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(Special to The Star) ROCKY MOUNT, Feb. 8.—"A back to God movement is what the world needs," declared Rev. J. E. E. Bates to a congregation which overflowed the main auditorium and Sunday school assembly room of the First Methodist church Tuesday. Rev. Mr. Bates was preaching the fourth of his special series of sermons against present vice conditions and their attendant evils to the public conscience. An old time religion was what the preacher held up to the congregation last night, characterizing it as a religion which would make a man pay up his debts, as merchant receive only a reasonable profit on his goods, the soul of a corporation show itself, the labor question between employers and employees dissolve itself, and a man stand on his business, his responsibilities, his church and his God. The preacher based his sermon upon the conditions in Judah during the time of Jeremiah, showing how the country had deserted God and the righteous ways of living and was falling in luxury and idolatry. Jeremiah, Rev. Mr. Bates, stated was the only servant of God who told the people of their wrong doings and urged them to turn back to the old paths which they had abandoned in their sin. From the condition in Judah, the speaker drew the comparison of the situation at the present day, stating that this country in its life of luxury and sin had almost forgotten God and was thinking only of wealth, riches and pleasure. "This trouble is," emphasized the preacher, "that God has been minimized from a personal God into a kind of influence; His word and authority have been minimized; all that is good and pure has been minimized; sin has been minimized. And when such conditions exist in a nation, that nation is fast moving towards the shoals of ruin and destruction. The only thing to do is to come back to the old paths. About face just where you are and take up the old time religion. "We preachers, and I take my own share of the blame, are partly responsible for the situation," continued Rev. Mr. Bates. "We have preached worthless, fireless sermons and said pleasing platitudes in our false ecclesiastical pride until man has almost lost his hold on righteousness. Man needs to be told of the stern realities of life, of eternity, of the judgment day, of the anger as well as the mercy and love of God and of the awfulness of hell, and brought face to face with his responsibilities. He must realize that God is a personal God, read and abide by His Word and the Bible and use the Bible as a receipt for faith, flowers, pictures and remembrances which are kept there because the persons who put them there know that they will not be disturbed. "I intend with you, and I mean to God. I want to see old time religion and shouting when you feel like it. Shouting, sister," exclaimed the preacher, "will do a whole lot more towards making you younger than that point."

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Burgwyn, of Northampton county, moved the senator to rise to personal privilege tonight and explain his recent statement that the juvenile court in his county was "the greatest farce ever created by God or man." He takes no particular exception to the editorial in The Star, which he considered an able defense of the juvenile courts, but he does except to the "personal" attack made by The Star's afternoon contemporary. "Several days ago I noticed in the Wilmington Star a fair criticism of a remark I made on this floor and about which criticism I have nothing to say, but my attention was called this morning to an editorial in another paper published, I apprehend, in Wilmington, and called the Wilmington Dispatch. This editorial, unlike the one in The Star, is personal in its criticism, and states that in an argument on the floor of this senate I had said that I thought the juvenile court the greatest farce ever created by God or man, and adds 'Any man who starts a criticism by holding the courts up to criticism or ridicule discards his worthiness to be a lawmaker.' My words were in reference to the juvenile court as applied to my county, and I indorsed then and do now indorse the idea of the juvenile court. "I endorse this sentiment and wish now to disclaim in the same forum which heard the remark any intention on my part to hold the Deity up to criticism or ridicule. I do not think that any senator who knows me and heard my remark entertains any such idea, but in fairness to my constituency I feel this explanation should be made in the heat of debate and under pressure of a cross-examination, but in nowise could it be construed as a criticism of Deity. God has never created a farce, but in some instances, through the free agency allowed his creatures, a farce has resulted, and I think I can truthfully say this, though I have not the honor of a personal acquaintance with the editor of the Wilmington Dispatch."



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