

Social and Personal

It is reported that one of the city's best known and most popular bachelors is soon to be married. He will wed an out-of-town girl.

Mrs. J. G. Morrison and daughters, of Marlboro, have moved into their new home on Tenth avenue, and are now permanent residents of the city.

Quite a number of visitors are located by this week by Charlotte people. The fair always draws large crowds.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Purcell left yesterday for New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Clough Steele will return to Charlotte and spend the winter in Dilworth with Mrs. C. Furber Jones. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Aiken will spend the winter in the North.

Mrs. Leon Ernest Seay will arrive here within a few days from Boone, where she spent the summer. Mr. Seay will live on Seventh street extension.

Miss Mamie Bays leaves this morning for Salisbury to spend the day with friends. She goes from there to Hendersonville to attend the Presbyterian Synod, and report the same to the Observer.

Mr. C. E. Muser and family, who have been visiting Mr. J. D. Lewark and Mr. H. R. McFadden for the past few days at Rock Hill, S. C., have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Eugene Scott, of Greensboro, spent yesterday with Mrs. Scott's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Jerry, at 1004 North Church street.

Miss Elizabeth Bennett left yesterday for Richmond, Va., where she will reside in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stephens, of Laurinburg, were among the visitors at the Buford yesterday.

BRIEFS

A Few Minor Happenings in and About the City.

Professor Baker, the suburban weather prophet, says that we will have rain Tuesday and Wednesday. This is not very encouraging for the fair.

Mr. A. S. Reid, manager of Swift & Co., who suffered the misfortune of breaking an ankle last week, is getting along very nicely at the Presbyterian Hospital.

Mr. George A. Urquhart, who has been confined at St. Peter's Hospital with appendicitis, is much improved and is now at his home on Jackson Terrace.

A black negro died at the Southern passenger station Saturday night of heart disease. His body was removed to St. Cole's undertaking establishment.

Mr. Fred H. White has now entirely recovered from the injury sustained some time ago from a fall, and is on the road again collecting orders for the A. H. Washburn Company.

Rev. Hugh K. Boyer, pastor of Troy Street Methodist church, and Rev. Harold Turner, pastor of Broad Street church, will exchange pulpits next Sunday at the morning service.

The officers arrested a dandy who had just left from Salisbury yesterday. There was nothing unusual about the arrest, but the negro carried a large, costly looking hand bag marked "B. D. S."

Mrs. Vardell, mother of Mrs. W. J. Martin, of Davidson, and Mrs. E. H. Williamson, of Fayetteville, and Dr. C. G. Vardell, of Red Springs, underwent an operation at Salisbury last week and is improving nicely. Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Williamson are with her.

A SUNDAYLESS CROWD.

Workmen Busy Yesterday Getting Things in Shape For Fair, Which Begins To-Morrow—Fakers Will Be Given a Chance This Year, Says the Mayor.

There was no Sunday yesterday with the folks who will give their shows during the Fair this week. All day long the workmen were hammering at each other across the grounds and the sound of the hammer and the saw was distinct on all sides. The visitors from up-town thronged to the grounds in great droves and during the afternoon 5,000 persons are estimated as having made the trip. They stood around watching the unloading of boxes and goods of all sorts, listening to the talk of the owners of the shows and the carpenters at work, and occasionally peeped at the girls who will do stunts during the occasion.

There is no doubt about the success of the Fair if only the weather is kind. The people will doubtless give the management a large patronage and respond to the efforts which have been put forth to make the occasion superior in every respect to any previously given.

Mayor Franklin, in talking about the Fair yesterday, said: "We expect to let the fakirs have a chance to show their tricks. I am not a crank on the subject, and with a reasonable amount of fairness to the public, they will be allowed to carry on operations." Of course, the dignity and decorum which properly belongs to this Presbyterian town will be respected and maintained, but it is safe to say that the screws will not be as tight as heretofore. There is every indication that the Fair will be a decided success in every regard.

JOE WHITEHEAD COMEDIAN.

The Men Who Plays the Empire is a Young Fellow With Funny Ways.

Joe Whitehead, Jimmy Dolan, the empire, in "The Empire" spent yesterday at the Selwyn. He is as funny off the stage as he is on it. Last night, if the lobby of the hotel, on an evening having a dinner, they knew not what Mr. Whitehead appeared on the scene and began to play with a tiny little girl of three summers. The child made up with him readily and the two romped and skipped like two lambs in a show field much to the amusement of quite a crowd of guests and visitors. The comedian put the little girl's big red balloon on his nose and balanced it and did other things for her edification. Those who saw him on the stage say that he was quite as interesting at the Selwyn. When some one asked him if he was ever serious he said: "Why, yes when I am playing with that child."

Joe Whitehead is a very young looking fellow. But he has a wrinkled face that he wears quite as naturally as the rest of him. He is a fellow that makes you laugh whether you want or not.

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ESTIMATE OF THE FAIR

Reverend sermon last night before immense audience of church members, De. Marshall, of Philadelphia, delivered brilliant lecture on "The Book of Books" and Being Festival to a Close—Lecture, Perfection and Its Strength in the Face of Doubts—Lecturer, Local Arguments, Force, Inspiration and Divine Authority of the Bible—An Exhaustive Discussion.

With his Bible clinging close to his breast practically for an hour and a half, Rev. L. W. Marshall delivered his masterly address in the auditorium last night on "The Book of Books" before an audience that fairly taxed the building. There must have been between 2,500 and 4,000 people there, representing the various denominations of the city, a cultured, refined, appreciative set of people. The address brought the festival to a close and was altogether appropriate as a closing occasion. Dr. Marshall is a man of powerful physique, weighing more than 200 pounds, and possessing a voice that throws itself easily and freely in his speaking. He spoke at times with a fire and passion that is seldom approached, but the main body of his discourse was a solid argument in behalf of the authenticity and infallibility of the scriptures, and the greatest and most reliable of all human institutions. For the most part the lecture-sermon dealt with the Bible in contrast with human productions, and after an exhaustive discussion of this kind, three clinching facts were given to establish the fact of its inspiration and authority.

THE UNITY OF THE BIBLE.

The first of these was its unity. Notwithstanding the fact that the Bible is made up of 66 separate books, with as many as 40 authors and with 16 centuries elapsing between the first and the last contributor, when every writer brings his work to close, it fits precisely with every other contribution, and constitutes one grand and harmonious whole, without a break in unity. "There is no book of human authorship like the Bible for harmony. It is the greatest miracle of the ages. Running through it all is the marking of a master hand, seeking to lead the soul up to God. In the beginning when there is mention of sin, there is mention of blood. This goes all through the book, until finally, Revelation speaks of "the blood washed clean through." There is but one explanation and that is that the Infinite plan is behind it all, giving direction and control and unity to the pen."

THE BIBLE AS A PERFECT PRODUCTION.

The second argument to establish faith in the Bible as a divinely appointed and executed work is that everything man ever made has been simpler than the Bible. The first sewing machine was a very incomplete affair in comparison with that which obtains to-day with almost perfect facilities. There is vast difference between the Morse telegraph instrument and the Morse telegraph of today. It is with the locomotive engine and the reaping-machine. Why don't the intellect of this day improve upon the Bible? This is an educated, cultured age that boasts of its scientific attainments. Why didn't Paine, Voltaire, and Bolingbroke improve upon the original Bible? They found many faults with the one in use and Paine said he never did it. They were accomplished scholars. The fact is the Bible cannot be made better by all the wisdom of this or any other age."

THE BIBLE HAS STOOD THE TEST.

The third argument adduced was that everything has been hurled ineffectively against the book that humanity could devise or think of. "It has suffered the greatest persecutions, the greatest oppressions and amid the greatest despotisms, but from these all it emerged unharmed. The attacks of the ages have not stood in its way and it is yet making unheeded progress in filling its mission in the world. The printing-press in Geneva that published the Bible years ago is proof that the Bible will fall in its test during recent ages is now owned and operated by the Geneva Bible Society and from it are being published Bibles for world-wide distribution. The American Bible Society published 2,000,000 copies of the book last year. There are 43 firms in Great Britain and as many in America printing Bibles alone. To-day it is being translated into 517 tongues and dialects. It has become so woven and interwoven into our civilization, into our jurisprudence, into every condition of humanity that its destruction would mean chaos." A beautiful simile was spoken here when the speaker compared the waves of the raging sea beating against the seeming rock of Gibraltar only to fall back in confusion and weakness, while the Rock remained firm and immovable. So it is with the Bible when the waves of infidelity sweep against it, they are only to be beaten back and baffled against its solidity and infinite strength.

THE BIBLE AS A DIVINE INSTITUTION.

Dr. Marshall started off by making three declarations about the authorship of the book in a general way. "The Bible could not have been written by good men, because they would have made God a liar. He says in the Scriptures as many as 208 times that He is the author. A bad man would not have written it if he could, because it tells him of his sins and that is the very fact of which he wants to remain ignorant. A good man could not have written it if he would. He can interpret such men as Shelley and the literary men of the ages, but by searching can find out God? Fallible man could not have written of an infallible Christ, who is the revelation of God as a Father."

THE BIBLE AS LITERATURE.

"The Bible has furnished a guide for the literature of all time. Goethe, the mightiest of German writers looked to it for direction, Webster made a declaration showing his faith in it as incomparable with any human production. Rousseau said: 'The majesty of the Scriptures strikes me with astonishment.' For precision, conciseness, definiteness of statement, ease and facility and beauty of expression, for irresistible logic, and wealth of poetry, the Bible stands unapproached. Milton said that the poetry of man was incomparable with the work of man, and greater than any in the language. So it is with the literature that obtains in Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, the Lamentations, and the Revelation.

THE BIBLE AS PHILOSOPHY.

Newton, who was counted the prince of philosophers beyond the work of the philosophers of his time, said that the book of Job that he would not rest satisfied until he had completed the last verse in the book when called upon to read only selections therefrom. He became absolutely absorbed in its wonderful philosophy. A number of other philosophers mentioned in showing their estimate of the Bible as a guide and light to all the works of men along this line of writings.

THE BIBLE AND SCIENCE.

"Science is only man's knowledge of God's work manifested and systems used. No science can tell us what electricity is. It declares its existence in matter, but no attempt is made to give it a comprehensive or definite name. There may be a clash between science and theology, but there is no clash between God's word and God's work. It is foolishness to say that science has disproved the Bible and the presence of no good who stands up and fails to speak without authority in this respect. In extension of Job's statement about God stretching his hand across the wastes to the north, Prof. Loomis, of Yale, has recently made a statement that there is in the northern sky a large vacuum corresponding in every detail to that described by the biblical writer. Jesus referred to his second coming in language that showed a knowledge of science and the physical condition of the earth. He said he would come when it would be high noon at one place and darkness at another, evidencing the fact of his knowledge as to the earth's roundness.

JONAH AND THE WHALE.

"The average skeptic always brings up the old question of Jonah and the whale. He says the whale hasn't a throat large enough to swallow a man's body. There is one species of this fish about which this statement can be made with truth, but I have found that there exists sixty-two different varieties of whale. God never said a whale swallowed Jonah, anyone. He said he prepared a great fish. The reference is to the whale of Jonah being in the belly of a whale for three days and nights, does not literally mean 'whale.' The Hebrew word means 'marine monster,' and does not mean 'whale' more than it does any other kind of fish. The authorities agree that the whale is really a shark and that species has 185 teeth in one jaw and 155 in the other, some of his teeth being 6 inches long. They exist large enough to swallow a man on a horse."

THE BIBLE AS PROPHECY.

"In the Old Testament there are as many as 835 predictions of the coming Messiah, which 151 have been literally fulfilled in past history, this in the face of the fact that these prophecies were written from 400 to 1600 B. C. That of itself is enough to establish faith in the Bible as history in perfect agreement with the archaeological researches have established the fact that the Bible is absolutely correct in every statement of history and every detail of things taken into account. In human history, the Bible is the only one that shows more than 2,000 years of the entire Word of God not a single historical inaccuracy has been discovered."

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The Town Full of Singing and Dancing Lassies Yesterday—Peggy From Paris' Came in and Took Possession—All Sorts of Good Looking—The Rubbernecks Had a Feast.

There were close to one hundred show girls in the city last night. "The Empire" and "Peggy From Paris" were here. The pretty things from "Peggy From Paris" appeared in about the middle of the afternoon, yesterday, and flitted about the hotel lobbies, like so many butterflies, in their natty gowns, low shoes, pretty stockings and mushroom hats. Jim Gray was on duty at the Central, when a dozen or more, wearing plaid, and blue and red and all other attractive colors, walked in and put their elbows upon the counter and said "Give us rest." Jim smiled from ear to ear as he saw the names run down the page of the register.

"How many in one?" said Jim.

"Just as many as you like," said a dimpled lass.

"Four," said Jim, as he assigned them away in quartets.

Soon all of the girls, with their bags, were tucked away in comfortable quarters.

"Peggy From Paris" was just what the rubber-necks were looking for. The singing and dancing dainties had not registered before the sidewalks in front of the hotel were alive with the soles of the city's most scabbed lady-killers. There were sweet words on many tongues. But the girls were travel-stained and hungry, and yielded not to smiles. Rooms were more desirable than beaus.

At half hour later the peaceful Sabbath day was broken by various and sundry comic songs. Some of the girls had formed in twos, threes and fours, and were singing to the pale moon.

After supper the young women strolled about the city, seeing the sights, drinking in the wholesome air and teasing the amorous young natives.

Judging from the looks of the chorus girls "Peggy From Paris" is going to be all right.

EXPERIMENTS WITH FUEL.

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 20.—As the result of a series of experiments at the United States Geological Survey fuel testing plant at the Jamestown Exposition to determine the relative fuel value of certain fuel products. It has been found that it takes one and a half gallons of denatured alcohol to produce as much power as a gallon of gasoline, although alcohol costs about twice as much as the gasoline. The experiments were carried on for about six weeks.

GLobe-Trotter Completes Long Walk.

Cincinnati, O., Oct. 20.—Dan O'Leary, a long distance walker, finished a 1-000-mile walk at Norwood Inn at 7 o'clock this morning. He walked one mile during each hour for 1,000 consecutive hours. He is nearly 65 years old, but has shown no signs of faltering.

—Mr. J. N. Sloan is on the road again after an attack of appendicitis.

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