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

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THE LESSON STUART TAUGHT

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Underneath the spreading elms at the intersection of two streets in the residence section of the attractive little town of Cleveland, Tenn., stands a white marble monument, erected something like 40 years ago to the memory of three very prominent young men of the town who were killed in a railroad wreck at Thaxton, Va. Their names were Marshall, Steed and Hardwick, their families being among the most prominent and wealthy of the town.

The late George R. Stewart, who died at Birmingham, Ala., a few days ago, has often told most interestingly and dramatically the story of that monument and how it came about that there is not a fourth name carved on its face and that name his. He told the story hundreds of times from one end of the country to the other and made of it one of the strongest pleas ever put before American audiences for the honoring by children of their parents. His name was not on the monument because, much against his will, he gave in to his mother's uncompromising refusal to let him go abroad, even though he was a grown man and had a family of his own.

Here is the story as he told it himself over and over again:

I owe all that I am, morally, and religiously, to the authority of a good mother. I also owe my life to that authority. I give this little history which is sacred to me. A few years ago I and three other young men planned a trip to Europe. We had read and talked and planned for months. A few months before we were ready to start I mentioned the trip to my mother, who, since my father's death, has made her home with me—and it has been my sweetest pleasure to give her the sunniest and best room in my house. When I mentioned the trip she said: "George, I am getting old; you are my only stay; I am afraid of the ocean; I cannot let you go while I live. Wait till I am gone and then you can go to Europe." I thought it was a mere kind of sentiment with mother, and that I would get all things ready for the trip, and that in the kindness of her heart she would yield her consent. I had made arrangements, temporarily, as some of you possibly have done permanently, to have my father-in-law take care of my wife and children, and all things were ready for the trip. A short while before we were ready to start I stated in the presence of my mother, "Well, we are off soon for Europe." She looked up and said, "What is that, George?" I said, "We have everything ready, the trip is all organized and we start for Europe soon." Straightening up in her chair, she looked me straight in the face and said, "George, I told you once I did not want you to go. I have thought over this trip and prayed over it, and I cannot give my consent for you to go; and now I tell you so that you will understand it: You shall not go." I said, "Mother, do not put it that way." I tried to argue the question with her saying, "It is one of the sweetest hopes of my life that you are crushing." She said, "George, I have prayed over it; my mind is made up. We will not discuss it; you shall not go, and that settles it." And when she said that I knew it did settle it and I surrendered what to me was one of the most pleasant hopes of my life. I hunted up my companions, and said, "I'm not going." They excitedly exclaimed, "What's the

matter?" I said, "Mother won't let me go." They said, "Are you not twenty-one, married and got children and yet tied to your mother's apron strings?" I said, "I would not cross the old Atlantic against my mother's wishes for a million dollars."

A few days later I got a letter from Brother Jones (Sam Jones) asking me to accompany him on a trip to Canada. The following week we were ploughing across Lake Ontario. It was a bright day. Brother Jones, wife and I were sitting on the deck of the vessel, and as she ploughed the blue waters I said, "This is glorious; how I wish it were on the Atlantic and I were headed for Europe. I shall always feel that mother was a little harsh in breaking up my European trip." Brother Jones said, "Well, old boy, the whales might have gotten you in the Atlantic," and we dropped the subject. On our return we were going in to the supper table at Buffalo, N. Y. Brother Jones bought the New York World. Just as we reached the dining room he said, "George, there has been a terrible railroad wreck at Thaxton, Va. My, what a list of the killed." Looking at the list I saw "Cleveland, Tenn." I snatched the paper from his hand and read, while my blood ran cold: "John M. Hardwick, Cleveland, Tenn., killed and burned; William Marshall, Cleveland, Tenn., killed and burned; Willie Steed, Cleveland, Tenn., killed and burned." I threw up my hands and said, "Oh, Sam, the next name would have been, 'George Stuart, Cleveland, Tenn., killed and burned.'" but for the authority of my precious mother.

In the early days of the original Chautauqua, in New York State, its founder, the late Bishop John H. Vincent, invited Stuart to lecture there, and for many years he was heard each summer on the platform at Chautauqua. It is stated that Bishop Vincent said of Stuart that he was the finest entertainer on the American platform. Certainly he knew human nature as few men know it and had the ability to grip great audiences by the plain and simple yet compelling and powerful portrayal of the faults and foibles of his fellow man. One of his earliest lectures was entitled, "People I've Met and What I've Learned From Them." Up to the very end of his life Stuart was able to pack his church in Birmingham to capacity every Sunday and usually, it is said, many persons were turned away from the doors.

As an evangelist, as a pastor and as a lecturer George Stuart went up and down the country preaching the doctrine that in the home is to be found the solution of our problems and the salvation of our country. He spent his life largely pleading for a return of the people of this age to the standards of the Christian home where the children were brought up to honor their fathers and their mothers.

Stuart was one of the three originators of the Southern Assembly of the Methodist Church at Lake Junaluska, this State, and his work in establishing that great center of religious thought and teaching will probably stand as his greatest achievement. He, together with the late Bishop James Atkins and Mr. John John R. Pepper, a prominent business man and layman of Memphis, Tenn., were the leaders in promoting that great enterprise.

With all his achievements,

however, Stuart's greatest work was as a champion of the Christian home and its influence. America needs more men who are interested in the same thing that gripped and held his mind and his heart.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET, CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WILSON.

On Tuesday night, June 8th, the first Mother-Daughter Banquet was held in the balcony of the Calvary Presbyterian church. There were sixty-seven mothers and daughters present. It was an occasion of real enjoyment. The mothers joined in with the daughters' jollities. Miss Naomi Freeman, President of the Christian Endeavor, presided. She also brought greetings from that organization. Miss Elvi McCullum, President of the Light Bearers, brought greetings from that group. Miss Susan Peacock spoke interestingly of the work among the Junior and Intermediate groups.

On the first Sunday in May Vocation Day was observed. In preparation for this event over one hundred and twenty students were interviewed in regard to their life-work. Of this number four are planning on the ministry. One girl desires to be a missionary. Most of the boys are contemplating some phase of medicine. Stenography leads among the girls. The teaching profession is second among the choices.

On the second Sunday in May Rev. George delivered the vespers message to the faculty and students of Bricks Junior College. At this service the senior class of the Wilson High School was the guest of Bricks College.

Second Calvary is the name of the new Sunday School recently organized at Bailey. This point is fourteen miles from Wilson. It will be under the supervision of the Wilson church. The school is named Second Calvary because of the fact that a large majority of its members are members of the Calvary church of Wilson. There are thirty-two members in the organization. Mr. R. W. Kornegay, Sunday School Missionary, organized the school.

The Grand United Order of Tents of America recently held their convention in Wilson. Calvary was used as an assembling point. From here the delegates were assigned to their homes. Pioneer groups Nos. 1 and 2 acted as guides for the delegation. There were seven hundred delegates. The boys received the plaudits of the organization for the splendid manner in which they conducted themselves.

The Missionary Society recently equipped the ladies' rest room in the church. The cost of the up-keep of this room will be met by the Light Bearers.

The Missionary News is the name of the paper published by the Missionary Society. It is a very readable little paper. It is not the purpose of the sponsors to get out a regular edition. The paper is to appear sporadically.

Rev. J. H. Sampson dropped in on the Pioneer group in its regular meeting Thursday. He delivered a short message to the group.

Rev. George spoke at the following places during the commencement season. On the third Sunday in May he delivered the annual sermon to the graduating class of Albion Academy. On the fourth Sunday in May he delivered the annual sermon to the graduating class of the Par-mele Training School in Martin

county. On the third of June he delivered the address to the graduating class of Jicks Junior College.

"THE SCRIBE."

URBAN LEAGUE REPORTS WORKERS PLENTIFUL IN THE NORTH.

New York, June 12.—The National Urban League from its headquarters in New York City has sent out the following report from its Department of Industrial Relations of which T. Arnold Hill is director.

That the cities in which the largest number of Negroes live are sufficiently supplied with unskilled laborers is proved by reports in our office from reliable sources of information. In most of these cities there is also a generous quantity of skilled workers. In St. Louis, Chicago, Cleveland, and New York an unusually large number of office buildings are being erected, but union labor regulations, always so noticeably effective in the building trades, serve to limit the number of colored craftsmen employed in them.

The following are quoted notations from advisors of the League's Industrial Relations Department in the cities mentioned:

Chicago—"While there is no alarming unemployment situation, yet there is an over-supply of labor which leads us to discourage additional Negroes coming to Chicago at this time."

Philadelphia—"There is a sufficiently large number of Negroes unemployed in Philadelphia without the necessity of industrial firms sending labor scouts out of town for recruits."

Harrisburg, Pa.—"... indications are that normal conditions will prevail this summer, but the upward trend will not be of sufficient magnitude to require additional workers from outside."

Newark, N. J.—"I am of the opinion that conditions would not warrant any considerable increase in our population to meet the needs of this expansion."

St. Louis—"We do not encourage a wholesale influx of Negroes into the St. Louis industrial district until labor conditions improve. We are hopeful of better conditions later in the summer."

THE MINISTRY AND EDUCATION.

There is no end to questions that may arise to vex the average religious body. That of the degree of education qualifying for the ministry came up in the Methodist Conference in Memphis. Under prevailing custom, the Methodist Church "requests" that ministers have a high school education, with at least two years in college. An effort was made in the Conference to have the standard for the ministry raised so as to require at least four years in high school, but the conference abided the old custom. It was contended by one faction that the ministry of the Methodist Church is "not keeping up with the masses in educational advancement," but the opponents raised the point that the proposition would bar good men who are needed to preach, and who have been called upon to preach. And perhaps it was the broader view that triumphed, for there are many fine men in the Methodist ministry today who could not compete in the higher educational qualification of others, but who may be doing a work of larger benefit in their particular field than the more highly educated men are doing in their field.—Charlotte Observer.

ST. JAMES CHURCH GREENSBORO

By Mrs. S. W. Carter.

Sunday morning, Rev. H. C. Miller spoke from Rev. 2:14, "But I have a few things against thee."

The speaker said among other things: "The Church is charged with being narrow, curtailing the pleasures of the youth, such as card playing and dancing. While the card may not be an evil in itself, yet it has always been used for gambling. There is nothing in the game of cards that the Church should recommend."

Whatever may be said about the gracefulness of dancing, no Christian who frequents the public dance can have any influence over the sinners. Moreover, the young man and woman who can embrace in these modern dances for 15 minutes and go through all the various motions without a tremor of evil suggestions must be sick.

Men who complain of the church services being too long will sit in the play houses for more than two hours without a murmur.

Those who charge the church with being too expensive will spend two dollars to go to the show; will pay \$1.50 to see men bruise each other on the football field, and because they put a sick dime occasionally in the collection plate, talk about the church being expensive.

The sermon is yet being talked about by those who heard it and others who have been told about the subject.

There was one accession and one baptism during the day.

Sunday afternoon, Messrs. Wm. Burgin, Andrew Bridges, Associate Superintendents of St. James, together with Elder Caldwell; Rev. Miller, Mesdames Bridges, Sevier, Jones, Caldwell, Miss Fuller, Mr. Henry Stewart and others, visited the Hannah church and reorganized the Sunday school with more than 30 present. It is the intention of Messrs. Burgin and Bridges to visit this Sunday school each Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Sarah Prayer, one of our most efficient workers, has been ill for the past week. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Dr. and Mrs. W. L. McNair, with three of their children, motored to Lincoln University Saturday night to attend Commencement exercises. Their son, Cecil, graduates this year. They plan to visit New York City and Philadelphia while away.

Rev. L. E. Yates is visiting several of the Northern cities in the interest of his school at Mebane.

The ladies of St. James, Mesdames H. C. Miller, R. S. Alexander, C. A. Waugh and S. J. Barber, returned last Friday from the Southern Workers' Conference which convened at Johnson C. Smith University. The ladies report many interesting experiences.

Mrs. Margaret Jennings Chatman, of Chicago, Ill., formerly of this city, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Carter last week.

The Ladies' Missionary Society met with Mrs. J. H. Williams, on Thomas Street, last Thursday afternoon. After the meeting a delicious salad course was served by the hostess.

The Sunday school was well attended yesterday despite the warm weather. Willing Workers, the Adult Bible Class, are yet holding banner for Finance and attendance.

Miss Lois McRae, who has

been attending St. Augustine school at Raleigh, is back home again for her summer vacation with her sister, Mrs. S. W. Carter.

CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOTES, ASHEVILLE.

We are very happy to see our minister getting stronger after a severe illness during the spring, suffering an attack of bronchial pneumonia. Through faith and prayer he is especially happy to be able to serve his people as before, and thanks the many friends for their kindness towards him during the crisis.

Many were out last Sunday morning and enjoyed a glorious sermon. In the Sunday school there were quite a number, who enjoyed the beautiful lessons as graded in the different classes. We were glad to have back with us on last Sunday and in our city the following students: Misses L. McCormick, Blanche Hammond, Frances Henderson, Mamie and Vivian Howell, Messrs. Howard Dizard, P. Dusenbury, I. Garrison and J. Michael.

The Ladies' Missionary Society program on last Sunday evening was a splendid success before an appreciative audience. The following numbers were rendered: Instrumental solo, Miss D. Horn; "Training Children to Be Courteous," Miss H. M. Burgin; Jubilee, led by Mr. J. Thompson, "Every Time I Feel the Spirit," "Religion in Education," Miss Margaret Keebler; solo, Mrs. A. L. Rice; Missionary Talk, Mrs. W. G. Hamilton. Songs by the congregation in keeping with the missionary program were beautifully rendered.

The amount of the collection taken was \$19.39.

Rev. W. G. Hamilton, accompanied by Mr. C. Jackson, attended the General Assembly that was held in Baltimore. While away our minister enjoyed a great trip, though short. He visited relatives and friends in Washington, Philadelphia, New York City and Newark, N. J.

The children are getting ready for their Children's Day Program. It is hoped that they will have one of the greatest at this time for the children in our church.

We are very proud of the following children having won gold medals during the close of the commencement exercises of the city schools: Little Misses Elizabeth Wright, 2nd prize for the Daily Dozen exercise; Frances Wright, 1st, for the same; Misses Ovella Brown, 1st prize in the oratorical contest, subject, "The Irreparable Past"; Margaret Keebler, 3rd prize for the subject, "Religion in Education." All of them are scholars in the day school of Calvary Presbyterian church. Miss Norma Michael won the first prize in the oratorical contest of the S.L. High School. We encourage these young ones in our prayers and sincerely hope that their lives may always be as a precious metal in their community and wherever they may go.

Mrs. W. G. Hamilton, delegated by the Appalachia Presbyterian church, U. S., to the Conference for Colored Women at Knoxville College, Knoxville, Tenn., June 5-12th, returned, full of zeal and inspiration, and is ready to work more for the cause of Missions. The meeting was one of the greatest, she states, that she has ever attended, and feels grateful to that body of women who were the means of her going to such a great conference.

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