

THE SPREAD OF THE BIBLE

THE WORK OF THE A. B. SOCIETY

An Able Address by Rev. G. G. Harley at Harrison, Yesterday, Before the Charlotte District Conference—Convincing Statistics Showing the Need of a Great and Good Cause—The Ministers Largely to Blame—Facts That are Eloquent.

The Charlotte District Conference, which was held at Harrison church, on the Pineville circuit, closed a successful session yesterday. Most of the ministers and lay delegates from the entire district were present, and the claims of the district were found to be in good condition.

One of the subjects which received particular attention at the conference was the relation of the Church to the American Bible Society and its duty to that society. Rev. G. G. Harley, of this city, who is an earnest worker in the interest of the Bible Society, as he is in every other good cause, delivered an address on this subject at the conference which made a deep impression for good.

In part he said: "A man's benighted condition, with sin in his heart and rebellion and indifference in his life, he must see God's imperative in any line of action before he will rightly adjust himself to its performance. He must have an internal self-knowledge—an adjustment of the searchlight of God's requirements in the salvation of a lost world upon his own heart. He must have a conscience.

"We have come here to pay homage to our God and Savior and to ask the question at this point of our conference session:

"1. What place the Bible holds in the world's salvation.

"2. Its efficiency.

"3. Its resultant power as felt in the world to-day?

"4. Its place.

"The Word of God is the foundation upon which His kingdom rests. Before one jot or tittle of My Word shall fall, heaven and earth shall pass away."

"God declares again that the entrance of the Word giveth light, that the Word quickeneth; that the Word reconcileth; that the Word nourisheth; that the Word is spirit and life; that the Word is a lamp to our feet; that the Word is quick and powerful; that the Word must dwell in us; that the Word is our defense; that the Word shall not pass away; that the Word is the path of God; that the Word keeps the heavens in store; that the Word must be obeyed; and that the Word shall be our Judge."

"When the Savior was entering upon His messianic ministry—being anointed—and was tempted of Satan, to turn the stones into bread. He answered: Man doeth not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

"Hear He lays the foundation principle upon which the world must be saved."

"The Word of God—the Bible—is the fore-runner of the missionary, John the Baptist."

"There are four hundred colporteurs besides the 'Bible men' and 'Bible women' going forth throughout Mexico, Central America, South America, Japan, China, Corea, Siam, the Levant, Africa, Cuba and the Isles of the sea, to preach the Word. And in numbers of instances, whole communities have been brought to the knowledge of the Savior, before a missionary has come upon the scene."

ITS EFFICIENCY.
"The efficiency of the Bible is proven by the demand for it. The total issue of the American Bible Society last year was 2,336,000, more than 1,000,000 of which went to foreign fields, 465,000 more than was printed the preceding year. The total issue of the society is 78,509,523 copies."

"The American Bible Society is practically the only channel through which the Christians of America are providing the Word to the heathen world."

"We want to emphasize the fact just here that these Bibles are sold, almost in every case; that their appreciation may be the more enhanced, and when we know that it cost the Chinese, the Hindus, the Turk, a week's wages to purchase a Bible, the same Bible that costs an American laborer only an hour or two labor, we then have some conception of their appreciation of the Word."

"There is a strong and every increasing demand for the Word in every part of the world."

THE RESULTANT POWER.
"While the commercial world and the political world and the military world, and the naval world, and the world of professions, and the world of science, and the world of inventions are making their mighty projection, the kingdom of God is not asleep. A mighty call is going forth, and an army, 1,000 strong, of the flower of our young manhood and young womanhood has heard the call, and are anxiously waiting to take up the march to glorious conquest."

"But while all this is true, that our Great God is thus manifesting His saving grace, which the colporteur and the Bible man and the living woman are showing a zeal that is never before known, while there is a far greater demand than can possibly be supplied, there is an appalling condition in the attitude toward the Bible in our attitude toward the American Bible Society that cannot be reconciled with these praiseworthy manifestations—the shortage of our gifts."

"This neglected one-tenth less Bibles to the foreign field last year than the year preceding."

"There is only one solution for this condition of things. Legacies and donations have thus fallen off. Free-will offerings, and personal living gifts are rapidly on the increase, but do not yet supplement the loss by thousands upon thousands of dollars. The time has come when God will have every man to feel the burden of his lost brother. He says, 'My son go work in my vineyard to-day.' Thus He individualizes the laborer, and declares the time of his action—'to-day.'"

"And now the practical question comes to us: 'What am I doing to have the Light and Life of the Word penetrate this darkness and death of a lost world?'"

"What do the statistics of our district show? We have a membership, in round numbers in the district of 9,000. This district contributed last year \$104,68 to the American Bible Society. This makes a total of living gifts over one-cent per member. We plead poverty. But that won't do. My little flock at Hoskins church, this spring, upon hearing the Bible and its needs presented to them, enthusiastically contributed \$56.85. And one said, upon hearing of the collection, (though a piece of pious vanity) 'Why you are just robbing these people.'"

"Well, let us see. Our work at that church last year paid for all purposes \$1,779. Using God's standard of liberality, and I can see how any loyal child of God can be less liberal than His standard, one-tenth, I will take 100 mill children at 50 cents a day—\$50—one-tenth of this—\$5 per day. This multiplied by 512 working days gives us \$1,560. Deduct the contribution of my church—\$100 members for all purposes, \$1279, and you will find that my 300 members paid \$331 less than one-tenth of the wages of 100 children in the mill at 50 cents a day."

"No, the robbery is on the other hand. We are robbing God. Of this \$50.85 contributed by my church, less than 50 out of the 300 members contributed to it in all love and earnestness, does this not show alarming indifference on the part of we ministers? Getting right down to the bottom of things, does this not show our personal appreciation of God, of His Word, of a lost world? "

"I would not be boastful (God forbid) but just here J. Marvin Nicholas says 'Self deprecation is a crime. There are a great many people, by the way they move and present their claims to the world around them, who are constantly apologizing for their existence. To succeed one must first believe in himself, himself, and the issue he is presenting, must be possessed of a present positive consciousness that he is a living factor.' "

"Bishop Hendrix said at our Asheville missionary conference, 'Jesus Christ cannot use a discouraged man.' "

"Then I want to speak from a standpoint of a practical demonstration. I refer to my collection taken for the Bible cause last year, \$14,324.4. Here our entire conference taken, a like collection, upon the basis of the pastor's salary, the amount would have been \$19,000 instead of \$300."

"First of all we want to get down 'our knees and hearts by faith into the face of our living Saviour until we become alive with the passion of His bleeding heart—until we hear Him say to our soul, 'My Word is spirit and My Word is life.' Go into all the world (through your influence) and preach the Word to every creature.' "

"Then let us ask his forgiveness and go and prepare our sermon on this Word, and take Jesus Christ with us, and present His Word to our people, and they can't help responding—to our astonishment."

"The people are willing. I have tried every phase of humanity now for years and I know this is true. The Little Shestawas in mid-Africa contributed \$25 last year to the American Bible Society by carrying on their heads at one cent an hour. How this should make us pale with shame!"

"The Bible is the only hope of the world's salvation for the 20th century. And just to the extent that we appropriate to our own lives, and then give it to our lost brother, will it be the power of God unto salvation."

CONTENDING FOR FAITH.

Rev. Dr. Kincaid, of Honolulu, Preaches to Large Congregation—He Urges Christians of All Names to Be More Charitable and Work Together.

There was a large congregation at the Second Presbyterian church yesterday morning to hear Rev. A. J. Kincaid, of Honolulu. He based his text Jude 3:—'Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.'

"Christian life, my friends," said Mr. Kincaid, "is not a life of inactivity and ease. We may regard it as such and treat it as if it were such, but that does not make it so. The Christian life is a strenuous life, a life of high endeavor. Hence the exhortation of Jude is timely. He urges that we earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. We may ask the question, how can we whose time is so closely occupied with other things find the time or the chance to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints? We may ask why this may not all be left to those whose special business is the content for this faith once delivered to the saints. We may ask why not leave entirely to the ministry this earnest contention for the faith. This is one work of the ministry, but that does not relieve us from the responsibility resting upon us to contend for the faith. And I wish us to consider several ways in which we may contend for this faith."

"1. By living the humble, upright, Christian life. And after all, the life we live is the very best evidence of what we are. There is a vital connection between doctrine and practice, and there is need of doctrinal preaching to-day—need of setting forth the principles of our faith."

"2. Willingness on our part to support the gospel in another way in which we can earnestly contend for our faith. If the gospel means little to us, we will give it small support, and if it means much to us, we will support it largely and willingly. Our support of the gospel is always in proportion to our appreciation of it."

"3. In contending for our faith, we must be able to give the ground for the faith that is in us. We owe this to ourselves and to our children. The early fathers were willing to lay down their lives in order for the truth to be perpetuated. This was their faith, and we must defend our faith against these."

"Others differ from us at certain points, but all Christians stand close together in essentials and we need to have charity for all and enmity for none. The world cannot be brought to Christ while we magnify our differences instead of minimizing these and standing together. Just in the proportion that we stand together will our warfare be successful. Union means strength in this case, and this is a thing we cannot bring the world to Christ if we are at warfare."

"Let us contend for the faith, and let us earnestly contend to-day 'I throw out these points to-day to show you that you need not think the gospel will receive sufficient defense without your help.' "

STATESVILLE'S PROGRESS.

It Grows and Prospers Amazingly—Its Industries Multiply and Its Prospects Brilliant.

An Observer man who was in Statesville recently was astonished, in going over the town, to mark the rapidity of the strides it is making. Always a good, substantial town, it has taken on new life in the last few years and is growing and developing in a manner calculated to surprise its own citizens. Best states in advancing and improvement is visible on every hand.

Among the industries are two cotton factories in successful operation, three furniture factories, equally successful, a veneer factory, two flour mills, tobacco factories, an ice factory, a cotton seed oil mill; and here the Steeles, father and sons, are manufacturing what is believed to be the best brick-making machine on the market. They are selling numbers of these machines all over the United States and are prospering greatly. They like the furniture factories employ a large number of these employes own their own homes. There are two hospitals and two banks. The First National recently increased its capital and the new stock was taken up at once. The Loan and Trust Company, a comparatively new enterprise, which has succeeded from the first, is erecting a handsome bank building on Main street. The stock of both of these institutions commands a handsome premium.

The town owns its light plant and water-works and has a complete system of sewerage. The Catawba Power Company is giving into Statesville soon and on the strength of this a franchise for a street railway has been secured by enterprising citizens. It is a certainty of the near future. The female college was never so well patronized in its history. Indeed, every interest here is on a firm footing and prosperous. Cement sidewalks are an improvement of the near future. A fine graded school and a building and loan association which cannot supply the demands upon it for money for building purposes are worthy of mention.

The citizens are united and enthusiastic in their purpose to push Statesville forward and there is not a more solid town in the State nor any with brighter prospects. New residences are going up and the population is increasing steadily. Iredell county has gone into the building of macadam roads. The longest stretch thus far is four miles, on the Mocksville road, and property along it has increased in value 100 per cent. In point of citizenship the town and county are unsurpassed. The people are making the most of their great opportunities and turning to the best account their great natural advantages.

THE MONTREAT LOTS SELLING.

Within a Few Weeks 415 of the 500 Lots Sold—Success of Montreat Assured—It is Rapidly Becoming a Popular Resort.

It will be a pleasure to many, and to Presbyterians especially, to know that 415 of the 500 lots at Montreat, under the control of the Mountain Retreat Association, have been sold, 41 of these having been sold within the past three days. It is confidently believed the remaining 85 lots will be disposed of by the middle of this week. The popularity of Montreat has increased rapidly since the favorable action of the General Assembly's ad interim committee a month ago. The purchasers of the property are residents of fifteen or more States, from New York to Florida and from North Carolina to Texas. A large per cent. of these purchasers are ministers and lawyers, physicians, teachers and other professional and business men are well represented, and in addition to these, a number of the purchasers are ladies. The success of Montreat as a Christian resort and as a summer, religious, educational center is assured and its development will be rapid.

Montreat will be under the control of a board of directors, all of whom will be official members of the Presbyterian Church, but the property owners will embrace members from various Christian denominations, and the Christian educational features to be established will be interesting and helpful, not to Presbyterians alone, but to all Christians.

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The picnic has just fairly begun in this county, August is the time for fried chicken and pies.

THE COUNTRY STORE OF TO-DAY.

The Country Store has become a part of every community in recent years. Iredell county has many prosperous cross-roads stores. The wise merchant buys eggs, butter, chickens, potatoes and every other sort of small truck. Thousands of dollars worth of eggs are shipped from Iredell county every year. Mackdenburg is following in the wake of Iredell. The rural store is on the increase here. The country merchant has become an influence. He is the moneyed man of the neighborhood.


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Porch Chairs Rockers and Settees

Now is the time of year that you live in your porch and a time when real comfort is to be appreciated. That comfort is found in our line of Porch Chairs and Rockers at the exceedingly small cost of \$1.25 to \$4.50.

Don't deny yourself so much comfort and pleasure for so small a sum.



LUBIN FURNITURE COMPANY

AN ENGINEERING CLUB.

Local Electric and Mechanical Engineers to Meet To-Night for the Purpose of Organizing a Club—Its Purpose.

A club of electric and mechanical engineers is to be organized in the city this evening. The personnel of the organization will consist largely of the employees of the Southern Power Company, the C. C., the Bell Telephone Company, as well as any others of the craft who may desire to join.

The recent electrical development about Charlotte has brought to the city a number of young men who are experts. In the near future there will be many occasions to the local ranks of mechanical and electrical engineers. It is believed that such a club will meet with the needs of those who are already here and will be a great help to those who are to follow.

The purpose of this club are manifold. Its primary object is to bring together those who are engaged in the same general work, so that they may discuss together matters of common interest.

CHICK SPRINGS

Water is a Wonder

Read these two strong testimonials:

Greenville, S. C., April 12, 1904.
Chick Springs, S. C.

Gentlemen: It gives me pleasure to tell you that I have the greatest confidence in Chick Springs water, having used it in my own family in a very severe case of eczema, following several years, and after sending my little daughter to the springs for four weeks there was not only an improvement, but a complete cure. I know of no other in whose medicinal properties I have so much confidence.

C. C. JONER, M. D.

Columbia, S. C., April 12, 1904.
Chick Springs, S. C.

Gentlemen: I have found Chick Springs water very beneficial for kidney trouble, and take pleasure in recommending it to others. I have used several other mineral waters and know none that equal to the Chick Springs water. Besides the medicinal properties of this water, Chick Springs is a delightful place and a resort for those in good health.

Respectfully yours,
A. B. HAMMOND.

20 CENTS PER GALLON IN 5 GALLON GLASS DEMIES.

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Of Exchange Pianos

Holstrom, Kumble, Kimball, Everett, Franck & Bach, Steinway, Bond & Company, Sterling, Bacon & Raven, Bohning, Mason & Hamlin, Wise, Cornish, Fischer, Ivers & Pond, Harvey, West Western, Brehm, Hunt, Bethoven, Casey, Wellington, Goldsmith, Mathushek, Decker.

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Model Steam Laundry

is the same as the spreading of a newly washed handkerchief on the window pane. Garments are returned to you whole, and with their original shape and fit.

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We've hatted most of the best dressed men in Charlotte this season—many of them with a second Hat—wouldn't another one for you at an under price be to your liking?

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We have a complete line of Pyrography Outfits ranging in price from \$1.50 to \$4.50. A large and assorted line of Panels, Taborettes, Glose, Tie, Handkerchief and Jewelry Boxes Picture Frames, etc., that are very cheap, but the quality is excellent.

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Special sale of Parlor and Library Tables in Golden Quartered Oak and Mahogany. New stock, new styles. All fresh and new, direct from factory.

New Carpets and Rugs. Fall styles and patterns coming in daily.

Parker-Gardner Company

STYLISH BLUE SERGES

We have just received a fresh stock of those stylish Blue Serge Suits that are so popular this season. This stock contains all sizes in

Single and Double Breasted

and is one of the neatest things and best bargains ever offered to particular dressers. They are great for regular wear and for vacation they are in a class to themselves and an important feature is they are going at the ridiculous low price of.....\$15.00.

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NOBBY HATS!

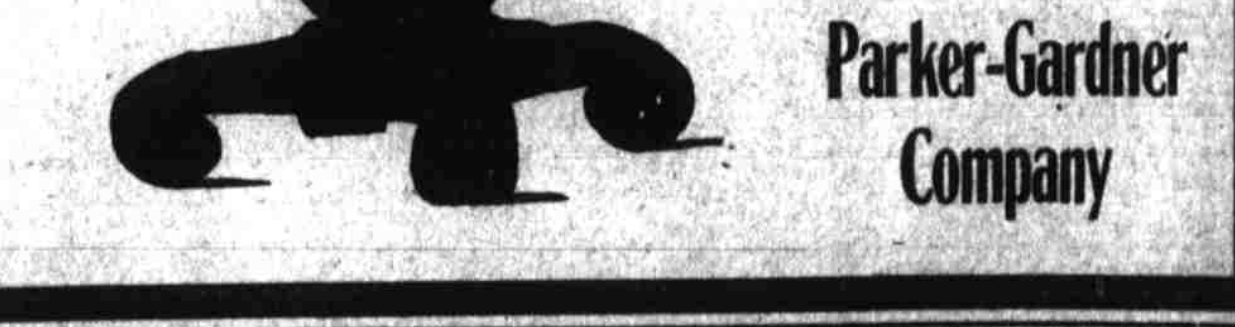
WE have just received a shipment of nobby Felt Hats that will add very materially to the looks of all well dressed men. Among the more popular brands are the "Kearney" "Grove" and Utica.

These hats are positively the very latest blocks from the hat makers, well made, stylish and sell for only \$3.00

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