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"AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE."—John viii, 32.

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"WHY I WISH MY SON TO BE A MINISTER."

Logically, this would be the wrong title for this article if my own experience were to determine my wish for my boy.

My experience has been this. After graduating from a prominent non-denominational seminary, I became pastor of a church, and a "council" was called to examine me preliminary to possible ordination. The stage was set for my downfall; for had I not studied in that particular seminary, and had I not cast reflection upon the ministers of the community

association by inviting three friends to share in the ordination programme if it should be decided to have the ordination? Suffice it to say that only the presence of two of the three friends prevented my ministerial decapitation.

Defeated in this plan, the ministers bided their time until I desired a change of pastorate. In the meantime all of them had gone to other fields. From church after church came the reply to myself, as well as to those who tried to gain a "hearing" for me, that these ministers had kept track of me and were poisoning the minds of the people. Therefore "hearings" were denied me in some churches and action favorable to calling me to the pastorate in two churches was defeated by these men. Their activity ceased temporarily when the word reached them that a repetition of their work would be visited with evidence of "righteous indignation." And I became pastor of a church that could not have been scared by their kind. But this for the first time and the attainment of freedom of expression consistent with the principles of

riences of the past will not be repeated. It was with a mingled feeling of wonder, amusement, and admiration that a while ago the writer had a minister friend tell him he had just been looking up in Dun and Bradstreet the financial standing of the men of a certain church of which he had been invited to become pastor. Sensible man! And if ministers would always investigate in any community the financial habits and standing of a church, the churches would soon be known for their businesslike methods, and the pastors would not have their own financial reputation endangered except through their own lack of care.

Then, as now and as heretofore, the "workman that needeth not to be ashamed" will be respected and beloved in most communities.

But he will have to have superior mentality along scholastic and theological lines and be a leader or up with the leaders among the people.

If my boy cannot be such a man, it will be unwise for him to enter the ministry. If he "has the making" of such a man, I wish for him the greatest opportunity of life—that of Christian ambassadorship. And I wish him to use the pulpit rather than any other way as the channel for fulfilling that ambassadorship. My own experience has not "soured" me in regard to the work of the ministry, even if I must shortly take up other work + "make both ends meet."—A Minister, In The Outlook.

GOD'S PROVIDENCE IN WAR.

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Providence has ordained that nation shall punish nation. To this end, Gog, Magog, Gomer, and all his band are mentioned in the 38th chapter of Ezekiel as going to fight some nations from Tarshish which had formed a league to bring

and the assassin of the Crown Prince should have been killed in just the same way that he killed their majesties, but many millions more have lost their lives for what? The loss of men, the depopulation of the countries, the improvement of death-dealing warlike instruments, the sure ruin of the morality of the nation—God uses Tarshish to punish Gomer and all his band. He will use the Central Powers to punish the cruelty of those who have put the hands and feet of the Africans and the Entente to punish these powers. He will cause the Entente to know that victory come only through Him, and only "righteousness exalteth a nation."

That this war was pre-determined is evident from a book written by a German which I bought on my way to Topeka, Kansas; the entente powers were avoided and war is equally evident from the lack of preparation.

But war has its useful purpose. It fills pages of history; it gives great names; it glorifies the endeavor; it brings gold, wine and other things to the successful countries; it makes Englishmen and Frenchmen pray; it frees nations and it carries out God's purposes in the coming conflicts on the soil of Palestine.

So far as the fulfillment is concerned, God's purposes are sure so far as the justice of the war; belligerents is concerned vae victis; for might makes right. However necessary, then, is it that each nation should be strong! How important that each should have the best weapons! But God uses one sinful nation and uses it to punish it!

The most remarkable thing about this punishment is, that if except eastern Prussia. Germany has gone unscathed; while except the Zeppelin raids, Poland has gone unpunished. Death has had a sting; old Germany has had his victory

Addie Alexander, Mrs. Burwell and Mrs. Howell (her mother) of Raleigh; Mrs. Lucile White of Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Esther Wood, of Greensboro, and Mrs. Martha Williams, of Warsaw, N. C.

The deceased leaves to mourn their loss a husband, mother and two children.

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GOLDSBORO PAPER'S TRIBUTE.

All Goldsboro, white and colored alike, by whom he is equally esteemed, will deeply sympathize with R. Ed. Williams, colored railway mail clerk between this city and Beaufort, in the unexpected death of his beloved wife, which occurred last night at their own home on Elm Street west. Their home life was a model to the community and their influence has been most helpful to others of their people, so that her untimely death will be deeply deplored as a positive loss. The funeral will be held from Shiloh Presbyterian church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.—Goldsboro Daily Argus, Jan 4.

THE CHURCH AND SCHOOL WORK AT STATESVILLE, N. C.

MR. EDITOR:—Please allow enough space for a few lines from the Second Presbyterian church of Statesville.

Every part of our church is doing well. We have neither debt nor strife to hinder us in church work. The progressive part of the church is affected by four main lines. These lines are two societies of women—Church Aid and the Missionary; the Sunday school and the Singing Club.

These two societies were organized by the writer about two years ago. He is a member of each one and the President of one. The Church Aid Society meets Thursday each week, the Missionary

FIRST TO BUILD GOOD ROADS

McAdam, by His Invention and Work, Did Much to Advance the Prosperity of England.

The inventor of macadamized roads was John Loudon McAdam and few inventors ever gave their name more currency than he did by his good roads invention. He was born in Scotland in 1756 and came pretty near becoming an American, for he came to New York in 1770 and remained there in the employ of an uncle 13 years. Returning to England in 1783 he took up the study of road-making and from that time on it was his life work. He was the father of good roads in England. Macaulay, in his history of England, has a chapter on the bad roads of that period in which he says, "On the best lines of communication the ruts were deep, the descents were precipitous and the way often such as it was hardly possible to distinguish. It happened, almost every day, that coaches stuck fast, until a team of cattle could be procured from some neighboring farm to tug them out of the slough." McAdam's views in regard to road-making, especially in regard to the use of broken stone, were finally adopted by the authorities and in 1827 he was appointed surveyor general of roads in Great Britain. Parliament voted him \$50,000 for his services and offered him knighthood and a title, but he declined them. He died in 1836 in his eighty-first year. A biographer says: "McAdam's efforts largely contributed to produce that network of mail coach communication in England which, for some years before railways were introduced, greatly advanced the nation's prosperity and prepared the way for the railway system." His system was adopted in the construction of the old national road in this country.

NAMES HIS PET AVERSIONS.

Physician Pretty Well Covers Everything in Making the Following Fervent Prayer.

Doctors, it appears, do sometimes resort to prayer, according to the Medical Times. But, since such communications are usually strictly confidential in character, they are seldom recorded (here below, at least,) although they

TIMES GO OUT OF FASHION

No Longer Are They Popular Among Americans Who Claim to Possess Good Taste.

We are invited to a gathering in whose worthy object we are much interested. But the four page program staggers of good will, for everybody on it, with exception, is an "Hon." The exception is a "Gen." There are two "Hon."s; then a baker's dozen of "Hon." state functionaries.

This is a decidedly old-fashioned and suggests that the proceedings will be a decade behind the times. Observant persons can easily have failed to notice that, of late years, people with any pretensions to smartness are "Cols." instead of "Es." In the last campaign nearly everybody who ran for an office whose jurisdiction exceeds a county's boundaries as a "Col." with the trifling exception of course, of the mere citizens who are running for president of the United States. W. H. Taft were as much regarded as his distinguished predecessor, undoubtedly all of us who look upon the common lot would be "Prof." if we

We can remember when the marshal was always an "Hon." in print; and the profound oriental in ar who conducts the laundry in the next block informs us that in the East a gentleman speaks of his friend's honorable horse or honorable shirt. But in this portion of the accident the title is no longer in favor among gentlemen of taste, the Saturday Evening Post asserts.

On principle we do nothing to encourage the spread of new styles, for they are more expensive. We make an exception in this case, because it costs no more to be a "Col." than an "Hon."

POSITION AN IMPORTANT ONE.

Head of Prefecture in France is a Man of Considerable Power in the Community.

The war has taught us something of the local government of France, but mistakes frequently appear in the press. For instance, it is incorrect to refer to the mayor of Verdun, who has just been decorated for his bravery in remaining at his post as the prefect.