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Free Will Baptist services every 4th Sunday at 11 o'clock, and at night, Eld. G. C. Vause, pastor. Praying meeting every Friday night. Sunday School every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

SHIPWRECK.

BY L. M. CROSS.

To one who has never crossed the ocean, but has only stood on the shore and watched its restless billows as they wrathfully washed against the beach, there is associated in the mind a picture of awful danger. The impressions are deepened if, during a storm, the eyes rest upon some ship which is vainly endeavoring to ride safely to port upon its waves and is dashed against the rocks or landed a hopeless wreck.

What if there is one at the wheel! What if the pilot has no chart to guide the ship with its priceless freight of human life? Sure and certain shipwreck awaits the vessel. It makes no difference how splendid the machinery, how strong its timbers or how experienced its officers and crew may be.

Thousands of parents and teachers, not willfully perhaps, but thoughtlessly, if you choose, are leaving the boys and girls under their charge, to certain shipwreck of mind and body because they do not instruct them in a pure and healthful manner upon subjects concerning which intelligence is so essential.

MEETING AT MILBOURNEY.

DEAR EDITOR:—Please allow me space to tell the brethren and sisters about a good sermon, Bro. J. L. Strickland preached at Milbourney the 4th Saturday and Sunday in March. His text on Saturday was 1 Peter 1:6. His text on Sunday was Acts 9:6. We enjoyed the sermons, and want Bro Strickland to come again.

We are looking for Eld. B. W. Tippet to fill the next appointment, which is Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April. Our Sunday School is improving very much. Pray for us. Yours in Christ, T. H. LAMM.

THE SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.

BY E. L. STCLAIRE, D. D.

In as much as many have at various times requested me to write on this subject, I now comply. There never was a time when God did not have a priesthood or ministry, and God has always made provisions for their support.



ELDER JAMES M. BARFIELD.

Elder Barfield was born and reared in Greene Co., N. C. He has been the general manager of the Free Will Baptist Pub. Co. for a number of years, and has been the means of holding the work together like an anchor that would swing like a loose one.

dec blessed Abraham, and Abraham in return gave him a tenth of the spoils. Thus, we see, that Abraham, acknowledged God's servant, and gave for his support. When the law was given by Moses, one tribe was set aside as servants, ministers for the divine service, and God gave orders that one tenth be given of all that was made, from year to year, be given this priestly tribe. Most of Israel's troubles came upon them, because they failed to observe this law.

all in England, it was born in the United States. Selfishness gave it birth. It is no where taught in the word of God, but to the contrary we are plainly taught, to give as the Lord prospers us. They who give sparingly shall reap sparingly. In those early days of the church, when a man would preach, he gave himself up to the study of the Word, and to preaching, and the church gave him a support.

In the early history of our Zion, the church helped the pastor. Benjamin Randall was sent out by the church at New Durham, North Car.



EDITOR E. T. PHILLIPS.

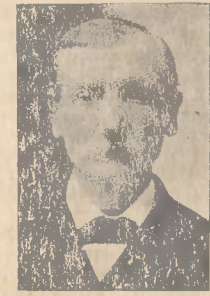
Our editor of the FREE WILL BAPTIST paper and Sunday School literature—a noble advocate of Christian fidelity. He was born in the state of N. C. He is a member of the Western Conference, and is loved by all whom meet him.

olina, and those early fathers gave him of their means. Those sturdy New Englanders not only bore the bitter persecutions of the times, but also supported those whom God had called to preach the Word. The Gospel provides for the support of the ministry. We are not commanded to give the tenth in the New Testament, but we are commanded to give as the Lord prospers us.

Now, we need an intelligent ministry, who can cope with the world. A ministry who shall be able to present a clear simple Gospel. Our ministry today cannot meet this demand. The apostles and other ministers went to the great cities and towns. Our preachers burnt the back woods. They feel and know their ignorance. They can't help it, for it takes their time to make a living. Where is the remedy? What shall we do? Let our Zion die? Shall we do like the Primitive Baptist, oppose intelligence and missions, and like them gradually die?

Now, in their old age, they continually call on the very same people for support and help in their old age.

They preached two ways, one time while young and strong that all they wanted was souls for their hire, but now, they are old and feeble, and find out they can't eat souls, they can't wear them, they want cash, so the people say they preached two ways. It looks like they lost faith in God, for if God would take care of them while they were young, it certainly does look like he would take care of them in their old age, with out calling on the people



THOS. E. PEDEN, D. D. L. L. D.

This noble man has been a minister and teacher of theology for more than fifty years, and a true Free Will Baptist. He has devoted his entire life to the cause. He was born in the state of Ohio, is a graduate of Albany Manual Laboring University. He is now President of the Free Will Baptist Theological Seminary at Ayden, N. C. His life and work is an example to all who know him.

He has started thousands on the road to success, such as ministers, lawyers, doctors. In fact he is a geminal in our midst.

whom they taught not to give.

Once I attended a conference and made a talk on missions and the support of the ministry. When I had finished an Elder jumped up and snorted and pitched. He resurrected all the precious old fathers. ("Peace to their ashes.") and told how they went about preaching and establishing churches. He said that we younger preachers wanted to fleece the flock. He told how he went about expecting nothing, asking for nothing, but after that I heard him at the close of a meeting, tell a committee of ladies to collect all they could for him. After he made his speech, a dozen preachers accused him to me, of lying, saying, that they never knew him to hold a meeting or serve a church. But that he asked for help.

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plan, give as the Lord prospers, that is plan enough. We have cultivated the wrong spirit in man, now, let us cultivate the right spirit. It is wrong to want and take what our ministers have for nothing. Give as the Lord prospers.

THE MODEL PRAYER.

Jesus says that there is a region where God's will is perfectly done, "In heaven." He desires that the harmony of this region spread over all the earth.

When God's will is everywhere perfectly done, heaven and earth will have become one, just a man here and now may live in heaven, as Jesus did, in the bosom of the Father, the place of safety, peace, joy, rest, power. Heaven is a revelation, an uncovering, a removal of the veil from realities that are eternal, although our blind eyes fail to see them. The salvation is "ready to be revealed." God waits only on our vision. Jesus' social reform begins with the will of the individual. We must learn to say, "Thy will be done in me," first. When we do so, we lift the whole race. If American farmers refused to grow wheat, brown men in far off India would suffer. The skill and labor of every son of toil affect all men, somehow, to the very ends of the earth. The soul that does God's will, therefore, answers in part this petition, and God's will is realized on earth.

God's will which Jesus desires to see supreme, is the eternal life-plan. He has thought out for each one of us. Some fear to say, "Thy will be done," because they think that God's will means privation, self denial, hard and unpleasant things. Not at all. If only God's will were done, life would contain nothing but pleasant things. It is man's way that has introduced all that is hard and bitter. All sin, sorrow, suffering, and the agony of death. God's will is only kindness. If I give up my own will, and the will and manner of life of my neighbors, and surrender myself to God to do His will alone, then I am actually giving up all care, sorrow, and sin, and accepting the eternal good that He has always wished me to possess. God is not a monster. He is kind. He wants His children to be happy. Jesus could say, "My joy," "My peace."

Shall I surrender now, and say, "Thy will be done?" Yes, but what will happen if I do? God will begin to straighten out all the crooked things that have crept into your life through ignorance and sin. He will begin to bring you back to his eternal purpose. This may make you imagine that he is taking away some things from you, but only harmful things and he removes them in order that He may lead you into your own inheritance.

Surrender! Lay everything at His feet. Tell Him to take away what your own will

has taken, or stolen, that He never meant you to have. Let everything go. He will give you back again all that is yours according to His eternal love plan. You do not want anything that God does not wish you to have, do you? He gives only the perfect, the good. Why should you wish an imperfect, perhaps an unattainable?

This attitude is peace, rest, joy. It is heaven. One dwells forever safely in the bosom of the Father—The Rev. R. P. Anderson in C. E. World.

SHOW THY SELF A MAN.

It is no small thing to be a man physically in the true sense of term, and it means no little thing to be morally a man. "Show thy self a man," is the language of a father speaking to his son, and it does not mean to be a man merely in one particular sense, but implies the necessity of pure and real manhood, morally, socially, and last but not the least, righteously. The utterance of a king addressed to the son of a king, that manhood does not consist in externals, but in the established principles of godliness. All the educational polish, can never impart those Christian characteristics which are truly the leading elements and the component parts of true manhood, and womanhood. All the faithful, and infatuating exhibitions, together with all the classical and honorary degrees that institutions can confer, can never make us true men of real manhood. We want strength of character it is true, but above all we want that wisdom which comes from above, that is first given then peaceable, pure and full of good works; without selfishness, free from hypocrisy. We want men of firmness, men of stability, yea, men of valor. Men who get hold of the right kind of things at the right time, and in the right place, and who stick. Be sure you are right, then go slow.

Show thyself a man. Listen, that ye should be no longer children, driven and tossed by every wind of doctrine, and caught by the cunningness of men's hands, whereby they lie in wait to deceive, for, says the great and eminent evangelist, "when I was a child I did as a child, but when I became a man I put away childish things, hence, the evangelist says, "In understanding be men." Lord, give us more men. In all the beautiful American continent who will show themselves men indeed? Then we shall go forth from conquest to victory. Then, that spirit of unselfish sacrifice, shall set our souls on fire with holy zeal for God and right. Then we shall take the existing evils by the throat, and like men of gigantic strength, we will make them bite the dust.

Lord, help us to show that we are men, and not tuncoats or sell-outs. Your National Evangelist, J. M. EMANUEL.

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