

Presbyterians Hear Many Reports On Important Matters

Chicago, May 22.—King George of England, has established the rule for himself and his family never to travel on Sunday unless it is absolutely necessary. Would that in our country the high officials of our own government, some of them professing Christians, would adopt the same rule and set an example to the American people. Alas, it is not so at present.

The Committee on Sabbath Observance of the Presbyterian General Assembly, in session here, drew this contrast today in its report. The results of twenty-three years' work of the Sabbath Day Observance Committee were laid before the assembly. The committee found cause for rejoicing in the passage of Sunday laws by forty-seven states, but issued a circumstantial rebuke to the management of the Panama-Pacific Exposition for planning to open its gates on Sunday.

A number of Sunday observance organizations seriously mediated refusing to take any part in the tenth Lord's Day conference to be held at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. It was declared in the report, on account of their repugnance to the exposition plan to keep open Sunday.

"There was hesitancy," the report asserted, "on the part of some organizations to take any part in a conference in connection with an exposition on Sunday but in view of the fact that California is the only state without a Sabbath law and in hope that the congress would be influential in obtaining the passage of such a law the Lord's Day Alliance decided to take part in the congress, reserving however the right to enter resolutions of protest against having the exposition open on Sundays."

The exposition thus far has not asked for a government grant, it was declared in the report in order that the government might not make Sunday closing a condition of its support.

General adoption of a Saturday half holiday as giving opportunity for preparation for the Sabbath was advocated in the resolutions which closed the report. Families are urged not to buy anything on the Sabbath, to refrain from reading Sunday papers and to facilitate the religious observances of servants. The Assembly is recorded as requesting the faculties of colleges and seminaries not to schedule any recitations for Monday mornings in order that students may not be tempted to use Sundays to prepare such work.

Under the head of victories during the year the committee called attention to the passage by New York and Massachusetts of one day's rest in seven laws. Modifications of these laws are contemplated in bills introduced or about to be introduced, declared the report, which urged Presbyterians to take a firm stand against the weakening of the acts. The record of observances of the Sabbath included such diverse mentions as that of New York prison keepers taking one day off every week, and 160,000 London, England, milkmen petitioning their customers to be contented with one delivery Sunday morning.

Prison Reform. "Government is but the sum of individuals which cannot do as a whole what is forbidden to its members. We find nothing in the teaching of Christ which authorizes or suggests the right of government to revenge itself on its delinquent members."

With these words for preamble, the reform committee of the Presbyterian general assembly, in session here, submitted a report today recommending virtually the entire operation of the penal system in this country, both courts and prisons. The entire structure is erected on the fallacy that a prison is a place of punishment, the report declared, stating further that the best outlook at present is through the extension of probation and reformatory systems.

"Courts are," the report read, "it is a practical impossibility for government to punish offenders in such a way as to be just and equitable to all. Money and influence are of decided advantage in defending against criminal prosecutions. There is, moreover, great variance among judges in their severity or leniency, and the particular humor in which a judge happens to be, often determines the penalty."

"The conclusions of the committee concerning prisons were thus stated: 'As might naturally be expected of a system based upon a wrong principle, our penal system has utterly failed to accomplish the purpose for which it was intended.'

"It has not reduced crime or lawlessness. Both appear to be constantly increasing. Our penal institutions, by compelling their inmates to live unnatural lives, separated from every influence which naturally tends to elevate and improve men, are little calculated to normalize those who are abnormal or subnormal."

"Through the association of the professional and the amateur, jails become schools for crime and bestiality, and are thus self-perpetuating. It has increased disease and poverty. Amid the depressing and unnatural influences of the jail, men become easy victims of disease, especially tuberculosis. Ex-convicts are less able to earn a livelihood for themselves or their families."

In its recommendations the committee urged the support of the Presbyterian denomination of the plan of probation for ordinary casual offenders and incorrigible criminals. We disapprove, it read, "of the practice of imprisonment of persons merely because of their inability to pay fines, deeming such a practice an unjust discrimination against the poor."

"We condemn unqualifiedly the prison contract system and call upon every state to abolish it."

"We approve the honor system in use in many of our states, under

which convicts are employed upon outdoor work.

"We deem it of the greatest importance that the qualifications of judges of the criminal courts should include a knowledge of social and industrial conditions, in order that they may be properly equipped for dealing with delinquents."

Want Bible Read in Public Schools. Efforts to have the Bible read daily in the public schools of the United States will be pressed strongly by the alliance of reformed churches in America holding the Presbyterian system, according to resolutions offered today for acceptance by the Presbyterian general assembly in session here.

"Religious training in our public schools, so planned as to avoid the violation in any way of our cherished principle of the separation of church and state, should be systematic and constant," declared the preamble. "This council calls upon the church authorities to investigate the subject fully with a view to devising some method of averting the sad results of present inefficiency in moral and religious training."

The resolution reads: "The Word of God is the charter of the spiritual and civil rights of man, as abundantly illustrated in the history and institutions of this country. Persistent efforts are being made to exclude the Bible from use in the public schools. It is ordered that use be made of every proper means in maintaining the Word of God as an essential element in the education and training of the youth of the land."

Loss of Membership. A net loss of members to the Presbyterian church averaging more than 45,000 a year for the six years since 1908 was respectfully announced to the session of the Presbyterian general assembly here today. This loss was stated to be through the single item of absenteeism. In 1913, 50,927 members were dropped from the rolls and 7,206 were restored.

These losses, however, take no account of the yearly additions to the church in new members, children, converts, etc.

The loss, as given above, was stated to be due both to what is termed "absenteeism" and to the negligence of members to notify their churches of change of address. The statement was given in the report of the committee on the Suspended Roll.

"It is certainly lamentable that there should be such a steady net loss to the church," the report stated. "It makes the situation yet more the cause for serious thought when it is understood that this return is made by only 3,417 churches while 6,474 churches submitted no figures. Twenty-nine percent of these suspensions were made by 154 churches, each of which dropped more than fifty members during the past year."

Following are the figures for six years submitted to the committee:

	Suspended.	Restored.
1908	47,787	5,995
1909	47,875	5,679
1910	48,956	5,903
1911	54,143	6,280
1912	51,266	6,430
1913	50,927	7,206
Totals	300,904	37,493

The state with the highest record for loss of membership was Pennsylvania with 34 churches that lost more than 50, and a loss of 11,298 members from 1,204 churches. New York was next with 22 churches, losing more than 50 members and a loss of 7,673 from 849 churches. Illinois had 17 churches losing 50 or more members and 6,052 Presbyterians were dropped from the rolls of 604 churches in 1913. Ohio was the only other state in which the churches losing as many as 50 members had to be numbered in two figures. In Ohio there were fifteen such churches and a total loss of 5,695 members from the 674 churches that submitted figures.

While the committee on the suspended roll did give as a set off against these figures a statement of the annual growth of the Presbyterian church it stated that the matter was of such gravity that a conference should be arranged with the permanent committee on evangelism to take action on the subject and authority for such a meeting was requested.

Divorce and Marriage. "One out of eleven marriages in this country ends in divorce. The highest divorce rate in any country is in Japan. The next highest is in the United States. This situation is a disgrace to America." So saying the report committee on marriage and divorce made to the Presbyterian general assembly in session here opened with an emphatic denunciation of apathy on this subject and declared

Greatest of All Human Blessings

The most wonderful thing in the world is love expressed in the helpless infant. And among those who are made and comforts for expectant mothers is the well known "Mother's Friend."

This is an external application to enable the abdominal muscles to become more pliant, and to expand naturally without undue pain from the strain upon cords and ligaments.

Applied as directed upon the abdomen involved it soothes the fine network of nerves with which all the muscles are supplied. Thus a great share of the pains so much dreaded may be avoided and the period of expectancy passed in comfort.

There is no question but what such relief has a marked influence upon the general health of the mother.

In a little book sent by mail much useful information is given to inexperienced mothers. It tells how to use "Mother's Friend" and how to avoid caking breasts. It has been prepared in our laboratory for over forty years and is known favorably to most druggists everywhere. Get a bottle to-day and write for book to Read and Regulation Co., 509 Lamar Bldg., Atlanta, Ga. Be sure to ask for "Mother's Friend."

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"Certainly no earnest man can be quiet and satisfied under such conditions," the report read: "No doubt, some will say that we must call a conference, pass resolutions and organize a new society. Such proposals only add a new aggravation. Full publicity has been given. Resolutions have been passed. Congress and conferences composed of the highest abilities have been called and have issued their findings and advice. Surely, nothing more is needed in the way of theory. More is needed in the way of action and results. The two legal bodies provided for no executive agency to carry their plans into effect."

"Now we should act. The Presbyterian church is in a position to take steps for an advance. It has in its Confession of Faith a chapter on Marriage and Divorce. The Synods and Presbyteries are closely related in all the states to legislatures that should now be approached with definite proposals for reform. Our ministers and elders might easily invite the co-operation of their brethren in other denominations, and together might hope to secure the passage of improved laws on this behalf."

"The committee would hereby recommend that this General Assembly approve of the following particulars as desirable for incorporation in an improved State code or new law on Marriage and Divorce: "The requirement of a residence of at least two years in the state where the application for divorce is to be entered."

"The requirement of a period of at least one year after the granting of decree, before the same shall take effect."

"The following proviso concerning evasion of law as to marriage and divorce, to-wit:

"That if any person or persons being resident of this state shall go into another state or country with intent to evade or violate any of the laws of this state pertaining to marriage or divorce, and there contract a marriage or obtain a divorce, prohibited by the said laws of this state, and then return to this state, such marriage or such divorce shall be null and void for all purposes in this state, with the same effect as though such prohibited marriage or divorce had been entered into in this state."

The committee called attention to the fact that none of its suggestions had to do with offering to promote any legislation on the matter of uniform causes for divorce.

IF BACKACHEY OR KIDNEYS BOTHER

Eat Less Meat, also Take Glass of Salts Before Eating Breakfast.

Uric acid in meat excites the kidneys, they become over-worked; get sluggish, ache, and feel like lumps of lead. The urine becomes cloudy; the bladder is irritated, and you may be obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night. When the kidneys clog you must help them flush off the body's urinous waste or you'll be a real sick person shortly. At first you feel a dull misery in the kidney region, you suffer from backache, sick headache, dizziness, stomach gets sour, tongue coated and you feel rheumatic twinges when the weather is bad in this state.

Eat less meat, drink lots of water; also get from any pharmacist four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia; and has been used for generations to clean clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity, also to neutralize the acids in urine, so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive, cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everyone should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and active. Druggists here say they sell lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in overcoming kidney trouble while it is only trouble.

Six Men After Shelby Postoffice

Special To The News.

Shelby, May 22.—Shelby has six men who want to be postmaster and since only one can serve they have agreed upon a primary, to be held Saturday afternoon, and Congressman Webb has said that the one receiving the greatest number of votes in the primary is the one he will recommend.

The candidates are: Messrs. S. A. McMurray, now secretary of the Belmont Cotton Mills; L. E. Ligon, now agent of the Southern Railway here; J. A. Wilson, (who lives a mile in the country); H. T. Hudson, who until recently held a position under Senator Overman in Washington; W. J. Roberts, a "knight of the grip"; and S. A. Washburn, a business man.

The term of the present postmaster Mr. B. A. Baber, does not expire until March, 1915.

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AFTER SUFFERING TWO LONG YEARS

Mrs. Aselin Was Restored to Health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Minneapolis, Minn.—"After my little one was born I was sick with pains in my sides which the doctors said were caused by inflammation. I suffered a great deal every month and grew very thin. I was under the doctor's care for two long years without any benefit. Finally after repeated suggestions to try it we got Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. After taking the third bottle of the Compound I was able to do my housework and today I am strong and healthy again. I will answer letters if anyone wishes to know about my case."—Mrs. JOSEPH ASELIN, 628 Monroe St., N.E., Minneapolis, Minn.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from native roots and herbs, contains no narcotics or harmful drugs, and today holds the record of being the most successful remedy we know for woman's ills. If you need such a medicine why don't you try it?

If you have the slightest doubt that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will help you, write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (Confidential) Lynn, Mass., for advice. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman, and held in strict confidence.

UNTIRING COLONEL JONES.

(Charity and Children.)

Col. S. A. Jones, like old Virginy, never tires. He has recently been before the senate committee in the interest of his transcontinental railroad, and the development of the Southport harbor. Whatever may be said of Colonel Jones' judgment, he has plenty of pluck.

A Few Remarks



We'd like to make a few remarks and we'll be brief. We want to be heard. We deserve to be heard. We've a very fine spread of outfitting for men and young men. Suits in all models and beautiful fabrics cut right and tailored to the limit of perfection \$15.00, \$20.00 to \$30.00. Our Toggery display is blooming with new things, Shirts, Ties, Hosiery, etc., etc., that are above the ordinary. New Hats, too, at \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50. We'll close these few remarks with an urgent invitation for you to call and see

Yorke Bros. & Rogers

OUTFITTERS FOR MEN AND BOYS

Gatling Dry Goods Company

"We Sell It Cheap" "Gatling Dry Goods Company" "We Sell It Cheap"

Specials for Saturday

GENTS' FURNISHINGS FOR MAY 20TH

Mens Silk Socks in Black, Tan and Blue 25c

Mens Silk Lisle Thread Socks in Black, Tan, Grey and Blue, at 25c

New lot of Mens fine Shirts in stripes and figures 50c

Mens Shirts with soft collars in stripes and solid colors. 50c

Mens Balbriggan Underwear Shirts and Pants to match, at 25c Each

Mens Dimity Underwear Shirts and Drawers to match, at 25c each.

Mens Porsoknit Underwear Shirts and Drawers to match, at 48c

Mens Union Suits 50c

Boys' Underwear Shirts and Drawers to match. 25c each

SPECIAL VALUES IN LADIES' HOSIERY AND CORSETS

Ladies' fine Lisle Thread Hose in black, tan and white, at 15c, 2 for 25c

Ladies' Silk Hose in black, navy blue, tan and white.....25c

Ladies' pure Silk Hose with high spliced heel and double sole 50c

Children's Plaid Top Socks 10c

NEW SHOES AT SPECIAL PRICES

Mary Jane Pumps in Gun Metal and Patent Leather \$1.98

Ladies 2-strap Patent Pumps, at..... \$1.98

Ladies' Lace Oxfords in Vic Kid and Tan..... \$1.98

Misses' Pumps in Patent Leather, Gun Metal and Tan \$1.98

Ladies' 4-button Oxfords in patent leather, gun metal and tan, \$3.00 values at..... \$2.50

Ladies' 2-strap Pumps in gun metal and tan..... \$2.25

New styles in Colonial Pumps, patents and gun metal. \$2.98

Ladies' White Canvas Mary Jane Pumps, in all sizes, at..... \$1.49

MEN'S OXFORDS AT SPECIAL PRICES

Mens Blucher Oxfords in Vic Kid and Gun Metal..... \$1.98

Mens 5-button Oxfords, in gun metal and tan, Goodyear welts at..... \$2.50

Mens Rubber Sole Oxfords in tan only, \$4.00 values, at..... \$2.98

Mens solid leather Oxfords in black and tan, both button and lace..... \$2.98

CHILDREN'S HOSE IN ALL COLORS.

at 10c and 15c

1 Lot of American Beauty Corsets that sold for \$1.00, Special Saturday..... 59c

Ladies' Gauze Vests, all sizes, at..... 10c

Ladies' Gauze Union Suits, at..... 25c and 50c

Dust Caps in dark and light colors 10c

Children's Underwaists, all sizes at..... 10c

BIG VALUES IN READY-TO-WEAR.

New lot of Ladies' Shirt Waists, made of Lawns, Crepes and different materials 50c

Ladies' Shirt Waists, made of Batiste, Voiles and Crepes, \$1.50 values, Saturday..... 98c

Ladies' Checked Skirts, in different colors \$3.98

All Wool Serge Skirts, the very newest styles at..... \$2.98

Children's White Dresses, neatly made in all sizes 98c and \$1.49

Children's Gingham Dresses in plaids and solid colors 49 and 98c.

Big lot of Ladies Trimmed Hats the season's best styles, \$5.00 values at..... \$2.53

Big counter full of untrimmed shapes in all colors and styles at..... 95c and \$1.93

Children's Hats in all the newest styles, neatly trimmed, at..... 98c and \$1.49

CHILDREN'S HATS IN ALL THE NEWEST STYLES, NEATLY TRIMMED, AT..... 98c AND \$1.49

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39 EAST TRADE ST.

GOOD MOVE. (Gastonia Gazette.)

That is a good move on the part of the Southern Railway to extend its double track system from Charlotte to Armour, Ga., a distance of 263 miles. With the exception of a few miles between Harrisburg and Concord, the entire road from Washington to Charlotte is already double-tracked. The absence of wrecks on this division, the regularity of schedules and all-round improvement of service is but proof of the advantages of this system. That the Southern is quick to see and install this system along this end of the line just as soon as is possible will be good news to the patrons of the Southern farther south. At a meeting to be held on June 2 further details and plans will be announced. It is probable that actual work may begin on some "sections" this summer.

RAISES IT AT HOME.

Mr. J. I. Townsend of Ten Mile was in town this morning, bringing a wagon load of home-grown meat for sale. Mr. Townsend is one of the many Robesonians who believe in raising all a man needs, and then some, at home. He says he killed over 7,000 pounds of pork last winter. Mr. Townsend is the type of farmer that doesn't have to buy things in fall time and pay two prices for them. The farmer who farms right is the happiest and most independent man in the world.

A POINT OF POLITICAL ECONOMY (Monroe Enquirer.)

Before us is a paper nine-tenths of whose subscribers are farmers, and yet that same paper keeps up an everlasting knocking about the high cost of living. It knocks because the product of field, garden and dairy are away up in price and just will not come down, and whines because the government does not do something to bring the price of things we have to eat down to a lower level. We cannot figure it out how the editor of that paper looks his farmer subscribers straight in the face. It is better for farm products to be high in price. Deliver us from the time when farm products have to be sold at the cost of production or below it, for such a time means stagnation in all lines of business.

AFTER THE MOONSHINERS. (Taylorsville Scout.)

Sheriff Matheson and Deputy Collector Alexander with Deputies Pool and Millsaps, made a raid in Gwaltney's township a few days ago and captured a wash pot outfit and found some unholmed meat, a still cap, an empty jug and proof vial in Hub McLain's house nearby.

NEWS FROM BUTLER'S CROSSING. (Clarkton Journal.)

Get ready, farmers, Captain Green has ordered his troops. A good many from here attended the unveiling at Brown Marsh Sunday afternoon. Guess the Red Oak bachelors have not returned from White Oak yet. Come again, "Peggy."

H.C. LON G COM'Y.

Hot Weather Now Here Keep Cool!

with our \$8.50 Ualm Beach Suit and an "Emery" soft negligee Shirt \$1.00 to a pure silk at \$2.50.

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