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## LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

—Dr. Moffitt returned Tuesday from an extended trip in Eastern Va.

—Mr. Edd Hatch, of Asheboro, stopped here awhile, Friday, on his way to Raleigh.

—Mr. S. S. Rollings of Kenley, class of '08, spent Sun. here with his sister, Miss Grace, who has been very sick for a few days, with measles.

—Messrs. D. M. Davidson and A. B. Owen of Gibsonville were visitors here Sunday.

—Mr. Sion Williams of Raleigh visited friends here Saturday and Sunday.

—Miss Bessie Barnes went to Greensboro Monday, shopping.

—The pulpit was filled by Dr. F. S. Child, of Fairfield, Conn., Sunday. He preached an eloquent sermon.

—Mr. B. K. Richardson, of Guilford College, spent Sunday here with his sister, Miss Flora.

—Misses Ethel Clements and Annie Bagwell leave Tuesday for Morrisville to be present at the marriage of Miss Nora Pugh to Mr. R. T. Scott, on Wednesday. Miss Clements will sing and Miss Bagwell will be one of the bride's maids.

—Mrs. Tom Chandler of Virgilina, Va., is visiting at the home of her father, Dr. G. S. Watson.

—Mr. Sipe Fleming spent Friday evening in Greensboro with his sister, Miss Nellie.

—Rev. B. J. Earp filled the pulpit at the Palm Street church Greensboro, for Dr. Wicker Sunday morning and evening.

—Miss Sudie McCauley led in the Y. W. C. A. Sunday afternoon. Subject "The Kingdom of God."

—Miss Nellie Sue Fleming was taken to St. Leo's Hospital Wednesday evening of last week, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis, which was entirely successful.

—The ball team left Monday morning for Wilson where they will play two games with the Atlantic Christian College of that place.

—Mr. Bunn Fearington of Riggsbee was a visitor here Sunday night.

—Miss Ella Andrews of Burlington, Mrs. Tom Harden and Miss Mamie Foust of Graham spent Sunday with Mrs. W. L. Smith.

—Dr. Wicker went to Jonesboro Saturday in the interest of the College, returning today.

—Mr. R. A. Campbell, our competent and popular bandmaster, received a letter Friday requesting his presence at Staunton, Va., for the next several days. Mr. Campbell is a member of the band of the 70th regiment of Virginia Volunteers, and had to take his military paraphernalia there for the usual annual inspection.

## FROM THE PULPIT.

It was a rare privilege and pleasure to listen to the message brought to us by Dr. Frank S. Child at the regular preaching service here Sunday. Our people were impressed with the vital importance of the theme discussed, and also, with the ear-

nestness with which it was presented for our consideration. The sermon was beautiful in its simplicity, practical, helpful, and dealt with the sad condition so many people of our day have unconsciously allowed themselves to drift into. A selection from Luke 12:1, "Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy," furnished the text.

A preacher who is laboring very successfully in the far northern sections of America was cited as an example of the wonderful results to be obtained by conscientious, prayerful self-examination. Early in life this man came to the conclusion that his religious life was a humbug. To him it was a very startling conclusion, but it was the crisis of his life. This led him to endeavor to lead a sincere life and made his life one of service.

Christ came to this same conclusion in regard to many people of his day. The Pharisees were formal in their worship. They did their religious work to be seen of men. The whole weight of Christ's wrath was turned on this sort of thing. Christ was very sympathetic in his dealings with humble people, but when he came to one claiming to be what he was not, Christ turned his wrath upon that person. This spirit must be crushed out. True religion is a face to face religion between man and God. We find in the writings of Paul admonitions not to think too highly of self, and we would do well to heed the warning.

This question is forced upon us: Is our religion a humbug? We must put this question to our individual selves and see what we get as an answer. So often men try to keep in relation with the church and at the same time are engaged in doubtful occupations. They will take any advantage of the people in trade that opportunity may offer, and yet they call themselves good Christians. Human nature is the same throughout the world and among all classes of people. In every man's life there is ever a struggle between right and wrong. It is easy and easy to understand how men fail when viewed in this light. Many persons deceive themselves by doing their works to be seen of men, forgetful of the heart-service that must be given. In the case of the example given a thorough examination of self led him to his conclusion that his religion was a humbug, that it lacked heart, reality, and came from the lips only. Thus the shallow pretence was driven from the heart and a great change wrought in our lives. Are we deceiving ourselves? Do we think we have pure religion when both man and God know we do not? Could we not benefit our lives by this self-examination?

There are some questions we might all ask with profit. First: What is my religion doing for me? Yes, my friend, what has become of that hot temper, that narrow spirit, that self-conceit, that evil habit, and the many faults that human flesh is heir to? Religion ought to make you the best son, the best daughter, or the best neighbor that it is possible for

you to be. If our religion does not exalt and ennoble us, what is to become of the world's religious work? The Christian's state must be a plane of high thinking and noble living. We cannot hope long to deceive men, they will find us out. The good that one true soul may do can never be estimated. Shall that true soul be you? Shall it be me?

In the second place we might ask: What am I doing for my religion? One of the saints of old was asked by the Lord in a vision what he most desired to be done unto him. The answer came, "Lord, that I might suffer most." We often think true service is not to be found in humble things, but it is so. When the world suspects our sincerity, it is time for us to stop and think on these things. When a dying father says to his son, "Keep a sharp eye on everyone in business, but especially on Christians," it is time that we should turn for an examination of self. Are we at work in the vineyard, or are we like robbers endeavoring to live by the labor of others? It is time that we consider these things.

These are some tests we might apply that would give us our bearing: Do we believe in Christ as the world's Savior? Do we purpose to follow the commands of God? Have we honesty of purpose? Do we try to imitate the example given by Christ and the lives of the world's great and good? Do we endeavor to do right and to serve God?

If we can honestly and sincerely answer these questions in the affirmative we may be sure, though through human weakness we sometimes make mistakes and our faith seems weak indeed, that our religion is not a humbug. Yes, we may be sure that one day we shall be one with Christ.

E. L. D.

## DR. CHILD'S LECTURES ON EGYPT.

Rev. Frank Samuel Child, D. D., of Fairfield, Connecticut, delivered three lectures on Egypt, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings of last week. He was the preacher also, at the eleven o'clock service Sunday.

Dr. Child is the author of several books among which are, "The Friendship of Jesus," "An Old New England Town," "A Colonial Witch," "The Unknown Patriot."

He has traveled extensively in Great Britain, the Continent of Europe, Palestine and Egypt besides being extensively acquainted with his own country. He is also the pastor of a large and influential church in Fairfield. His deep piety, extensive scholarship, wide experience, and sagacious, prudent counsel make him a valuable member of church and educational boards, which agencies make heavy drafts upon his time and thought. Yet he finds time for carefully preparing and delivering before church and college audiences, many lectures on his travels, and on literary, historical and biblical subjects. On this visit he was accompanied by Mrs. Child, it being her first trip to Elon. The high esteem and the great

love with which Dr. Child is regarded here was only heightened and deepened by the visit of his most pleasant and delightful companion, a lady of genuine womanly culture, of broad sympathies, unusual intelligence, and like her husband, tempered in judgment by extensive travel.

I shall not attempt to give even an outline of the lectures on Egypt, but shall say simply, that they were highly entertaining and stimulatingly instructive. The first was of the approach to Egypt, the sea voyage from Gibraltar to Alexandria. Dr. Child's exquisite style as fine as Hawthorne's, his intense interest and belief in what he is saying and his engaging art as a lecturer held the attention of his audience through every sentence, riveted to the speaker. The historic Mediterranean whose waters and shores constitute a vast library of history, romance, tragedy and religion are prolific in their effect on such an alert, widely informed, and richly imaginative mind as Dr. Child's.

The second lecture was of Alexandria and the Nile. The third was on Egyptian excavations and discoveries. These two lectures leave the impression that Grecian learning shined with a borrowed light which came from great Egyptian universities, and that in matters of art Egypt has not been equalled, in many respects, by any subsequent nation. So that with our boasted modern civilization, genius for invention, we are still inferior to the Egyptians in many of the most enduring arts.

W. P. L.

## BACKBONE vs. WISHBONE.

Karl Ludwig Kraft.

Proportionately, if a man's backbone weakens his "wishbone" develops.

The nine-dollar-per clerk wastes his time in wishing he had the luck of a Rockefeller, a Carnegie, or a Morgan—wishing that he had this, that or the other job—continually wishing.

The material parts of the human body, muscles or bone, develop only by usage. There is not, in nature, any spontaneous generation; everything comes by propagation.

Which are you developing—your backbone or your "wishbone?" Do not complicate them. By constantly using your "wishbone" it will develop in undue proportions. On the other hand, in properly strengthening your backbone you shall have no cause to wish.

"Brace up;" stand erect; strengthen your backbone—also, your jawbone. Learn to say "I will" instead of that monotonous "I wish." The world bestows prizes on men with a backbone, while to those with a "wishbone," asking for fish, she gives a serpent.

Motion propagates motion and life throws off life. Wishing you were fabulously rich leads you to the bread line.

Teacher of History. "Miss Stella, will you name the causes of the Revolutionary War?"

Answer. "The discovery of the Pacific Ocean."