

MORAL OBLIGATIONS.

NO. 1.

Duty to Our Neighbors.

Being moral creatures ourselves and perfectly conscious of our likes and dislikes of our wants, and often know our needs, and being fellow-citizens in a great commonwealth, we are able to know our duty to our neighbor, if we will measure them by ourselves. Hence, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" is given by our Savior as covering our whole duty to men. It is not what we feel toward him but what we think would be for his good. What we would like or dislike, or what we think we would need were we in his place. Then treat him just as we would have ourselves treated.

In this as in other moral obligations, there is the negative side as well as the affirmative. Every man has his rights to life, reputation and his property, and none ever likes them injured or destroyed. This side of the question has ever been recognized by all people in all ages of the world. The idea that this is mine and you must let it alone, is one of the first things of which we are conscious. Practically there needs very little to be said on this side of the subject, especially to those who are at all disposed to do right.

The positive side is not so easy. We do not always like to do what we know to do. It is this side of the question, however, which places the Golden Rule of Christ far above other moral codes. We must first inform ourselves and then perform the deeds—whatever we would have done to us. It is not kind to ask how he came in that condition, and it would be wicked if it were just, to evade helping him. The question is, what does he need now? This settled, there remains but one thing to do, that is to help him just as we would like were we in his condition. This is as obligatory as to feed our own children or ourselves. If we would keep the Commandments like Christ and obey his teachings, we cannot evade it and be guiltless.

Another is that it becomes our imperative duty not to allow an evil to befall our neighbor if in our power to prevent it, but a good to come to him if we can grant it. All these become the more binding when we remember that no man liveth to himself. We are not only morally bound for his sake, but we are dependent, relying upon and trusting each other, so much so that the thing which helps one promotes all—promotes us indirectly. Though we are inclined to be selfish, this is so, but selfishness is not admitted at all. Self love may, however, and is required and is the only rule by which we can understand the other man's needs. It is moral obligations written in the hearts of men that protect our homes and all our interests; our welfare, our lives and his all become one. We owe to him the development of his moral, mental and spiritual powers that he may make us the best neighbor possible. Neither can we excuse ourselves in this any

more than in ourselves. Defects in him affect all; ignorance, disease, sins are all a bane to any people. So that if we would be "perfect, as our Father in heaven is perfect," we must overcome the evil and perform the good in ourselves and for our neighbor.

A man in ill health is not capable of filling his place in a community. So a feeble mind and a perverted heart is dangerous. In either case they do not know what is best for them, nor care. If Christians, we must know and heed our neighbors needs. We are our own and our brother's keeper and we cannot shake off the responsibility. The care of life and property, the culture of the mind and soul of our neighbor and ourselves are our daily duties.

J. H. BENDALL

On last Friday and Friday night when our mountain section was having such a beautiful fall of snow, the middle and eastern part of the State were having a record-breaking sleet. From Charlotte, Greensboro, Durham, Raleigh, Chapel Hill, and other places come reports of much damage done. In some places wires were torn down, street cars stopped, trains belated and trees broken to an extent never before thought of. In speaking of the wreck among the fine old trees on the campus at Chapel Hill, some reporter said that thirty years could not undo the work of those thirty hours of sleet. From farther South reports of sleet and cold come. Even down in the City of Mexico the cold was so intense that the officials had fires built in the streets for the poor and home less.

It does seem that the Dukes have an unusual amount of trouble with their wives. J. B. Duke is now suing for a divorce and it seems that his wife has numberless complaints to make against him also.

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General Joe Wheeler Dead. General Joe (Fighting Joe) Wheeler, died in Brooklyn, N. Y., on Thursday of last week. The Charlotte News of the 26th contains the following beautiful tribute to his memory:

"Yesterday afternoon at 5.35 the soul of General Joseph Wheeler was wafted from time into eternity. The great cavalry leader of the Confederate army passed away quietly, the curtain dropped on the life of one of Dixie's most revered sons, and many there be today who think with a tear of regret of the gallant and brave old soldier, statesman and gentleman, Joe Wheeler.

"For the past fifty years General Wheeler has been before the eye of the public and in the hearts of thousands of Americans, both North and South.

He wrought for his country in the halls of Congress. He gave to the public the crisp products of his fertile pen. But best of all he risked his life hundreds of times in the service, not only of the Lost Cause and the South, but of the National Government. A soldier, brave, true, commanding, dauntless! A man whom we all love and whose death we all mourn.

"Many an old and war-worn son of the Confederacy will today hear of the death of their great chieftain, and will mourn for him.

"We join in the sorrow of his family, of his old comrades of two wars and with all who honor a gallant and true Southerner and American. He is gone, but his memory is an eternal boon which time can only brighten."

Watauga Falls Items

There was a considerable tide on the Watauga river last week.

Bennie Farthing, son of W. J. Farthing, is attending School at Walnut Grove Institute.

Elisha Glenn has just completed him a new residence.

Mr. George Edmisten and Miss Hattie Walker were happily married a few days ago.

Luther Ware is attending school at Beaver Dams.

W. C. Walker is studying law at Boone.

Alexander Thomas is building a residence on the waters of Watauga river.

As soon as Loy Greer and Bud Farthing marries, it will make twenty-five weddings in this part of the county. H. B.

On last Saturday night C. D. Wilkie, local editor of the Rutherfordton Sun, of which he was founder, committed suicide at his home in that place by shooting himself through the temple. It is thought that brooding over financial troubles was the cause of the rash act. He leaves a father, several sisters and brothers, a young wife and two small children.

Dangers of a Cold and How to Avoid Them.

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Obituary. Oscar C. Faw, son of Jno. A. and Fannie Faw, was born in Watauga county, January 24, 1886, and peacefully passed from this to the spirit world Dec. 22, 1905. He contracted cold while traveling a year ago, which resulted in consumption in spite of all the efforts to stay the dreadful disease.

Oscar was a bright boy, and he will be sadly missed, not only by the parents and two brothers, but by the neighbors and relatives; the church and Sunday school, of which he was a faithful member and teacher. He was a good boy at home, so kind and helpful to his mother.

He was sick a long time and bore it with much patience. He told his parents that he was going home to be with the loved ones gone before. His parents visited him and friends talked and prayed with him, and he was resigned to the good Lord's will and ready to go.

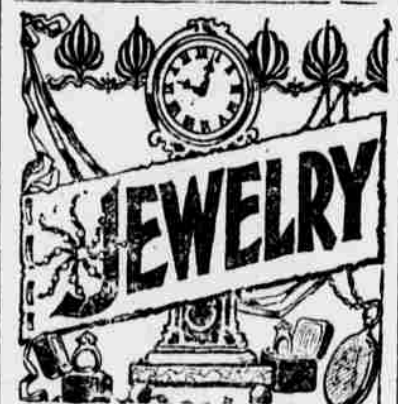
It seems hard for one just in the bloom of youth to be taken from our embrace, but we too must be resigned to our Heavenly Father's will, and may He comfort the sorrowing ones and may we all meet where there is no more death. Peace to his ashes.

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The defendants above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court before the Clerk of Mitchell county for partition of a certain house and lot in the town of Elk Park, N. C. Commonly known as 'The White House' and to make sale of the same, according to law and the rights and interests of the respective parties; and the defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before the said Clerk of the Superior Court of Mitchell county, N. C. at his office Bakersville, N. C. on the 10 day of February 1906, and answer or demur to the complaint which will be filed in said office, or the plaintiffs will apply for the relief demanded in said complaint.

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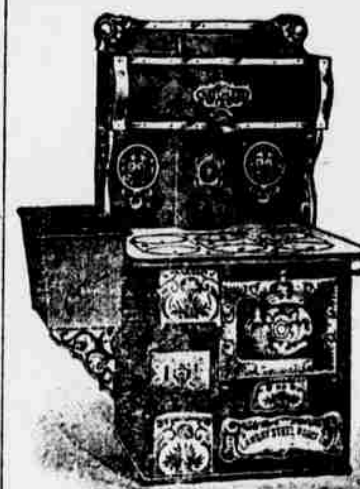
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