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Miss Bess Smith has returned from a weeks visit in Richmond, Va., with Miss Lou Troutman.

Miss Emma Pitts is visiting relatives in Salisbury and Spencer. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blackwell, of Hickory, and Miss Wixie Rhyme, of Stanley spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sherrill.

Mrs. F. Y. Long is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Davis, in Statesville.

Mr. B. D. Graham, of Statesville, was a visitor in town Monday.

Miss Rozella Leonard, of the country, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Winona Leonard.

Miss Marion Long, of Newton, has been spending a few days in town, the guest of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry I. wrance, who have been visiting in the country, have returned to their home in Columbia S. C.

Miss Mary Lowrance, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lowrance, during the holidays, have returned to Davenport college.

Miss Fannie Abernethy, who is in school in Asheville spent the holidays at her home.

Miss Gladys Lowrance delightfully entertained the Young People's Home Mission society at her home Friday night.

Many, Many Thanks.

To the Editor of the Democrat.

We wish to thank the good people of our town for the many nice packages which they gave us on Thursday night before Christmas for the needy. Though the night was cold and rainy, we gathered up four wagon loads of good things, such as clothing, groceries, etc., and quite a number of families were made glad by the receipt of valuable boxes on Saturday before Christmas. We have clothed a number of children who have spent the winter without shoes or proper clothing, we have given cash donations ranging from one to five dollars each to widows, and orphans and sick people, and we still have enough clothing to cloth several dozen men, women and children, which we will give out as we find it needed. We also wish to thank Mr. Stone of the Gaiety Theatre, for his kindness in giving to us the proceeds from his show on Friday night before Christmas. This was by far the largest single gift which we received, and we can assure Mr. Stone that several humble heartstones in our town will be kept warm and bright during the cold winter days and night because of his generosity. Again we thank you, and wish for you a happy and prosperous year.

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Second Week

Hickory township: H. H. Abee, W. M. Hicks. Newton township: L. S. Fulbright, Albert Sigman.

Jacobs Fork township: M. L. Seitz, T. L. Yoder, R. T. Spengle, Caldwell township: Aaron Beal, G. C. Hildebrand, W. J. Jones, D. P. Turberfill, T. J. Bradshaw.

Bandy township: R. F. Weaver. Mt. Creek township: S. H. Howard, J. L. Gilleland, J. T. Edwards.

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West Bound Train No. 133, 11:14 a. m., daily " 47, 5:48 p. m. " For further information apply: JAS. KER, Jr., H. S. LEARD, T. P. A., R. P. A., Charlotte, N. C. Raleigh, N. C.

Carolina & North-Western R. R. Schedule Effective Oct. 22, 1911.

Northbound.	Daily Pass.	Mixed
No.	No.	No.
Chester Lv.	7 55 a m	1 00 p m
Yorkville	8 42	2 25
Gastonia	9 30	4 15
Lincolnton	10 26	5 40
Newton	11 05	6 46
Hickory	12 15 p m	7 40
Lenoir	1 30	8 30
Mortimer	2 53	9 55 a m
Edgemont Ar.	3 05	
Southbound.	No.	No.
Edgemont Lv.	12 00 m	
Mortimer	12 08	
Lenoir	1 23	7 00 a m
Hickory	2 30	8 25
Newton	3 05	9 15
Lincolnton	3 43	10 05
Gastonia	4 40	11 45
Yorkville	4 55	12 30 p m
Chester Ar.	6 25	3 50

CONNECTIONS. Chester.—Sou. Ry., S. A. L. and L. & C. Yorkville.—Southern Railway. Gastonia.—Southern Railway. Lincolnton.—S. A. L. Newton and Hickory.—Southern R. R. E. F. REID, G. P. A. gt., Chester, S. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson II.—First Quarter, For Jan. 14, 1912.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, Luke 1, 57-80. Memory Verses, 76, 77—Golden Text, Luke 1, 68—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

Will some one tell why the visit of Gabriel to Mary, with the most wonderful announcement ever made to any mortal, is wholly omitted, and the Christmas lesson of Dec. 24 again assigned for Feb. 4? It is not ours to reason why, but simply to pray, Lord talk with us by the way and open to us the Scriptures. May each one notice and firmly believe the assurance of the supernatural birth and Mary's acceptance of it, perhaps little dreaming the cost to herself of such an honor (verses 35, 38). Then notice the plain and simple prediction concerning the throne of David and the coming kingdom (verses 30-33). See Elizabeth and Zacharias filled with the Holy Spirit and note all their words (verses 41, 67). Observe carefully the R. V. of verse 37, "No word from God shall be void of power." I have in my mind associated with this Isa. li. "It shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please." When Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, said, "Blessed is she that believed, for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord" (verse 45), then Mary burst forth with, "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour," closing with, "As He spake to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever." Many of Mary's utterances remind us of Hannah's prayer or song in I Sam. ii, 1-10, closing with, "He shall give strength unto His King and exalt the horn of His anointed." This is the first reference to Christ as the Messiah or anointed one. Compare John 1, 41. The son of Elizabeth being born at the full time and the eighth day, or time for circumcision, having come, there was a little perplexity about a name for the boy, as some would have him called by his father's name, but his mother said, "He shall be called John." They made signs to his father, who to the surprise of all, wrote, "His name is John" (verses 57-63). See verse 13 and find the other six who were called by name before they were born, two of them several hundred years before, or at least one. Notice the release of Zacharias from his affliction which came upon him because of unbelief. Faith in Jesus Christ, the reception of Him as one's personal Saviour, not only delivers from the wrath to come, but delivers from all bondage. The truth shall make you free. If the Son shall make you free ye shall be free indeed (John viii, 32, 36). The hand of the Lord upon the child reminds us that he was to be filled with the Spirit from his birth (verses 15, 66), and the two sayings make us think of Ezek. iii, 14; viii, 3. This is your need and mine, dear reader, the hand of the Lord upon us and the Holy Spirit filling and controlling. From verse 67 to the last verse of the chapter we have the sayings of Spirit-filled Zacharias, telling us of the kingdom which would have come had the people been willing to receive John and Jesus and the kingdom, but which, because of their rejection of all, is still in abeyance, waiting for the King to come again in glory to set up His kingdom of peace and righteousness. He had spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets in all the Old Testament Scriptures concerning a kingdom to include all nations, with Israel a redeemed people at the center (verses 68-75; Ps. lxxii, 11, 18; lxxvii, 1-7; Isa. ii, 1-4; lx, 1-22, and everywhere). The prophets told, however, of a Messiah who would be despised and rejected and be cut off and have nothing as well as a Messiah who as son of David would sit on David's throne (Isa. llii; Dan. vii, 13, 14; lx, 26 margin), but they did not tell of the long interval of this present age between the sufferings and the glory, when during the postponement of the kingdom and the scattering of Israel He will gather out by the gospel a people to share His glory and reign with Him when the kingdom comes. This was reserved to be communicated to Paul and through him to us, see Rom. xvi, 25-27; xi, 25-27; Eph. iii. Concerning the postponement of the kingdom until His return see Luke xix, 11-13; Acts iii, 20, 21, and notice the joyful worship of the disciples when they understood that He would come again in due time to fulfill all the prophecies concerning His kingdom (Luke xxiv, 25-27, 44-53). The words of Zacharias and of all the prophets shall be as literally fulfilled as were all the predictions concerning His birth and humiliation, and the time draws ever nearer. Meantime while we wait for the literal fulfillment on Israel we may find in our lives, as His redeemed ones by His precious blood, many a fulfillment and manifestation of these precious words. If we are in Christ we are delivered from the wrath to come and are the seed of Abraham and joint heirs with Him of the whole world (I. Thess. i, 10; Rom. iv, 13; viii, 17; Gal. iii, 29). Whether salvation be individual or national, it must be through the house of David and the King of the Jews, for salvation is of the Jews, and there is none other (John iv, 22; Acts iv, 12). If we are His redeemed ones, waiting for the kingdom, we may by His grace serve Him without fear in holiness and righteousness.

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