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HOW TO WIN MEN.

Soul-winning is one of the most important duties that devolves upon those who profess to be servants of Christ. That it is an important work only requires that we should read God's Word and think a little about the value of the soul in order to be convinced. To know that it is a Christian duty, one has only to read such passages as Isa. 55: 1, Lk. 14: 17 ff., Rev. 22: 17, and many other passages like these. There is, besides, abundant encouragement in the Bible that we should engage in this work. For instance, "Be not weary in well doing; for in due season ye shall reap, if you faint not;" "he that sows seed and weeps, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." And again, the striking words, "Let him know that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way, shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." As this work, then, is so vastly important, it is quite necessary that we should carefully study the ways and means of accomplishing it. It is a well established fact that many men of moderate gifts and capacities are very successful soul-winners; while others, with quite superior minds and training, meet with indifferent success in this work.

One great secret of soul winning, we think, is prayer to God, accompanied with reliance upon him to bless the efforts we make in that line of work. Saving the soul is emphatically the Lord's work. The best laborer in the great harvest field is only an instrument in God's hands in accomplishing the work. In this, in fact in all work, we should never forget the Saviour's words, "Without me ye can do nothing." As Abraham's servant asked the special direction of God in selecting a wife for Isaac, so we should go to the work of soul-winning, in constant reliance upon God or the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Again, if we would win men to Christ we must learn to love them—the more the better. Nothing, under God, can take the place of this love for those who are in their sins. Without it, shining gifts and other splendid qualities on our part will do us but little good; and with it we may be remarkably successful, though quite deficient in other gifts. There is philosophy and religion both in Peter's words, "Charity covereth a multitude of sins." And it would be well for those who engage in this work to remember that love for men cannot be simulated. If you do, or do not, love them, they will find out that fact. An adept in the art of deceiving cannot "ply his methods" here without being detected. It would be well for us to remember, also, that many people, especially in their earlier Christian experience, have not learned to love sinful men. Some people are born with a naturally cold heart, and find it hard, even after conversion, to love sinners as they should. But this, as well as any other great barrier in our way, can be broken down by importunate prayer to God. To try to win souls to Christ, then, without love in our hearts for them, is a dead cold business, and generally results in disheartening failure.

And yet another means of winning men is, to visit them, be with them, to come into face-to-face contact with them. Some of our missionaries have learned, through necessity, the importance of face-to-face work. One great secret of the spread of Mohammedanism, and other isms, is this kind of work. The methods that are successful in propagating a false faith may be studied with profit by those who attempt to propagate the true faith. This plan of work is wise, not only at home, but especially, we think, among heathen people. If we can do anything under this head to cheer, com-

fort, and add to the success of our faithful missionaries in their far off fields, we shall feel that we have not written in vain. By the way, we have been highly pleased at the prompt response of some of these to our request that they give us their views of a "call to do mission work." Your letters are welcome, brethren and sisters, on this or any other topic. And again let us say that we would like to have the views of these faithful men and women as to this face-to-face work with the heathen. Will they tell us to what extent consecrated laymen might do this kind of work by going to the foreign field, and, while following their chosen business, use their opportunities to do good in this way?

DON'T.

At the risk of repeating some things already discussed in these columns, we wish here to add a few don't's that may be useful at least to some of our readers:—

Don't go before the church and be received for baptism, and then ask some other pastor or preacher to baptize you. You may think this a small matter; but it is not a small matter with the pastor of the church. You place him in a very awkward position. If he knows that you prefer that some one else should baptize you, he of course has self respect enough not to insist on doing so himself, whilst to do so is both his right and his duty. As small a matter as you may think this to be, the fact that such requests have been made and complied with, will account for the sudden resignation of some worthy and competent pastors. It may not be amiss to add that no minister who is not the pastor should consent to baptize a convert that had so little respect for the pastor as to ask him to do so. To consent to do so, shows little respect for the pastor's feeling.

Don't ask, as a rule, any other pastor except your own to marry you, or officiate at the burial of your loved ones. There may be peculiar circumstances when you would like to have a former pastor present; but even in that case, let him only assist the pastor. Right often the above "don't" is disregarded, and quite a display is made at fashionable weddings by sending for him who is considered the more fashionable preacher, while the pastor is at best only an invited guest. The same rule holds good at special funeral occasions. You may wish to make a display at your wedding, but don't do so at the expense of your pastor. Your heart may be crushed at the death of a dear one, but that is no excuse for crushing the feelings of your pastor and also those of his wife and children. And when you do ask your pastor to officiate at your marriage, don't send him home without some compensation for his services. If you have not paid the preacher something for marrying you, do so yet. It is mean to treat pastors, as they are often treated, in this thing.

Don't disparage the preaching of your pastor by extravagant praise of a sermon from the passing brother, while you seldom speak of his. It is a poor preacher indeed that can't get up a few "big sermons." You have heard his best; wait till you hear his worst, and then make your comparisons. After all, it is not the man that flashes who is the best preacher, but the man that wears well.

Don't run wild over a visiting pastor, or evangelist, while your own pastor misses you often at the prayer-meeting or regular services of the sanctuary. It is remarkable how zealous and pious some of our church members seem to be under the preaching of a new man, or when "something unusual" is going on at the church, and how their spiritual thermometer goes down toward zero when the "excitement" is over.

We have a few more don'ts on hand. We would be more willing to deal them out if we were sure our brethren and sisters desired them. The above will hardly please all of them; but some of those held in reserve may be a little more palatable, or may fit "somebody else" better than those given. Shall we have them?

It has been announced that Rev. Dr. J. J. Hall has resigned the pastorate of the Baptist Tabernacle of this city to accept the call to Park Avenue Church, Norfolk, Va. Dr. Hall has proved a most acceptable pastor of his Raleigh charge, and his ministry here has been blessed with abundant success. Since he came among us the Tabernacle has added greatly to its numbers and usefulness, and the church building has been rendered one of the most beautiful and commodious in the State. That Dr. Hall's ministry has been most successful, there are hundreds of evidences; and that he is to leave his church just at this time is to be generally regretted. Our best wishes follow him in his new field, and we extend congratulations to the brethren in Norfolk.

AGAIN we feel called on to remind our readers that we are in no way responsible for the views of our correspondents. While we reserve the right to reject anything that may seem to us objectionable and uncalculated for, we express our views only in our editorials.

It would have been a joy to any one to witness the spirit of unity and determined effort which pervaded Wake Forest commencement week. The board of trustees, the faculty, every alumnus and student, seemed in better hopes for the College than ever before, and all seemed determined to work for it during the summer. Such a spirit cannot live too long. Let the proper work be done, let the people be made to believe that Wake Forest is the place for their boys, then; no doubt of it, three hundred students will matriculate next September.

PERSONALS AND OTHER ITEMS.

Rev. J. T. Jenkins of Wilmington is engaged in a promising revival.

Rev. Dr. J. W. Ford of St. Louis has received a call to Albany, N. Y. He will accept.

Rev. J. F. Davis, formerly of Showns Cross Roads, Tenn., is at present located at Vilas, this State.

We are very glad to hear that Rev. W. B. Oliver is succeeding well as pastor of the Wilmington church.

Rev. W. B. Morton reports having held a very successful meeting in Louisburg. About fifteen persons were baptized.

Hon. C. M. Cooke of Louisburg paid us a pleasant visit last week while in attendance on the U. S. Circuit Court.

Rev. H. A. Bagby preached his first sermon as pastor of the Clay Street Church, Richmond, Va., on Sunday, May 28th.

Dr. J. J. Hall of the Raleigh Baptist Tabernacle left last Monday for Hendersonville to aid Bro. Glenn in a series of meetings.

We were very glad to see Bro. W. M. Hurst of Wilmington in our office last week. Bro. Hurst is an active Sunday-school worker.

Rev. J. D. Moore, recently graduated at Wake Forest College, has received a call to the church at Beaufort. Our best wishes follow him.

Rev. D. P. Bridges, a student of the Louisville Seminary during the past session, has returned to this State, and is at present located at Catawba.

Miss Moon, missionary to China, has declined to return to her former district, and it is probable that she will be transferred to Central China.

Now is the time to order your Sunday-school supplies for the third quarter. The Supply Store in this city is the place from which to order them.

Rev. Jos. Blalock has accepted the call to supply the church at Hickory for three months. Bro. Blalock has been at the Seminary during the past session.

Cards are out announcing the wedding of Miss Minnie Etta Owen and Mr. M. P. Claud at Portsmouth, Va., June 23d. We extend our congratulations in advance.

We were glad to see Rev. Jasper Howell, Jr., a student of Wake Forest College, on his way to his home in Lenoir. He would accept a church during the summer.

President Taylor of Wake Forest College was in the city last week. He reports that already he has the assurance of thirty-five new students next year. A good beginning.

We acknowledge the receipt of tasty invitations to the commencement exercises of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, and Horner's Military School.

The sixty-ninth anniversary of the American Baptist Publication Society was held at Denver, Col., May 24th-28th. A very interesting report of the proceedings is on our table.

Prof. Collier Cobb, formerly Assistant Professor of Geology at the University of North Carolina, has been placed in charge of that chair. The University is to be congratulated.

Rev. J. O. Alderman writes that he has secured the assistance of Rev. O. L. Stringfield for a series of meetings in his church at Concord. They will begin the first week in July.

Rev. F. M. Royall, who graduated from Wake Forest College last year, having taken a course this year at the Seminary with considerable credit, leaves next November for China, his future field.

Rev. S. J. Porter, who graduated at the recent commencement of Wake Forest College, is at present at his home, Orton, N. C., taking a short rest before embarking for Brazil, his future field.

The last issue of the *Seminary Magazine* is considerably above the average. The frontispiece this month is a good likeness of Rev. A. T. Robertson, recently given the degree of D. D. by Wake Forest College.

The present address of Hon. G. W. Sanderlin, recently tendered an appointment by the President, is 920 New York Avenue, Washington, D. C. His family will not remove to that city until the fall.

Walter Emerson, the well known cornetist, died suddenly in Boston, Mass., June 2d. He was the son-in-law of Rev. P. S. Henson, D. D., Chicago. His wife, Mrs. Emerson, was the well-known and popular soprano singer.—*Christian Herald*.

Prof. Poteat and Carlyle of Wake Forest were in Raleigh on business last week.

The Roanoke Association of Virginia has provided a capacious tent to move about in destitute parts of its territory, and has invited Rev. J. H. Lamberth of the Greenville church to do evangelistic work for them.

Rev. W. R. Cullom who, having graduated at Wake Forest College, pursued an advanced course at the Louisville Seminary last year, has been secured to supply for Rev. J. W. Lynch in and around Danville, Ky.

Dr. B. H. Carroll's great speech on "Papal Fields," made at Nashville, Tenn., before the Southern Baptist Convention, is published in pamphlet form by the *Texas Baptist Standard* of Waco, Texas, and sold at ten cents.

The American Baptist Publication Society's Graded Sunday-school Lesson Helps and Periodicals for the third quarter are on our table. As usual, they are in every respect up to the high standard of the publications of the Society.

After a long struggle, Dr. Talmage's Brooklyn church has at last settled its debt of \$100,000. The settlement was made on a basis of the payment of twenty-three per cent on the dollar, on the threat of the Doctor to resign unless the money was raised.

By reference to a communication in another column, it will be seen that Dr. J. Wm. Jones, for many years, Assistant Secretary of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., has accepted the position as chaplain at his Alma Mater, the University of Virginia.

On Sunday morning last four persons were received into the Fayetteville Street Baptist church, Raleigh, by experience. At night Rev. O. L. Stringfield administered the ordinance of baptism to twelve persons. The meetings will be continued through this week.

We very much regret that circumstances were such that our correspondent was unable to attend the recent commencement exercises of Chowan Baptist Female Institute. We copy from the *News and Observer* a report of the proceedings, which appears in another column.

It is to be regretted that Mrs. M. Parham has resigned her position at the Oxford Female Seminary. She was in charge especially of the literary work of the institution, and the splendid essays of Tuesday are sufficient evidence of her ability to train young ladies in this department of educational work.

Rev. H. W. Battle, recently made D. D. by Wake Forest College, preached the baccalaureate sermon before the first graduating class of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts last Monday night. The effort was pronounced excellent, and fully came up to the high expectations of the large audience.

There are, in North Carolina, Missionary Baptists, Anti-Missionary Baptists, O Missionary Baptists, and Trunk Baptists. The O Missionary and Trunk Baptists are numerous, but not generally well understood. They ought to be looked after, labored with, prayed for, and, if possible, exterminated by absorption.—*C. Durham*.

Rev. Mr. Poteat of New Haven, son-in-law of Dr. A. J. Gordon of Boston, spoke very decidedly in favor of the "inductive" method of Sunday-school study. He reported a four-years' trial of the "inductive" in his Sunday-school. In discussion another said, "I care not whether the series be inductive or deductive, so it is productive. What is needed is the method which shall compel personal study."—*Report of anniversary exercises of the Am. Bapt. Home Mission Society, in Christian Herald*.

The following very complimentary notice of Rev. Frank Dixon appears in the *New York Christian Enquirer*: "Rev. Frank Dixon made a very favorable impression in his first sermon at the Epiphany church, Sunday morning. His text was, 'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth.' He was very clear in statement, fresh in thought and his diction choice in its lucidity. He resembles his brothers in general appearance and combines their best qualities as thinker and speaker."

The First Baptist church on last Sunday extended a call to Rev. C. B. Williams of Winton, Hertford county. He is a young man with a wife and no children. He is a native of Camden county, N. C., and in 1887 entered Wake Forest College, graduating in 1891 as valedictorian of his class. He was ordained in 1890, and in 1891 became pastor of the church at Winton. He is a close student, careful thinker, and prudent man. He has not yet signified his intention as to acceptance.—*N. C. Baptist, June 7*.

Sunday morning last was observed as a reunion of the Sunday-school of the First Baptist church of this city. Tickets of invitation had been sent out to all former members of the school to join in the exercises of the day, and many responded with their presence. The morning preaching hour was devoted to this service. The pulpit was beautifully festooned with flowers for the occasion. Superintendent S. W. Brewer presided, and Dr. T. E. Skinner, one of the former pastors, led in prayer. Deacons J. H. Alford and T. H. Briggs delivered addresses on the history and work of the school. The pastor, Dr. J. W. Carter, also made an address earnestly soliciting increased interest on the part of parents and others in the school. Superintendent Brewer also made some pertinent remarks, urging a return of old pupils and the entrance of new ones. The afternoon was "Children's Day," and Bro. and Sister Dodd gave one of their delightful entertainments with the infant class, which they have taught for more than a quarter of a century. The exercises consisted of songs, recitations, &c., and the large audience present were greatly pleased. Twenty-three graduates from the class received diplomas.

We clip the following from the *Durham Globe* of the 7th inst: "At the First Baptist the pastor, Rev. W. C. Tyree, discoursed to his congregation in the morning from the text found in Philippians, 3: 12; at night from Matthew 13: 33. This being the anniversary of his pastorate, the pastor reviewed his work, which showed that during the year he had received into the church by letter forty-eight members, by baptism thirty-five, by restoration two, making a total of eighty-five; dismissed by letter nineteen, excluded twenty one, visits made 563, burials seventeen, marriages thirteen, sermons preached ninety-three. The total membership of this growing church is now 564.

The Chautauqua Assembly has issued a Bulletin for Ministers calling attention to various courses which are to be given at Chautauqua, and which will possess special interest to the ministerial profession. The exercises will include lectures on philosophy, ethics, Biblical study, homiletics, sociology, church work, missions and many other subjects. Among the lecturers and preachers may be mentioned Prof. Henry Drummond of Glasgow, Prof. George H. Palmer of Harvard, Pres. J. W. Bashford of Ohio Wesleyan, Prof. Herrick Johnson of Chicago, Prof. J. S. Riggs of Auburn Theological Seminary, Dr. W. H. Boole of New York, Bishop Alphaeus Wilson of Baltimore, Rev. A. J. Palmer of New York, Rev. Russell H. Conwell of Philadelphia, Prof. A. J. Herbertson of Edinburgh, Scotland, Rev. Philip S. Moxom of Boston, and many others. A ministerial club will be organized at Chautauqua early in July and will hold daily sessions during the season. The general schedule of lectures, concerts, and entertainments is unusually attractive and quite in accord with the very great material changes and improvements which have been made at Chautauqua since last season.

President Chas. E. Taylor's Address.

We publish below the address which President Chas. E. Taylor, D. D., of Wake Forest College, had prepared for the late Senior Class, but the approach of a storm rendering it necessary that the exercises be made as brief as possible, it was omitted.

THE ADDRESS.

*Young Gentlemen*:—The June number of *The Forum*, which has just reached us, contains a remarkable article from the pen of President Thwing of Ohio. In order to estimate the comparative chances of eminent success in life of the men who have graduated at college, and of those who have not, he has taken the trouble to examine in detail the six volumes of Appleton's *Cyclopedia of American Biography*.

The results of his investigation seem to me to be very remarkable. Out of the more than 15,000 men who have been deemed worthy of mention in this collection, thirty-five per cent. have been college-men. His estimate is that the chances of the man who has never entered college walls for attaining to eminent distinction, are in the proportion of one to ten thousand. The chances of the college man are one in forty, or two hundred and fifty times as great.

I have ventured to call your attention to these results, not to flatter you with hopes which may be delusive, not to stimulate any ambition which may be unworthy, and least of all, to foster a pride which would surely be foolish and unholy, but with the hope that, as you ponder them, you may see how wide is the pathway which opens before you—a pathway of eminent usefulness to your fellow men. This is not empty sentiment, or the rhetoric of commencement oratory. It is a safe deduction from an exhaustive study of the facts, a cold and careful calculation, that the chances of the men who have really availed themselves of the opportunities which a college offers are out of all proportion to the chances of the men who have not enjoyed these privileges. Your Alma Mater will have the right to expect that you will be leaders in the world of useful thought and useful action.

The results of the investigations to which I have just alluded at first amazed me. That in this comparatively new country, the very paradise of the so-called self-made man, and which, for the first century of its history, afforded few facilities for college training—that there should be such a large ratio of college bred men to others among those who have obtained the recognition of mention in this great cyclopedia, suggests at first thought that some mistake must have been made either in the collection of the facts or in the inferences from them.

And yet, when I remember what liberal culture is, what it aims to do and often accomplishes, surprise and incredulity begin to vanish. What has the College sought to do for you? What has been the high end for which, during these bygone years, professor and student have labored together harmoniously, happily, successfully, in lecture-room and laboratory? The best account that I have ever seen of it is given by Prof. Huxley in one of his "Lay Sermons." He says:—

"That man, I think, has had a liberal education who has been so trained in youth that his body is the ready servant of his will and does with ease and pleasure all the work that, as a mechanism, it is capable of; whose intellect is a clear, cold logic engine, with all its parts of equal strength, and in smooth working order; ready like a steam engine to be turned to any kind of work, and spin the gossamers as well as forge the anchors of the mind; whose mind is stored with a knowledge of the great and fundamental truths of nature, and of the laws of her operations; one who, no stunted ascetic, is full of life and fire, but whose passions are trained to come to heel by a vigorous will, the servant of a tender conscience; who has learned to love all beauty, whether of nature or of art, to hate all villainess, to respect others as himself."

This is a high ideal. Alas, that the actual so often falls far short of it! Yet with such