

"Mc's" Answer To "W."

Editor Reporter :

That "W" has put a hard question to me, he will know when he sees how hard it is for me to answer.

What the religion of the average man is, is a broad, deep question and brings first of all the consideration of the fact that so few men take so little interest in church work. Men are of course the financial supporters of the church, but only a very few ever enlist in aggressive spiritual work and why? To me the answer is this: The average man does not care about theology and gives little heed to doctrinal sermons, and dislikes the pulpit tone of the average discourse. He has his own ideas about the bible, right and wrong, and the future life, and while he thinks his ideas are thoroughly commonsense and practical, he knows his theology is more or less at variance with the ministers, yet he does his own thinking and believes his theology is simpler and saner than that that comes from the pulpit, and he wonders why his preacher spends so much time trying to prove improbable things.

As I see it, our preachers talk too much about how we should die instead of how we should live. The kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy, in the holy spirit, doing to others as we would have them do to us, and in his conception of what Christ meant by this the average man is in advance of the theologians. He understands Christ better and understood him better when he was on earth. The church has been teaching us to accept as inevitable their dismal conditions in this life trying to make us content by promising a better lot hereafter. While the average man prays "thy kingdom come on earth" he wants to see men treat each other as brothers, recognizing justice as of far more importance than the getting of money.

The average man sees and knows that that the church that is alive and doing effective work for God, is composed of men who live right and not simply a written logical scriptural creed to be preached.

Preaching hellfire and damnation is a poor way to get the average man to love God. Goodness is the offspring of intelligence, not the child of superstition, and as long as our preachers try to persuade us to believe in a mystified religion, just that long will the average man, in increasing number, pull away from and stand aloof from the orthodox church. The average man believes in a God of love instead of a God of vengeance. He emphatically believes in the teachings of Jesus Christ—that justice and brotherly love should govern all our actions—he

is sorry that making money is more fashionable than doing right, he sees in the weird incantations of the modern church an abomination in the sight of God where reason is dethroned and mammon worshipped, where the preachers success is measured by the amount put into the collection box.

The average man believes in a real religion—one that will bind men together living the true spiritual life here and now, a religion of brotherhood, a looking to Christ for inspiration and guidance, a taking of Christ as an example for us to live up to and not in a mysterious scheme of salvation that is hard to comprehend; in other words he believes in a sane, practical everyday religion, a doing of right for right's sake and because it is right. He believes a man is saved by what he is and not by what he thinks or believes. Mc.

DALTON.

Dalton, Jan. 14.—Miss Fannie Jones spent a short while with her aunt, Mrs. M. D. Phillips, last week on her way to Mt. Airy, where she is teaching.

Miss Ruby Stevens, of Pilot Mt., spent last Thursday with Mrs. S. F. Coe.

Mr. Voss, singing master of Mountain View, is teaching a singing school at Chestnut Grove at the present.

Misses Flora Spainhower and Stacie Love spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Lula Shultz.

Mrs. Carrie Culler, of High Point, is at her mother's, Mrs. John Fowler, spending a few weeks.

Rev. Mr. Keever, filled his regular appointment at Trinity Sunday. A large crowd attended. Miss Mary Woody is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ed Fowler.

Mr. Marshall Smith entered school at Dalton Institute to-day. Hope Professor will have a large school yet.

Mr. Lonnie R. Coe went to Greensboro today to purchase some goods.

LOX.

BEWARE OF OINTMENTS FOR CATARRH THAT CONTAIN MERCURY.

Mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists. Price, 75c per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

TO BE LEFT TO THE PEOPLE.

Rockingham County Folks Will Vote On the Question Of the Location Of A New Court House—Great Interest In the Matter.

Reidsville, Jan. 14.—The county commissioners today unanimously decided to allow the Legislature to submit a proposition of whether the new court house shall be built at Reidsville or Wentworth to a vote of the people. Those people of the county who favored rebuilding on the present site at Wentworth got up petitions a week ago and went before the board, asking them to order the rebuilding at once. The board declined to take action until today, when those who favored Reidsville for the new county seat could be heard. There has never been a matter in the county which attracted more interest. Tremendous petitions were presented by both sides.

A number of witnesses were introduced to show that the people had signed petitions asking for a rebuilding at Wentworth under misapprehensions. Eight or ten speakers represented either side and a more interesting fight has never been witnessed in the county. It is the consensus of opinion among the Reidsville adherents that it will win the county seat with hands down.

Items From Germanton Route 1.

Germanton Route 1, Jan. 15.—Pine Log school crossed bats with Haw Pond on Saturday, January 12th, on Union Hill ground. Never was a game more hotly contested. The score stood 9 to 12 in favor of Pine Log in a eleven inning game. The features of the game was the fine pitching by Tuttle and Newsum. After the fourth inning straight base ball ruled, each side seeking to play everything safe. It was a toss up to the last as to who would win. Haw Pond made a strong rally in the eighth and ninth innings, but were unable to overcome Pine Log's invincibles.

Beth schools were congratulated for their fine playing by a large number of visitors, who seemed to enjoy the game immensely.

B. C. H.

"How I Saved My First Hundred Dollars" is an interesting chapter in the life of every man who makes a success in life by his own efforts. The Bank of Stokes County is helping the young men, the girls, the ladies and children, the farmers and teachers of Stokes county to save, by paying them to do it. Four per cent. compound interest counts nearly as fast as 6 per cent. simple interest. And the beauty is that you can get your money back any day or hour you want it.

Notice!

In order to make room for spring goods, I will sell at auction for cash January 23, (tax collecting day) \$200.00 worth of shoes, hats, dry goods, etc. Sale will begin at 10 o'clock.

J. WALTER TUTTLE.

You can buy Queen of the Valley flour at \$2.00 per hundred; Ballards Obelisk patent at \$2.50; Daisy middling chop, at \$2.20 at the store of JOYCE & BOWLES, Walnut Cove, N. C.

MARION HARLAND.

The celebrated authoress, so highly esteemed by the women of America, says on page 103 and 445 of her popular work, "Eve's Daughters; or, Common Sense for Maid, Wife and Mother:" "For the aching back—should it be slow recovering its normal strength—an Allcock's Plaster is an excellent comforter, combining the sensation of the sustained pressure of a strong warm hand with certain tonic qualities developed in the wearing. It should be kept over the seat of uneasiness for several days—in obstinate cases, for perhaps a fortnight." "For pain in the back wear an Allcock's Plaster constantly, renewing as it wears off. This is an invaluable support when the weight on the small of the back becomes heavy and the aching incessant."

BROWN'S WAREHOUSE Winston, N. C.

To Our Friends and the Readers of the Reporter :

We would say, begin the new year by selling your tobacco at the "Old Reliable," where you are sure to receive good attention and the Best Prices, for good prices are what you want and Brown's is the place to get them. This market sold in December 1,526,961 pounds of Tobacco for \$141,243.87 averaging \$9.25 per hundred. Brown's Warehouse sold 31 per cent of this, 471,898 pounds for \$45,312.67, averaging \$9.60. So we ask you to begin right and let John Simpson sell your tobacco this year and you will never regret it.

Hoping to see you early in January and wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year, we are,
Your Friends,

Brown, Carter & Simpson.

FIRST SALE DAYS :

JANUARY—Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
FEBRUARY—Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
MARCH—Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Order by Mail

If You Cannot Visit the Twin-City Busy Store.

We not only insure you against disappointment, but you have your own purchasing agent who will see that you secure the best. Any goods advertised will be sent subject to examination, and all charges prepaid on all purchases amounting to \$5.00 and over.

The Semi-Annual Clearance Sale

is now in progress and \$50,000 worth of desirable merchandise is being sacrificed including everything for Men, Women, Children and the Home except Furniture. Whatever your present wants may be, it will pay you to get in correspondence at once with your purchasing agent at the Busy Store.

ROSENBACHER'S

WINSTON, N. C.

To Heat Cold Rooms Quickly



Every house has its cold room. Abnormal weather conditions, inadequate stove or furnace heat often result in some particular part of the house being cold and cheerless. You can make home warm and cheerful with the

PERFECTION Oil Heater
(Equipped with Smokeless Device)

Carry it about from room to room. Turn wick high or low—there's no danger. Smokeless device prevents smoke and smell. Easy to operate as a lamp. All parts easily cleaned. Brass oil font beautifully embossed. Holds 4 quarts of oil and burns 9 hours. Gives intense heat. Two finishes—nickel and japan. Handsome, useful, reliable. Every heater warranted. If not at your dealer's write our nearest agency for descriptive circular.

The **Rayo Lamp** is the best lamp for all-round household use you can buy. Equipped with latest improved burner. Gives bright, steady light at lowest cost. Made of brass throughout and nickel plated. Suitable for any room whether library, dining-room, parlor or bedroom. Safe and satisfactory. Every lamp warranted. Write to nearest agency if not at your dealer's.

Standard Oil Company




This man bought a supply of tobacco without acquainting himself with the distinctive taste of SCHNAPPS Tobacco, which has the cheering qualities that gratify his desire to chew, and at less expense than cheap tobacco.

SCHNAPPS has been advertised in this paper so that every chewer has had an opportunity to get acquainted with the facts and know that drugs are not used to produce the cheering quality found in the famous Piedmont country flue-cured tobaccos, and that SCHNAPPS is what he ought to chew. Still there are chewers who accept other and cheaper tobaccos that do not give the same pleasure.

Some day they'll get a taste of the real Schnapps—they'll realize what enjoyment they've missed by not getting SCHNAPPS long ago—then they'll feel like kicking themselves.

SCHNAPPS is sold every cent cuts, and 10 and 15 c. Be sure you get the genuine.