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The graphic, clear, impressive lectures of travels in Syria and East Jordan country, and in Iceland given by Dr. Hoenshel last Wednesday and Thursday evenings, we recommend to any intelligent audience which has not heard them. Dr. Hoenshel is a Christian gentleman of pleasing address being somewhat of an artist in the field of expression and possesses excellent thought and clear understanding.

The sad accident here last Sunday night, Feb. 19, which resulted in the death of Lacy Shepherd should be a lasting warning that jumping on and off of moving trains is too risky and too dangerous for any one to indulge in. Only a few days before this accident and tragedy, a young man in town and an employee of the Southern railway company each seriously endangered their lives by jumping from a moving passenger train which they had boarded as it stopped at the station and undertook to jump off after it had got under pretty speed.

That was a liberal spirit in the membership of the Walker Avenue Christian Church, Greensboro, N. C., which swelled the special fund for Elon College to the extent of \$1,000. No one subscribed more than \$100. Prof. Harper who solicited these subscriptions was in the city only a little more than twenty-four hours. When we remember that only a very few years ago this was a mission church, and now find it raising \$100 a year special mission funds through the laymen's movement and giving \$1,000 to the endowment fund of Elon College with more to follow, we are highly gratified.

Examinations closing the winter term begin Mar. 11. It should be the purpose and the effort of every student to be as well prepared as possible for these examinations. They come at the best end of the term in all the college year. The winter term, all in all, is the best for study. Much warm enervating weather is encountered both in the fall and the spring term. But the cold weather of the win-

ter term is conducive to study and general mental activity, and the examinations at its close should so indicate. As a rule, too, in these as well as other examinations, it is more profitable to know the subject rather than try to "spot" the professor.

CHIEF JUSTICE CLARK AND REV. DR. FLEMING THE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS.

Judge Walter Clark, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, has accepted the invitation to deliver the chief literary address on Tuesday, June, 6. Judge Clark is widely known as an able jurist and writer. A few years ago he delivered a course of lectures in the department of law at the University of Pennsylvania, which attracted national attention, and he has otherwise distinguished himself as a learned and able jurist.

Rev. P. H. Fleming, D. D., pastor of the Christian Church, Burlington, N. C., will preach the baccalaureate sermon Sunday, June 4. Dr. Fleming is prominent in the councils of the Christians both in local and national bodies. For many years he has been on the Board of Trustees of Elon College, and at present is the Secretary and Treasurer of that Board. Those who would know the story of his early life should get a copy of "A Mother's Answered Prayer," an autobiographical book from his pen and published by the Board of Publication of the Southern Christian Convention, Rev. J. O. Atkinson, D. D., agent, Elon College, N. C.

MET WITH SUCCESS.

The following news item appeared in the Greensboro Daily Telegram Tuesday, Feb. 21:

"Prof. W. A. Harper, dean of Elon College, who spent Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning in the city in the interest of the special endowment fund of the college, returned home Sunday afternoon highly gratified with the reception accorded him. He came with the expectation of securing subscriptions to the amount of \$1,000 from the members of the Christian Church here, and that amount was secured, although all the members were not seen."

FROM THE PULPIT.

Sunday came, and with it clouds that were dark and threatening; but within the sanctuary here there beamed a light, the light of a sincere life-giving message. The sermon was practical, helpful, and spiritual—a heart message delivered from the heart. A selection from I Kings, 19:9, "What doest thou here, Elijah?" was used as a text.

Dr. J. U. Newman, the speaker of the morning, said that great contrasts were to be found in the lives of all great men, and the greater the success of the individual, the greater seemed the contrast. Elijah lived close to God. He did many noble deeds in the doing of which his faith was tried and proved true. He cared for the widow, he appeared before king Ahab at the peril of his life to reveal God's truth, on Mt. Carmel he put to shame the prophets of Baal and proved the Lord to be the true God; yet when Jezebel threatened his life his courage failed, his faith became weak, and he fled to the mountains to hide in a cave. Is this the same Elijah we have seen standing before the king and the idol-

atrous people of his day? Yes, but now his spirit is broken. This is a paradox of life. It comes in the lives of all great men, or we might say, it is the experience of every one who tries faithfully to do his duty. The Master himself when suffering upon the cross cried out "My God! my God! why hast thou forsaken me?" If this be true should we give up when discouragements come? "No! In the time of trial and discouragement we should look to Him from whom cometh our strength, and He will pilot us safely over the dangerous shoals.

Continuing Dr. Newman said we would notice how God treated those who were discouraged. In the case of Elijah we may consider three things concerning his condition. First, why was Elijah in the mountains? Second, what was he doing there? Third, what ought he to have been doing?

Elijah had fled because he began to think about himself. In former days when he was considering only God's work his courage remained firm and he was a man of power, but now thinking of himself and the failure of others made him unfit to meet life's trials and to act the hero's part. It is not our business to think upon our own and others' failures. We must get away from self if we would be a power for good. We will never accomplish much until we make it our business to do our very best; to obey God's commands, and if need be, to die for His glory. Elijah's faith had become weak when he thought his work was all a failure. Then Elijah thought that he was necessary for God's work. We will never do much so long as we think God cannot get along without us. We may die, but God's work is eternal. With us it is only a question of whether or not we shall have a part in that work and partake of the joy that comes from a life of service.

Here in the wilderness Elijah was lamenting over the failure of his work and the failure of his people to serve Jehovah. He sat himself down under a juniper tree and requested that he might die. His physical strength had become weakened by his flight and long journey, and the first thing God did was to minister to the needs of the body. Sometimes our physical condition is the cause of our complaints and discouragement. It is our duty to take care of the body that it may be the fit earthly home of the soul. The opinions of many critics are worthless because their criticisms are a result of a diseased body. Failure to care properly for the body may make of us the Elijah of flight.

Elijah's physical needs being supplied he was commanded to stand upon the mount before the Lord. Here the lesson was taught that God does not manifest himself by physical forces. We often make the same mistake. We look for some great and marvelous result to follow our Christian efforts. But it was the still small voice that told Elijah to go back to his duty and work, to the service he should have been rendering all this time of flight and despair.

When periods of doubt and discouragement come into our lives we should not give up religion and friends. Stand before God. Go to church and the place of prayer. There you will hear a voice and the clouds will roll by. Then the voice will send you back to a life of service

that you may prepare others for the work, than which there is no greater thing. God is not manifested in the thunder or the whirlwind, but in the life of him who learns to labor and to wait. Then:

"Let us all be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait."

E. L. D.

THOMAS FULLER.

Thomas Fuller, the witty divine and historian, eldest son of the rector of Aldwincle St. Peter's, Northamptonshire, was born at the rectory house of that country parish in the year 1608, and was baptized on 19th of June in that year.

Dr. Robert Townson and Dr. John Davenant, bishops of Salisbury, were his uncles and god fathers. The boy's training was influenced by these and other friends of his father, who was B. D., and had held the position of lector primarius in Trinity College, Cambridge. Fuller studied under the care of Rev. Arthur Smith, and under his cousin Dr. Edward Davenant, the mathematician. According to Aubrey, Fuller was "a boy of pregnant wit." At an early age he was admitted to Queen's College, Cambridge, then presided over by Dr. John Davenant. He was bright and quick in study, and in 1624 he became B. A., and in 1628 M. A. He also attended Sidney Sussex College for awhile, and in 1630 he received from Corpus Christi College, in the same university, the emacy of St. Benet's, which he held for a short time, and where he had for a parishioner the celebrated carrier Hobson. Fuller's quaint and humorous oratory, as displayed in his sermons on Ruth, soon attracted attention. He also attained a certain fame in the university as a writer of verse, and as the author of a poem, in 1631 on the subject of David and Bathsheba. On June 11th, 1635, he proceeded B. D. Then for about six years he devoted himself to his rustic flock, and mean while wrote "The Holy War," being a history of the crusades, and "The Holy and Prophane States," being a book of character biography, both which deservedly popular works went through several editions.

At this time Fuller was well known as a very courteous and engaging gentleman, of good connexions, and of literary tastes. About 1640 he married Eleanor Grave,

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