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ng as a text the question of hrist to his disciples on the coasts of area Phillippi, "But whom say ye at I am "," Rev. Dr. William M. Kin-id, paster of the First Presbyterian in, yesterday morning declared the only true answer to this on of the ages is that of Simon the living God." Having discussions Sunday Christ's injunction to low him. Dr. Kincald yesterday laid hasis upon what he said was the dividual to answer for himself this sestion propounded to the disciples turies ago. The text was Matthew,

'In speaking to you last Sunday on Christ, our Great Example," said Dr. Kincaid, "I said that Christ's first word to every earnest seeker after with is, 'Follow Me.' His second: Whom do you say that I am?' It is in the second that I shall speak to-

The context associated with the propounding of the query was outlined. When Jesus came to the coast of Caeeares. He put to His disciples the question, "Whom do men say that I the son of Man am?" and they said. ne say that Thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others Jeres, or one of the prophets." Then asked Jesus this direct question: "But whom say ye that I am?"

And Peter answered, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." We sometimes speak of the ques-

ion of the day," said the minister. "Christ here propounds the question of the day, the question of all the age. Other questions find their answers. Others in the course of time lose their emphasis. They come and go like changing passions. This question grows in significance with the passage of every age. Other questions arise which divide nations, communities, ramilies, promote sanguinary strife and kindle the flames of hatred. Then away they die and the world cah scarcely believe that it was ever agitated by them. This question alone retains perennial interest. Men are ever discussing it, attracted y its irresisti-ble magnetism."

EACH MUST ANSWER. Many questions concern only a class those relating to science, or art or literature. This is a question which concerns all, for it invokes the undying hopes of the human race. Many questions we can leave to the lear...d n whose ability we have confidence, but this is one which every man who but this is one which every man who the Christ, the Son of the llying thinks at all is bound to settle for the Christ, the Son of the llying himself. "Whom do you say that I

Hundreds of "lives of Christ" have been written by students and critics in different languages. Each gives one or another answer to the ques-"Ah, the inexhaustible source of inquiry which the world will not let alone until the answer is given. Thou art the Christ, the Son of the

ogy, the religion of life. So momentous is it that it pushes every other question into the background, for every other question finds its answer in the answer to this and every doctrine of vital import is involved in the person of Jesus Christ,

THE CRUCIAL POINT.

If you can only say with the true ring of heart and tone, "I know in whom I have believed," all your other thoughts may safely be left to form themselves in that mould.

"So long as nothing is taken from the forlorn splendor of Him whom we call Lord and Master you and I need not quake, if the wind whistles around some distant outpost. But if this be taken away, there is nothing left worth living for, nothing left worth dying for. If I lose my faith in Him the reward of righteousness becomes problematical, sin a theological invention and there is no clue to the mystery of pain and suffering." On this point hangs all the truths

on which religion lives, and all the man. Jesus Christ says if we answer darkness reigns.

GREAT MINDS LAUD HIM. Dr. Kincaid quoted at length the opinions of Christ and His life expressed by some of the greatest thinkers of all the ages. Rousseau, for instance, who could not be called a believer, but who stood in his time as a symbol of protest said that when Plato spoke of the so-called righteous man meriting rich reward, he spoke of Christ. In the realm of the German intellectual giants. Goethe said in substance, "I esteem the Gospels to be thoroughly genuine because there proceeds from them a reflected sublimity that only one divine could have re-

fleeted on earth." Among the great men of the English-speaking race, similar utterances can be quoted. Speaking to a company of friends who were comparing different historical characters. Charles Lamb said, "I'll tell you the difference. If Shakespeare were to walk into this would instinctively rise to greet him. If Jesus Christ were to enter that door we would all in response to a common impulse, prostrate ourselves at his feet in adoring worship." Carlyle said that Jesus of Nazareth has ascended higher than human thought can go. John Stuart Mill said that ever else in history is taken from us, Jesus Christ remains and it is useless to say that the Christ portrayed in the Scriptures is unhistorical. INCOMPLETE CHARACTERIZA-

TIONS. It is not enough to say that He is world's ideal, although that is . It is unquestioned that in Jesus at the most perfect life ever lived earth is found. Our Western civ-ation itself proves that the example hrist is what humanity ought to

It is not enough to say that He was preme religious genius of the though that is undoubtedly Compare Him for a moment storical critics to-day is that never an spake like this one. As a great acher He stands exalted to-day in a world's opinion, higher than the

Christian religion."

A human Christ is an untrustworthy Christ. There is no eternal and un-shaken Rock on which to build in this changing universe. The Delty— the Divine Christ—that means the transfiguration of the human life; and that every human soul however sinful and soiled, becomes capable of being saved, since the Son of God has come to earth and reached out to us wide arms from the cross. God's Word teaches us that he came to touch us with the love that was in his heart, and because that love burst upon the world after a long and desolate night, the assaults of critics have been unable to shake its sway.

DIVINITY PROVEN. "But some essay to beg the question and contend that the divinity of Christ is unproven. The divinity of Christ unproven? Then why do you come here Sunday after Sunday to attend these services? His divinity is proven every day. There isn't a town or a vil-

The question is sometimes asked, Why do so many brilliant men deny the divinity of Christ?" The number of those who do deny is steadily di-minishing as the light plays on the historical sources of the Christian religion; and as men come to under- fore the recorder this morning will be stand that it is not a dogma which Will Neal and John Sawyer, young they are asked to accept but a great white men charged with an affray fact. Even those who continue to Mitchell North, colored, is charged usny it, do so in a very different with disorderly conduct, as is also Will fashien from that of former days. They write books, some of them, in which they say that He is the Way, the Truth and the Light. But they have taken away my Lord and I know not where they have laid Him.

"My fellow-men, the question Christ asks is the most personal of all questions, for He will not allow you to shield yourself behind the answer which anyone else gives. Ah. if every person would only answer the question according to his own ideas, how different our religion would be. But how few men ever sat down for one single day or one deliberate hour to wring from their hearts an honest answer to the question, 'Whom say ye

"This is the oldest question and the newest; the most personal and the most impersonal; the question of the hour, of the day, of the ages. Oh, that from every heart there might burst forth the answer. "Thou art

THERE IS RETRIBUTION.

The Sad Plight of Squire Willard O. Bailes, of Fort Mill Township, South Carolina—Has Skipped For Parts Unknown, Presumably Okla-

That there is retribution in history is attested by the experience of Souire Willard O. Bailes, of Fort Mill township, South Carolina, who skipped out for the West recently "between the suns." For years 'Souire Bailes has been one of the most-talked-of men in the Carolinas by reason of his reputation and achievements as the squire" of York county.

Living just "across the line" in South Carolina he has figured in several thousand gretna green affairs. Many a couple has he linked together "until death do us part-for better or for worse," but he never considered nor gave a moment's thought to the responsibility of his office. Of his record he was brusquely proud.

Now his turn has come. Although he could join together couples by the hundreds, he could not control his own household and hence the trouble. The old Shiek Ilderim in Ben Hur refers to a king who could rule an empire but could not master his own horse. Such a man was Squire Bailes. Having said the word which got many a poor mortal into trouble, his time hopes which there are for suffering came at last when he himself fell. As to the 'squire's destination nothing is this question correctly all is well with known. It can safely be said however us, but if not all things are chaos and that he will not do the land-office business in Oklahoma, whither he is said to have gone, as he did in Fort

The following is from The Colum-"The notorious 'marrying squire,' Willard O. Bailes, of Fort Mill township, has skipped the country heading for Oklahoma. It will be remembered that he attained his reputation as a greena green artist some years ago while holding a commission as notary public. He advertised for business, getting out a business card with his picture on one side and his price list on the other. In this list were set forth the many styles and ways that he employed from a plain everyday knot to the most elaborate affair with trimmings at prices to suit the interested parties and his or their pocketbook. Many were the couples that Bailes united in

matrimony. "However expert he was a knotyer, Bailes got into trouble ic trouble-and things went on until he became an attraction to the grand jury. When the sheriff went with a warrant for his arrest Balles had kipped."

Business of Local Hotels Holding Up

The business of the local hotels is holding up wonderfully well in view of the fact that July is the dullest month in the year. That business is light during July is accounted for by reason of the fact that most of the traveling men take their vacations then and practically all of them as well as others seek the mountains or the coast, or remain at home. In spite of the dull season, the business at the Selwyn. Buford and Central is holding up splendidly. This has con-clusively demonstrated that the many conventions held in Charlotte this spring and summer have not only not while none of the houses has yet "sold out" the rooms have been or fortably filled.

No More Shows at Latta Park. The engagement of the Peters Stock Company at Latta Park closed Saturcompany at Latts Park closed Saturday night, in order that Mr. and Mrs. Peters might go to San Antonio, Tex. The season has been a successful one considering the many unfavorable circumstances which have marked the period through which the engagement extended. The company proved to be one of the strongest in the history of the organization.

Those who are accustomed to spend a portion of their summers in the mountains near Blowing Rock will be interested to learn that the lowns of Econe and Blowing Rock, as well as the country of Watauga, are interested in the building of a road to connect with the Caldwell & Northern Railrocker the World Has He is More Than These of God.

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Is This Due to Dog Days? Is This Due to Dog Days?

Whether due to excessive heat, the too frequent use of "dope" or simply "general cussedness," within the past few days the officers have arrested three negroes, all of whom were, stark crazy and had to be locked up to prevent their creating a row. One of these was Dill Harris, who was taken in custody by the police in the heart of the city Saturday as he himself was about to arrest a negro. He imagined all sorts of things, one being that he was an officer of the law. Chief Christenberry expressed the humorous belief yesterday that this seeming epidemic was due to "dog days."

Capt. Frank Robbins Very III. The Charlotte friends of Capt. Frank Robbins, of Lexington, will reservices? His divinity is proven every day. There isn't a town or a vill-lage in the English-speaking world to-day which isn't proving it. There isn't a street on which there is not some soul to whom has come to-day the light from above."

gret exceedingly to learn that his con-dition shows no improvement. Mr. A.
H. Robbins, a well-known cotton-mill man of Alabama, spent Saturday night in the city on the way to be at his father's bedside. Captain Robbins has been one of the most influential members of the legal fraterning. the State for many years and is esteemed from one end of North Carolina to the other.

> In the Recorder's Court. Among those who will be tried before the recorder this morning will be Riggins. Will Sims is charged with being a blind tiger.

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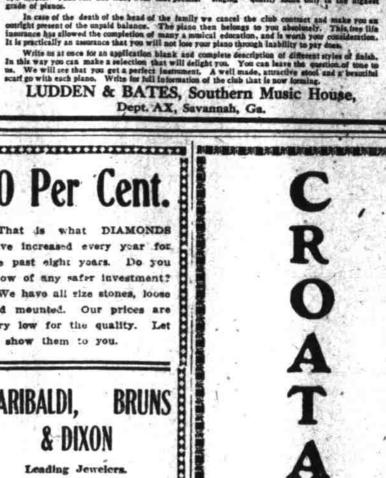


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B. F. Creswell and H. C. Dotger, Plaintiffs, vs. the Smith Electric & Manufacturing Company and S. J. Smith. Defendants.

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