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THE ATONEMENT.

Rev. Mr. Durham Further Explains His Belief—Stands By Original Declarations.

Reiterating his former declarations regarding the various historic theories of the atonement, Rev. Plato Durham at Trinity Methodist church last evening, gave a lucid and logical explanation of the position which he has taken, further convincing his hearers of the correctness of his position the speaker emphatically declared his belief in the salvation of God through Jesus Christ, but refused to acquiesce to any formal creed or statement of what he referred to as the central fact of God's revelation to man and the central fact of human history, a fact that Protestants believe exists in personal experience. The arguments used by Mr. Durham against the ransom, substitution, governmental and other theories were repeated last night.

"The trouble" said the speaker, "is that men will pick out one word or saying of Paul or Christ and base their whole theory on this when it is only just to take the teachings of Christ or Paul in their entirety."
"It is the worst blasphemy that men can utter to say that Jesus Christ suffered the penalty of degradation and death for sin, and yet this is what the ransom theory teaches. Why the church a thousand years ago refused this teaching."

"Taking the substitution theory no reasonable man can believe that God is satisfied with punishment instead of righteousness and yet the theory teaches such to be true. If God demanded perfect righteousness, he could not be willing to take the punishment of his Son instead."
Mr. Durham clearly stated his own belief in the following words:
"A union with Christ is the means

through which we come to salvation."
"There is truth in all of these terms, ransom, substitution, etc. which I believe every thinking man understands."
"He gave his life for us; he suffered instead of us for his love was infinite and he died in our behalf. Love is sacrifice and He gave his life the greatest sacrifice."
"This night I stand a sinner saved by the grace of God I know nothing about the quibbling over a commercial transaction but I defy philosophy or skepticism to sweep away from me the simple knowledge that God has brought me back to Him."

The sermon was heard by a large congregation and many who had perhaps misunderstood a former sermon on the atonement were last night convinced of the correctness of the doctrine of the atonement as expounded by Mr. Durham in his eloquent and earnest manner.

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—Mrs. W. A. Graham sang a beautiful solo, "Abide With Me," after the sermon at the Second Presbyterian church last night.

Retail Merchants to Meet.
There will be an important meeting of the Charlotte Retail Merchants' Association tonight at 8 o'clock in the law offices of Mr. A. B. Justice, in the Davidson building.

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—That Alcock's are the original and genuine porous plasters; all others are imitations.

THE GRAND JURY MAKES ITS REPORT

Body Recommends Certain Changes at the Court House, Jail and County Home. The Convict Camps Visited. Prisoners well Fed.

The grand jury for this term of the Superior Court finished its work Saturday and through its foreman, Mr. W. J. Chambers, submitted the following report to Judge Henry R. Bryan: To the Honorable Henry R. Bryan, Judge Presiding at said Term: The grand jury of Mecklenburg county at said term submit to the Court the following report:

We have received and passed on 162 bills and have returned 147 true bills and 15 not true bills, and great bills have been continued for further evidence.

Court House.
We have inspected the County Court House and find the building to be in good condition, except a leak on the west side of the Superior Court room, and the flooring in the vault in the Register of Deeds office is in need of repair, which matters are called to the attention of the County Commissioners. We recommend that a section of the filing cases in the Register of Deeds office be exchanged for a section of cases for books in the Clerk of the Court's office, such shelving being needed in the Register's office and not needed in the Clerk of the Court's office.

County Jail.
We have visited and inspected the County Jail and we do not find it in good condition. The roof on the north side is in a leaky condition and has caused the plastering to fall from the ceiling in two rooms. We recommend that the roof be repaired at once. We find the entrance to the kitchen needs a cover or something to prevent the water from entering the room and basement during a rain. We think this repair is badly needed and we recommend that same be promptly attended to. We find that there is not sufficient room in the jail for the accommodation of the prisoners. They are very much crowded and many of the prisoners are infected with lice; they complain of not having sufficient heat in the building, and some of them say they do not have blankets and are compelled to sleep on the hard cement floor. We think it necessary that steps be taken at once to remedy the defects in the County Jail, as above stated. We find the fence and grounds around the jail in a dilapidated condition and we urge the County Commissioners to see that these improvements be made without further delay.

County Home.
We have visited and inspected the County Home and we find everything in a fairly satisfactory condition. The inmates claim that the building is not sufficiently heated for comfort in cold weather; we also find that the building is not kept in a good sanitary condition. The Superintendent says that these conditions are due from the fact that he has not sufficient help to do the work, and we recommend that the County Commissioners investigate the matter, and if they find the above conditions are true, we would recommend that they provide sufficient help to keep the Home in a good and satisfactory condition.

County Home for the Colored.
We have visited and inspected the County Home for Colored People and we do not find it in a satisfactory condition. The building is in poor repair and is not large enough to hold the inmates which are now there, and keep them in a decent and comfortable condition. We recommend that something be done as promptly as possible to better the conditions now existing at the Colored Home.

Convict Camps.
We have visited both camps of the county convicts and find them both to be in a very satisfactory condition. The prisoners say that they are treated kindly and are well fed and clothed and the stock is in good condition.

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. CHAMBERS,
Foreman of the Grand Jury.

WARMER TOMORROW.

That is the Prediction For Charlotte and Vicinity.

The weather man says the present "spell" of beautiful weather is to continue, certainly through Tuesday. The local forecast is "fair tonight and Tuesday." Mr. Bennett in his remarks on the weather says:
"Fresh pressure and fair weather have continued over the South Atlantic and East Gulf States during the past 24 hours, with temperatures generally above normal. A low pressure area, moving southeastward over Montana and the Dakotas, has caused warmer weather over the Missouri and Mississippi Valleys, with rain or snow over the northern and central Rocky Mountain regions. Light local rains have fallen also over Texas and snow over the lower lake region. In this vicinity the weather will continue fair and warm tonight and Tuesday."

Mrs. Caldwell Critically Ill.
Mrs. Charles Caldwell, who has been ill at her home, near Sugar Creek, for some time, was reported extremely low this morning and not expected to live through the day. Her many Charlotte friends will be pained to know of her critical condition.

Mr. J. M. McLaughlin went to Greensboro this morning on a business trip.

PUBLIC AROUSED.
The public is aroused to a knowledge of the curative value of a great medicinal tonic, Electric Bitters, for sick stomach, liver and kidneys. Mary E. Walters, of 444 Clair Ave., Columbus, O., writes: "For several months I had given up to die. I had fever and ague; my nerves were wrecked; I could not sleep and my stomach was so weak, from useless doctors' drugs, that I could not eat. Soon after beginning to take Electric Bitters, I obtained relief, and in a short time I was entirely cured." Guaranteed at 50c.

A SPLENDID LECTURE.

Dr. John E. White Pleases Large Audience at the Academy.

There was a large body of men at the Academy of Music yesterday afternoon to hear the Rev. Dr. John E. White, of Atlanta; and it is but fair to say that the meeting yesterday was the best in the history of the series for men only that are being conducted at the Academy under the auspices of the Young Mens Christian Association.

Dr. White's discussion of "The Triumph of the Verities of Our Faith" was the ablest and most beautifully illustrated talk Charlotte people have had the pleasure of hearing in some time. After some reference to his life in his native State-North Carolina and to his joy in standing before such a large audience of men whom he loved so well, he announced his subject; and from that moment until the close of his talk, every ear was strained and every eye directed on the speaker.

Dr. White began his remarks by referring to the great immovable things of the universe. "I love to bring my heart close to the things that cannot move," he said "I love to look upon the sun and realize that it is the same which smote and changed the darkness at creation. I love to look upon the stars and moon and remember that they are the same which shone on David when he watched his flock. And I love to dwell and roam among the great mountains and the home in which the family dwells and is heated together by the simple ties of affection. For the same reason I love to dwell upon the eternal verities of religion. The three greatest eternal verities of religion he said, were sin, sorrow and death. Sin, he said was to say what it was when the world began and it will always remain the same because it is fixed as the stars and Christianity is final faith of mankind. There are no new sins, no alterations and no improvements. The world is as wicked today and men are doing the same things they did in ancient days. We are face to face with this changeless liability of human nature.

"And so there are epochs in sorrow. Tears and heart breakings know no dates. Tonight, tomorrow or in the near future right here in this city, there is going to be an affliction a great sorrow caused by the death of a beloved member of a family. That sorrow is the same as in ancient days. There is no change. Sorrow is the only unpleasant duty I have to contend with, and but for my belief in God my effort to console would be a failure. Jesus Christ is the handkerchief of God to wipe away the tears. The third great certainty is death, and, as Dickens says, "it comes in the same old, old fashion." When we die we reach instinctively for support which is usually some sort of atonement. As an illustration he cited the case of C. W. Yerkes a prominent and wealthy man who recently died at his home at New York. This man he said was notoriously vicious in his private life but when he came face to face with death, he reached instinctively for support. He sent messenger after messenger for the wife whom he had wronged to come to his bed side. She would not come. He made the last and final effort at atonement, not to the woman with whom he had sinned and who had amused him but to the faithful wife he had sinned against, he left his wealth and fortune.

Another beautiful illustration and comparison Dr. White made was of the deaths of Robert J. Ingersoll and Dwight L. Moody. Ingersoll had taught his wife and children to be belief that there was nothing to him but his body and that when he died they should cling to his corpse as all that remained of him. When the undertaker came to remove the body the wife and children were there with their arms around it and it was with the greatest difficulty that they were persuaded to release the corpse, all that remained of the one they loved so well. When Mr. Moody, died he called his children to his bedside and said, "The earth is receding and the heavens are opening" and he mounted as on a chariot into the skies. And so stood two men. One said I will not have this man Christ Jesus to rule over me. He is content to be an angel. The second yields his will to God and is transformed into the highest type of life.

A SMALL WRECK.

Accident at Lilesville Last Night Delayed Eastbound Passenger Train.

Extra freight No. 659, eastbound, ran into some freight cars that were standing on the sidetrack near Lilesville last night. Two of the cars were demolished and the pilot of the freight engine was broken.

Passengers on train No. 32, were delayed about two hours, because of the accident.

No one was hurt and the only damage sustained was to the cars and the freight engine.
The cause of the accident is not known. It is claimed by the crew of the freight train that the cars struck were standing on the wrong track.

Better Beds For Hotels.
The Southern Cotton Oil Company has, through the Parker-Gardner Co., of this city, equipped the Buford and Central hotels of Charlotte, the Hotel Vandford of Salisbury and Boyds Hotel at Hamlet, with a complete outfit of Purdy Cotton Felt Mattresses. With the coming of these soft springy, sanitary sleep-compelling beds, the mattress of oats straw or corn shucks will pass into oblivion, a summation most devoutly to be wished by the traveling public.

Returns to Rocky River.
Rev. J. McEver Black returned to Rocky River this morning. He preached at the First Presbyterian church yesterday morning, addressed the Covenanters and Miriams at 5 p. m. and preached at Tenth Avenue Presbyterian church last night. While here, he was the guest of his sister-in-law, Mrs. C. N. G. Butt, also of Mr. C. M. Carson, Rev. Dr. J. R. Howerton and Mrs. Ida W. Miller.

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