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LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

Mrs. Wilson is visiting friends in Winston-Salem.

Dr. W. C. Wicker left Thursday morning to deliver the annual literary address at the commencement exercises of Jefferson Academy, McLeansburg.

Messrs. Ethel Clements and Thelma Clymer spent Monday night at Miss Clymer's home in Greensboro, N. C. They attended the revival in progress at the Christian Church, where Miss Clements gave several beautiful vocal solos.

Mrs. M. F. Cook and children left on Tuesday for their home at News Ferry, Va., after a few days' visit on the Hill.

Miss Estelle Butler left for her new home at Conshohocken, Penn., last Sunday.

Miss Thompsie Holland who has been indisposed for several days is much improved, we are glad to note, and will be able to resume her studies again in a few days.

Miss Winnie Du Rant spent last Sunday with Miss Annie Rippy at her home near Altamahaw, N. C.

We are glad to note that Mr. R. H. McCauley, who is at St. Leo's Hospital, Greensboro, N. C., under treatment for appendicitis, is still improving, and it is hoped that he will be able to be taken home in a few days.

The members of the baseball team returned to the college last Monday night from their western trip. They were victorious in two games and defeated in two.

Miss Sudie McCauley spent last Sunday with her brother who is sick in a Greensboro hospital.

Misses Pitt, Barnes, and Bryant spent last Saturday in Greensboro, shopping.

Among those who attended the recital given in the college Thursday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Jno. R. Foster, Burlington, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Davidson with the latter's sister, Miss Miller, Gibsonville, N. C., Mr. M. W. McPherson, Haw River, N. C., Misses May and Beulah Foster, Burlington, N. C., and Miss Bessie McPherson, of Haw River, N. C.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN CONVENTION.

Of all the inspiring and uplifting, of all the great, good, and beneficial occasions that have ever taken place within our village, we feel that none has surpassed, if equaled the recent Convention. Delegates and visitors gathered from various parts of the country and rejoiced together in the great work. All representatives or delegates, who were not present to partake of this rare treat, are not likely to enjoy such an opportunity soon, if ever. Every minute from start to finish was well-filled. Everybody came prepared to receive a blessing and we feel sure that all went away carrying blessings to various communities. The good resulting from this occasion remains to be told in the future.

The first session, on Tuesday evening, April 30th, was opened with the introductory address on "Christian Education," by Dr. W. W. Staley, President of the Convention. This was indeed an interesting and well prepared address. He divided education into five steps, viz., religious, literary, military, scholastic, and Christian education. The latter step embodied all others.

Matters of great weight and importance began with the session Wednesday morning and lasted till the close Friday afternoon. This session was almost wholly given to the consideration of the Orphanage interests. The most impressive part of it were the exercises rendered by the orphan children. These showed skill and careful training on the part of their excellent matron, Mrs. Foster.

The afternoon session was given to the consideration of Home Missions. The great need of Home Missions was brought out as never before. New ideas were laid before the audience and active feeling was aroused. These were made stronger by the excellent sermon delivered that evening by Rev. Oliver W. Powers, D. D., Secretary of Home Missions.

Thursday morning was well used in considering the interest of Foreign Missions. The Mission ideas increased until all were moved and so thrilled with the mission spirit that the discussions became very lively.

Doubtless the most interesting session came in the afternoon. Schools and colleges being the chief objects under consideration. Whenever and wherever the word school or college is mentioned it immediately gains the attention of all Christian workers.

The sermon Thursday evening, by Rev. A. W. Lightbourne, D. D., was probably the most interesting of the Convention. Everyone left this meeting feeling it was good for them to have been there.

The session Friday morning was given to the consideration of the Publication interest. The address by Mr. Netum Rathbun, Publishing agent, was made exceedingly impressive by the well prepared, illustrating chart, which he skillfully used.

The closing session in the afternoon was profitably used, as well as all the preceding moments, in the consideration of the Young People's Societies. An eloquent address was delivered by Rev. L. E. Smith. A most interesting discussion followed. All enjoyed these to the fullest extent. This closed the long talked of, thought of, wished for and prayed for Convention. V. E. F.

Get an eye on something if nothing but a dray horse.

The difference between a big business man and a little one is not so much one of natural ability but the different ways in which each uses what he has.

Three "M's" of business, men, money, material.

SUNDAY SERVICE.

Dr. Newman, in a plain, practical and forcible manner preached from the College pulpit Sunday. As a Scripture lesson he read part of the fifteenth chapter of First Samuel, and based his discourse on the following verse: "And Samuel said what meaneth this bleating of sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?" Dr. Newman spoke partly as follows:

Saul was a remarkable man. He was the best man in all his country to establish a permanent kingdom. Israel had now passed through four hundred years of anarchy. She had suffered seven captivities. But God was going to make Israel a powerful nation. He was going to appoint for her a great king. And whom did He call? He called a man tall of stature; with a broad intellect; gifted by nature; and who had the Spirit of God upon him—He called Saul. And for the young man he gave Samuel, wise, consecrated, and old Samuel as counselor.

Now Saul was commanded to utterly destroy the Amalekites. King Amalek had been destroying and stealing grain, sheep, oxen and even going into the cities of the Israelites and carrying away women and children. They would then retire to their places of safety. No city was safe, no crop was safe; work of any and all kinds was often destroyed by the mobs of Amalekites. They were a thorn in the nation's flesh, and must of a necessity be completely destroyed.

For ten years Saul had been a successful king, going on conquering and conqueror. God's command was heard. The Amalekites were conquered. Saul returned thinking that to him and his country it was a grand day and a grand career. Had he not reached his glorious, yes, triumphant climax? His spoil was much, and he met the old prophet Samuel with pride. "I have performed the commandment of the Lord." And Samuel said, "What meaneth, then, this bleating of sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of oxen which I hear?" Then the self-condemned man began to cower, and answered that they did it for the Lord's glory. It was done, however, to grace their own triumph.

Obedience is one of the greatest glories—the greatest man can render to God. A thousand altars nor a thousand fires are not as great in the sight of God as one obedient heart. Here was the young man right in the very bloom of success—a failure. He did not obey. Yes, he failed when it was least expected. This failure was a direct result of disobedience.

God gives us a kingdom. We are the crowning act of His infinite wisdom. Man was made to be a conqueror, a king, a being of power. We each have a sphere, and we are the only one in the wide world who can fill that sphere. If you do not come up to expectations you are the loser. Your kingdom is threefold: body, appetite, and passion. You must

be king over those three things. I care not how great, how grand, how glorious one may think himself to be, he is not a real living success until he conquers his body, his appetites, and his passions. Some day when he is in the midst of his greatest successes the sheep will bleat, the oxen will low. Every one must control all. Only one thing Saul failed to master, yet that one thing betrayed him when he needed most that it should not betray him. Many a man or woman today would give their right arm, if they could, for the conquering of some things in the past. For sins not conquered are ever bleating or lowing.

Man is made to be a master, a success, a ruler of a kingdom. They who want to be a power must make their first conquest conquering self. We become more and more a power as we become more and more a conqueror. Saul failed because he did not conquer all. Many failures are brought about on account of neglect to cultivate some one mental phase. Memory untrained may disgrace you when memory is most needed. The same is true of spiritual forces, for man is a spirit. If we get no more cultivation or control than an animal, then we are but little more than such. But on the other hand man is only a little lower than the angels—crowned with glory and honor. God and Heaven itself is his help, and as long as he obeys he can't fail.

Disobedience is an awful sin. Disobedience cast angels from Heaven; disobedience drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden; disobedience destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah; disobedience led Israel into captivity; and it was disobedience that scattered the Jewish nation. It is a truth that goes through all life, for God made all. To live is to recognize God's laws. Disobedience to the laws of health fills our hospitals; disobedience to the laws of society crowds our jails. The greatest strikes that are to-day cursing the world are caused by disobedience. Man owes obligations to his fellowmen. Those unhappy days, that sad expression, is a result of disobedience. But the church is behind the obedient man, God is behind him, and all influences are helping him. Let us for the sake of all destroy the sheep and oxen.
John G. Truitt.

Most of the great industrial and commercial institutions are so organized that they can run in safety if manned by men of character. Honesty is the chief thing, for the institutions are schools in themselves. There is education enough in the United States to run a world, if we had character enough to govern a State. Jesus Christ is the Model Teacher and all education should end in Him. The danger of education is that it will train the body and the mind, and neglect the heart. "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."