

METHODIST NOTES

Again the Sunday School attendance reached 252, the second time in the last few months. Regular attendance depends on the teachers and class or department officers. It is easy to forget the ones that were absent, and sometimes it is quite easy for one to be absent, but the enthusiastic class overcomes that short coming. Many classes are demonstrating the latter truth.

A large audience was present Sunday for the worship service in which there were quite a number of visitors from other churches. We are always glad for our friends to come and extend them a welcome.

Prof. I. G. Greer was borrowed last Sunday night for the purpose of preaching in the Methodist church to the Epworth League and others. This community always likes to hear what Professor Greer has to say and a large audience was present.

The writer had the pleasure of speaking for the first time to the Y. W. C. A. of the Appalachian Normal school and has many good impressions of the work the Y. W. is doing.

The Western North Carolina Conference begins Wednesday at Statesville and will be in session till the following Monday. The largest question before that body of preachers and laymen is the question of the unification of the northern and the southern branches of the Methodist Church.

COMRADE CLASS MEETING

A delightful meeting of the Comrade Class of the Methodist church was held Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Farthing. 23 members and a number of visitors were present.

Mrs. South, president of the class presided over the business session. Several committees were appointed and interesting plans made.

Mrs. Henson and Miss Jennie Todd were in charge of the "stunts" for the evening. These were quite original and very entertaining.

Mrs. Farthing assisted by Messrs. James Charlie Farthing and Robert Winkler served delicious refreshments.

Mr. Jeff Stanbury is the teacher of the thriving class.

Church Arguments for and against have been before the people of the South for some years, and by this time each preacher and delegate should know how he is going to vote. The writer will vote for unification. After all the plan of unification is a small item to be considered by the two Christian bodies of Methodism, however the present plan for uniting is a good one to begin with, but the big issue lies in a legitimate reason for remaining separated with altar against altar as has been and is the case in many instances. I have not found that reason.

Sunday School at Boone Sunday at 9:45.

There will be an evening service at 7 o'clock.

Epworth League 8:30.

Sunday School at Blowing Rock at 10 a. m.

Preaching at the 11 o'clock hour at 11.

A welcome is extended to all.

14 SCHOOL POINTS FOR PARENTS

A help for children in starting the new school year is issued by the United Parents Association of the Greater New York Schools. It consists of fourteen suggestions to parents that are made public through the New York Times, and may be useful in any common city. Preceding the suggestions is a note to parents:

"Many of the difficulties which beset children could be avoided if their parents understood the schools better and realized how much their cooperation helps." the associations say. The suggestions follow:

"Arrange the breakfast and lunch hours so there is no rushing at home or at school.

"Encourage punctuality and regular attendance, not permitting trifles to interfere.

"See that the children are dressed simply, neatly, modestly, and suitably, in accordance with the weather.

"Insist upon children under fourteen having at least ten hours sleep.

"Find out how much time should be devoted to home work, and see that it is faithfully done.

"Provide a quiet place for home study, with good light and ventilation. Prevent interruptions as far as possible.

"Show an interest in the children's school work, athletics and other activities.

"Visit the classroom during Open School Week, and at other times for a better understanding.

"Do not criticize the teachers or school at all within the children's hearing. Always hear both sides of every question and ask the teacher about it.

"Instill in the children habits of obedience and respect for authority.

"Picture the school as a happy desirable place rather than as one children should dread.

"Keep in mind that the school offers unlimited opportunities to those who take advantage of them, parents as well as pupils.

"Plan to meet other parents in the school. It will help you understand your children better. Mothers should arouse the interest of fathers in the school activities and get their cooperation.

"If there is a parents' association in your children's school, join it. If there is none, why not form one? Intelligent cooperation brings splendid results to all."

ENIGMA OF COLE-ORMOND CASE

Rockingham.—The enigma of the Cole-Ormond Case is Elizabeth Cole.

She distinctly has Rockingham puzzled. The dark brown orbs which are the windows to her soul do not open upon the inner recess of her consciousness, where lies the motivating power which drives her unagitated, through situations and ordeals that would utterly crush another woman.

To say she is cold and heartless is but an admission that one is unable to understand the little signs, which, too, point the way to a woman's soul. To say that she does not appreciate the ghastly mess into which she has been precipitated, belies observance of an intelligence that was able to combat or evade the searching questions of a keen-cross-examining lawyer.

To deny that beneath the surface of her calmness is a seething turmoil of intense feeling is but a hasty way of disposing of an unanswerable question.

Elizabeth Cole is a woman. Her father thought, and still thinks, that she is the little "Libbut" that crawled upon his knee and entwined his heartstrings about her so that his love for her is his life. It was the woman eternal in Elizabeth Cole that Bill Ormond caught glimpses of, and he, in the old story of the ages became hopelessly in love. Even though he had not seen her for months the love endured. He did not hesitate to tell others of it.

Yet—Elizabeth Cole went on the stand before a thousand people. She told her story. It rehearsed events that stirred human souls. Women wept. Men turned strained faces from her compelled by their own innate kindness to indicate at least that they were willing to shield her.

The slightest shadow of stirring emotion did not appear upon her face. She went through stories of love and life and death and human passion—and she was calm.

Her father told his story—one that gripped the hearts of a great audience mercilessly. He told of tenderness, of sacrifice, of protection, of grief of collapse, of anger, of violence, of blood—and she was unmoved.

Therefore—what is the answer to

the absorbing question which is Elizabeth Cole?

Some explain it by saying that her heart has been killed. Crushing blow upon blow has fallen upon her, until now she no longer has power to feel emotion of any sort—that her heart is not warm nor cold—merely a negation.

Others wonder if it is not true that beneath the surface of kindly affection and cordiality there is an Elizabeth Cole that has elements of greatness, one of warmth and love and extreme understanding, who permits the familiar Elizabeth Cole to be sacrificed while the real Elizabeth Cole lives in a world that is held sacred to herself.

A RICHER GOAL

J. M. Downum

Say not the ways of daily life are vain, And cease a purpose true each day to gain.

Nor weakly fail the nobler heights attain For know the vital task is still worth while.

To make a life not but a living vile, And nobly rise and go the second mile.

Some needy ones there are along the way

Whose troubles we may yet in love allay, and make for them and us a brighter day.

Then strong press on with true and noble soul.

Though o'er our path some darkening clouds may roll,

For yet for earnest ones awaits a richer goal.

BOONE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10 a. m.

Worship 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 p. m.

Prayer service Wednesday night at 7:30 p. m.

Our meeting begins next Monday night at 7:30 p. m. Dr. C. L. Jackson pastor first Baptist church of Wadesboro will be the preacher. The time of the services will be 3 p. m. each day. We hope all the members will attend regularly from the start. We invite all to attend the services. Come and be with us.

Prayer meetings will be held this week preparatory for the meetings. Work at the church is progressing nicely. When finished there will be a separate room for each class.

Good services were held at Blowing Rock Sunday. Subscriptions were started for a hot air heating system which it is hoped may be installed by the last of the month. Prayer meetings at Blowing Rock Tuesday night.

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