

## THE WEEK'S EVENTS

Important News of the State, Nation, and World told in a few lines for your convenience.

### ROUND ABOUT THE WORLD

A Condensed Record of Happenings of Interest From All Points of the World.

The monument erected to the Confederate dead, in Arlington National Cemetery, near Washington, D. C. was dedicated amid a terrific storm, and peals of thunder accompanied President Wilson's address of acceptance. Mrs. Daisy McLaurin Stevens, President General of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, made an address presentation. The President, accompanied by his two daughters, Mrs. McAdoe and Mrs. Sayre, returned to Washington in a downpour of rain, the entire party being drenched.

It is believed that the Federal Reserve Bank will be in operation by August 1st, according to dispatches received from Washington, D. C. President Wilson will send to the Senate, in a few days, the nominations for the entire Federal Reserve Board and it was announced that the election of directors of the New Reserve Bank should be completed by July 1st.

"The waiting policy" has been extended to the peace conference at Niagara Falls, Ont. The conference is now waiting for General Carranza's answer to the question of whether the Constitutionalists will agree to armistice and permit the problem of a government in Mexico to be solved by mediation.

Reports from Mexico City is that General Huerta and his followers have assumed an optimistic attitude since the landing of arms and ammunition at Vera Cruz for their troops.

According to dispatches received from Mexico City, the federal gunboats have been ordered to blockade the port at Tampico for the purpose of attempting to prevent the landing of arms and ammunition for the rebel army. The supplies were recently shipped from the port in New Orleans.

The Lever bill to regulate dealings in cotton for future delivery with an amendment to tax so-called gambling transaction transfer from a domestic to a foreign market has been favorably received by the agricultural committee of the house of representatives at Washington. A feature of this measure is that it would levy a tax of one-fifth of one cent for each pound of cotton involved in any contract or any sale of cotton for future delivery made on exchanges.

During the continuance of the probe by the Interstate commerce commission into the financial affairs of the New Haven road, several of the directors, while testifying, expressed the methods of the late J. Pierpont Morgan and former President Mellen by saying these men rushed the directors off their feet. They commended the manner in which President Elliott is now conducting the affairs of the company, and stated that the directors now direct instead of merely acquiesce to the dictates of others.

A panic ensued when the watch department of agriculture in Washington, warning the occupants that the building was about to be blown up. Dynamite was found with the fuse burned out, directly under the office of secretary Houston, who was out of town. Later the watchman is said to have confessed he planted the explosive.

Premier Gaston Doumergue and his colleagues, of the French cabinet, went to the palace of the Elysees and resigned collectively to President Poincaré.

The hopes of Atlanta women to become members of the four charter boards of the city were blasted when the city council upheld Mayor Woodward's veto to the proposed amendment of the charter making it possible for women to serve on the four boards.

General Carranza, leader of the revolutionists in Mexico, issued a statement in which he leaves no doubt in the minds of anyone as to the position of the Revolutionists with regard to the peace conference. In his statement he expresses surprise that the mediators have not considered the rebels at all and reminds those in conference at Niagara Falls, Ont., that the Constitutionalists are now virtually in control of Mexico and that the fall of the Mexican capital is only a matter of a short time.

District Attorney Whitman, of New York, has announced his candidacy for governor of that state. It is rumored that plans are under way by which he will be the joint candidate of the Republican and Progressive parties. Whitman will be remembered as the man who so vigorously prosecuted the four gunmen and Lieutenant Charles Becker, of the New York police.

Amunition for the Constitutionalists was shipped from New York to Tampico, despite the orders from government officials that the ship bearing ammunition for the rebels should not leave an American port. It is not known whether an effort will be made to prevent the landing of the shipment at Tampico.

The New York Progressives are said to be talking at the plans to nominate Charles S. Whitman, for Governor. It has been proposed that the Republican and Progressives of New York consolidate on the selection of Whitman.

Lewis Clark Cass Ledyard, a former director of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, was a voluntary witness before the Inter-State Commerce Commission, probing the finances of the New Haven Road. During his testimony Mr. Ledyard asserted the statement made by Charles S. Mellen, former president of the road, allowed himself to be indicted in the Grand Trunk case to shield the late J. Pierpont Morgan, was untrue.

Another delay confronts the Panama canal tolls exemption appeal bill in the senate. Foreign relations committee has adopted the Southernland resolution directing President Wilson to open negotiations with Great Britain for special invitations for the Panama canal dispute. These resolutions will now go before the senate for debate.

United States Senator Duncan U. Fletcher was re-elected in Florida, defeating John M. C. Stockton.

For the purpose of extending higher education to the women of Turkey, five new buildings on the property of the Constantinople College at Anatakeu, were recently dedicated.

The Great Eastern Lumber company of Savannah, Ga., has gone into the hands of receivers. It is understood that the concern is solvent, but was unable to obtain working capital.

The commissioner of internal revenue has handed down the decision on the income tax, which will necessitate re-drafting of thousands of income tax statements and will swell the government revenues from that source.

The officers of the rebel army have refused to permit the taking of moving pictures of their soldiers and three moving picture operators who journeyed to the west coast of Mexico for that purpose were compelled to return to San Francisco.

President Wilson has under consideration the appeal for clemency on behalf of the 27 labor leaders convicted in the dynamiting conspiracy.

The Argentine legation at Washington, D. C., has been raised to an embassy by a message received by the senate from President Dr. De la Plaza.

Confederate memorial day will be observed in New Orleans with a gigantic parade and services at Greenwood cemetery.

Huerta has again stated the terms upon which he will abdicate the capital at Mexico City. However the Rebels say they will consider nothing coming from the Huerta government.

The United States Senate has passed the annual naval appropriation bill carrying about \$141,000,000 providing for the two battleship construction, in addition to the building of a third dreadnaught from the sale of the two battleships, Idaho and Mississippi.

Much difficulty is being experienced in the identification of bodies recovered from the Empress of Ireland, the ocean liner which was rammed by the Collier Storstad, and sank off Father Point last Friday. In one instance five persons claimed the body of a little girl and it was with difficulty that the officials decided who were the parents of the child. A great majority of the bodies are so badly mutilated that identification is possible only by bits of clothing and jewelry.

The Federal Court at Trenton, N. J., has ordered the dissolution of the so-called thread trust under the name of the American Thread Company.

A verdict of "Not Guilty" was brought by a jury in the Federal court in Savannah, where four officers of the American Naval Stores Company were on trial. The dismissal of the charges against the defendants came after six years of legal processes.

An announcement was made in Chicago that it is probably within a short time a referendum vote will be taken among the 55,000 engineers and firemen of the Western railroads as to whether they will go on a strike. This announcement was made following a conference between the representatives of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen and the railroads.

Because she felt sorry for her pet dog which she had permitted to be placed in the kennels of a London, England, hotel, and at a late hour of the night changed her mind and had it returned to her room, where the canine had been accustomed to sleep. Mrs. "Montie" Elliott, wife of the famous actor, who is on the list of the factor that her garments were not stolen. A guest of the hotel had advised her not to permit the dog to sleep in her bedroom as it was unhealthy. Reluctantly she accepted his advice, but at midnight changed her mind. During the night she was awakened by the barking of the dog and heard retreating footsteps. The next morning other guests reported their gems stolen. The "guest," who had been so solicitous of her health, had disappeared.

The special Canadian Pacific relief train carrying survivors from the steamship Empress of Ireland was delayed shortly after leaving Rimouski. So far as is known no one was injured. Another train was immediately made up.

A bill will be soon presented before the house in Washington, D. C., which will provide vocational training by the government. It is a companion bill for the Smith-Lever agricultural extension measure which provides for farm demonstration work. The vocational bill will provide for training for boys and girls in agricultural industrial branches and home economics and for training of teachers of these subjects.

Frank A. Munsey, one of the leaders of the Progressive campaign in 1912, went to Oyster Bay to see Colonel Roosevelt.

## ARE NO STRINGS TO HUERTA'S PROMISE

HIS DELEGATES EXPLAIN THAT HIS WILLINGNESS TO RETIRE IS GENUINE.

### DEMANDS POLITICAL PEACE

If Agreement Can Secure That, He says He Will Be Satisfied by Other Method.

Niagara Falls.—No conditions are attached to Gen. Huerta's promise to resign the Mexican presidency as soon as his country is "politically pacified." His delegates to the mediation conference took occasion to say publicly that he does not intend to hide behind technicalities.

The Mexican delegation had concluded that its recent statement setting forth the attitude of Gen. Huerta towards demands for his retirement was misinterpreted in some quarters. It had been said that under the language of his pledge to retire when the country was politically pacified, Gen. Huerta might insist on holding office until all guerrilla bands were dispersed. On that account another statement was issued by the Huerta delegation. It reads:

"Mr. Rabaza, of the Mexican delegation has been asked what is the interpretation given by the Mexican delegates to the word 'politically' in the statement declaring that Gen. Huerta is prepared to withdraw provided that at the time of his withdrawal Mexico shall be politically pacified; and he thinks that an agreement between the two contending parties would not be considered as fulfilling Gen. Huerta's condition.

"To the above question Mr. Rabaza answers that the expression used by the delegation does not mean that Gen. Huerta demands the material pacification of the country nor the dispersal of the last of the groups of bandits which overrun many parts of the country; but, that peace shall be assured by political means which will guarantee for the nation that maintenance of law and order which is indispensable to the exercise of constitutional functions. The object in view is peace. The condition is that that object shall have been achieved.

"If an agreement insures that end the condition as is well fulfilled by it as by any other means."

The American delegates met with the mediators, but consideration was given only to questions that arose before the matter of the important issue.

### TAMPICO UNDER BLOCKADE.

#### Causes New Crisis—Officials Wait For Development.

Washington.—A new crisis in the Mexican situation developed when two Mexican Federal gunboats, closely trailed by two American warcraft, the cruiser Tacoma and gunboat Hacrmento, steamed from Puerto Mexico for Tampico, to enforce a blockade of that port decreed by Gen. Huerta. No specific orders have been given, the American commanders merely having instructions to keep the Mexican boats under surveillance, but it is known that Rear Admiral Badger has been advised that the United States regards Tampico as an open port and desires that there be no interference with commerce there.

Notice of Gen. Huerta's decree was given formally to Secretary Bryan earlier in the night by Senator Riano, the Spanish ambassador, who represents the Huerta government here. This was followed by a conference of administration officials, but nothing was known of the result.

#### Would Buy Warcraft.

Douglas, Ariz.—Constitutionalist Agent Lelivier, telegraphed to Gen. Obregon a proposal that the constitutionalists attempt to purchase the American battleships Idaho and Mississippi, which are for sale. Lelivier said he felt sure he could raise sufficient money in Sonora and Sinaloa to buy one of the ships.

#### Storstad Still Held.

Montreal.—The Norwegian collier Storstad which rammed and sank the liner Empress of Ireland in the St. Lawrence still pushes her battered nose up against the dock in Montreal. An impatient prisoner of the admiralty court of Canada. A bailiff is in possession and Capt. Anderson must wait till the court accepts a bond for more than \$200,000 and releases her. The coroner's jury at Rimouski adjourned for an indefinite period pending the investigation of the Empress disaster by Lord Mersey.

#### Decides Against Frank.

Atlanta, Ga.—Judge Ben Hill of the Fulton county superior court sustained the state's demurrer to the motion to set aside the verdict by which Leo M. Frank was pronounced guilty of the murder of Mary Phagan, a factory girl. The motion was based on the claim that Frank's constitutional rights were violated when the verdict was returned during the condemned man's absence from court. In sustaining the demurrer, Judge Hill refused to hear the motion on its merits, holding instead that it was filed too late.

## COMMISSION OF THE FARMS OF THE STATE

REPORT OF COMMISSIONER GRAHAM TO THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

### LATE STATE CAPITOL NEWS

Review of the Latest News Gathered Around the State Capitol That Will Be of Interest to Our Readers Over North Carolina.

Raleigh.—The principal feature of the opening session of the semi-annual meeting of the state board of agriculture was the hearing of the report of Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham on the work of the department for the past year and progress of the state in matters agricultural. The state board will during this session review the work of the past six months, map out the work for the next six months and set aside the budget for the work of the department which will be around \$125,000 for the ensuing semi-annual period.

In his report Commissioner Graham called to the attention of the board with special gratification the fact that the 1913 crop yields were the largest in the history of the state, exceeding by several million dollars in value the crops of any previous year. He directed attention, too, to the fact that the tax valuation of farm lands in the state have climbed to \$231,000,000. The value of the farm products the past year including farm live stock exceeded \$260,000,000.

Treating the progress of the work of the department of agriculture, Commissioner Graham stated that every division has rendered effective service. Financially the department had a balance of \$10,000 December 1 last and receipts for the six months to June 1 have been \$202,218, there being June 1 a balance in the treasury of \$84,125. Of the six months receipts \$158,457 was for fertilizer taxes, \$16,237 for cotton seed meal tax, \$13,973 for feed stamps and the remainder from less important sources.

There was a recommendation by the commissioner that the soil survey and soil investigation division be made an independent division of the department with the head of the division reporting to the commissioner of agriculture direct as do the heads of the other divisions of the department of agriculture. This work is being done in co-operation with the United States department of agriculture and the commissioner stated that the federal department was thoroughly agreeable to the idea of setting this work aside as a special division as he recommended.

#### Several New State Charters.

The McCrary Furniture Company, Lexington, capital \$10,000 authorized, and \$3,000 subscribed by R. O. Kirkman, Leonard and others for general furniture business.

The Valle Crucis & Blowing Rock Turnpike Co., Valle Crucis, Watauga county, capital \$3,000 authorized, and \$500 subscribed for the building and maintaining a turnpike from Valle Crucis to the point of intersection with the Yonah Loose turnpike, giving a highway from Valle Crucis to Blowing Rock. The incorporators include E. I. Lawrence and others.

The West End Realty Company, Henderson, capital \$10,000 authorized, and \$3,000 subscribed by R. C. Gary and others.

The Swisher Manufacturing Company, Goldsboro, capital \$12,000 authorized, and \$5,000 subscribed by J. T. Swisher and others.

The Dixie Realty Company, Weldon, capital \$25,000 authorized, and \$4,000 subscribed.

#### For North Carolina Postoffices.

Washington.—The sundry civil bill reported to the house from the appropriations committee carries the following North Carolina items: For postoffice rental, Charlotte, \$6,000; for continuing public building, Gastonia, \$5,000; for completing building, Greenville, \$9,000; at Hendersonville, \$29,000; Hickory, \$10,000; Monroe, \$5,000; for continuing Rocky Mount, \$27,000.

#### Dr. R. H. Lewis Resigns.

Dr. R. H. Lewis delivered to Gov. Craig his resignation as secretary of the board of trustees of the University of North Carolina, this being because of his physical inability to longer serve or to attend the approaching important annual meeting at the University this week. In commenting on the resignation of Dr. Lewis, Gov. Craig made this statement:

"The University has never had a more loyal or more useful friend than Dr. Lewis."

#### Postpone Seaboard Air Line Case.

A postponement to the July term has been ordered in Wake Superior Court in the noted case of State vs. Seaboard Air Line in which the railroad company is under indictment for refusing to submit for the inspection by any citizen the books of the agent here showing the receipts and consignees for intoxicating liquors, the railroad company contending that the interstate commerce act prevents the company from submitting books for inspection except as to specific shipments and then only to officers.

#### North Carolina at World's Fair.

The state board of agriculture completed the work of the semi-annual session and adjourned, having adopted a budget aggregating \$125,000 for the expenses of the department in its several divisions during the next six months. There is included an appropriation of \$15,000 toward the representation of this state in the Panama-Pacific Exposition next year, this being conditioned on the state commissioner's being able to carry through the plans now being formulated to install an exhibit with a special building to house the representation to cost around \$50,000.

These plans were laid before the board by Governor Craig and J. A. Brown of Chadbourn, member of the state commission.

Governor Craig went into detail as to the plans, stating that the purpose is to induce manufacturers and other business men to take part in the representation through exhibits and through moving picture representations for advertising purposes. The railroad companies are also expected to take part and contribute considerably in finances for the representation of the state. The legislature will be asked at its next session to make an appropriation and Governor Craig assured the board of agriculture that the legislature would make a substantial appropriation for the purpose.

#### Insurance Investigation June 15.

Chairman Victor S. Bryant of the special commission for the investigation of the conduct of fire insurance companies in this state has called his commission to resume sessions in Raleigh June 15 for the completion of the taking of evidence which was gotten under way at the former sessions of the commission here. Ex-Judge Manning of the counsel for the commission has in hand the marshaling of the evidence for presentation. The other members of the commission are D. C. Barnes, H. A. Page, Elmer Long and A. A. F. Seawell. It is the purpose of the commission to complete the taking of evidence now as speedily as possible.

State Commissioner of Insurance James R. Young is to be in New York June 10 to attend important meetings of committees of the National Association of State Insurance Commissioners. He will attend the conference of the national committee and the committee on fire insurance company expenses and fire insurance rates, two of the most important committees of the association.

#### Heating System in Capitol.

The work of installing the new heating system in the capitol will soon be completed. The places where the stone floor has been taken up are still open, but the pipes may be seen in these openings, and the entire system will soon be complete in every respect.

#### Camp of Instruction is Changed.

Adjutant-General Laurence W. Young recently received a telegram from the commanding general of the Eastern department stating that the joint camps of instruction at Augusta, Ga., will not be held as was announced earlier in the week. The plans of the war department have been changed, and the joint camps of instruction will be held in North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, the four states comprising the ninth division.

Regular army troops will be sent to each of the camps. The joint camp for North Carolina will be held at Camp Glenn at Morehead City, beginning in July. All of the troops in the state will be sent there for a period of ten days, several companies comprising the divisions that will be there at various times.

The change with reference to the joint maneuver camps will necessitate a change in the dates for the camps of the other regiments as heretofore announced, but the dates will be given as soon as possible.

The second Regiment, Troops A and B of the cavalry, Field Hospital No. 1 and Ambulance Company No. 1 will probably attend the camp at some time during the summer.

#### Board Elects Oil Inspectors.

The board of agriculture elected oil inspectors for the ensuing year as follows: Marvin M. Jones, Belhaven; Jacob Thompson, Pittsboro; J. H. Watson, Graham; C. J. Taylor, Laurel Springs; C. S. Corpening, Horse Shoe.

#### Cattle Tick Eradication in Lenoir.

Probably 275 farms in Lenoir county are quarantined by the Bureau of Animal Industry of the National Department of Agriculture, under the plan of eradicating the cattle tick, according to Doctor Foss, who is in charge of the work in several states. Dr. Foss, who was at Kinston recently, stated that the quarantine will be lifted later in the fall, when Lenoir county farmers will be free to ship cattle to any part of the country. J. E. Gennings, an agent of the bureau will remain there indefinitely.

#### H. A. Haynes Will be Brought Back.

A requisition on the governor of Illinois was issued by Governor Craig for H. A. Haynes, former superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home of the Western Carolina Conference at Winston-Salem, he being wanted there for the embezzlement of \$1,687 from that institution in 1912 while superintendent. Haynes was arrested in Chicago a few days ago and Officer J. A. Thomas of Winston-Salem is to make the trip to the Windy City for the fugitive.

## STATE ITEMS

OF INTEREST TO ALL NORTH CAROLINA PEOPLE.

#### Potato Crop Suffers.

The exceedingly dry weather which the section around Warsaw has experienced during the last eight weeks has severely injured the truck and farm crops. The tobacco plants which were due to have been transplanted some time ago and which were watered by artificial means are having a hard time getting started. The cotton, corn, oats and other farm crops are suffering intensely from the drought. The truck crops have been almost completely ruined, and this is especially true of the Irish potato crop, which is not expected to yield more than one-fifth of the usual harvest. The loss on the strawberry crop in the section between Goldsboro and Wilmington is expected to run up into the thousands of dollars. The Southern Express Company is operating one of three cars carrying the truck crops to the Northern markets. Eight to ten cars each day are usually moved at this season of the year.

#### Complete Asheville-Charlotte Highway.

That the Asheville-Charlotte Highway, a road of many scenic beauties, will be ready for the use of automobilists within the next few weeks, was assured when the Buncombe board of county commissioners authorized the employment of an extra force of laborers to complete the Buncombe county link of the highway. The action of the board followed several addresses by local good road enthusiasts who urged that this county's part of the road be ready for use by the time the state convicts are let out with their labors on other parts of the highway. It will cost the county between \$8,000 and \$10,000 to put an extra force on the highway one of the members of the board remarked, but the money will be borrowed, and the contract for the work will be awarded immediately.

#### Discuss Freight Rates.

President Fred N. Tate and 11 others of the leaders among the North Carolina Just Freight Rate Association met here in response to a general call for the members of the association and determined that the association shall continue and set on foot plans that are expected to work out a thorough reorganization of the association and give to the business men of the state an organization that will give service in procurement of rate equities and representation in any general effort for the betterment of freight rate conditions.

#### NORTH CAROLINA BRIEFS.

An automobile in which five men were riding was struck by a passenger train at a railway crossing and P. M. Hunt, a well-known citizen of Greensboro, was instantly killed. The automobile stuck in a cinder pile on the track and Hunt, who was sitting between two companions was unable to jump. The others escaped unhurt.

Because their baby was not awarded first prize at the "better babies contest" of the recent Western North Carolina Fair when the child is said to have made a better score than the baby to whom the principal award went, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Ingle received judgment in the sum of \$50, the amount of the prize.

Augustus L. Quickel of Lincolnton, soon to become clerk of the house judiciary committee is a University graduate. He was a member of the class of 1895. After graduating Mr. Quickel went to Lincolnton to practice law. By hard work and close application to his tasks he has won signal success.

A trestle on the C. & N. W. Railroad was discovered to be on fire recently by a Miss Haas, an aged lady, who lives about a quarter of a mile from the railroad just before a train was due. She ran to her home and got a red cloth and stopped the engine just before it reached the burning trestle, saving the train from destruction.

Robert L. Smallwood, the New York architect, who was awarded the contract to draw up the plans for the palatial home to be erected three miles out of Newbern by Dr. Earl S. Sloan, the millionaire lighthouse manufacturer, is now engaged in working out these and will have them ready at an early date.

John Aiken, son of J. H. Aiken, was severely cut by a negro named Loy Reinhardt at Hickory. Both were working in Southworth's shoe store and no one else was present at the time of the cutting.

The lack of rain in Forsyth county has now reached an acute stage, with serious possibilities. While scattered showers in neighboring sections have helped some, not a drop has fallen in this county in many weeks and vegetation is nearly ruined. The strawberry crop was a total failure and tobacco culture is far behind seasonable schedule.

Eighth district Democrats in convention at Salisbury re-nominated Congressman R. L. Doughton by acclamation.

An offer of Isaac Edward Emerson of Baltimore to give \$25,000 to the University of North Carolina was accepted.

After being in session four days and taking 471 ballots the Tenth District Democratic Congressional Convention at Waynesville adjourned, adopting a resolution providing for a district-wide primary August 15, to choose a Democratic nominee for Congress from this district.

## INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By O. E. BELLERS, Director of Evening Department, The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)

LESSON FOR JUNE 14  
THE FRIEND OF SINNERS.

LESSON TEXT—Luke 18:14; 19:1-10. GOLDEN TEXT—"I came not to call the righteous but sinners." Mark 2:17.

The first section of our lesson is the beginning of a new parable (see R. V.) and contains one of the Master's best-known parables. Immediately preceding this is the parable of the unjust judge and the importunate widow. We are plainly told (v. 9) why the Master spake this parable. It is easy to say that those who trusted in their own righteousness and "set all others at naught" (R. V.) were the Pharisees, but such is not the case; and this parable is a warning to us, lest we also trust our own righteousness (Isa. 64:6). Using this particular class as a background, Jesus paints, in words of simple grandeur, a picture quite familiar throughout the ages. In it he reveals the falseness of human standards and declares the judgment of heaven. Let us look at (1) the Pharisee. The illuminating phrase is in the words "he prayed with himself" (v. 11). Ostentatiously the Pharisee separated himself from their fellow men and this separation seems to have extended even into his prayer life, and he is withdrawn from God also. This is an appalling picture of the man who trusts only himself. Examine his prayer and we see the supposed prayer is really a paean of self-exaltation.

(2) The Publican regarded himself as "the sinner" (v. 13 R. V. marg.). He knew he was a great, an irredeemable offender against law and grace. He had sacrificed everything to acquire money. He comes with no outward show except an abundant evidence of the shame and humility of his heart. He also was excluded from men but not from God. Burdened with the sense of his sin, he casts himself upon the mercy of God. He is absolutely devoid of any trust in himself, any contempt for others, and makes a straight, earnest, passionate abandonment of himself and his need to God. He goes away "justified" (judged right). Why? Because he had taken the right place, a sinner's place before God, and found pardon.

(3) The Second Section is a story and deals with an individual case, Zacchaeus, who was a "chief Publican." Jesus sought him (see Golden Text), whereas Zacchaeus was animated by curiosity, and the writer informs us he was small of stature, hence the necessity of climbing the sycamore tree. He went up the tree because of curiosity, he came down because of conviction. He wanted to see this man in the center of the crowd and was amazed to hear Jesus call him by name.

#### Must Yield Wealth.

Zacchaeus was rich, dishonest, dissatisfied, but desperately in earnest, and a man of prompt decision. The estimation of his fellow-citizens is indicated by v. 7. Notwithstanding all of this Zacchaeus was not so wedded to his money as to let it keep him out of the kingdom. In chapter 18 we read of the rich man who "lacked one thing." He was lost—"went away"—because he would not yield his wealth (see also 18:26, 27). What took place within the house of Zacchaeus we are not told, but for the Master to enter was looked upon either as amazing ignorance of Zacchaeus' character or else extreme carelessness concerning the maintenance of his own character. Jesus was dealing with one man, not the multitude, hence he leaves them to their amazement. While this is true, yet we can surmise something of that interview by the result (v. 8) for Zacchaeus seems to have made a public avowal of his ethical and moral change of heart. Note the steps: (1) He "sought to see Jesus." John 3:14, 15; Isa. 45:22. (2) He was very much in earnest, "climbed a sycamore tree," Luke 13:24. (3) He made no delay, "make haste" Isa. 55:6. The result was that of great blessing to the people and joy in the heart of Zacchaeus. (4) He was obedient, joyously and promptly. The genuineness of his transformation was evidenced by the way it affected his pocketbook. He made abundant restitution and gave bountifully to the poor. The love of God shed abroad in the heart of a miserly, selfish man or church will promote honesty both to God and man.

From the combined parable and story we can read the lesson that Jesus is the friend of sinners and not of sin.

Thus the friend of sinners seeks and saves men. He sees the acts and the attitude of men and is ready to justify those whose attitude is that of humility and supplication. He seeks men even as he sought Zacchaeus, and as he saves he produces in them those fruits of righteousness which are the evidence and demonstration of their salvation. The scribes and the Pharisees saw Jesus eating with the publicans and expressed this disapproving surprise only to receive his rebuke, "They that are whole have no need of a physician, but they that are sick; I came not to call the righteous."