THE SERMON OF A LAYMAN

AS TO GENESIS AND GEOLOGY

Col. Byers, Candidate for the Senate, Latin and Greek Scholar and All-Round Man of Knowledge, Does Not Know When to Quit After He Gets Into a Controversy—He Tells an Observer Man a Few Things About the Bible—An Explanation of the "Days" of Genesis.

The Observer had something to say the other day about the love of Col. Carl Edwin Augustus Byers for a controversy, and the reporter who penned those lines had no way of ascertaining that peculiar desire except through the colonel's eye. But he hit the mark as the following remarks will show:

"In the controversy over the doctrine of the vicarious atonement," said Col. Byers to an Observer man last night, "it is well to take our bearings during a lull in the present transitional storm of theologic discussion, and consider the reliability of the first book of the Chamesh or Pentateuch, accepted for ages as the production of Moses."

In other words, load your guns while the enemy sleeps.

Again: "The conservative Bible student may safely concede that Genesis or Bereshith has several authors; that the first chapter has a different style and author from the second and third, and that the third has a different author still; that the name of the Supreme Being distinguishes the different authors—the Elohist, the Jehovist and the Elohijehovist; that Moses was merely a compiler from earlier records. But since the account is endorsed by Jesus and Paul and harmonizes with the rest of the sacred writings the question of authorship does not touch the question of inerrancy, since God could easily supervise the work of an editor as in this case, as He has done in the case of original authors of histories and biographies like Job and the Acts."

Without moving a muscle or changing countenance, Col. Byers continued:

"But a great many men, inflated with their knowledge of geology, and infected with Darwinism, claim that, authorship apart, Genesis is unreliable; that the world was not made in a period of 144 hours; that its making required ages. To begin with Genesis does not say that these days or yomim were each just 24 hours long. We have good reason to believe that they were 7,000 years long, and there is a close harmony the geologic periods and the 'days' of Genesis. I have not here space to explain the Vallian theory of creation but any fair minded man can easily harmonize, under this theory, Genesis and Geology. And since each day was probably 7,000 years long it follows that the Sabbath would also be 7,000 years long. If I had time I might show that 6,034 years have elapsed since the creation of man and about 1,000 years of our creation-Sabbath is still future. With this view, the ultra-conservatives or strict orthodox, the higher critics or evolutionists, and the Seventh Day Adventists will disagree."

A little explanation is due Col. Byers right here. It will be noted that he cannot at present spare the time to explain the "Vallian theory." A campaign is brewing and Col. Byers is a candidate; his time is precious. But the reporter will take his name for a future interview.

"And as to evolution," declared the speaker, "while Genesis and the New Testament teach that the creation of man was an individual miracle, it leaves the question of the method adopted in the creation of all the lower creations open. I myself believe that everything was evolved except man. I do not believe that I am even remotely connected by blood with the ape, much less with the skunk, eel, hog or toad. I am an heir of a king and a joint heir of the earth. My blood is royal, not bestial. I do not envy the family pride of the evolutionist. I firmly believe with Paul, Augustine, Luther, Knox, Wesley, Milton, Bunyan, Asbury, Coke, Spurgeon and Moody that Adam fell; that we inherited from him imperfect life; that Jesus, the perfect man tasted death for every man; that by his death we have a right to conditional everlasting life; that the beasts, birds and fishes were created for our express benefit; that Adam was not a troglodyte, a negro or a fool, but excelled Shakespear in intellect, Antinous in beauty and Washington in goodness, and I firmly believe that some of us have fallen not quite so far from Adam as the rest. I do not believe that the negro is the primitive man, only two removes from the ape, but that he has merely fallen further than a Jew or the Aryan.

"All science is truth and is perfectly harmonious with revelation. But the scientists often cease to be observers or scientists proper and become philosophers or theorists. Virchow says that evolution is not a fact of science but a theory of philosophy. No truly scientific mind can endorse either Darwinism on the one hand, or Theosophy, Spiritism or un-Christian Nescience on the other.

"'Inquire for the old paths.' Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.'"

As the colonel turned to leave the shop Jack Dog crawled out from under the table and scented his tracks and wigged his stump-tail. Jack Dog likes not a dull time.

LIVING PICTURES THIS WEEK.

The Senior Light Bearers to Give Novel Entertainment

The Senior Light Bearers, of Tryon Street Methodist church, will give a novel and interesting entertainment in the Sunday school room of the church on Thursday night of this week. This organization is supporting a missionary in Cuba, Miss Belle Markee, and the proceeds from this entertainment will be used for that purpose.

The entertainment will consist of living pictures, descriptive, for the most part, of historical scenes, and they will be interesting and instrutive. Living pictures of the kind to be presented at this time have not been presented before in Charlotte. No admission will be charged at the door, but a silver offering will be taken during the evening, and it is hoped by the members of the missionary society having the entertainment in charge that an offering of 25 cents for adults and ten cents for children will be received, as they will endeavor to give an evening of enjoyment that will be well worth these amounts.

Freight Cars Derailed.

Seven cars of No. 71, a Southern freight train, were derailed near Elizabeth Mills late yesterday afternoon. Passenger train No. 12 was delayed on that account for three hours. The accident was caused by a loose wheel. A wrecking train was sent to the scene of the trouble immediately after it happened and the track was cleared by 10 o'clock.

MEN PAST SIXTY IN DANGER.

More than half mankind over sixty years of age suffer from kidney and bladder disorders, usually enlargement of prostate gland. This is both painful and dangerous, and Foley's Kidney Cure should be taken at the first sign of danger, as it corrects irregularities and has cured many old men of this disease. Mr. Rodney Burnett, Rock Port, Mo., writes: "I suffered with enlarged prostate gland and kidney trouble for years and after taking two bottles of Foley's Kidney Cure I feel better than I have for twenty years although I am now 91 years old."—R. H. Jordan & Co.

O'DONOGHUE HALL DEDICATED.

In a Magnificent Address Bishop Leo Haid Pays Tribute to the Memory of Dr. Dennis O'Donoghue—Hall Formally Opened—Bishop Haid Gives a Reason for Catholics Educating Their Children.

The formal dedication of the handsome O'Donohue Hall, located at the corner of South Tryon and East Stonewall streets, took place yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Bishop Leo Haid, of Belmont, delivered the dedicatory address. Rev. Father Joseph assisted in the services. The Sisters of Mercy and a large number of the members of St. Peter's church were present.

Bishop Haid paid very high tribute to the memory of Dr. Dennie O'Donoghue, the donor of the school building that bears his name. He said:

"The name of the beautiful hall we dedicate to-day suggests the generous donor, Dr. O'Donoghue. I need say little of him; it is only a short time since he left us, and his memory is still green. His was a really Catholic spirit. God was always first in his mind and heart. He loved the Church because the Church leads us to God. But God is our Father, hence our own happiness and the happiness of our fellow-beings is intimately united to the service of God. Indeed, God accepts a thousand duties in life, if performed in proper spirit, as homage paid to Himself. God is not indifferent to our happiness and success in this world. This the good doctor wished to impress by making the O'Donoghue Hall a kind of centre for the whole congregation. The Knights of Columbus and our young people will find it a pleasant resort; the whole congregation with their friends will often spend an agreeable hour here. All this is well, for Christ never intended to make life miserable. We have earnest duties—plenty of them—but these faithfully performed, we have the right to relaxation and legitimate entertainment.

"Yet Doctor O'Donoghue was still more solicitous for the education of our children in the true sense of that word. I know the very fact of establishing Catholic schools wherever possible causes us to be misunderstood—yes, often considered enemies of education. People do not seem to remember that every Catholic, whilst paying for the education of his own children, as a taxpayer he is also helping to educate his neighbor's children. It is a double burden to him; he does not carry it for his amusement; he would never build and support a Catholic school, could he satisfy his conscience by sending his children to the public schools. Yet he is no enemy to the public school system. He knows too well that vice and ignorance are the two great foes to human happiness. He feels that next to vice, ignorance is his worse enemy. Hence his solicitude to dispel ignorance. But vice also must be combatted. To enlighten the intellect and leave the will weak and unsupported—the heart untrained—is wrong. True education takes in the whole thing, enlightens the mind, strengthens the will and trains the heart. This education must necessarily include our duties to God. It must include a knowledge of our faith, a knowledge of our religious obligations. This means more to Catholics than others know or feel. 'Unless you believe, you cannot be saved.' These words of Christ mean much to us. 'Go teach all nations, teaching them to observe all I have taught you.' This all, in Christ's command, does not mean a smattering of doctrine, but a thorough knowledge, a commingling of faith in our daily lives, a planting and fostering of the divine seed from childhood to old age. And a Catholic's religious duties! Not merely attending church at pleasure, but a worthy reception of the sacraments, the patient carrying of the cross, etc., all inseparable from the religion of the crucified God. How can they receive due attention, unless learned and practiced from childhood up?

"The education of the heart is as necessary as the education of the mind and the intellect. The experience of nearly 2,000 years teaches us this: the greater the dangers, the more necessary the safeguards. When a thousand temptatons face our young people, when the raging torrent of worldly ambitions, and the destructive conflagrations and passions threaten their ruin, we must arm them with a strong and living faith in God and strengthen them with an intelligent use of the means of preservation established by Christ. Hence our solicitude for a Catholic religious education for our children. Even with it, many fall, at least for a time, without its restraining influence there would be little hope. I know the sacrifices required. We have fully 1,300,000 children in our schools to-day in the United States. Not counting the heavy expense of school buildings and keeping them in repair, we are paying nearly $40,000,000 for this Catholic education. Heavy as is the burden, we bear it patriotically and at the same time pay our share of taxes for the public schools. We are not foolish; we would not do this, did not our conscience demand the sacrifice.

"May I, dear Catholic parents, impress upon your minds once again the immense importance of supporting your Catholic school. It is your duty, your solemn duty before God. Support your reverend pastor and the good sisters whose lives are worn away in your service by aiding them in their noble work. And as to-day we thank God, the giver of all good gifts, for this new token of His favor, we also with deepest gratitude remember our generous benefactor, Doctor O'Donoghue, and pray God to give light and happiness to his soul."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. George B. Grater and Miss Margaret Hall, of Raleigh, who have been visiting their mother, Mrs. M. E. Hall, left yesterday for their home.

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Mr. John Crowley and daughter, Miss Mary Crowley, have returned from Augusta, Ga., at the exemplification of the fourth degree of the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Crowley took the degree at Washington several months ago.

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Capt. and Mrs. John W. Ardrey, of Fort Mill, spent yesterday in the city, visiting their daughter, Mrs. W. A. Watson.

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Mr. Silas McBee, editor of The Churchman, of New York city, passed through the city yesterday on his way to Lincolnton to visit his mother, Mrs. V. A. McBee, and his sister, Mrs. W. A. Hoke.

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Mr. John M. Craig had the following named gentlemen at the Southern Manufacturers' Club yesterday: Messrs. L. P. White, Fred Rump, Jr., Jacob Binder, Jr., C. Edwin Webb, Miles P. and B. J. Hoffman and Col. James Duffy. This is the Hoffman-Rhyne bridal party from Philadelphia.

Poisons in Food.

Perhaps you don't realize that many pain poisons originate in your food, but some day you may feel a twinge of dyspepsia that will convince you. Dr. King's New Life Pills are guaranteed to cure all sickness due to poisons of undigested food—or money back. 25c. at R. H. Jordan & Co.'s drug store. Try it.

PRAYER THE SUBJECT.

Rev. H. K. Boyer Preaches on "Prayer"—He Adheres to the Theory of Salvation Through Christ Alone—A Meeting to Begin Next Week.

A very large congregation was present at Tryon Street Methodist church yesterday morning, and the subject of the sermon preached by the pastor, Rev. H. K. Boyer, was "Prayer." In part he said: "We must remember that man is born into this world as an animal; he is a full developed animal, but he is a spirit as well.

"I call to your mind the infant, the most ignorant and the most helpless, the most dependent of all God's creatures, for even the birds and the animals of the field have in them at birth more instinct than has man. The infant is the most helpless creature born into the world, and yet in him are powers that lie dormant, and that when awakened and developed render man God's highest creation. "In man is the motive power the will, which makes it possible for him to return to God even after he has drifted far away into the paths of sin. This motive power, this will in man, makes it possible for man to live in harmony with God. And that is what the atonement means, the bringing of the will of man under subjection and into harmony with God's will, and this state of harmony can be brought about by no other means except by prayer. Christ is our pattern-man. He is our model and he has promised to lead us not into part of the truth, but into the whole truth. And if Christ is our pattern-man, if He is our atonement, and He is, then what we need is to study Him, to study His character, and fashion ourselves according to this divine pattern.

Jesus Christ was a man of prayer. He spent whole nights in prayer, and He rose early in the morning and spent the early hours of the day in prayer, and if we are to be like Him we must spend much time in prayer. "As to the atonement, there are various theories, and in all of these theories there is truth, but the great question of the atonement centers in the Son of God, through whom alone we can come to God, and be saved from sin. This is the great foundation fact, Jesus Christ is the foundation rock, and the only means of salvation from sin. And we can come to Christ only through prayer.

"The power of prayer has been felt and recognized since the beginning of the world. The great men of the world have been men of prayer.

"What is prayer? Prayer is the bringing of ourselves by desire into perfect harmony with God. This is not impossible, but you can do it. If I could get you as a church to pray earnestly for ten days for a great outpouring of God's spirit upon this church there would be such a s'.'tual awakening as we have never before witnessed. We should rmember that God is not a wayfaring man who is a long distance from us and only to be sought in time of trial, but He is ever present and ever ready to hear us when we call to Him, and we need Him at all times. We need the strength which comes from prayer, and we need the submissive spirit in prayer. We need to come to God in prayer, and not to dictate to Him, but to listen to Him.

"There are some limitations to prayer, and it is useless to pray against such limitations. God can't save a man who is out of harmony with Him and has no desire to be saved. God can't use a man who is out of harmony with Him. It is useless to pray for a man to be delivered from evil habits and for his salvation if the man himself has no desire to give up his evil habits and be saved.

"Prayer is as necessary to the growth and development of the spiritual life as eating and sleeping are to the growth and development of the physical life. And when we put ourselves in perfect harmony with God, there are no limitations to prayer. God will give us as much as He can, and the reason we do not receive more blessings is because we are out of harmony with His will.

"Wherever you find a man of power, you find a man of prayer, and this has been true in every age of the world. Our power in our Christian life is measured by our prayer. God grant that we as a church may come to be recognized more and more as men and women of prayer."

At the conclusion of the service Mr. Boyer announced that a meeting would begin in Tryon Street church on next Sunday or on a week from next Wednesday night. The final announcement will be made at the prayer meeting this week.

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If the club can stand to pay the piper the boys below will rejoice when the long and sultry nights come for their hours will be shortened and sweetened. Truly, life will be worth living.

Fell and Broke His Arm.

Little Warren Brice, the six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Brice, of Dilworth, fell from a box in the back yard, yesterday afternoon, and broke his left arm just above the wrist. The little fellow suffered much for some time but was resting well last night.

ON THE LEADERS' LIST.

Messrs. W. L. Wilhoite and J. M. Oldham Both Make Records as Producers of Insurance.

Each month the New York Life Insurance Company issues a list giving the names of the hundred agents producing the greatest amount of business during the month previous.

The January leaders' list is just out. The names of Mr. W. L. Wilhoite, agency director of the western North Carolina district stands 55th for the greatest number of paid applications, and Mr. J. M. Oldman is 57th.

Mr. Whilhoite is a comaprative stranger in Charlotte, having been a resident of the city but two months. However, he is regarded by the officials of the New York Life Insurance Company as an up-to-date insurance expert. It is believed that under his supervision, the local agency will make great progress.

Mr. Oldman is known all over the State as a baseball player and all round good fellow. Is one of the most popular of the city's young men.

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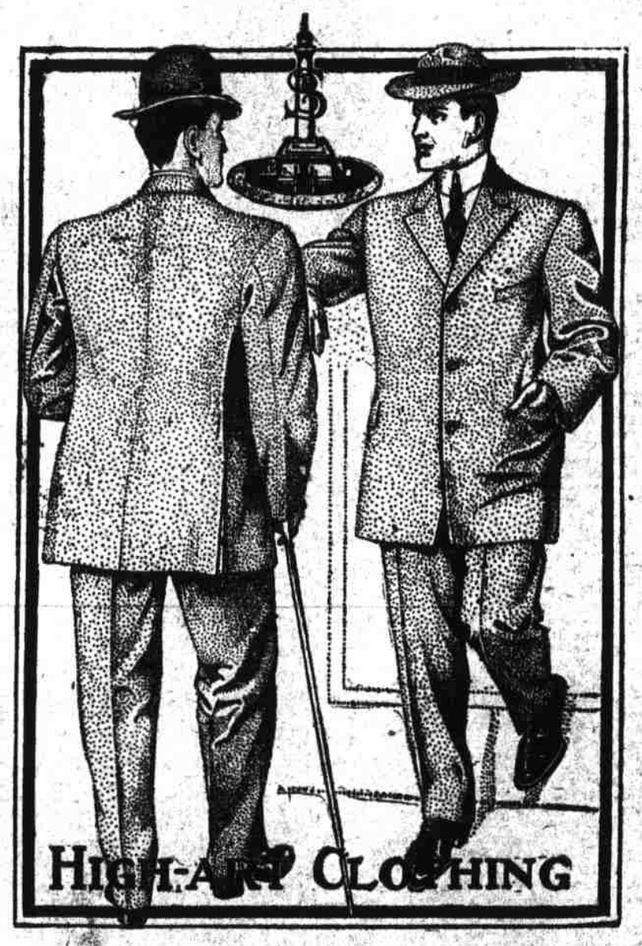

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