

## COTTON GOWNS.

Winter is a thing of the past, Spring nearly so, and Summer, with its dust and heat, is almost upon us. Cotton Goods are to the fore, and the feminine mind is busy planning and contriving ravishing costumes for the coming campaign. The cotton brigade is now formed and is on dress parade and you are to review it. Full ranks everywhere. India Pongee is ready for inspection and is certain to meet the approbation of many. Others may fancy the Satines more and they've a hundred styles from which to pick. Still there are some who desire the Outings. We present a line at 10 cents that cannot be equalled anywhere under 15 cents. Plenty styles. But our advertiser is something of a Gingham gusher, but who could help gushing when such wonderful loom creations are revealed to admiring orbs. Striped, checked and crisscrossed with every lovely blending color and such smooth elegant fabric, and one is excusable when they gush a little. However much we admire the Gingham we must not forget the Princess Cashmere at 12 1/2 cents, which for style and perfect printing are excelled by none and seldom equalled anywhere.

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### GREAT CROWDS ATTENDING HIS MEETINGS.

What He Had to Say Last Night—His Sermon Today—Scenes in the Tabernacle.

There are possibly a few people who didn't think that Sam Jones would draw much of a crowd to Charlotte. After the scenes of the past twenty-four hours it is safe to say that they have changed their minds. The like of it was never seen here before. It beats the old time muster days. The railroads empty hundreds of people into the city by every train, while they come in along the public roads in all sorts of conveyances, from a fine carriage to an ordinary seventy-five cents pair of brogans. To get an idea of a Sam Jones audience one will have to stand in the street and watch the people coming out of the tabernacle at the conclusion of the service. It is simply astonishing.

Last night the big tabernacle was almost filled. There were over 6,000 people present, and possibly 500 more could have been seated. Mr. Jones, in beginning his sermon, said: "Now we invite your attention to these words, in the 15th verse of the 24th chapter of the book of Joshua: 'Choose you this day whom you will serve, but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.'"

We have before us one of the grandest declarations, one of the finest exhortations that human ears ever listened to and human hearts ever pronounced. "Choose you this day whom you will serve," is the exhortation, followed by this declaration, "but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord." Now we have to do first, with the exhortation of the text, "Choose you this day whom you will serve." Christianity is simply and only a matter of choice; it is not a desire simply, or "I wish I was," but Christianity is simply and only a matter of choice. "Choose you this day whom you will serve." If everybody who desired to be good, was good, everybody would be good; if everybody who purposes to be good would be good, then everybody would be good. If everybody in this audience who wishes I was good, all would be good. But it is not a question of desire, purpose, or I wish I was, but it is a question of down right, square choice. Now I am ready to say in my place again, God himself cannot make a man a good man until a man intelligently and deliberately chooses to be good. No man ever went to sleep a sinner and waked up a Christian. No man ever accidentally fell over into Christianity. It is a matter of deliberate, intelligent choice of the will. Now to illustrate what I mean by "choice." If you were to lay an apple or banana on the table and say Jones take your choice, I would take the apple and leave the banana, or I would take the banana and leave the apple. I have got sense enough to know that you did not mean for me to take them both. You see? Now listen: Before every intelligent person in this audience Christ places purity, holiness and heaven here, and He places worldliness, sin and death, and most of you members of the church say, "I'll just take them all."

How many members of the church here ever came to the deliberate choice I'll take Christ and Christianity, and you may take the rest. Oh! brother Christian, when looked at from a practical standpoint, give me purity, holiness, happiness and there is not another thing this earth has that I would turn aside to take. "Choose you this day whom you will serve." With all of the light before you, with all of the facts staring you in the face; with the past, present and future, time, eternity, the grave and judgment before you, come to the conclusion, which is the best, and conscientiously and deliberately choose the good the balance of your life. I repeat what I said, God himself cannot make a man good until a man himself deliberately chooses to be good. If He can, how can He? Suppose I want to make a farmer out of my boy and he doesn't want to be one, but I'm going to make one. I go out here and buy 600 acres of land and stock it, while my boy is here in town drinking whiskey and playing billiards. I am going to make a farmer out of that boy with a vengeance, ain't I? While I failed on him as a farmer, now I want to make him a lawyer. How shall I do it? I build him a law office, put all of the best law books in the office, such as Blackstone, Greenleaf and others, and the boy driving around town with the girls and I cannot get him inside of the office. Now, ain't I making a lawyer out of him with a vengeance. Listen: If God Almighty can't make you a good man until you choose to be good, how can he? I'll tell you how: Now build him a church, give him a Bible and start him a Sunday school, and hire him a preacher; because they all have got Bibles, Sunday schools and hymn books, and if he would make a fellow a Christian every day and

every sinner in this town would be one. There is no doubt about that. And if there is anything that makes me ashamed of humanity it is for one of you to say I am waiting the Lord's own good time. Now it is to that sort I have a good deal to say in this meeting. A sister said to me: Brother Jones, you use more foolishness than any preacher I ever saw. Well, you know what foolishness is? It is stuff you rub on fools; well, it takes a sight to go round as sure as you live. If any of you get any rubbed on you you will know your name after this. Now, hear me: I believe in an intelligent choice of the right, and I believe my father in heaven approves and seconds it. God will have all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. "In due time Christ tasked death for every man," and I say to you if you want to be good now or ever you have got to choose to be.

We look too much to the means and too little to the end; we look too much to the paraphenalia of the ends and too much of the deliberate choice of Christ, and the right means of salvation of the soul itself, and we preachers are sometimes to blame for it.

Listen: "As in Adam all die; in Christ so shall we all be made alive." You talk about humanity just as if Christ never suffered, but I tell you this much: when God wanted to become the Redeemer of man He took human nature just like my own, and if it is good enough for God what is it good enough for? I get disgusted to hear people talk about humanity. I am nothing but an old worm of the dust; an old worm with whiskers; an old worm with breeches; an old lady worm with a dress on, and feathers in her hat. I would be ashamed of myself. I go around and say nothing, nothing, nothing, until it has turned out to be the God's truth, and I am nothing, going nowhere, and old sister nothing with it. What do you want to be nothing for? How can God crown nothing? How can nothing play on the harp; and if you get to heaven nothing, they would be everlasting running over you, because they could not see you. I do not want to be nothing; I want to be something and somebody. Now let us quit being nothing, and let us be somebody. Unless you say brother, I just made him out of nothing. Now hear me: There is not a man here that he can choose any minute that he can be good or not, and then in a minute can choose just how good we can be. I don't only choose whether I will be a Christian or not, I have got it in my hands just what sort of a one I will be. If I choose to be a first-class one, thank God I can be and if I choose to be a 20th rate Christian, I can, can't I? can't I? Of course I can. One fellow said, Brother Jones you know more about backsliders than any fellow I ever saw. I ought to begin to know something about them. I never associated with any other sort since I came in the church. A fellow ought to begin to know something about his gang, and these churches are all about on a dead level.

The Baptist church will not take a fellow until he gets experience, a Presbyterian won't until he gets intelligent experience and a Methodist will just slobber around and take anybody, and we are just as good as anybody. Now that's about right. Ain't it so? I do not say that because I'm a Methodist. You know there is as much religion in the Methodist church in this town as there is in any church in town, and you know it. Let me say to you you can choose what sort of a Christian you will be, and if you choose to be a first-class Christian the devil cannot keep you from it. It is "choose" all the way through. Now here: I want you to listen along here for this service is not all giggling. You can choose just what sort of a member of church you will be. Now let's look these pastors in the face, and I am sorry they are not all here. I was preaching one day along this line and said: I wouldn't take a man in the church who wouldn't pray in his family or in the church, and do anything his pastor wanted him to do. One of our merchants said I went today to join the church but you shut the door in my face, and I said how did it? He said you made a remark in your sermon that any man who would not pray in his family or do any thing that his church wanted him to do, do. Now that let's me out. Well, you mean business. What sort of a member do you want to be. I want to be a good one. Do you know Brother Green over here? he wouldn't pray in the church or family or anything else. Lord, he says, that's an insult to ask me that question. I would rather be like I am than to be like him. There is Brother Johnston, he will pray a little just after a revival and he will pray a little in public if he likes the preacher. Well, Mr. Jones, I never called you back here to insult me. There is Dr. Watts, who prays in church, Sunday school and family. How would you like to be like Dr. Watts, said I? I like that. You rascal, you want to live like old Green and be like Dr. Watts. There are those in the church just that sort. They would live like old Green and be like Dr. Watts. What sort of member are you going to be. You never meant it.

You may talk about the sinners in this town as much as you please, but there is not a church in this city that does not need good members. You want more to run your prayer-meetings. You can't get what you have got to attend the meetings. You have about 15 or 20 who does all the paying and half of them don't pay what they ought to pay. You do not want more members half as much as you need good members. Does Moody's crowd stick? Does Sam Jones' converts stick? They maybe in the chain gang, but you can say one thing about Sam Jones he never preached here before and if I don't leave then better than I found them, I'll be sorry I ever came. I mean the most of them. You cannot lay them to Sam Jones or to Moody. I don't know whose they are. You take the churches of this town, how many do you suppose there are at the Methodist prayer meeting every Wednesday night. How many do you suppose

there are, Brother Pool? Do you suppose there are 100 there? Yes, nearly every body in Charlotte goes to preaching.

Now, you take the churches of this town, do you reckon them ever? Now somebody told me that was one thing about Charlotte—they would go to church. Well, it is a terrible case, brethren. I am sure you are not preaching Gospel to them. You preachers are cutting it fine and warming it, and just giving them a little at a time; and if anybody asks you if you endorse Sam Jones, you tell them no. I won't interfere with any one while I am here. I won't ask anybody to endorse me.

We are not hunting endorsers. Choose what sort of a member you will be. Choose you this day whom you will serve, not only choose; that you will choose God or not; but choose what kind of servant you will be. If you want to be a good man, pitch in. God will help you every step. If you want to be a truthful man, God will help you every step. If you all don't do better you will have to take down part of the church spires. You have already run them up higher than you own. You had better look out. Consecrated, earnest, diligent, faithful Christians, these are what we want.

The saloon keeper is after our boys and the dancing master is after our girls. Ain't that so? We can sort of back and give up our boys, but let us die in our track rather than give up our girls.

We get it in courses. First thing you know it is the skating rink, and everything in town is rolling on wheels; and the next thing you know it is cards, cards, cards, and everything in town is playing cards, and every little vagabond who can run after a horse is a wheel horse.

Old married women dance and dance right up until your old figures get so stiff you cannot get around, and many a woman never quits dancing until she dances down with rheumatism or "swinney" or something else. "Swinney" is lameness in the fore shoulder. I don't know what that is. Now hear me: Choose what sort of a Christian you will be.

Thank God He has made it possible by His covenant grace and His omnipotent power for the last man of us to be as good as we want to be. You slip about, wishy washy, dancing and card playing members of the church, suppose the salvation of the world was turned over to you. Where would the world be? Be it said, to the honor of Texas, when I was in Fort Worth preaching, I said I would give any man in that audience, who was a Christian, \$500 if he would get up on that platform and defend dancing and give me 15 minutes in conclusion. A man in Dallas, Texas, took me up. I never pay a party for gathering a crowd together for a buzzard to spew on. He was a professional dancing master and was going to defend dancing. Do you think I would give \$500 to have that done when I can hire a whole lot of them for \$5? Be it said to the honor of Texas, but one man in the State had the temerity or hardihood to announce to the world that he could defend dancing. My! My! My! I have danced a good deal in my time. I think I have. I danced up to the time I got religion, but I say this much, I danced and frolicked with the girls until the time I wanted to marry, and I had to go for a woman I could call wife and one fit for the training of my children, and I went 500 miles and I drove out in the country four miles and got one of the prayer meeting girls, and I wouldn't give her for one of those dancing girls that ever danced. I am just talking about my choice. Boys, dance around with them, but when you want to get a good wife go to the prayer meeting, hunt her up, she is worth the balance all put together. Now let me tell you another thing, and I haven't got time to fool away on that sort of thing. Some folks say "our church don't object to dancing." What church do you belong to. Do you belong to the Episcopal? Why that church denounces it. Do you belong to the Baptist church? That church also denounces it. Do you belong to the Presbyterian church? It hurls its anathemas against it. Do you belong to the Methodist church? She denounces it in very unmistakable terms. Do you belong to the Roman Church? The Bishop of New York has said that two-thirds of the girls stated in the confessional that their downfall commenced in the ball-room. When a pastor don't object, he ain't fit to be a pastor of a litter of puppies. I mean what I say. He will drink wine with you and will play cards with you, and he says that nothing is more delightful than dancing. There ain't a saloon keeper that ever cursed this town that is doing as much harm as this preacher can do. The saloon keeper is only outside the sort, pouring his shot and shell, but the man is on the inside. Ain't that so, brethren? Well say "amen." Brethren! Brethren! I wouldn't let a man come here and clean out my ditches and never bring him a drink of water or do anything to help him. (Response, amen!) Now choose; choose what kind of Christian you will be. Oh! listen: Now there is a very serious side to this question. I would have called you a dog, but you ain't big enough. I don't take any side at all I am on the fence. You take a tooth pick and lay it down, he will get astride of it, and he thinks he is on the fence. He is a little fellow, and his little feet hardly touched the ground straddling a tooth pick. I like one of these fellows that walks up like a true man and says if there is one Christian in Charlotte, I will be that one. I like a Christian that stands out like a man, whether anybody else does or not. "But as for me and my house we will serve the Lord." This is what I said 17 years ago last August. But it was not 17 hours before the devil was telling me I had a big job, but for me I will serve God. If there is one man in the world to serve God and be true to him, I will be that man. "But as for me and my house we will serve God." But I have got a wife and 6 children; 6 times I are 6, and I makes 7, and I makes 8. Now I have got 8 times as big a job as when I started in, and as for me I will serve the Lord; as for my household we will serve God.

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