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F. G. SOUTHERN ANSWERED.

Delk Sunday School Teacher Writes Of Flatshoal Incident.

Delk, July 10.—I noticed in last week's Reporter, instructions from Mr. F. G. Southern, to Sunday School Teacher, as to training children. He seems to be training his children in the laws of the land only, and not caring for God's law. I want to ask what harm is done by going to Sunday School. Children learn there the word of God and his love towards them, while those who are out fishing, playing cards, drinking liquor and all other evil things, they are in ignorance of what Christ did for them. Those who behaved so shamefully at Flat Shoal were allowed those privileges when they were boys. Had they been trained right in childhood, they would never have turned from it. I am thankful to say we have no such characters at our church. Everybody goes quietly and leaves quietly. I wish some could explain to me, the unnecessary of Sunday School. There is no one that can and feel that they are going by God's word. I was raised by parents who are believers in Sunday School. Have been all their lives and are till yet. I have been going to Sunday School a good portion of my life and if it ever did me any harm, I cannot see it but can safely say it has done me good. I do not regret the time I have spent in Sunday School, but do regret time I have lost.

Mr. Southern leaves the impression that we should be learning the children the laws of the land instead of God's law. What are laws of land, nothing but a few days imprisonment or perhaps a few months on the road for a great crime. We teach our children God's law and when they know God's law, they are not going to disobey laws of land. Can a man obey God's law and laws of land at one time? Yes, he can, but will he do it? No he will not. Can a man be a Christian and vote for these liquor saloons at one time? No he cannot. Any man who votes for that destructive drink cannot be a Christian. He may have a good face, be up-to-date and everything but he is not a Christian; laws of land are made by man, but God alone made His law and it stands forever. Punishment here on earth is awful to those who have it to stand but what will God's punishment be to all who do not obey His commandments. Just think for a moment of being in burning fire forever. O isn't it sad to know of so many going in this direction. This punishment not only lasts a few days, or months and years, as it does here, but is an everlasting torment. I wish to inform you we do not carry but one law book to Sunday School and that is the blessed word of God, "The Bible." That is all the law we need. If everybody would do as God says. God's law is the law I wish to obey and want everybody to do the same, but there are so many will not. If every one would go by God's law we would have no use for laws of and kind here. What does God say in Luke, 9:25: He says—For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world and lose himself or be cast away. You who are laboring for this world's goods and not for a brighter and better world above, take this passage of scripture and study it carefully. We know not when our master is coming and when he does come, it is then too late to pray. There is time, for

all things and why not pray before the hour comes when it is entirely too late. Christ suffered and died on the cross for our sins. What kind of heart can some people have not to love him? God says in Luke 18-20, Notwithstanding this, rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven. O if everybody could say they hoped their names were written in heaven. We do not know but we have or some of us have a hope of our names being written there. What a blessed thought to us. Let's each and every one of you dear readers of the word of God, study God's law against the laws of land.

I hope Mr. Southern will turn and teach his children God's law. Sunday School Girl, keep your good work going on. Some day God will reward you for it.

I did not aim to stay so long, but being so much interested on the subject, I just kept going.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER.

OUR TWO STAR SUBSCRIBERS.

Dr. C. W. Joyce and Mr. James M. Fagg At the Top Of the Reporter's Roll Of Honor.

Dr. C. W. Joyce, of Wheatland, Oklahoma, paid to July 16, 1911. Mr. James M. Fagg, of Red Shoals, paid to August 27, 1910.

The above two clever gentlemen now have the distinguished honor of occupying the highest place on the Reporter's Roll of Honor, being paid six and five years in advance respectively.

The Reporter is very proud of its honor roll on which is transcribed the names of only those who pay in advance. The names of hundreds of some of the best men and women living are now written on it.

PINE HALL.

Pine Hall, July 15.—The Sunday School at Pine Hall has the oldest teacher in the State. She is old Mother Anderson, aged eighty-two years. Mrs. Anderson meets her class regularly every Sunday morning. So you see we never get too old to work in the Sunday School.

Miss Beulah Neal's address on "Woman's Work in the Church and Abroad" last Sunday night was very interesting.

Mr. Hall Parish's lecture last Sunday on the "Evils of Intemperance" was a masterly effort. We are glad to see our young men coming out and taking a stand against the whiskey business.

SUBSCRIBER.

Messrs. William Shelton, Joseph Ashby, W. C. Branson, A. J. Owens and Walter Booth were in town Thursday and Friday.

HOW'S THIS?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

WALDING, KINMAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

LETTER TO THE OLD AND YOUNG.

Regarding Sunday School and Sunday School Workers.

Mizpah Route 1, July 10.

Mr. Editor:

I want to ask you for a little space in your paper to say a few words to the young people of our community and also the old in regard to our Sunday School as we have two Sunday Schools in our community and we are trying to have good ones and carry them on right, but it seems like it is a hard thing to do for we have got all kinds of workers in our community. We have some that are working against our Sunday School and some that are doing all they can to build up their Sunday School and now my friends, why can't we all do that. We can if we will set a determined resolution to do so. Let's us all go to Sunday School and go for the good of it and for the good that we can do, and let's not go just only for the fun of it nor to make fun of it, nor to see your girl, or your fellow just as a lot of our young people of this community do. Let's all go and take an interest in the good work and try to urge the little ones to do good and I am sure that you will gain more by going to Sunday School than you will by going to see your girls and the girls staying at home looking for their fellow. Let's all go to Sunday School and try to start a band of Christian workers. We want to have a Union Sunday School and want every one to come that possibly can and I am sure that there are not many that want to go, but of course you can find lots of excuses if you want to, but I don't see why you would want any excuse in this good work. I think it looks a lot nicer to see a crowd of little boys and girls going out to Sunday School every Sunday, than it does to see them at home laying around and in all the meanness they can be in. I am sure that you cannot raise your children to do a better thing than to go to Sunday School. Just think how would you like in your old days to see some of your boys in prison or on the gallows; then you will be reaping the reward of your sowing, but you can go to your county jails and your State prisons and search them there and I am sure that you will not find many there that were raised up in Sunday School.

Are you raising your children to the Bible or bottle; church or stillhouse; Sunday School or bar-room? As you train them so will they be, and now, my friends, I am sure that Sunday School is the best thing you can raise them to. It is not because we do not know to do better, for we have got the plain word of God to go by and I think that you will find where it says: "He that knoweth to do good and doeth it not to him it is sin and he that cometh of sin is of the Devil."

Now, my friend, there is not one of us but what cometh of sin, but let us do the very best we can and that is all we can do. Since sin entered into the world, its nature has not changed, its tendency is always towards destruction and death and it pollutes the soul just as the decayed part of an apple infects the whole of it. The Bible uses the the strongest language to describe the horribleness of sin and its consequences.

No poet or prose writer has ever been able to unfold the withering effects of sin which act upon the soul like poison upon the body. Now, my friends, let's all organize

WINSTON-STUART TURNPIKE ROAD.

Gives Promise Of Being Worked Up Before the Time For Marketing the Next Crop of Tobacco.

The Winston-Stuart turnpike line, which, to begin with, will consist of a road about ten miles in length, extending from the southside of Sauratown mountain through Quaker Gap, via Vade Mecum Springs to the Shallowford on Dan river, gives promise of distinct success. It will be remembered that the survey was made by the well-known surveyor, Mr. F. H. Kelsey, who laid out and constructed the wonderful roads about Lipville and Blowing Rock and also surveyed the Wilkesboro Junction turnpike. It will have a grade of about 1 1/2 per cent. over which any locomotive or trolley can run with ease and such a development is one of the things in contemplation.

The rights of way are about all secured and it is hoped that the State may be induced to rush the actual work upon the road with its convict labor by the coming fall. Strong effort will be made to bring this about. All the State has undertaken to do at present is to grade the link of ten miles through a mountainous section in return for stock in the road. The first part will run from Capella to the Stuart road north of Dan river, crossing the Sauratown mountain through Quaker Gap, the only gateway through the mountain chain, and also crossing the Dan river and connecting with roads leading to Stuart, Va., Mt. Airy and Martinsville, Va.

The roads north of the Dan river and south of the Sauratown mountain are already as good as any dirt roads in the Piedmont section, but there is no road at all through this river and mountain section. Consequently, by the building of this link, the distance between that section and Winston-Salem will be shortened about 15 miles and, furthermore, over good roads, whereas at present the roads around the mountains east and west represent not only a loss of 15 miles in travel but they are also almost impassable especially through the season when tobacco is marketed.

It is expected that as soon as the turnpike is built the roads north and south of it will be made equally as good, either as public roads or by way of the turnpike itself.

Among the men who have interested themselves in the project which seems to bear abundant promise of good, are A. H. Eller, R. J. Reynolds, J. H. Sparks, J. W. Slate, J. C. Tise, J. F. Miller, Walter George, W. H. Reid, R. Gorrell, J. K. Norfleet and T. J. Brown. They are acting under a charter granted by the last Legislature to the Winston-Stuart Turnpike Company.

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Mrs. Joanna Boyles Encounters a Large Blacksnake — Answer to "Roving Joe."

King Route 2, July 11.

Mr. Editor:

Will you allow me space for a few words to answer "Roving Joe's" question, as he asks to know where the shortest chapter was in the Bible. I think you will find that the 111 Psalms is the shortest, it has two verses and 33 words. If that's not correct, will some one please correct it?

Hello! No. 2, your letter was just fine. We are indeed glad that you are not ready to bid us adieu yet awhile, for I don't see how we could do without seeing you pass every day. Ha, ha! I don't think you will have the blues any more, for you look so comfortable sitting back under that large umbrella. So let us hear from you again along. This route enjoys reading your letters very much. Wishing you much success in getting a fair Sunday School girl for your partner.

Mrs. Joanna Boyles, going to her hen's nest, not long ago, found that a large blacksnake had occupied the place of the hen. The ugly old snake had eaten all the eggs. Although, she succeeded in killing the snake. It measured about 6 feet. This kid wouldn't tackle one that large.

What's the matter with some of our boys? They haven't been in Sunday School in several Sundays. Boys, you don't know how we miss you, your class was rather small Sunday and also Sunday week and we do hate to see it that way. Boys, let's see if class No. 6 can't be the largest class in school next Sunday. It had to be divided it was so large. Now, boys, please don't let the girls beat you that far. You can have as large a class as they can if you will all just come out.

Preaching at Mt. Olive next Sunday at 11 o'clock. Sunday School at 9. Let everybody come.

Hurrah! for Dog-Killer, we think you are on the right line. Prove to Timothy that the negro has got a soul.

Now, Roving Joe, can you tell me what and where the longest chapter is, and how many verses, etc? Also how many times the word "eternity" is used in the Bible.

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CONFEDERATE RE-UNION.

The People Of Stokes County Requested To Meet At Danbury On Saturday, August 12.

Peters' Creek, July 10.

To the Confederate Veterans of Stokes county:

My Dear Comrades:—About one month from now we are called upon to lay aside all of our domestic affairs and meet in Danbury for the purpose of trying to perfect an organization of what few of us that yet survive. We are but a few, a remnant of the most valiant soldiers that ever contended against a foe of mighty odds and untold resources. We are a war-worn and battle-scarred remnant and we are so near the river that we can almost hear the roaring of the waters. Therefore let us, as we did in the heroic days of 1861 to 1865 when our leaders fell in battle and our ranks were thinned by shot and shell, close up our ranks by organizing, and when we have passed over the river let our sons and daughters step forward and perpetuate our organization and continue to vindicate the integrity of our lives and the ends for which we so nobly contended.

The people are all requested to come out on August 12th and aid us in every way they can.

Respectfully,
JAMES A. LEAK.

O. L. Pulliam Replies to F. G. Southern.

Pink, July 10.

Mr. Editor:

It appears from the reading of Mr. F. G. Southern's article in the Reporter of last week that he thinks crime is taught in Sunday School and committed by its pupils. Now, as to the young man he had reference to at Flat Shoal the third Sunday in June, I can't say whether he is a Sunday School scholar or not.

I have been attending Sunday School ever since I was large enough to go and I never knew crime taught nor practiced in Sunday School. So I would like for us to investigate the matter and see whether Sunday School is the origin of crime or not.

First, I would ask Mr. Southern to go with me to the county jail and see what per cent. of the inmates are Sunday School teachers or pupils. Also, what per cent. were raised out of Sunday School by parents opposing Sunday School.

Then we will go to the chain gang and see what we find there, and then to the State prison and call the roll and see how it stands there.

We will go to Winston on the 20th inst. and ask Mr. Hammons where he was educated and see what he says.

Now, after making this investigation if we find that the larger per cent. of crime came from Sunday School, then I for one say stop Sunday School. But, on the other hand, if the larger per cent. originates outside of Sunday School, then I say bring them in to Sunday School.

I will just say that I have never heard anything of interest from anyone not knowing anything of his subject, therefore Mr. Southern can't possibly say anything against Sunday School for I think I am safe in saying that he was never in a Sunday School, not even to hear the roll called.

Wishing the Reporter much success, I am
Yours truly,
O. L. PULLIAM.