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(Q. Melton.)

Members calling upon the subscribers to the Africa in the city. Please be ready to pay your past due subscription when we get to you. The paper is being published regularly and at a great expense. It is our duty to be prompt in meeting our obligations. Be ready to respond when you are called upon.

Sunday morning our pastor, Dr. R. P. Wyche, brought to us a strong, practical sermon based upon St. Mark 4:38: "And they awoke him and said unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?"

"We should trust God at all times," said Dr. Wyche. "God has ways of approach to his people and often times when he is working out his purpose in our lives or testing our faith we think he has forsaken us. He is aboard the vessel. Follow him and all is well."

Sunday night we listened to an excellent sermon delivered by Mr. C. A. Washington, of the Senior Theological class of J. C. S. University. He spoke to us from the text, Josh. 1:5: "There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee." Subject: "A Never-Changing God."

This sermon was rich in suggestion and inspiration to every one who is ambitious to be a forceful actor and factor in the kingdom of God.

Principal thoughts brought out were as follows: God's promises are full of encouragement; Faith undertakes and accomplishes great things; God never commands his children to do any thing without the promise of all needed strength and help, and he will not do what we can do for ourselves. He will always do what he has promised when we do our part. Faith and obedience bring us into possession of all God has for us.

On last Friday night the

retained the members of the church choir and the Sabbath school choral, in the Sabbath school auditorium. This was indeed a unique affair. The evening was full of pleasure and fun for every one. From the time of the invocation by Dr. J. D. Martin until "good night" was said, there was not a dull moment. A short, snappy program was carried out with Mr. A. E. Spears, President of the Brotherhood, presiding. After the singing of America, Dr. R. L. Douglass in a jovial manner welcomed the choir as guests of the Brotherhood. Mr. L. C. Alexander, President of the Choir, expressed the choir's appreciation of this act of kindness in very appropriate words. All joined in singing "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," led by Miss Marie S. Lindsay.

After the program numerous games were played, introduced by Miss Janie Wallace. The last feature of the evening's amusement was a grand march into which young and old entered heartily.

Chicken salad, with accessories, cream and cake and black coffee were served in abundance.

Mrs. Charles Flowe, of Harriburg, was a visitor in the Sheaves Gatherers' Bible Class last Sabbath. Mrs. Flowe is the mother of Mrs. Irene Russell of Myersville.

Mrs. Oscar Crane, of Clinton Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church, was a visitor at our morning services last Sabbath.

Mrs. Lilly Belle Russell, of Myersville, has in bloom a garden full of jonquils. This is an April plant in full bloom in January. Mrs. Russell is skilled in the cultivation of flowers, and she always has some kind of bloom in bloom the year around.

Pharr, of Bidour faithful membership list. We wish recovery.

Spaulding and Mr. Durham, were and Mrs. A. E. Friday.

Margie Arthur, of Grace

A. M. E. Zion Church, was a visitor at our evening services last Sabbath.

Mr. C. N. Patterson, of Matthews, was a visitor at Seventh Street church last Sabbath.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Flowe have purchased and moved into a new home on East Eighth street. Mrs. Flowe has been confined to her bed for the past week on account of illness.

Mr. F. M. Simmons, of Belhaven (brother-in-law of Mrs. F. O. Butler, the supervisor of Mecklenburg county schools), died on last Friday evening. Mrs. Butler attended the funeral.

January 8, born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stevenson Gillis, 421, North Davidson street, a fine boy, Joseph Stevenson, Jr.

Rev. O. E. Sanders of New Bern, spent last Tuesday in our city with friends.

Mr. E. N. Isom, the successful undertaker of Chester, S. C., spent last Tuesday in the city on business.

Mrs. E. B. White returned home last Thursday evening after spending a month in Atlanta with her niece, Mrs. Addie Kilpatrick. She reports a fine trip.

Mrs. Carrie Mosley returned home on last Friday evening after spending the week in Ridgeway, Va., with her sister, Mrs. Bettie Hereford.

The Sheaves Gatherers' Bible Class met on Thursday evening with Mrs. Amanda Twitty, at her home on East Eighth street.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mr. Harvey A. Kelsey announces the marriage of his niece Nettie Wylie Kelsey to

Mr. Benjamin Franklin Scott Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of January nineteen hundred twenty-three Washington, D. C.

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Miss Nettie W. Kelsey is the daughter of Mrs. Mamie Kelsey Spaulding. She has visited in this city a number of times and is remembered as a beautiful and cultured young woman.

JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY CAMPUS NOTES.

(By A. H. Prince, '24)

Clarence Cameron White, noted violinist, was heard by quite an appreciative audience in the University auditorium last Monday evening. The demonstration of the violinist's talent was superb in every number executed.

The basket ball team suffered its first defeat last Friday, the 20th, from Lutheran College of Greensboro. The score was 29 to 26. The celerity of Lutherans was the outstanding feature that proved fatal to J. C. S. U.'s five. Yet is was an interesting game, J. C. S. U. having held them to a tie until two minutes before the referee called time out.

Messrs. H. W. Pope, Jr., J. R. Dungee, R. N. Cowan, group leaders of the H-Y Clubs, on the campus, were invited by the city Y. M. C. A. (white) to hear Dr. John R. Mott, the highest dignitary of Association work in the world, Wednesday, the 24th, in the powerful address delivered to association men in Charlotte.

Mr. Leroy Allen, of the Senior class, is indisposed at this writing.

Rev. O. E. Sanders, class of '18, was a pleasing visitor on the campus last Tuesday. Rev. Sanders is pastoring at New Bern, his church having burned in the recent fire in that city.

Chapel services Saturday and Sunday evenings were conducted by Dr. Yorke Jones. Dr. Jones is quite an inspiring speaker; and as usual we were much benefited by the services.

Miss Maud A. Kinniburgh, secretary of the Sunday School Department of the Board of Missions for Freedmen, was a very pleasant visitor on our campus last Wednesday.

Thought for the Day. The best way to get ahead, and stay ahead, is to use your head.

Choices in the Life of Faith

By REV. J. R. SCHAFER, Director of Evening Classes, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.

TEXT—Is not the whole land before thee? Let those who all the plain of Jordan.—Gen. 12-11.

Some of the most familiar words in our language are the least known.



Test it for yourself. Try to define some common monosyllables and you will express your difficulty in some such phrase, "I know what it means but I just cannot express it." The word "faith" furnishes us material for the experiment. What is faith? Countless ideas and opinions seek to unravel the content of this little word. Synonyms are employed to confusion. Little understood, among those who use it most frequently, is this wonderful word of a Christian's vocabulary.

Most of our thinking of faith is in terms of specific acts, without recognizing that behind the act of faith is an attitude. Faith is "the new nature" in the soul that expresses itself through the same five physical senses as does "the old nature." The life of God implanted within manifests its presence and growth through the activities of mind and body; these become "acts of faith." But all the acts of a Christian are not necessarily acts of faith. He is capable of acts of unbelief while living a life of faith. These constitute the strange inconsistencies which characterize men and women of God.

Two men stood on a hilltop in the long ago and surveyed the landscape in every direction. They had lived together, sharing some very unusual experiences. The time had come when they must separate. The older offers the younger first choice. On three sides are brown barren hills—not much to attract one who has grown rich in flocks and herds. Towards the south spreads out a luxurious valley watered by the Jordan. This caught the eye of the younger; and he hesitated not in his choice, so we read, "Let those who all the plain of the Jordan," which was as the garden of the Lord, leaving the scanty, uninviting pastures of Hebron for his Uncle Abram.

This was a choice of one who was living a life of faith. It does not look like it, for doubtless Lot's decision was largely determined by sense and

of the world. No faith was expressed in such a choice. "He pitched his tent towards Sodom." Sodom did not deter him, however, for he justified his action by saying: "God would keep him, and Sodom needed the knowledge of Jehovah as much as Canaan. But the results of Lot's choice were disastrous. The steps were downward, for he had not acted in faith. Slowly but surely he was drawn into the awful cesspool of iniquity and so identified with it that we should never have known him as "a man of God" had not the apostle Peter referred to him as "righteous."

What a warning he is to Twentieth-century Christians, illustrating the foolish, worldly choices we can make and their irrevocable consequences. How many Christians have repeated Lot's experience simply through a choice of residence—a chance to make money—a call to a better social environment. Alas, their path led away from God and His truth. Broken fellowship, despised testimony, ungodly alliances, lost property, soul captivity, eternal ruin—"saved so as by fire," but everything gone. God calls, "Come ye out from among them and be ye separate." Follow the path of Abram to Hebron, which means "fellowship." We must needs be careful of our choices as Christians. Canaan has its Hebron, but it also has its Sodom. The Land of Promise offers heights of fellowship with God; it also dazzles the eye with luxuriant plains of tempting fleshiness and sin. Look at the rewards given to the choices of faith! F. B. Meyer points out:

1. God comes nearer than ever before. The path of separation is a lonely one—not many earthly friends are traveling it, but God is there. What a companion! "We can walk and talk with the King."

O holy Savior, Friend unseen, Since on Thine arm Thou bidst me lean, Help me throughout life's changing scene, By faith to cling to Thee.

Though faith and hope are often tried, I ask not, need not, aught beside, Be safe, so calm, so satisfied, The soul that clings to Thee.

2. God does better for us than we could do for ourselves. We plan and scheme and bargain, and what does it all amount to, if God is left out of our calculations? Ask poor Lot. He will take you to a heap of blackened, charred ruins. That is all that is left of his property. He will point to a pillar of salt—the monument to the unbelief of his family and their sad fate. He will turn the pages of history that recount the story of Moab and Ammon and will tell you shamefacedly that such is the result of his sin. I wonder if we have realized what it means to be saved but to suffer the loss of all our works, in the fire of the judgment day.

America now has more than half of the world's gold and nearly all of its U. S. U. S.

The hardest thing about etiquette is to remember where to put the double t.

A famous violinist has just called off his engagement. Couldn't harmonize, we suppose.

Skirts are worn longer; and the new wool schedule will cause pants to be worn longer, also.

If wives were inventive, they would perfect an ash tray to follow a husband about the house.

Literal vigilance is not only the price of liberty but of about everything worth having.

We've been so busy abusing the coal man that we've forgotten how outrageous the stummy is.

One reason why men don't want the competition of women in industry is the industry of women.

The correct way now to play "button, button; who's got the button?" is to answer: "The Laundry."

Safety first consists in assuming that the driver you are meeting hasn't any more sense than you have.

A French doctor says a woman has more control of self than a man. Also, she has more control of a man.

Education is to come by radio, sent out by the government. He who hath a radio ear to hear, let him hear.

A young lady who was arrested because she stole a dress said she wanted to look nice. Now look at her.

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