"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a cailed you out of darkness into his marrelous light"-Peter, 2:9.

ching with this text as a basis for his remarks, Rev. Dr. W. H. Marquess, of the theological faculty the Presbyterian Seminary at ointed out the high privileges and their incumbent responsibilities, urg-ing his hearers to rise in the fullest possible degree to their opportunities for consecrated service of God and humanity. The beautiful picture of the character and the calling of the Church, the minister said, grows out of the discovery of the preciousness of Jesus Christ. His peculiar glory and which man lifts his heart when he nizes as the mos binds himself to Jesus by the simple saved by belief." bend of trust. The human soul, wicked and worthless apart from Christ, may be made great and giorious in union with Christ. Unto Just as a wase in which has been show forth the virtues, the practicular and the example of Him who stored flowers of sweet perfume will and the example of Him who and the example of Him who are the store darkness to be stored flowers. long retain their grateful fragrance, so the influence of Jesus Christ is made an arrived Long to the lives of his people, in the noble virtues which He creates in their char-

Only a king can create nobles and surround himself with a company of personages so dis-tinguished. Only a being as great as Jesus Christ can transform people into a state of dignity, honor and renown which can be designated as a chosen presthood. ORIGIN OF CHURCH.

We have here the picture of the Church's calling with special reference to its origin. Everything runs back to God's choice. We are a rac distinguished above all other races. crowned with the favor and the image by Him, but we are related to Him by a tie more intimate and binding that any which links any earthly

This wonderful relation is shown in the new birth which binds the be lief in Jesus Christ to the world of God. We are God's chosen racechosen as compared to the brasts which perish in all their own instincts of life, chosen as compared with the races of old who like the Babylonians perished in their own corruption; chosen even as compared with the angels at the feet of God.

We are a choice race and a choice race is a chosen race, chosen into un-usual power and unusual dignity, called by the mighty and sovereign will of God unto this blessed relationship with Him; chosen before the foundation of the world, elect according to the foreknowledge of God our our father. "Ye have not chosen Me

but I have chosen you established a way of salvation without us and God our sins in one generous stroke. God guides those who love Him through all the shadows and uncertainties of There is grace at the beginning. grace in the middle and grace at the

EVERY ONE A PRIEST.

And to the Church belongs the offive of a royal priesthood of noble effort, a separate priesthood, a holy priesthood of sacrifice to God. should never in thought or language allow ourselves to be robbed of the right to the name and the office of priest, or imagine the title to be one which any one person or set of perclusively. A priest is one who makes intercession with God by sacrificing Since Christ has offered himself as eacrifice for sin, his people are ablto offer sacrifices of themselves, their time, their money, their labor, their selves will be on the users thoughts, their affections, their pur-poses. They should sacrifice all on the altar of consecration to God.

When the praise and love of God fill you heart you are a priest, When you pray for God's blessing on a sick child, on the Church, on the foreign missionary society, you are priest of God and of Christ. Wh with loving heart you put your money into the Courch of God you are a priest of God. When you minister to the poor or the sick you are God's When you strive earnestly and falthfully to translate God's Gos-pel into your daily lives and illustrate the beauty of His law in your actions you are a priest. An old definition of a Christian life is a living sacrifice. Nut a dead sacrifice, of every year, every minute of our lives. ASSOCIATION OF IDEAS.

Time after time in the Bible, at place after place, do we find the uniting of the ideas of royalty and of priesthood. A priest is one was serves, a king is one who rules. The Word of God unites the two to first, that the best and highest office of the soul is to worship and serve the Lord God, that a man is never so manly, never so kingly, as when he bows as a priest at the feet of God. God writes upon him in words of living fire, "This is a king." He says that when in prayerful, loving self surrender, one yields to Jesus Christ, he is a king.

This union teaches in the second

place that only he who has power with God can expect to have power with men. The measure of the work which he can do with his fellows is determined by the favor with which he is viewed by God. The disciples were bidden to abide in Jerusalem un-til imbued with power from on high. They obeyed the instructions and then came the power that transformed them into kingly men.

In the spiritual kingdom of Jesus Christ, no man ever became a king in influence over his fellowmen save on his knees. This teaches also that the highest office of the king is to God takes and blends the two into one and says, "He that would be greatest among you; let him be the servant of all.' The Lord Jesus Christ in His divine experience teaches this blending. We ought to convert our talents into means for useful service.

while the plague was raging in Naples, King Humbert, of Italy, received a message from another city where great festivities had been prepared for and were about to begin. It was desired that he should attend. The king without hesitation had this answer flashed back: "At Naples they die. I go to Naples." And there he went, ministering in hospitals to the afflicted subjects. No throne is so exalted as that on which alls the man or woman who uses

SERVICE IS MOST KINGLY every gift of God for good. The ser which we can render to our felors are the shadow. A royal priesthood is after the character of a holy ministry. Ye are a commonwealth of saints. That ye might be holy men, Jesus Christ died Hally Wells 1811. ye might be holy men, that you died, Holy Writ, tells us. That you might be gentle, consecrated women, He breathed out His life upon the

A PECULIAR PEOPLE. We are peculiar people. This phrase has reference not to other phases discussed herein before, but to its aspect of close relation-ship to God. The word "peculiar" royal priesthood, an holy nation, ship to God. The word "peculiar peculiar people; that ye should shew meant in the days of the King forth the praises of Him who hath James translation, not unusual, but one's own, a people, hence, of God's ewn possession. We are God's jewels, God's own possession. "Is it not won-derful," said the speaker "that God calls us, claims us, owns us?" This Louisville, Ky., yesterday morning at the Second Presbyterian church set forth the happy position of those within the fold of Christ's Church. implies God's right to use us as His We are not our own, but are my will, but thine be done." It was the spirit of John Calvin and others stand out as leaders in the spiritual kingdom through all the

But God does not mean by owning us merely that we are a people whom He can claim and use for His own purposes. He has lavished every tender epithet expressive of love upor value with God and mil are shown us. God, in His wonderful love, in this brief passage-first, by the seeking to satisfy the wealth of His terrible wreck which a man makes of own infinite heart with love of His his life when he brings it into collis-ion with Jesus Christ; second, by the "Isn't it wonderful that God. glory, the honor and the renown to world of mire and sin? God recog nizes as the most precious gifts, souls

> Why is all this dignity and honor bestowed on us? That the Church may be honored, that the world may be blessed, but beyond all these stands the transcendent purpose that we may show forth the virtues, the praise: called us from darkness to light That men through our lives may soon learn something of Christ's goodness and as in mirrors may be reflected in "May we so live that as men seour characters, they may be led to give glory, not to us, but to the Author and Finisher of our faith."

CONTRADICTS DR. ALIAN.

Dr. F. O. Hawley Says Steps Were Taken to Remove the Cause of the Typhoid Fever on Poplar Street-Health Authorities Doing All Possi-

To the Editor of The Observer I observe in your issue of August 2d a letter from Dr. Alian as to the preventability of typhoid fever. Dr. Alian brought up the matter of polluted wells some fittle while ago before the Medical Association of this town, in connection with two cases of fever on or near South Poplar street I assume that it is a typographical error in referring to North Poplar-and must entirely contradict Dr. Allan in his statement that nothing has been done in the matter. First the wells in the neighborhood were examined and as Dr. Allan correctly says were found to be contaminated by sorface water impregnated with sewage

These wells, ten in number, have been placarded with a notice that the water is dangerous and unlit to drink.

I quite agree with Dr. Allan that any well that surface water has access to either directly or indirectly is a possible point of dissemination of typhoid fever and it would be a good Water even if of dangerous nature must be had and we are doing all that is possible in examining the wells and placarding those that show danger. If those using these wells can get a supply of water for drinkdanger. ing purposes from a better well or city supply they should do so but the remedy of boiling the water is always available and effective.

Moreover, water contaminated by

sewage unless that sewage contained infectious disease bacteria would not from a sentimental point of view If Dr. Allan or any other medical man suspects any well as cause of died of a stomach trouble. The refever we shall be only too glad to have his co-operation by notifying that we may have well examined promibly dangerous at least placarde so that the onus of protecting them-

> F. O. HAWLEY, M. D. Supt. of Health.

PERSONAL.

The Movements of a Number of People, Visitors and Others. M. F. Shuford, of Fayetteville, last night at the Buford. Mr. O. C. O'Farrell, of King's Mountain, was among those who spent the night at the Buford. Mr. O. E. Jenkins, of Stanley, was Buford guest last night William Smith Williams, of

Winston-Saiem, is in the city. He spont the night at the Buford.
Mr. Floyd Whitney, of Gastonia, vas registered last night at the Mr. Rufus Robert, of Shelby, was

among those who spent the night at the Buford.

Schools of County to Be Graded To-

The August meeting to-day of the county board of education will be one of the most important of the Of peculiar interest to dhe teachers and committeemen of the county will be the grading of the various schools and the apportion-ment of funds for the coming year. This work is always done prior to the opening of the schools for the fall term and is awaited with great concern: The county fund amounts to approximately \$40,000 and is diolded among the 140-odd schools of

Tragedies Followed in Wake of Tour-

"The day I got to Virginia Beach." said a Charlottean, "a man dropped dead on the beach. Five minutes later a man was drowned in the surf. Next day I went to Ocean View, a man and his wife were caught, the man was drowned and the wife finally resuscitated. The next day a boy was drowned. Next day five had to be The next day a boy was fished out, but none were hurt. This was an exceptional record as it is said that there were no deaths last year at these places, but I seemed to hoodoo every place I touched."

WHY JAMES LEE GOT WELL.

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MR. J. A. HENDERSON HURT.

Well-Known Young Druggist Run Into by Automobile and Badly In-jured—Buggy Smashed. Mr. James A. Henderson, of the Tryon Drug Company, while driving with Dr. S. L. Alexander near the Country Club about 9 o'clock last night, was run into by an automobile and badly hurt. His collar bone was broken and one of his ankles painfully turned. The buggy was twisted to one side and one whee splintered. At last reports the horse Mr. Henderson was driving was still running in the direction of the Pacific ocean. The car, a Jackson runabout, was driven by Dr. John S.

Clifford, who had his lights trimmed and burning, sounded his from the buggy. Mr. Henderson, seeng the lights approaching, attempt ed to turn out of the road, but the forse objected. Instead he proceed ed to balk and hence the collision One wheel was broken in pieces and Mr. Henderson was pitched to the ground. Dr. Alexander, who was also was not bruised in the least. Mr. Henderson was carried to his home on South Church street, where his injuries were dressed.

AN OLD "HOSS" FOR SALE.

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d in a horse trade Not so with Mr. R. M. Frazier ashier at the Gem Restaurant. He s a stickler for the truth and holds hat no man should deviate from he straight and narrow way, howver great the provocation. Mr. ertisement on the wall at the Gem: FOR SALE!

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R. M. FRAZIER. Mr. Frazier should add, "Con arly and avoid the rush."

DEATH OF MRS. SEXTON.

Mother of Mr. J. L. Sexton Passes Away at Sanatorium in Battle Creck, Mich. Mrs. Ellen C. Sexton, the mother of

Mr. J. L. Sexton, of this city, died tle Creek, Mich., early yesterday morning after a lingering illness of several months' duration. Mr. and Mrs. Sexton and Mrs. Sexton's mother, Mrs. H. M. Branch, were at the hedside when the end came. Mrs. sexton had been in declining health for a long time, first at her home and later # the Battle Creek Sanaand later the Battle Creek Sana-orlum, whicher she was taken in the ope that the change might benefit Everything known to science was done but there was no hope Mr. Sexton was summoned last week when the attending physicians declared that the end was but a ques-

Small Blaze Last Night. Simultaneously with the spreading of a report to the effect that a half dozen persons had been killed in the King's Mountain wreck and the attendant excitement, the fire alarm boomed ominously at 10 last night and the fire department skidooed to the corner of Fifth and Brevard where

THE DEATH RECORD. Rev. G. W. Bowman, of Murphy.

secial to The Observer. Murphy, Aug. 2 .- Rev. G. W. Bowtman died this evening at 6 o'clock. Mr. Rowman was born and had lived in Guilford county near Greensboro until two months ago, when he located here with his son, Dr. H. P. Bow-Mr. Bowman was in his 82d year, was converted in his teens and has been a worker for Christ since.

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Back From Extended Trip West. Messrs. Fred Chambers and J. C. chrane returned yesterday morning rom a delightful month's trip through he West. After taking in the national Democratic convention in Denver Cochrane chaperoned by Mr. Chambers, visited California, stopping at many interesting points, and finally took a little junket on into Mexico the Battle Creek Sanatorium, Bat- 1 oth say they had the time of their lives.

> Mr. and New Trainmaster Charlotte Division. Mr. F. P. Petter has been appointed rainmaster of the Charlotte division of the Southern with headquarters in this city. Mr. Petter was formerly rainmaster of the Nashville division of the Southern and a most capable rallroad man. The change is in the rature of a promotion.

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