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LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

—Misses Barnes, Bryan and Clements spent Saturday in Greensboro shopping.

—Mrs. W. L. Smith spent Saturday and Sunday visiting Prof. J. I. Foust, her brother.

—In the Y. M. C. A. Saturday evening Rev. J. F. Morgan was the leader. Subject, "Obedience to the Heavenly Vision."

—Misses Clements, Grace Rollings, Pearl Tuch, Nellie Fleming, Blanche and Lila Newman, spent Sunday in Graham with Miss Helen Simmons.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Hobby of Raleigh visited their daughter, Mrs. Mose Atkinson, from Saturday till Monday.

—Prof. and Mrs. Harper spent Thursday in Greensboro shopping.

—Mr. L. J. Fonville and Miss Mamie Fonville of Burlington spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Sadie Fonville.

—Miss Bessie McPherson led the Y. W. C. A. Sunday afternoon. The subject was "Reverence due to God."

—Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Kernodle went to Semora, North Carolina, Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mr. J. M. Scott. Mrs. Scott was Miss Maude Taylor, '05.

—Miss Elsie Cook of Burlington is visiting Miss Nina Joe Clendinen.

—Mr. Ed. Roberts of Durham, a student, had the misfortune to get his leg broken while practicing base-ball on the diamond Saturday afternoon.

—In the Philologist Society, Friday evening the best speaker oratorically was Mr. M. S. Revell. Debate; Query: Resolved that the failure to pay open accounts should be misdemeanor. Won by the affirmative. Best speaker on the affirmative Mr. J. Lee Johnson. Best speaker on the negative, Mr. E. T. Hines.

—The best speaker in the Clio Society Friday evening was Mr. W. T. Powell. Query of the debate, Resolved that China is destined to become the commercial mistress of the world. Won by the negative. Best speaker on the affirmative Mr. C. J. Felton. Best speaker on the negative Mr. J. A. Dickey.

—Those who deserved special mention in Psiphelian Society Friday evening were Miss Maibelle Pritchette an original story, Miss Lillian Johnson a recitation, Miss Mabel Farmer an essay.

—Mr. Roberts of Durham came up Sunday, to be with his brother since he was hurt.

—Mr. B. L. Walker visited in Graham Sunday.

—Mr. W. R. Roberson led in the Christian Endeavor Society Sunday evening, subject "Aid for the tempted." It was a real good spiritual meeting.

—Dr. and Mrs. F. S. Childs from Fairfield, Conn., are expected here Thursday. Dr. Childs is going to deliver a course of lectures in the Chapel.

—Dr. and Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Mose Atkinson, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. J. W. Patton, and Mrs. Moffitt went to Greensboro Wednesday evening to hear Mr. Chas. Butler sing.

—Prof. B. B. Daughy, president of the Appalachian Training School, of Boone,

was a pleasant visitor here the first of the week.

FROM THE PULPIT.

Dr. J. U. Newman preached at the eleven o'clock service here Sunday. No comment on the sermon is necessary. A selection was used from the book of Jonah as the lesson of the morning. "How God deals with a man that is unwilling to work" was the central theme.

God speaks to every man and bids him do a definite work. So often, as in the case of Jonah, man tries to get away from God and escape the work assigned him by the ruler of the universe. In the time of Jonah every nation had its own god or gods. They thought these gods dwelled only in their own land. Hence, Jonah thought that he could escape God by getting out of his own country. Everyone is familiar with the story of Jonah's attempted flight and the means God used to keep him from shirking the task he had been commanded to do. In this awful condition, driven to turn his thoughts to God by reason of his affliction, he poured out his soul in prayer. Then God delivered him and sent him to do the same work that the former command had him do. Jonah obeyed this last command, not on account of his willingness to be an agent in the salvation of Nineveh, but because he feared the wrath of God.

It often happens that God uses an unwilling worker to advance his cause. When Jonah delivered the message to the people of Nineveh they repented of their evil deeds and God had mercy upon them. This displeased Jonah as he had wished his preaching to have no effect that he might see the city destroyed instead of saved. He went out from the city and built himself a tent, there to wait and see what God would do. God did not forsake the prophet but protected him as he dwelled there without the city. The reason Jonah was displeased was because he wished God to conform to his own notion of how things should be done. The same thing is often true of people today. They are willing to do service so long as they can carry out their own plans, but when God directs them to do a work contrary to their own selfish ideas they become displeased. All this spirit is but a reaping of the harvest of selfishness, littleness, and bigotry which the individual has sown in his own heart.

Jonah represents Israel. God had chosen this people to carry the light of his love to all people. Israel was unwilling to carry out her mission and to give to the world the benefit of the ten commandments. Israel presumed to gather unto herself all these nuggets of truth, not realizing that only by sharing them with others could she make them a greater blessing to herself. Thus it was that Israel became narrow, selfish—a pool of spiritual stagnation in which form of worship supplanted the spiritual. The same is true in the life of every person. No one can attempt to appropriate the blessings of a Christian life to selfish ends without losing the very blessings them-

selves. Because of this the people of Israel suffered many hardships and were finally carried into captivity. Then, in their distress they cried unto God and he heard and delivered them; but when they returned from bondage they remembered not that they were to be the light of the world and become more narrow in conduct than ever, doing everything for their own selfish ends. Israel continued in this course until God allowed the nation to be destroyed. Today the Jews are scattered throughout the earth. They are out of harmony with the plan of salvation and not in sympathy with the church of Christ. What an awful example of the failure to share God-given blessings with others!

Jonah was a great preacher to his own people. He lived in a prosperous age and helped carry on many reforms in his own nation. But when God called him to do something for a people not his own he became displeased and sought to escape the duty by flight. So often this is true in our own lives. We are bound up in self-narrow, conceited, and unsympathetic. Could we but realize that the highest joy is in serving others, not in living solely for self, it would bring into our lives a happiness which would surpass any we have yet dreamed of.

There are some practical lessons we may get from this story of Jonah. As Jonah represents Israel, in like manner his life may represent you and me. The same voice of God lives on. We often think such things apply only to the preacher and the church member. There is no man who is not spoken to. All have a mission. The question is: Will we heed the call and cheerfully do the work that is given us to do.

Jonah brought trouble not only to himself but to others about him, and so may we by failing to do our duty. We are called to be noble and useful, and we should throw away the things that deaden us in body, mind, and soul. We are often asleep in our own littleness, as it were, dead to a sense of duty.

As in the case of Jonah, suffering comes to all unwilling workmen. God does not like to drive us, but through his mercy he is sometimes forced to. God intends for us to get some pleasure out of life's work. Why should our work be a drudgery? It will not be if we are in harmony with the divine plan. Often we stop and build a tent for "self," becoming displeased with God and his mercy. If we tarry in this tent of "self," like Jonah we shall despair. The question is not what we have done, but: What does God require of us?

SUNDAY-SCHOOL REPORT FOR MARCH 5, 1911.

Class No. 1. Dr. J. U. Newman, Teacher. Present, 14; collection, 23 cents.

Class No. 2. Prof. T. C. Amick, Teacher. Present, 16; collection, 27 cents.

Class No. 3. Mr. A. L. Lincoln, Teacher. Present, 17; collection, 43 cents.

Class No. 4. Mrs. R. J. Kernodle, Teacher. Present, 14; collection, 41 cents.

Class No. 5. Mr. E. T. Hines, Teacher.

Present, 6; collection, 12 cents.

Class No. 6. Mr. R. A. Campbell, Teacher. Present, 18; collection, 25 cents.

Class No. 7. Mrs. J. M. Patton, Teacher. Present, 26; collection, 12 cents.

Class No. 8. Miss Ethel Clements, Teacher. Present, 13; collection, 12 cents.

Class No. 9. Mrs. J. M. Saunders, Teacher. Present, 18; collection, 10 cents.

Class No. 10. Mrs. J. L. Foster, Teacher. Present, 28; collection, 11 cents.

Citizens' Bible Class. Prof. W. A. Harper, Teacher. Present, 18; collection, 25 cents.

Totals: Scholars, 188. Visitors, 2. Whole School, 200. Collection, \$2.41.

PUPILS OF EXPRESSION.

The students and college community spent a delightful hour, Thursday evening March 2, in the college auditorium, with Miss Clement's class in Expression. The program was made up of aptly selected monologues, recitations and character sketches. Each pupil showed aptness and training for the parts they took in the recital. If applause is an expression of enjoyment, the class should feel glad because of their gifts and training in the department they represent.

The program follows:

An Early Call on Mr. Bear— Paine
Miss Mary Foster
Seen' Things— Eugene Field
Miss Blondie Kernodle
The Knight and The Page— Howe
Miss Viola Frazier
A Morning Ride— Bitney
Miss Sudie Lyerly
"Finished Education"— Selected
Mr. B. J. Earp
Before The Milliner's Mirror— Bitney
Miss Lillian Johnson
Across the Fields to Anne—
Richard Burton
Miss Maggie Isley
Pillar Fights— Ellsworth
Miss Bessie McPherson

THE BAND ELECTS OFFICERS.

At the regular business meeting of the College Band a few days since, the following were elected officers.

President, M. W. McPherson, Secretary, E. L. Doughtrey, Treasurer, J. S. Lincoln, Assistant director, W. N. Huff. R. A. Campbell remains director.

The band now has the largest regular membership since its organization and may be depended on for some lively and patriotic tunes at our ball games and other gatherings during the coming spring.

TENNIS LOOKING UP.

By no means all the enthusiasm along athletic lines is confined to base-ball. A number of men are taking advantage of the spring-weather to initiate their duck garbs and to get their cuts and curves under control. Manager Lincoln has this phase of our life well under way and the greatest difficulty at present seems to be a lack of courts. Can't we have a few more, somehow? This is a sport that can be indulged in by both branches of a co-ed school and as long as this is true it will have its friends.