install a simple water system for \$100 if there is sufficient fall for the operation of a hydraulic ram.—Mrs. Chas. B. Cole, in The Progressive Farmer.

NOTICE OF THE SALE OF BONDS

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Saluda, will receive sealed proposals at the office of said Board in the City of Saluda, North Carolina, at Twelve O'clock, Noon, on the 21st. day of December, 1926, for \$50,000.00 of Water Bonds of the said City of Saluda.

The said bonds are to be dated December 1, 1926, and to be due and payable as follows: \$1000.00 thereof on the first day of December in each of the years 1929 to 1944, both inclusive, and \$2000.00 thereof on the first day of December in each of the years 1945 to 1966, both inclusive. The said bonds will be in denominations of \$1000.00 each; both principal and semi-annual interest will be payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York City. The bonds will draw interest at not to exceed six per centum per annum. Bidders are requested to name the lowest rate of interest in their said bids; the said interest rate to be named in multiples of one-quarter of 1 per cent.

The City will furnish the approving opinion of Messrs. Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston, Mass., and will also furnish the bond furnished by the City.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of \$1,200.00 drawn to the order of the Treasurer of said City and be upon an incorporated bank or trust company; the said check is required in order to secure the City against any loss arising from the failure of any bidder to comply with the terms of the sale.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

For further information, address the undersigned.

WALTER THOMPSON, Clerk of City of Saluda, N. C. Dec. 9.

A MAN'S SIX RULES FOR HAPPINESS AND SELF-CONTROL

As is natural, most of the persons who have written us their experiences in this connection have asked that their names be withheld. Our first prize letter is from a Mississippi friend who conquered ruinous worry and anger by developing and following out a set of rules that every reader of The Progressive Farmer might well read, reread, and past in the family scrapbook. This man writes us:

"I can only prove the happiness that results from courageous self-control by endeavoring to depict the happenings of a few of the most miserable and barren years of my life, and how I rose out of that black despair to happiness.

"I was a wreck, physically and mentally. Worry, a fiery temper, impatience, and intolerance, lack of courage, and almost every other bad habit rode me like an Old Man of the Sea. I had given up hope and almost the desire to live, when one day in a last desperate effort to find my way out of the darkness, I asked a young minister who tried to be my friend what one could do to find happiness or what were the main essentials that constituted a normal, happy life.

"He seemed to be glad of the chance to help me, for he took me into his confidence, and for a long time talked of his experiences and his study of mankind. How he managed to impress me, I don't know; but at the end of our talk he told me that here are the six essentials of a normal, happy life:

1. Good health.
2. Congenial work.
3. The discipline of self-control.
4. Companionship (human).
5. Reasonable leisure.
6. Religious or spiritual philosophy.

"These are the essentials he gave me, laying much stress on the discipline of self-control. Impressed and animated by the minister's advice, I decided there was no way out for me except to try resolutely and determinedly to conform to these rules (rules they were to me now). And then in order to make them even more definite and practicable for everyday living, I wrote out a set of regulations to live by, based upon these six essential of happiness. It ran thus:

"1. Health: I will keep my body clean and healthful. I will keep all mental poison out of my thoughts. I will especially resist and exclude fear, which weakens and unnerves me. I will adjust myself to whatever happens. I will not worry. If a thing can be helped, I will help it; if not, I will make the best of it.

"2. Congenial work: If I cannot find something to do that is pleasant, I will try to find pleasure in what I am doing. I will be more honest, square, prompt, and thoughtful. I will try to do somebody a good turn every day.

"3. Discipline of self-control: I will not allow myself to become angry. I will resist pride. If any person treats me wrong I will try to forget it. I will manage to get along without friction or quarrels or strained relations with my family, my friends, neighbors, and business associates. I will cultivate good habits. I will strive to force my will to obey my mind.

"4. Human companionship: I will try to make friends. Also I will try to affect pleasantly everyone with whom I am thrown in contact. I will force myself to practice doing good deeds and cheer to others.

"5. Reasonable leisure: I will plan each day for an hour or so of leisure for rest and quiet, for reflection and for cultivating my own spirit. Also I will learn to look forward to and enjoy my leisure moments, learning to read the best thought of the world's greatest literature, and apply it.

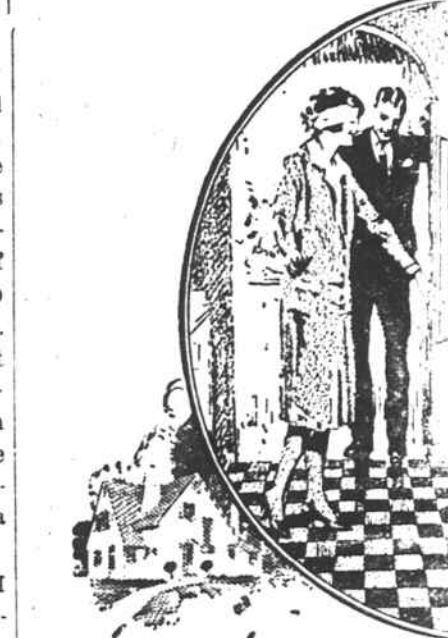
"6. Religion: As there is only one true God, I will do my best to live a life that will please Him. I will cultivate the habit of going to church. Always, I will do my best."

—The Progressive Farmer.

HICKORY PEOPLE GETTING GOOD AS CHRISTMAS NEARS

HICKORY, N. C., Dec. 9.—For the first time in many months the Hickory jail was empty when Chief Simpson of the Hickory police department reached his office early Friday morning. There was not a prisoner in any of the cells. There has been no joll delivery and no one to make a break for freedom.

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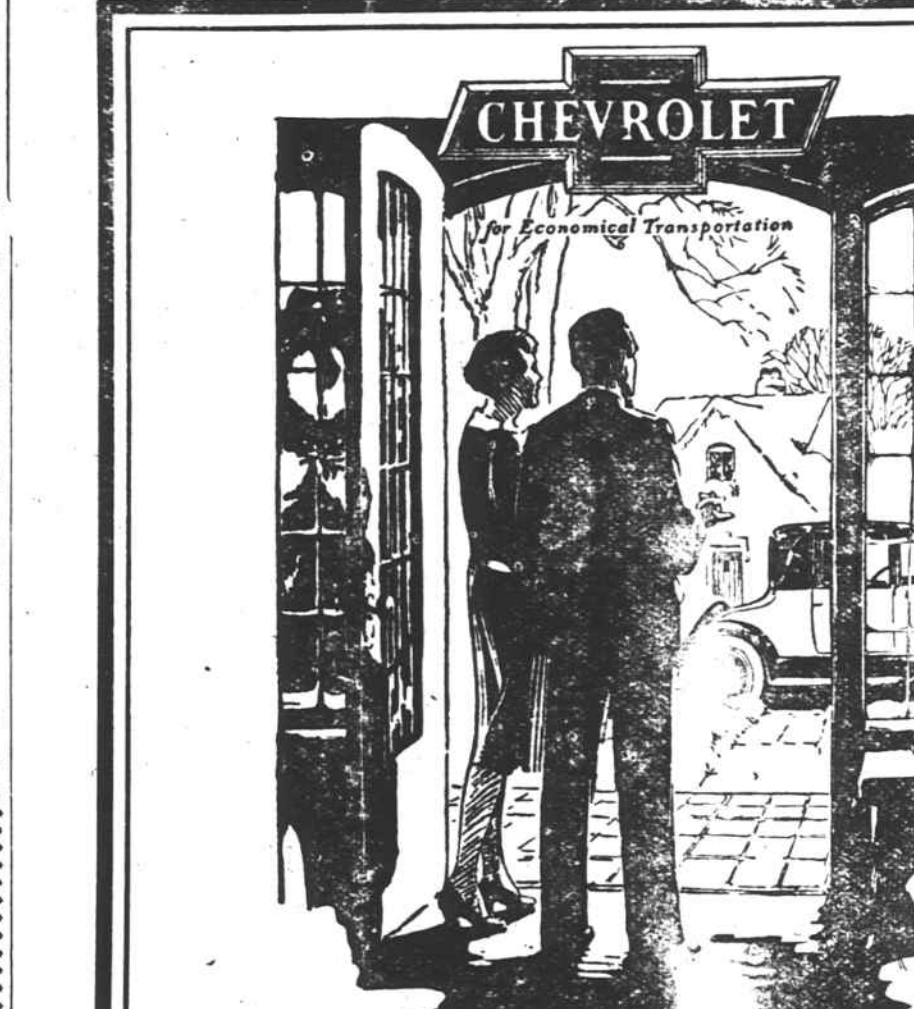
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