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THE HELPING HAND.

One has but to study the accounts given in the Bible of the earthly life and ministry of Jesus our Saviour to be convinced of the fact that his life, after the active duties of his ministry commenced, was chiefly given to the promotion of the happiness and peace of those about him. The Son of man came " not to be ministered unto, but to minister." How fond was he of healing the bodily infirmities and weaknesses of men and women! And his contact with the vicious, the degraded, and the fallen, plainly shows us how his great heart went out toward such people. Concerning people of this kind, two quite common mistakes we think are made by Christian workers of the day. One is the plan of hurrying them into the church, and trying to reform them there; the other is to ignore, or despise them, and cause them to think that there are but little sympathy and love in heaven or on earth for

The first mistake mentioned leads those who follow the plan it implies to cause the church to become a sort of reformatory, and by a system of petting and coddling the wicked and abandoned, cause them to think, that after all, the Christian world is dis posed to place a premium on depravity. Those on whom this impression is made may very naturally suppose that, as they were counted worthy to be taken into the fellowship of a Christian church, and receive more attention while their vicious course continues than they expect to receive afterward, it may "pay" them best to continue the life they are leading. The indiscriminate visiting of great criminals by gushing bands of male and female workers who scatter flowers on the prison floor and adorn prison walls with affectionate reminders of their presence, has its dangers, and sometimes produces just the opposite effect to what was intended. And, then, these sudden conversions (?) of hardened criminals in their cells just before they suffer for their crimes, after their gushing declarations that they "are going straight to heaven," deepens the impression that it is quite an easy thing for a man to get right with God after a life of red handed crime. The church is certainly no home for such characters who remain in their sins, and those who visit such characters as have committed grievous crimes, ought to be composed of judicious persons, who should guard the criminal against basing his salvation on priestly manipulations or the sympathy and prayers of a band of "workers" who have a zeal not according to knowledge, and also against a nauseating public profession of a faith that does not really exist.

Much harm may be also caused by those who make the second mistake mentioned. One thing is certain, Jesus Christ was the friend of publicans and sinners. He came to "seek and to save them that are lost." If we would be Christ-like we must follow his methods and exhibit his spirit. If people are wicked they should be encouraged to confess their wickedness; and then they hould be told of the panacea for all sin. And we should be careful to emphasize the fact that an open outspoken sinner out of the church is dearer to God and to men than the oily-faced bypocrite in it. Jesus loves inful men; so should we, if we would win hem from the error of their ways. The average preacher, we are verily persuaded, ald be more successful if he would preach n the one hand the "terrors of the law," high declare God's hatred for sin, and then the passages as "God so loved the Acc., which show his compassion mor, "Help your fallen brother is him the helping hand. He needs to can be sure that you are in the uty when you love the souls of the nature, and by proper methods lift intend of driving them to despair the act if they were beneath

NOT FAR FROM THE KINGDOM.

The poet Whittler, we believe, once penned these striking words :-

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen, The saddest are these: 'It might have been.'" And among the most beautiful and vet among the saddest words that Christ ever spoke to one who was not among his disciples were, "Thou art not far from the kingdom of God." These words are beautiful because they remind us that Christ honors uprightness, integrity, and common sense among those who are not numbered among his people. True religion is something that commends itself to the wisest and mauliest of men. It would be well for us to recognize the fact that there are often much virtue, merit, and true manhood among those who are not Christians. We do not mean that they have either virtue or merit that atones for their sins; to the contrary, it is needful that they confess their sins, and seek God in the same manner as the most abandoned of men; but still, we can afford to recognize true manhood where we find it, while we seek to rescue men from their sins.

These words of the Saviour are sad indeed when they remind us that a man may come very near the border of his kingdom, and yet turn away and be lost. Whether the scribe to whom Christ spoke these words ever passed over into his kingdom or not, the Scriptures do not inform us. It is to be hoped that he was saved. But oh, how inexpressibly sad is it that there are dear ones all about us who are continually treading on the very border of Christ's kingdom that may after all be lost! They sit with us in the same pew in the house of God; they go with us to the prayer meeting, and to the Sunday-school; they join us in the family worship; and yet from all of these, and in spite of all of these, they may pass finally into the "outer darkness." We fear that we do not feel for our children and friends about us as we should; if so, we would not only seek to lead them near the border, but into the kingdom of Christ. If we properly realized their danger, and the glorious nature of that kingdom that is offered to them, we would make more earnest and persistent efforts to reach them and bring them to

It is sad to lose a kingdom. The last king of the Moors in Spain may well have wept when, for the last time, his eyes rested upon fair Grenada; and who does not sympathize with France's greatest monarch when, like a caged eagle, he fretted out the remnant of his days on the storm swept rock of St. Helena! But what is the loss of such a kingdom, compared to the loss of the heavenly? If Napoleon was a Christian, then St. Helena ought to have been a Patmos to his soul; for it was only the stopping place from an earthly throne to a heavenly, and from a kingdom that had been lost to one that had been gained. Many of us, we fear, are more concerned about providing for the temporal welfare of our loved ones than we are about leading them to him who once said to his disciples, "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

At Greensboro the Baptist train was made up. Brethren from different parts of the State came together and made quite an interesting party. It was not long before we had shaken hands and passed a word with all, and then we were ready to sleep.

Wednesday morning we were in Atlanta. Quite a number of the brethren met us here and joined our merry party. The ride from Atlanta to Nashville was a long one, and but for our pleasant company we would doubtless have complained at our Secretary for taking us this route.

By Wednesday night we were in Nash ville, and soon we were off to our homes, and every brother believes he has the best one in the city. The reception committee has done well. The delegation thus far is larger than usual; however, North Carolina has not so many as last year.

THE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

Thursday at 11 a. m., we assembled in the First Baptist church to attend the joint session of the American Baptist Educational Society and the Southern Baptist Educational Conference. According to program the American Society was to meet first, but their train being delayed, Dr. Rothrell of William Jewell College called the Southern | tution over which he presides. What we Educational Society to order. Rev. C. S. Gardner, of the Egfield church, delivered the address of welcome. He spoke of the educational advantages of Nashville; said she had seventeen colleges filled with students. His address was short and free from the usual red tape which characterizes addresses of welcome. Dr. Rothrell responded, and spoke feelingly of the death of Dr. Dudley of Georgetown College, and also spoke of the good the Southern Educational Society had done in its short life. He said that

there was no conflict between the two existing societies. Both had for their object the advancement of the cause of education among Baptists.

The next thing being the enrollment of delegates, it was learned that there were between two and three hundred present, representing the different institutions of learning in our Southland. Visiting brethren representing the American Baptist Educational Society were invited to seats.

The election of officers resulted in the selection of Dr. Rothwell of William Jewell College, President; Dr. Thos. Hume of the University of North Carolina, Secretary.

Dr. A. J. Emmerson of Howard-Payne College, Texas, read a voluntary paper on "Higher Education in Texas." This was a good paper, and was much enjoyed by all. The North Carolina delegation were noticeably fond of its praise, because they remembered him to be a son of North Carolina and Wake Forest College.

Dr. H. H. Harris read a paper on "College Examinations and Degrees." He deplored low scholarships and the greed of so many colleges to confer diplomas. He said sometimes a diploma was all a boy carried away from college. He said many boys would be better off without a diploma.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Dr. Judson of New York, and other members of the American Baptist Educational Society, having arrived, this Society was called to order by President Judson. Quite a number of delegates were present, among them many distinguished men from the North. Probably the most conspicuous figure among them was Dr. Harper of the great Chicago University.

Dr. Edward Judson of New York was elected President, and Dr. H. M. Wharton of Baltimore was made Secretary. Treasurer Joshua Levering of Baltimore made his annual report. The Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Dr. F. T. Gates of Brooklyn, made his report. It was an interesting report, and called forth the closest attention. He said that this Society would under no consideration help any institution which would not lend local help. Out of the sixtyfive white colleges in the South, only eleven were endowed. The belp of the Society was largely given to colleges in the South. The Society raised last year \$331,000. He spoke at length of the University of Chicago; that it now had \$7,000,000. He also lauded John D. Rockefeller in words of extravagant praise.

NIGHT SESSION.

At night the two Societies met in joint session in the great Tabernacle, which will hold six thousand people. It was full. "Christian Education" was the theme. Dr. Judson was the first speaker. His speech was full of gems of thought. It would be difficult to attempt a synopsis.

Dr. W. R. Harper was the next speaker. He is very youthful in appearance for one so distinguished. He was received with great enthusiasm, and spoke mainly of 'specialism."

Dr. J. L. M. Curry was the next speaker. His address was eloquent and fervid.

THE CONVENTION.

The thirty-eighth session of the Southern Baptist Convention met in Nashville, Tenn., May 12th.

The following officers were elected: Dr. Wm. E. Hatcher of Richmond placed Judge Haralson in nomination for the presidency of the fifth term, and he was elected by acclamation. The following vice-presidents were elected by ballot: Governor Northen of Georgia, Joshua Levering of Maryland, Dr. Whitsitt of Kentucky, and Dr. S. H. Ford of Missouri. The present Secretaries, Dr. H. Lansing Burrows of Georgia and Dr. O. H. Gregory of Maryland, were elected by acclamation. Prof. H. H. Harris of Richmond was appointed chairman of the committee on the Order of Business.

The address of welcome was made by Dr. J. M. Frost, pastor of the First Baptist church, and was responded to by Dr. Henry McDonald of Georgia. At this juncture the courtesies of the Convention were extended to a number of distinguished visitors. Many of them responded in happy speeches.

As ELSEWHERE stated, we did not mean to endorse anything which, in the article by "Observer," was calculated to reflect upon the character of President McIver. And while we take pleasure in saying this, we will say further that this is not to be construed to mean an endorsement of the instimeant to say by the reference we made to the article in question, and what we here reiterate, was that we were opposed to the policy of giving aid from the State to any institution of learning which can come into competition with other schools which are deprived of a like advantage. In this position we feel that we are securely backed by the principles of justice and common honesty, and that we have the sympathy of our

PERSONALS AND OTHER ITEMS.

.... Bro. J. H. Morrisette of Shiloh called to see us last week.

... Rev. J. E. Green has moved from Bostic to Mooresboro, N. C.

.. Rev. Q. C. Davis, lately of Elm City, N. C., is now at Cumberland, Md. Prof. J. F. Lanneau of Wake Forest

paid this office a pleasant visit last week. We were glad to have Bro. R. E. Peele, who spent some time in Raleigh last week, call to see us.

.... Rev. J. H. Martin, who has been at Moravian Falls for some time, has returned to his home at Granite Falls.

.... Rev. Dr. J. J. Hall of Raleigh has accepted the call extended him by the Park Avenue Baptist church, Norfolk, Va.

. Rev. Dr. T. E. Skinner occupied the pulpit of the First Baptist church of Raleigh, morning and evening, on Sunday last.

....Bro. G. L. Finch, while partially re-covered from a recent attack of malaria, is still feeble, and scarcely able to do his work. Bro. D. L. Gore of Wilmington, in a

letter to the editor, says, "I think Rev. Mr. Oliver a good man for the First church ... Brother J. H. Mills has not yet sent us the names desired, and which, as we un-

derstood, he promised to send to us. -C. Durham, May 15. Dr. C. E. Taylor will deliver the literary address at the annual commencement of Augusta Seminary, Augusta, N. C., on

Wednesday, the 17th inst. Rev. Baylus Cade, who is spending some time with his friends in this State, occupied Dr. Hall's pulpit in the Tabernacle

church, Raleigh, on Sunday last. Rev. C. B. Paul, who has spent one year at college, is now teaching at Davis, in Carteret county, and will devote as much of

his time as possible to preaching.The degree of D. D. was conferred upon Rev. T. T. Speight of Lewiston, N. C., and Rev. G. W. Gardner of Oxford, Miss. by Judson College at its recent commence

.... Rev. Dwight L. Moody has engaged Rev. R. G. Pearson of this State to preach in Chicago during the month of July, and also to work in connection with his Bible Institute.

.... Rev. A. L. Stough is moving on with his work nicely at Kinston, we hear. Bro. T. J. Taylor of Warrenton was to have begun a protracted meeting with his church last Sunday.

.... Drs. Freeman, McDowell, J. T. J. Battle, Bagwell, Patterson and Chapin dropped in to see us while in Raleigh in attendance on the Medical Convention, which

.... Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Rosa, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Nash to Mr. Edward Penny, May 23d, 1893, in the Fifth Street M. E. Church, South, Wilmington, N. C.

....Bro. R. Ford of Newbern, in addition to his regular work, is helping some other ministers in the preparation for the work who have not had the advantage of college or seminary training.

.... Rev. J. W. Carter, Rev. C. Durham, Rev. J. J. Hall, Bro. N. B. Broughton and Miss Fannie Heck are absent from the city in attendance upon the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, Tenn.

Bro. W. G. Ferrebee of Belcross was in Raleigh last week attending the Odd Fellows annual meeting, and called to see us. He reports the kingdom of the Lord in good condition so far as Eastern Carolina is concerned.

.... Rev. E. F. Jones preached for the brethren at Gastonia on last Sunday. He leaves this week for Woodland, California, and expects to spend the summer in preaching at different places along the Pacific

.... A correspondent of the Oxford Ledger, writing from Push, Va., says: "Rev. J. A. Stradley filled his appointment here Sunday. He preached a splendid sermon on training children with which we were all

.... Please announce in the BIBLICAL RE-CORDER that the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College will be held at Wake Forest on Tuesday, May 30th, 1893, at 10 a. m.—R. E. Royall, Sec., Wake Forest, May 11, 1893.

.... Bro. Wm. Taylor of Goldsboro, N. C., in renewing his subscription, says, "I shall take the RECORDER as long as I take any paper. If it were to come to it, that I must drop every other paper or leave off the RECORDER, I should not hesitate a moment to let them all go."

....There will be an annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Chowan Baptist Female Institute, at Murfreesboro, on Tuesday at 10 a. m., the 30th day of May, 1893. It is earnestly desired that all the Trustees of the Institution be present.—R. P. Thomas, President Board Trustees.

Dr. Broughton, who had been assisting the pastor at the Baptist church in a series of meetings, left last Friday morning to fill other engagements. The meeting closed Sunday night. Eleven have been added to the church by baptism, and a large number are awaiting baptism.—Leaksville Gazette, May 11.

....Paternalism in the matter of educa-tion is just as odious as if presented in any other form, and we shall hall the day with great joy when the State will no longer fur-nish education to a few of its citizens while . Paternalism in the matter of educabrethren, and the endorsement of a large majority of the tax-payers of North Carolina.

We are glad to hear that so many of our churches sent their pastors to the Southern Baptist Convention. This is wise, as well as magnanimous, on the part of the churches. And now when these brethren return, let them reciprocate by telling their brethren a part of what they saw and heard while at the Convention.

...On Sunday morning last, thirteen persons united with the Fayetteville Street church, Raleigh, on a relation of their Christian experience. This is a result of a series of meetings conducted by Bro. Hocutt of Wake Forest. Others are expected to join. The meetings are still in progress, Rev. O. L. Stringfield preaching during this

.... We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to attend the forty-fifth commencement exercises of the Chowan Baptist Female Institute at Murfreesboro, N. C., May 28th-31st, 1893. We have also received an invitation to attend the fifth annual closing exercises of Augusta Seminary, Augusta, N. C., May 17th, 1893.

.... A minister recently had a call to another church, and his congregation walted anxiously to know if he would leave them. The old deacon met the minister's little boy in the road and asked him about it. "O, yes, we are going," said the boy. "But I didn't know your father had decided yet," exclaimed the troubled deacon. "He has not," the boy replied; "father is still on his knees praying for light, but mother—she's packing the trunk."

....Bro. J. W. Rose, who was employed by the brethren of the Newbern church the first of this year to do mission work in Craven county, is fully sustaining himself in the estimation of these brethren. His contact with them is greatly developing him as a preacher, and he is encouraged in his work. He is now ready to begin the building of a new church at one point on his

....Just as we are ready to go to press the sad news comes that Rev. J. H. Cuthbert, D. D., died at the residence of his brother, Rev. Lucius Cuthbert, near Aiken, Sunday last, after a brief illness. Dr. Cuthbert was for many years pastor of the First Baptist church of Washington, D. C. A more extended notice of this pure and noble Christian man will be published later.— Baptist Courier, May 11.

Bro. F. P. Hobgood, Principal of Oxford Female Seminary, May 12, 1893, requests us to announce that the three great systems of railroads in the State-the Seaboard Air Line, the Richmond and Danville, and the Coast Line—have agreed to give reduced rates to persons wishing to attend the commencement exercises of Oxford Seminary. These rates can be known by applying to the nearest depot.

.... The whole amount received by the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, Va., during the year closing April 30, 1893, was \$154 686.28, of which \$21,845.90 was for "Permanent Fund" and \$28,438.91 for "Enlargement." North Carolina gave \$8,937.46, of which \$726 55 was for "Enlargement" and \$878.42 for "Permanent Fund." Western North Carolina gave \$964.43, of which \$85.45 was for "Permanent Fund" and \$61.44 for "Enlargement."

.... The semi centennial of Hollins Institute, Virginia, will occur on the 7th of June. See card in another column. This is not only the oldest but the most numerously attended boarding school in Virginia. It has had a successful career of fifty years, and was the only school in that State which continued its work throughout the war. Its graduates are scattered all over the land, many of them holding prominent positions as educators. Hollins has done a noble work, and has had a brilliant career.

.... At a recent conference meeting of one of our best churches, there were some half dozen cases of discipline reported. The church withdrew fellowship from some, and the cases of others were deferred until later, but will probably be treated likewise. While this is to be regretted, yet it is evidence of the life and vigor of this church. We have long since ceased to fear that we shall not have an abundance of the life. shall not have an abundance of numbers in our churches, but what we are sometimes exercised about is that we may get a great many who ought not to be in the churches at all. A "back door" revival is sometimes a very healthy season for a church to pass through.

....Rev. Pinckney Oliver of Dalton, in enclosing a list of subscribers, writes: "We are moving on slowly in our section. Not much excited on the centennial of missions. Think the Lord would have us work every year alike. Believe the Master through his people will be just as able to take care of his cause in future years as he is now. Somehow we cannot realize that the church needs any endowment. Times are 'hard,' but we do not intend to fall behind the liberality of the past if we can possibly avoid it. The Lord help us to do our duty in every respect. I do appreciate your firmness to Bible principles so much. May you continue long to battle for truth and duty. though many Baptists may go wild."

.... Bro. Charles D. Frink of Eldorendo. Ga., in renewing his subscription, writes under date of May 9th, 1893: "I enjoy reading the RECORDER in this my adopted home. It tells me what the brethren are doing in North Carolina and elsewhere. Here we have very little preaching, and especially Baptist. It is mostly Hardshell or Primi-tive Baptists here. Often when I read your editorials, news and notes, and many of the good articles contributed, what is being done at Wake Forest, and about the good meetings held in Raleigh, Winston, and other places, it makes me feel like I want to return to North Carolina and spend the remainder of my years. May the RECORDER continue to grow in power, influence and usefulness, and you be spared to live and edit it for many years to come."