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PRINCIPLE FIRST

ONE DOLLAR A YEAR in ADVANCE

A SERMON

FROM EXPERIENCE

Written by a Gaston County Boy who knows.

Last week we gave a synopsis of a sermon from the pulpit on Child raising. This week we give one from the pew. The article below was written for the Cherryville Eagle by a Gaston County boy who knows from experience what he is talking about.

HAVE YOU A BOY?

I ask the question to every family in N. C., Gaston county especially, the latter being my home county where I spent nearly 20 years of my life. I was born in Cherryville, Gaston Co. N. C. July 10, 1885 so I am nearly 30 years old now. 10 years of my life I have spent roving and rambling over the country. I have been from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the St. Lawrence to the Gulf and what have I to show for it? Absolutely nothing but a run down constitution.

But you may ask the question. Why have I spent my life as I have? The question may be complicated to some. But to me it is simple enough. Bad company is the direct and only cause for it. I know it now but only to my sorrow. I can remember the early days of my life as if it was yesterday. I know every one of my associates well. They won't call their names now. And for the past years I have made a canvass and inquired of all my chums so to speak, and I can't recall of a single one who has made good. They are all about on the same equal.

On the other hand the boys who I knew then as good boys, the majority of them to day have made or are making their mark in the world. Some are Bankers, Doctors, and Lawyers and so on.

Now whose fault is it that I did not choose the better class for associates and be in their class today. It is not mine. I was young and tender and in other words did not know any better than the way I did. Now I don't want to make any reflection on my parents for I love them dearly. But through ignorance of what they were doing they allowed me to run with the class that brought about my downfall. As for a mother's influence I was permitted to do many a little deed and to go to stay over night with some boys when it was against her will for me to go with but my mother was helpless in a sense. I know I have as good a mother as any one and I don't believe there is a person any where that knows her but what respects her. My father no doubt thought he was doing right when he would allow me to violate my mother's council. He simply did not investigate and see who I was going with and now my conduct was when out of his sight. Had he done so and properly applied the rod in time I certainly would have been a man today instead of a useless rambler.

There are a lot of things that can and will cause the downfall of a boy. But to sift the things down I can see nothing so sore and certain as the bad influences he gathers from his associates. I write this not for money or popularity I have paid for my experiences dearly and the I am no Christian I do know what is

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MT. HOLLY

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Movement of Mt. Holly people and their Friends-Personal mention.

Mt. Holly, Feb. 23.—We are glad to report the condition of Mr. P. E. Leata to be so much improved that he was able to be brought home from the sanatorium at Charlotte Sunday and is thought to be doing nicely.

Miss Kate Wood of Charlotte spent Sunday here with Mrs. J. C. Cannon.

Mrs. Beatty the aged mother of Mr. Ed Beatty of route one, died Sunday and was buried at Paw Creek today.

Mr. Zeb Covington of Rockingham, was here Sunday visiting his brother, Mr. I. B. Covington.

Mr. J. C. Cannon of Atlanta, Ga., is spending several days with his family.

Mrs. J. M. Hoover is very much indisposed at this writing.

Miss Marie Lineberger who has been visiting relatives here and at Tuckasee for several days returned to her home at Lincolnton yesterday.

Miss Gertie Smith of Gastonia spent the week-end here with her sister, Mrs. E. E. Thompson.

Mrs. Carl Dettler of Charlotte was a week-end visitor at her father's, Mr. W. T. Holland.

Miss Pearl Finger of Maiden arrived Saturday and will be the guest of her brother, Mr. Lester Finger for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry West are visiting relatives at Stanley this week.

We note in today's News an account of the death of Mr. A. K. Loftin of Alta Vista, Virginia. We are very sorry to learn this as we have known Mr. Loftin and family for a number of years.

Reba Maxine, the infant daughter of Mr. Theodore Blackwelder died Saturday and was taken to Concord for burial. She had been sick about a week ago, but to all appearance, had entirely recovered. Saturday at twelve o'clock she was taken suddenly ill and lived only fifteen minutes. The bereaved parents have our deepest sympathy.

Eight of the most important through passenger trains of the Southern Railway have recently been equipped with all-steel, electrically lighted cars of the most modern design.

The trains to which this equipment was assigned that pass Kings Mountain are: Nos. 29, 30, 35, 36, 43, and 44. Nos. 37 and 38 is an all Pullman train and has been all-steel since the introduction of steel cars.

Word comes from Leslie McGinnis to the effect that he has been assigned Cleveland, Gaston, Rutherford and Burke Counties as his present territory as special investigator for the United States Census Bureau. So he will be able to have headquarters at home which is a very pleasant arrangement for him and his family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Goforth will leave for their home in Galesburg, North Dakota, next Tuesday after spending the winter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Goforth. Mr. Arthur Goforth is about to decide to go with them.

38,708,149 Church Members in the United States

ACCORDING TO THE FEDERAL COUNCIL

Roman Catholics Lead and are Followed by Methodists then Baptists—763,087 gain last year.

The question was put to us the other day as to the religious status of our Country. We had to cough up and confess that we did not know but would try to find out. Below we give the facts and figures in the case as given by the Federal Council of Churches. There seems to be about 15 per cent of the total population of the United States of the Roman Catholic persuasion and about one third of the church members are Catholics.

Religious bodies of all denominations gained 763,087 new members in the United States last year, according to the figures compiled by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. This includes not only Christian but other sects. The total number of Church members is now 38,708,149.

The gains while large, are less than half what they were in 1913, when 1,320,604 new members were taken in. On the other hand, the increase in the number of ministers was more than twice as large as in 1913, while the number of additional churches fell off less than half. "These curious mutations are difficult to explain," says the council's report.

All the larger denominations made gains. The largest was made by the Methodists, who added 231,460 new members. The Roman Catholic Church gained 137,859, Baptists 122,125, the Lutherans 56,248, the Presbyterians 56,019, Eastern Orthodox 33,500, the German Evangelistic Synod, representing the State church of Prussia, 29,315 and the Protestant Episcopal Church 28,541.

The Roman Catholics have gained, according to the figures, nearly a million and quarter since 1910. The second largest denomination, the Methodists, have gained nearly 700,000 since 1900. The figures also show that the Episcopalians have now more than a million members. They gained 86,437 since 1910 and more than 300,000 since 1900.

17,508,000 IN COUNCIL

Nearly half, or 17,500,000, of the entire church membership is represented among the Churches that belong to the Federal Council. These bodies have a net increase in all the Churches.

The average increase in all Churches in 1914 was two per cent. It was four per cent in 1913. New communications not only made good all losses from death, expulsion, or withdrawal, but left a surplus of nearly 750,000.

There are nine religious bodies which have a million or more members. They are:

Roman Catholic	13,791,687
Methodist Episcopal	3,608,265
Southern Baptist	2,292,217
National Baptist (colored)	2,013,878
Methodist Episcopal (south)	2,005,707
Presbyterian (North)	1,742,499
Disciples of Christ	1,363,163
North Baptist Convention	1,224,833
Protestant Episcopal	1,015,348

On analysis the figures disclose some rather surprising conditions. While the number of ministers jumped 3,212, during 1914 the number of churches remained almost stationary. There 225,613 churches last year as against

PERSONALS

OF LOCAL INTEREST

Movements of Hera'd Readers and their friends

G. T. King was in Charlotte Friday on business.

J. T. Welch was a business visitor in Charlotte Friday.

Mrs. O. C. O'Farrel was in Charlotte Saturday.

Miss Estelle Willeford was a guest in Gastonia Saturday.

Dr. McBayler of Forest City was in town Friday and Saturday.

Miss Jennie Miller of Lincolnton arrived Friday to visit her sister, Mrs. Fred Finger.

Miss Alda Deal left Friday for South Carolina where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Oscar Moore.

Mrs. Fred Finger returned with her sister Monday to Lincolnton where she is visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Goins have set up housekeeping here in part of E. W. Hord's residence on Mountain street.

LOST—A black overcoat between the overhead bridge and Floyd Manney's residence last Thursday. Finder please return to Charlie Williams.

Mrs. Holland of Mt. Holly and Mrs. McLean of Belmont left Saturday after a visit to their sister, Mrs. J. T. Welch.

Messrs. R. S. Pionk, Dr. O. G. Falls, Geo. V. Patterson, C. E. Leisler, L. A. Kiser, and D. C. Mauley visited the Legislature last week as a committee from Kings Mountain relative to the removal of the County line which runs through the town.

Misses Irma Willeford, Carlyle Ware, Mary Ramsaur and Essie Kester attended the teachers' meeting at Bessemer City Saturday afternoon. Grady Vickers, Inez Bennett, and Mary Bradford, students of the East Kings Mountain Graded School, went along to participate in the spelling match.

The Postal Telegraph Office at Bessemer City has been discontinued and the business which has been going on there referred to the Kings Mountain office. This about doubles the business of the local office.

Mrs. D. M. Baker returned from Jonesville, S. C., Tuesday of last week. As has been previously noted in the Herald, she had attended the funeral of her mother at that place. Her sister, Mrs. Penny, of Paculet, S. C., came home with her and returned Friday.

The Kings Mountain Grocery Company has moved into the store recently vacated by R. T. Cansier. McGinnis Brothers are moving their tin and repair shop into the store vacated by the Kings Mountain Grocery Company.

Mr. M. M. Carpenter is building a brick structure in the Mauney back lot which will be used by E. W. Hord as a blacksmith shop.

Miss Sarah Watson, manager of the Watson & Co. Millinery store here, left Saturday for the northern markets to lay in her spring stock. Mrs. M. F. Hislop, former manager and proprietor, is in charge of the business during Miss Watson's absence.

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BUFFALO

HAS BRIGHT FUTURE

Brother Weathers airs His Optimism on Drainage Results

(Star)

It is delightful to chronicle the fact that the drainage in Buffalo district is nearly finished and at a cost of \$25,000 less than was anticipated. The citizens within the district seem satisfied now that the work has been done, although they put up a stout protest in the beginning. It means that the valley of the Nile has been restored after the rich land lay in idleness and waste for a quarter of a century. Men who are in position to know say that the reclaimed bottoms will yield 50,000 bushels of corn a season and two crops will more than pay the heavy drainage tax. When this special tax is lifted the land will easily bring \$100 more per acre. Conditions are such that corn is bringing \$1.00 per bushel and the farmers along Buffalo and its tributaries will find that good fortune and prosperity will play to their hands if they only make as much corn this year as they possibly can.

Buffalo will again be the "Egypt" of this whole section of the country. The acres of swaying tassels will feed multitudes and the tillers of the soil will prosper as no other section. They will not have the tax to pay next fall by reason of the economy practised in the work by the present drainage commission and a opportunity awaits them that is without a parallel in the history of Cleveland county.

Oak Grove

Correspondence of The Herald.

The following is the honor roll for perfect attendance, good grades and deportment. 3rd month.

First Grade.
Blanche Bell, Quillie Bell, Oscar Lovelace, Odell McSwain.

Second Grade.
Gladys McSwain, Willie Canipe Love Dixon, Wray Thornburg, Pearl Ware, Bertha Ware.

Third Grade.
Crawford Lovelace, Pearl Lovelace, Vassie Bell, W. H. Champion, Ruby Ware.

Fourth Grade.
Edgar Bell, Vera Champion, Edna Watterson.

Sixth Grade.
Jennie Ware, Robert Lee Lackey.

Seventh Grade.
Maggie Ware, Charlie Bell.
Mieses Lula Hord and Ethel Davison, teachers.

There will be a box supper at Oak Grove Saturday evening, March 13. The proceeds will go for the benefit of the school. Everybody cordially invited.

Patterson Grove

Correspondence of The Herald.

Patterson and Ware have finished shredding and moved their power to their sawmill near Ebenezer church.

Nelson Roberts (colored) lost his barn by fire Tuesday Night, Feb. 16, 1915. He also lost his roughness, wagon, wheat-drill and a goat, but succeeded in saving his horses and cattle. The origin of the fire is unknown.

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