

MR. DUNCAN'S THEOLOGY

"BIBLICAL VIEW OF ATONEMENT"
Has No Debate With Any Who Dispute Final Authority of Scriptures
Does Not Believe in "Moral Influence" and "Governmental" Theories of Atonement
They are the So-Called "Catholic" (Universal) View—Repentance Conditioned on Atonement—Notes of Sermon.

The text of Rev. William Duncan's sermon at the First Associate Reformed church yesterday morning was, "And not only so, but we were joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement," and the theme was, "The Bible view of the atonement."

In approaching this great subject," said Dr. Duncan, "we desire it understood that our discussion is with those who accept the authority of the Bible as final in faith and practice. We will have no discussion with those who deny its inspiration and authority."

Referring to the Moral Influence theory, he said that the so-called "moral influence" is an eclectic doctrine of new thought. It was propounded by Abelard (who, though the preacher did not say this, was infinitely a better lover than philosophy somewhere between the 10th and 11th century holds that there is nothing in the character of God that compels Him to punish our sin to satisfy a violated law, for His character is nothing but goodness.

The Governmental Theory is that all that was done by the suffering of Christ was the giving to the world the impression upon mankind of its danger. There is, said Dr. Duncan, an element of truth in this, but it does not embrace the whole truth. If the display were still, it may be best made at the creation, for all who died before Christ were without benefit of this example, and so of all children who have ever died. Only men who have looked upon the cross can derive benefit from it.

"Moreover, man cannot of himself repent. Was repentance ever known apart from the atonement? No man ever repented who did not lift his eyes from the cross of Calvary."

To show that atonement is taught by the explicit demands and explanations of God's Word, Dr. Duncan made several quotations from Scripture, drawing the conclusion that "we give up the doctrine of the atonement of Calvary, we cut loose our anchor to drift on seas of doubt; it is the very foundation of the sinner's hope. If Christ did not die in the stead of man, there has been no reconciliation, no adequate compensation, for man's guilt. Unless Jesus Christ atoned for me, I am cursed to-day, and you are cursed, the demands of justice are against me, and the penalty is death."

St. Mary's Guild to Meet To-Morrow at Carnegie Library.

A meeting of St. Mary's Guild will be held at Carnegie Library on to-morrow morning at 10:30 o'clock, and the following members are expected to be present. And should any other Alumnae of St. Mary's School be in the city, they are cordially asked to attend and unite with the Guild:

Meddies Sarah Virginia Young, Laura Johnston, R. Lockwood Jones, W. E. Stitt, Francis Osborne, C. H. C. Mills, Rebecca Hill, Margaret Davis, J. E. Myers, J. S. Watters, Heriot Clarkson, E. Reid Russell, Carlton Best, Baxter Moore, W. R. Talfer, H. A. London, Jr., John F. Yorke, Joseph Ross and Misses Rebecca Hill, Florence Thomas, Josephine Osborne, Laura Johnston, Jane Haughton, Maud Holt, Caro Brewer, Alice Haughton, Mrs. J. Frank Wilkes, president, and Mrs. Clem Dowd, secretary.

Will Make Atlanta Home. Mr. L. H. Bullington, representative of the Westinghouse Machine Co., who has made the Southern Manufacturing Club his home for the past year, left last night for Atlanta and will make that city his headquarters in the future. Mr. Bullington is well known to the best wishes of the many friends he has made during his residence in Charlotte.

NO RACE PROBLEM THERE

Bandy, a Negro Boy Who Shuffled for Himself, Finds a Friend and Plenty to Eat—The Story of a Farm Incident—All of the Good Hearted People Are Not Dead Yet—Shelter Given to a Little Wanderer.

Bandy, a little dirty, negro boy, who was raised in the field, tracking at the heels of his mother while she hoed or picked cotton, was two years old last October. He spent his birthday rambling beneath the tall cotton on a Providence farm. From the very beginning of the gathering season he had accompanied his mother, who is but a tripling of 18, unmarried and bad, to the field early every morning and there remained until sun set. He would toddle about until he was tired, and then drop down and, with a cotton ridge for a pillow, sleep the sweet sleep of the innocent little pickaninny that he is. His mother loved him, in a way, but she did not worry much about his comfort. She was satisfied to let him take care of himself, and, therefore, he roamed at will among the toads, the stinging worms and grasshoppers, and if he met with accident, he had learned long since to look out for himself.

If Bandy became hungry, he would beat about the field until he found the cotton pickers and then beg his mother for bread, which she always carried for an emergency.

Everybody knew Bandy and was neither sorry for him or amused at him.

"The chap is as tough as whalebone," The Squire would say whenever he saw him. "You could not kill him with a pine knot."

This all leads up to the main story, which is of few words. One day while the hands were picking cotton within several hundred yards of the barn, Bandy swayed his way to the "Big House," a place he had never been before. The doors were all open and not a soul there but the mistress of the place and she was hard at work in the kitchen. Bandy looked about him, and seeing nobody he crawled up the steps and entered the front parlor. Once inside, and no one in sight, the tiny tot trotted noiselessly down the hall and picked up a little picture book that he found on the floor. Bandy had not gone there to look at pictures but to sleep and rest. The ground was damp and cold from a recent rain and Bandy knew from experience that it would be uncomfortable. But, becoming interested in the book, he backed himself up under the table and soon fell asleep.

An hour later, "Miss Mary," the mistress of the house, came along and saw a pair of little black feet sticking out from beneath the table. She stooped down and peeped under, and there lay Bandy, as dead to the world as if he had been a corpse.

"Poor little fellow," said Miss Mary. "I know the hard floor hurts his little head."

She said, Miss Mary went into the parlor, fetched out a sofa pillow and gently put it under Bandy's head, saying, "Now, sleep just as long as you want to."

Bandy's mother lost the boy, and hunted everywhere for him. The word was put out and a general alarm given among the negro cotton harvesters but not a trace could be had of Bandy. It was generally believed that some varmint had come and carried him away. But when The Squire saw the commotion in the field he went out to ascertain the cause of such unwhispering about and loud talking.

"What's the trouble, 'indy?" he asked.

"We've lost Bandy."

"Well, you needn't be worrying about Bandy, for I saw Miss Mary giving him the best dinner he ever had just now. He is at the house. Go on and finish this field before night."

Every day after that Bandy found his way to the Big House and he soon became a part of it. His skin is black, his nose flat and his legs crooked but he has gratitude. He loves "Miss Mary."

Ask any "JAP" that you may see, "Why the Car, with Bear behind," had to climb a tree.

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A LITTLE MORE FINISHED

The Farmer Did Not Like the Manx Cat, but Preferred One With More Tail—One of Congressman Klutz's Yarns.

Hon. Theodore F. Klutz, of Salisbury, is one of the most accomplished story-tellers in the State, and he has delighted many of his fellow Congressmen with his humorous recitals of North Carolina tales. The story of the farmer and the Manx cat is one of his most entertaining yarns. It runs like this: A Rowan trucker was delivering butter to a regular Salisbury customer, one morning, when he noticed a pretty cat playing in the yard.

"This is a pretty cat," said he to the lady of the house, "could you spare me one like it?"

"We have some kittens here," declared the good woman, "and I will be more than glad to give you one."

"Well, I certainly would appreciate it, if you would, for we have no cat at home; our old one died some time ago."

"Now," continued the lady, "I have some beautiful Manx cats here, and I could give you one of those. They are short tailed fellows but are fine rat catchers. I'll get you one and let you see it."

The Manx cat was fetched, and if he ever had any tail at all it had disappeared. The man looked at first and then the other until he seemed satisfied.

"Which do you prefer?" was asked.

"I believe I will take this one (the one with the regular old-fashioned tail) as he looks more finished."

DEATH OF BRIGHT CHILD

Little Grace, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Blakney, Dies.

Grace, the bright and beautiful 15-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Blakney, died yesterday at the home of her parents in Providence township. She had been ill for two weeks and all that anxious, loving hands and fond parents could do was done to relieve the little sufferer but the Angel of Death came and claimed her.

Rev. Alexander Martin, who is a brother of Mrs. Blakney, went down last night. The funeral will take place at Providence church about noon today. Mr. and Mrs. Blakney have many friends in Charlotte who sympathize with them in their sore affliction.

Boys Have Lively Debate at the Y. M. C. A.

The Phi Alpha Pi Fraternity of the boys' department of the Young Men's Christian Association held a very interesting meeting at their club rooms Saturday night. The special feature was a debate: "Resolved That Tryon Street be Paved," affirmative Jas. Means, Jr. and negative, Edwin M. Jones. The affirmative argued to show how a city was benefited by having good streets. The negative tried to show that it would be detrimental to the city to assume the debt that would be incurred by doing the work. The question was well handled for boys 14 and 16 years of age. The judges decided in favor of the negative.

TRINITY NEWS ITEMS

Delegates to Attend Student Volunteer Convention—Programme for Commencement Completed.

Correspondence of The Observer. Trinity College, Feb. 8.—The special religious exercises conducted by President Kilgo are being held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall. Services are held twice a day, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and at 7 o'clock in the evening. Much interest has been manifested.

The Student Volunteer Convention will be held in Nashville, Tenn., February 28 to March 4th. It is expected that there will be 3,000 students and 500 professors in attendance. Those expected to attend from Trinity College are—Messrs. K. W. Parkman, E. W. Knight and F. S. Love. Mr. Raymond Browning, of the Trinity Park School, also expects to attend.

Arrangements are being made by the Columbian and Hesperian Literary Societies for another debate, to be held sometime within the course of a few weeks. The speakers will be from the Freshman Class, probably four from each society. They will be so arranged on the two sides of the question as to eliminate society rivalry.

The programme for the next commencement has been completed. The list for this occasion is a most attractive one.

The publication committee of the college has completed the copy for the catalogue for 1905-1906. The catalogue will be ready for distribution this year earlier than usual.

Mr. Julian Blanchard, member of last year's class and a graduate student in Trinity this year, has been elected assistant in the department of physics in Columbian University, New York city. He left yesterday to take up his work.

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