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Pay For Preachers

The Baptist State convention in session recently started a new question—that of a 10 per cent increase in pay for ministers of that denomination.

As the Cleveland Star points out "we have campaigned insistently, if hopelessly, for higher salaries for North Carolina teachers, we have neglected for a long time to say a word for the parsons. It remained for Dr. Zeno Wall, who not long ago declined a salary raise himself, to point out to the state that the preachers deserve more money. His request for a 10 per cent boost for Baptist preachers is reasonable and timely. Let us hope that this excellent idea will be an example to other denominations."

The Shelby paper continued in the same editorial with the following denunciation of the attitude many people have toward ministers:

"The common belief that a parson should subsist on scanty diet and live in a poor house because he is a servant of the humble Jesus is, as a matter of cold fact, opposed to the teachings of that same humble Savior. Christ eschewed and despised pride of possession, but he taught joyful living. "Joyful Christianity" is what the preachers try to teach us."

The minister has the noblest calling of all and accomplishes everlasting good to humanity. We can see no basis for the belief that a minister should be poor and destitute.

On Crime News

Since the advent of the modern newspaper some people have been criticizing the press for display of crime news and some have gone so far as to condemn newspapers for printing crime news at all.

We admit that the question is debatable but hasten to call attention to the belief that if we should cease to print news about crimes people would stop their papers. However, we believe that it is the duty of a newspaper, as a substantially accurate informer of the people, to give the people the very best accounts possible of what is going on.

Since kidnaping is a sensational type of crime, and one of the most horrible, let us consider what the public would think of a local newspaper that would not tell them if a child had been carried off and that its parents had received a ransom note. It would be the clear duty of the press to inform the people and—forewarned—they would be better able to protect themselves.

On the other hand, we do believe that printing crime news can be overdone. By this we mean "playing up" sensational crime news in order to get newspaper circulation. Many metropolitan newspapers rejoice in the opportunity to spread a horrible deed over the entire front page.

Printing crime news has been objected to for years on the grounds that it places wrong impressions on youth to follow in the footsteps of the arch criminal. In this attitude we believe that the press has been wrongly accused and that the people are to blame for gaining their own impressions that are by no means published. Too many are apt to sympathize with the criminal, even though the press accounts of his exploits paint the dark picture of horror that is undeniably the truth.

In the unprecedented homicide wave that struck this county about a year ago, leading metropolitan newspaper "played it up," to the chagrin of the good people of Wilkes. But this publicity, bad as it was, proved beneficial in awakening the people of the county to a sense of duty to remedy the situation.

After considering all facts, it appears that conservative treatment of crime news by newspapers is the better course and that the public should be informed of the horrible acts that are daily committed by the criminal element throughout the country.

Thanksgiving and the Orphan

With the Thanksgiving holidays just ahead the attention of all churches; other institutions and public spirited citizens is turned to the annual Thanksgiving offering for the orphanages and children's homes.

Unless the output of the orphanages is considered it is hard for people in this fast age to realize the importance of these institutions. Statistics reveal that the product of the orphan home is equal to, and even superior, to that of the average home.

When we pause to give thought to the fact that it is so clearly demonstrated that it is easy for children to go amiss in the best of homes we can begin to understand the good work of a children's home, to which the fatherless and motherless children are taken and moulded into good citizens. Many lives and souls are saved from a life of crime and degradation and a great burden is lifted from society.

At Thanksgiving the people are asked to give freely to help support the orphanages and an undenominational organization in North Carolina has issued the following clarion call to all the citizens of the state:

"Imagine yourself left an orphan at a tender age, without a home, with no loving kindred, or means of livelihood, just to drift along with the tide in a world of uncertainty. Well, there are hundreds of little tots in North Carolina today who find themselves in exactly that situation and those in a position to do so should welcome the opportunity to aid in rolling up bountiful offerings for the various orphan homes during the approaching Thanksgiving period.

"The poor ye have always with you." It is wisely ordained that it should be so. They need us and we need them. They are an obligation and a blessing. Without human need and human suffering to appeal constantly to the heart of a materialistic world and keep open therein its fountains of love and sympathy, it would harden into stone in a generation, or be eaten out by sordid selfishness and greed. Let us thank Jehovah, then, for the orphans. They help to keep warm and soft and tender our own hearts and the great heart of the world.

"Not a single citizen in the State, either male or female, should fail to join in the movement to provide room for helpless orphans in the homes supported by loving generosity. We cannot escape condemnation here or hereafter if, seeing human need, we pass by on the other side like the priest and the Levite, or, if facing manifest duty, we seek, like Pontius Pilate to shift responsibility to others.

"On Thanksgiving Day, the Master expects everyone to do his duty to the orphans, His children, our neighbors—our brethren. Every citizen of the State is admonished to forward the income of a day to the orphanage of his choice. It will be an investment in the mind and heart and soul of an orphan child, or children, with all their infinite capacities for good or evil in the world."

Sunday School Lesson

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

THE CHRISTIAN STEWARD

Lesson for November 25th. Matt. 25:14-30. Golden Text: Matt. 25:21.

It is a significant fact that most people do not know how to distribute their income. They have no budget system, and no philosophy of stewardship. An expert on income management once gave me interesting glimpses of the manner in which people give to the church. She told me of a young man with an annual income of \$2800 who spent \$208 a year on recreation, and gave only \$12 to the church, less than one-half of 1 per cent of his means. Another man she interviewed was paid a salary of \$10,000 a year, and gave only \$100, or 1 per cent, to the church, while he spent \$600 for a saddle horse.

If folk would take membership in the Christian church as seriously as their daily work and recreation the churches would not have to beg for financial support. An abundance of funds would be available. For instance of presenting to God a mere pittance, everyone would feel ashamed not to give a decent part of his income on a regular basis. St. Paul well stated the rule of Christian giving when he said, "Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him."

Someone has written: "I am a nickel. I am not on speaking terms with the motorman, I am too small to sit in the movies, I am not large enough to buy a necktie, I am a small consideration in the purchase of gasoline, I am not fit to be a tip. But, believe me, when I get into church or the missionary society, I am some money."

It is plain that the rank and file are not conscientious in their giving for they fail to take to heart the Christian principle that we are trustees, for the time being, of God's wealth, and must devote it to the highest uses. Thus few deserve the cordial "Well done" of our Golden Text.

This Week In Washington

WHAT IS NEXT?
Washington, Nov. 19. (Auto-caster).—Now that there has been time to take a long breath and analyze the election returns, political Washington—and there isn't anything in Washington that isn't political—has resumed its favorite pastime, which is guessing what is going to come next. The three brain-teasers over which the sooth-sayers and self-appointed prophets are puzzling at the moment, are:

What will the Administration try next in its effort to get workers off the relief rolls and the wheels of business rolling full speed again?

Will the new Congress eat out of the President's hand like the old one, or will it take the bit in its teeth and jump over the traces?

What is there ahead for the Republican party?

Curiously enough, the answers to that last question are easier to guess than the others. The man in the street is saying that the Republican party is dead. The same unthinking folk were saying the same thing about the Democratic party in 1920—not to go any further back—and again in 1924 and 1928. But the real students of politics point out that great political parties are not "killed" by one or two or even a dozen national defeats.

G. O. P. Roots Still Deep
The wise ones are pointing out that, although only 28 of the 47 millions of registered voters went to the polls on November 6th, 12 millions of them voted the Republican ticket pretty nearly straight. And there are plenty county and town boards that are still solidly Republican. It is from local units that any national party derives its strength. The roots of the Republican party are still pretty deep in the soil. It was only the upper branches, including a good many dead limbs, that were killed in the Democratic landslide of 1932 and 1934.

In the inner circle of forward-looking Republican leadership there are few tears being shed over the defeat of Senator Reed in Pennsylvania and of several other members of the "Old Guard" elsewhere. Their loss simplifies the job of reorganizing the party.

Looking For Leaders
Where the leadership will be lodged it is too early to predict. At the moment the "white hope" of the Republicans is Arthur H. Vandenberg of Grand Rapids, Michigan, just re-elected to the Senate. In the party ranks this newspaper editor has made a name for himself. He was the party's candidate for President Pro Tem when the Senate of the 73rd Congress was organized, and is chairman of the legislative committee of the Senate minority. He is distinctly a Liberal in his political outlook, and he has the geographical advantage of hailing from the Middle West.

The fact that Republican leaders are pinning their faith on Senator Vandenberg is sufficient indication of their realization that the party must throw the "die-hards" and the Eastern "big business" interests overboard if it hopes to survive as an effective Opposition party. And such examination of the personnel of the new Congress as has been possible thus far indicates that there will be plenty of Radical proposals for Liberals, by whatever party name they call themselves, to oppose.

Stronger Blocs Loom
The indications are that there will be stronger "blocs" than have ever been seen on Capitol Hill, urging inflation of the currency, government control of credit and banking, wild universal pension schemes (there are expected to be 10 million signatures on the petition for the adoption of the Townsend plan for giving everybody over 60 a pension of \$200 a month) immediate payment of the veterans' bonus, tax schemes of the "soak-the-rich" variety, and, of course, projects for vastly greater Government spending than have yet been dreamed of.

The President's major task, political wiseacres predict, will be to control this tendency to run wild on the part of Congress. Reports credited here are that he would like to see Representative Sam Rayburn of Texas in the Speaker's chair vacated by the death of Speaker Rainey. Mr. Rayburn is regarded as a strong character and a sound politician. He was the President's right arm in getting the Stock Exchange Control bill and the Securities Act through the last Congress. But back-slapping Joe Byrns of Tennessee has a lot of members pledged to himself. It looks like a scrap.

This and That News
The latest "trial balloon," sent up by the Administration to sound out public sentiment, is the project for a series of inter-

mediate credit banks to lend up to two or three billions to small businesses on five year terms, to enable them to start up and put men back to work.

How to reduce the 18 millions now on relief to three or four millions is still the greatest problem Mr. Roosevelt faces. There have been suggestions that Government guarantees of profits in the staple industries might stimulate private capital to start the wheels turning again. The banks have plenty of money and are willing to lend it; the trouble is that few competent businesses are willing to take the risk of borrowing until they get some assurance from Washington that the government's financial and business policies have been stabilized. And the Administration is beginning to understand that its great housing program, intended to be financed by private capital, can't get very far until people who want homes are back on reasonably stable payrolls.

Senator Borah's demand for an investigation of waste and graft in the distribution of relief funds is being taken seriously. The investigation is to be made by Relief Administrator Harry Hopkins, who stands out as one of the high officials who does not let political considerations warp his integrity or his judgment.

Wilkes Youth On Wake Forest Honor Roll List

Wake Forest, Nov. 21.—R. O. Poplin, Jr., of Ronda is included in the 103 students on the mid-semester honor roll at Wake Forest College. This distinction denotes work averaging between 90 and 100 per cent perfect.

Poplin, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Poplin, is a senior and will receive his degree this spring.

To Give Accounting

Jouett Shouse, president of the much-discussed Liberty League, stated yesterday that that organization would make regular reports to congress on contributions and expenditures. The Liberty League is anti-New Deal.

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ROYAL REUNION IS ATTENDED BY MANY

Elkin.—The reunion of the Royall family on November 4 was well attended. Many interesting facts regarding the family were brought out by the speaker, Dr. M. A. Royall of this city, and J. A. J. Royall, of Thurmond.

At this meeting an organization was perfected to plan for the annual reunion. The 1935 reunion will be held on the first Sunday in September, at Center church in Yadkin county. J. A. J.

Royall was elected secretary of the Surry, Wilkes and Alleghany members of the family and the Yadkin county secretary is Virge Swain, of Boonville.

A bountiful dinner was served picnic style at noon. Rev. Frank Weatherman offered the invocation. A sermon by Rev. George W. Miles and special music by the Elkin Valley choir were features of the day's program.

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