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**Band Optimism**

About four months ago the Murphy Concert Band was organized with a membership of sixteen with the prediction that within three months it would be twelve or less.

The above prediction was pessimistic, and while it was not meant for a boast, it may have reacted in that manner. For in going over the actions of the Band for the past four months you will see that Optimism is the password to the Murphy Concert Band.

Instead of the membership dropping to twelve it has gradually increased to twenty-four, with application for new membership each week, which will finally give us a full Band.

Only two members have withdrawn since the organization started, and both of them had some vital cause which necessitated their action.

Instead of gloating over the above facts, both the Murphy Concert Band and their Director, Mr. H. Engleman, feel and know that this condition has only been possible through the co-operation of the citizens of Murphy. Their loyalty to it, their working and talking for it, and their support of it has given the membership of the Murphy Concert Band the incentive to press forward, and try to merit the confidence placed in them by the citizens.

So long as this condition prevails there can be nothing but progress for an institution that uses the longest way toward advertising a community, with the least cost of any other known method.

The Band has signified its confidence in Mr. Engleman, by signing a contract with him for another year to act as its Director.

Everywhere we have heard favorable comments on the Band, both in its

membership and out, and as long as this condition prevails there can be nothing but progress for the Murphy Concert Band.

**Letter To The Methodist Congregation**

When are we going to pay off our Church debts? These obligations should have been paid long ago. It was said sometime ago that the membership of the church could pay what the church owed and no one would have to go hungry or cold. Are we going to pay our pledges? We said we would!

The Bible says "When thou vowest a vow unto God defer not to pay it; for He hath no pleasure in fools. Pay that which thou hast vowed." (Zaech. 8:4). "Better it is that thou shouldst vow and not pay." (Zaech. 8:5).

Remember, when you joined the church the preacher asked you this question: "Will you be subject to the discipline of the Church; attend upon its ordinances and support its institutions?" Your answer: "I will endeavor so to do, God being my helper." We can plainly see that God has abundantly blessed us. If we fail to keep these vows, what then? But He shall say: "I tell you I know not wherence ye are. Depart from me all ye workers of iniquity." (Luke 13:27).

Let us remember our vows and pay our pledges. "Remember the Lord Thy God, for it is He that giveth the power to get wealth." (Deut. 8:18). God has more than given us power to get wealth to pay our church debts and plenty to provide for our own wants and those of our families. We are giving only a cup of cold water, when we should be giving of our abundance. Are we going to let the good women of our church pay our church debts by having suppers and selling oysters, cakes and pies. Or, are we going to let our children pay off these debts after we are gone.

We don't want to pay off these church debts that our children may have nothing to do, but let us pay them that we may have a more important work for ourselves and our children. Let us be as King David, who warred and waged with other nations, then made peace with all the nations so that King Solomon, his son, had nothing to do but work on the great temple. We need to do greater things than build churches. So let us get these debts off our hands so that we may be ready to start a greater work for our Lord.

We need more than power in the work of the church. Let us wake up! Let us go forward! Let us abide by the text of our pastor a few sabbaths ago: "Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead and Christ shall give thee light." Zeph. 5:14. Let's get these debts off so that we can begin greater works and so that our present pastor, who has labored so faithfully to complete our church, see it paid for and dedicated. May our present pastor see us started out doing greater things for our Lord and Master.

A MEMBER

**HOT HOUSE**

We are having some real nice weather at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Burger visited at Mr. Auburn's Sunday.

The grading of the highway on the Franklin mountain sure is looking nice.

Mrs. G. M. Auburn of Isabella, Tenn. spent Saturday night and Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Auburn.

Miss Verdie Townsend visited friends at Isabella Saturday.

Mr. Verall Ross has purchased himself a Ford.

Some of the young folks of this place attended church at Macedonia

Sunday.

Sunday School is progressing nicely at this place.

Mr. Alie Johnson who is attending school at Copperhill spent the weekend with home folks.

Miss Mae Johnson of Copperhill visited relatives here Sunday.

Corn planting time is about over here. Most all the farmers have finished planting.

Some of the people from Ducktown were over here Sunday looking over the road.

Mr. Alvin Giddis has purchased a Ford.

There will be a decoration at Mr. Marsh May 30th.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb Ledford and Mr. and Mrs. Avary Brown of Copperhill visited at Mr. A. L. Brown's Sunday.

Mr. Bill Cross of Isabella, Tenn. was visiting in our community Sunday.

Mr. Ernest Johnson who is attending school at Copperhill, Tenn. was a visitor home Sunday.

Mr. Fred Townsend spent Sunday night with Mr. Allen Bailey.

Mrs. T. S. Simonds of Isabella was

visiting relatives here Sunday. Some of the young people from the place attended the decoration at the House Sunday.

Mrs. Dove Bailey has just arrived home from a visit in Georgia.

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Do you know that this country today is thickly dotted with churches that are mere shells of their former selves? Do you know that a general collapse of American Protestantism was actually threatening some time ago; that a mighty counter-movement has started; and that we are in the great crisis right now?

We want to reach everybody that calls himself a church member—also those who do not read a church paper, and they are legion. Hence this general announcement in your secular paper. Men and women, are you in favor of retaining the Bible that your father believed in and that your mothers trusted in, that was their hope and stay in times of grief and sorrow, that gave them cheering visions of heavenly rest—the rest that your liberals do not believe in because it belongs to the "supernatural" and, therefore, "unknowable"? Will you join us in saying "Whatever you do, or don't do, but HANDS OFF THE BIBLE?" Will you help save the Bible for America? Will you join in the fight for its integrity? Will you, too, deny modern scholarship the right to rob us of the only sure foundation upon which our feet can stand, in the shifting sands of time?

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