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**WILL YOU ABIDE BY THE PRIMARY?**

The boys in the voting ranks are asking the candidates some questions this year. It is the way to have representative government. Mr. J. D. Elliott, candidate for the State Senate, in the last issue of the Democrat, answered questions propounded to him by Messrs. C. M. Yoder and P. L. Yount, of the county. It is due to Mr. Elliott to say that his answers are frank and full and that he has the nerve to print them in the press. He comes out squarely and fairly in favor of a six months term for the public schools and for a parcels post.

The Democrat would like to ask a question of Messrs. Elliott and J. U. Long, so far the only two avowed candidates for the State Senate.

It is well known that Mr. Elliott is a Kitchin man and Mr. Long a Simmons man for United States Senator. The four candidates for the U. S. Senate have agreed on a senatorial primary. No doubt the Democratic State committee will accede to the wishes of the candidates and provide for a primary. The people are asking what the candidates will do in this matter, and the question the Democrat would like Mr. Elliott and Mr. Long to answer is this:

If either of you gentlemen is elected in this senatorial district composed of Lincoln and Catawba counties, will you give each candidate his proportionate strength, according as he has received it from the vote of the district? And will you fully carry out the plan adopted by the executive committee, in case of no popular choice at the polls?

**NEWTON'S EXAMPLE.**

We find a note of cheer in the last issue of the Newton Enterprise. It says:

Our Hickory friends should not be discouraged if they find opposition and indifference to the bond election at the beginning of their campaign. When we started out in this township to make a survey of the situation, after the election was ordered, it was found that the majority was 2 to 1 against us. But organized, systematic work and intelligent publication of facts soon began to take effect. By the middle of the campaign we began to see that the trend was decidedly favorable, and during the last week it was only a question of majority. We believe that Hickory has less formidable obstacles to overcome than Newton had.

This is possibly true. We are glad that our contemporary feels this way about it but still we are meeting with some surprising discouragements and will have more obstacles to overcome than a body might think.

But the example of Newton township is certainly inspiring, and it is going to pull for Hickory township's bonds like the moon pulls the tide. Newton township made a beautiful fight against odds and won.

The Democrat is printing in this issue a communication from Mr. H. J. Reitzel, of Conover, which we should have published before. It is one of the strangest war instances we ever heard. It deserves to be copied in the press and if the man who had the ramrod taken out of his head is still living, he ought to write to Mr. Reitzel.

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL.**

Lesson XII.—First Quarter, For March 24, 1912.

**THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.**

Text of the Lesson, Mark ii, 13-22. Memory Verses, 16, 17—Golden Text, Mark ii, 17—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

The call of Matthew, the first part of today's lesson, is found in Matthew and Luke, as well as in Mark. But the rest of the lesson, including Matthew's entertainment, and the parables of the new and old cloth and the new and old wine are found only in Mark and Luke. In all the acts and words of Jesus we must see God the Father, remembering such words as these: "I can of mine own self do nothing." "The Father who sent Me gave me a commandment, what I should say and what I should speak." "The Father who dwelleth in me, He doeth the works" (John v, 30; xii, 49; xiv, 10). His compassion upon the multitude and His readiness to teach them, no matter how weary He was, is our example that we may follow His steps in this as well as in His meekness and patience (1 Pet. ii, 21).

Matthew the publican (Matt. x, 3), or Levi, as he is called by Mark and Luke, may have been turning to Christ in his heart, as probably Zaccheus did, while continuing with doubt in his unpopular calling and longing to be done with it. We might infer this from the readiness with which he left all and rose up and followed Jesus. Many are still being called, but few are ready to follow so promptly. Something of Matthew's gratitude because Jesus called him is seen in the great feast which he made for Jesus in his own house, inviting a great company of publicans and sinners thereto. To see Him eat with publicans and sinners was to the self-righteous Pharisees a great stumbling block, for it was their way to have no fellowship with such nor any love for their souls, rather to pass by on the other side of the street and to say, "God, I thank Thee that I am not as other men \* \* \* or even as this publican" (Luke xviii, 11). They never said anything more beautiful or true concerning Him than when they said, "This man receiveth sinners and eateth with them" (Luke xv, 2). The words of Jesus to them at this time are both a parable and its explanation, the parable being, "They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick," and His explanation of it, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

These words and those concerning the old and new cloth and wine are found also in Matt. ix, 10-17, and seemingly in the same connection as here, but according to the gospel harmony the record in Matthew referred to a later incident. Be that as it may, His words are more than time or place, and we know that He did repeat some of His words—as, for example, the Sermon on the Mount and the Sermon on the Plain (Matt. v to viii and Luke vi, 17-49).

The righteous whom He did not come to call are spoken of in Luke xviii, 9, as "certain ones which trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others." We know that in the matter of true righteousness, as God sees it and desires it, "there is none righteous—no, not one." But there are those who, "being ignorant of God's righteousness and going about to establish their own righteousness, do not submit themselves to the righteousness of God" (Rom. xii, 10; x, 3).

To associate the disciples of John and of the Pharisees seems like a very bad combine, but some of John's disciples were no doubt from the Pharisees and, like too many church folks of today, had not dropped their mere formalities. In Zech. viii we read that when the people inquired of the Lord as to whether they should continue certain fasts or not He asked them, "Did ye fast at all to Me, even to Me?" Then He told them what true fasting in His sight was (Zech. vii, 4-10; Isa. lviii, 6-10). Note how He speaks of Himself as the Bridegroom and His disciples as the children of the bride chamber, no doubt looking onward to the marriage of the Lamb of Rev. xix. We might well ask: Where is now the fasting because of the Bridegroom's absence? Where are those who long for His return, who rejoice greatly because of His voice, glad to decrease if only He may increase? (John iii, 29, 30.)

There is much patchwork in the teaching of our day which is directly contrary to the teaching of our Lord concerning the necessity of a new birth. The old garment of our unrighteousness cannot be mended. It must be a new garment throughout, even the garment of Christ's righteousness which He has provided at such infinite cost (1 Cor. v, 21; Rom. x, 4). However unpopular the doctrine may be, it is most plainly written that "the carnal mind is enmity against God, for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (Rom. viii, 7). Not a shred of Adam and Eve's fig leaf aprons could be tolerated. The coats of skins were all sufficient. We must sing from the heart the words of Isa. lxi, 10. The so-called new thought or new theology will not do, for it is not of God and must therefore be from the adversary, who flatters man by telling him that he is all right and only needs some improvement, which he himself can easily accomplish.

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We want to ask our correspondents please to let us have their letters not later than every Monday. If anything important develops after that hour they may send us a card or 'phone us at our expense. This is necessary to get out early in the week. The bulk of the Democrat's news comes in Tuesday and Wednesday, and it is delaying the paper too much. Hereafter no type will be set on Thursday and the paper will go out into the city and into the afternoon mails on Thursday afternoon.

This will also make it necessary for all ads and changes of ads to be in not later than Wednesday at midday.

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<input type="checkbox"/> UNDERWOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> ROOSEVELT
<input type="checkbox"/> CLARK	<input type="checkbox"/> LA FOLLETTE
<input type="checkbox"/> HARMON	

..... Voter.

**THE NURSE.**

S. F. W.  
 A scent of drugs, a sifted mean,  
 The low moon gleaming ray  
 Upon the floor; the tide goes out,  
 The long night wears away.

About one cot the shielding screen  
 Is folded close; for one  
 The conflict and the agony,  
 The torture and the strife—are done.  
 For me are still the anguish years,  
 The striving to be strong;  
 The yearning after vanished joys—  
 "Master, how long? how long?"

A gleam of light, a step upon the floor,  
 A form beside my bed;  
 Healing and comfort, sympathy and help,  
 Though not a word be said.

Soft is her touch and tender,  
 Low is her voice and sweet,  
 Strong are her arms for service,  
 Swift are her willing feet.

Patient is she and faithful,  
 Eager to ease the pain,  
 Gentle with all who suffer,  
 Hopeful for strength again.

Source of our joy and our sorrow,  
 Giver of death and of life,  
 Bless and sustain her in sorrow,  
 Help her in peace or in strife.

Pour out Thy comforts upon her,  
 With her Thy peace still abide,  
 Peace which the world giveth never,  
 Under thy wings may she hide.

DEDICATION:  
 (To the nurses who have cared for me in hours of pain and weakness, or soldiers in the fight with death and pain.)

**Endorses Mr. Drum.**

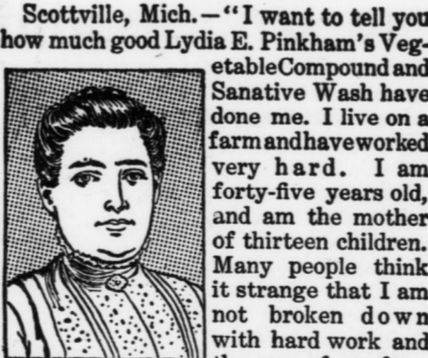
To the Editor of the Democrat.  
 Noticing that there are several candidates for county treasurer, I want to add my endorsement to what Mr. R. R. Campbell has so ably said about Mr. G. P. Drum. I have known him all his life and know from personal acquaintance and almost daily contact with him that he is in every way qualified to fill the very important office. Besides, he is a poor hard-working man, doing work that he is not physically able to do on account of injuries received several years ago. The Democratic party would bestow a well-deserved favor on Mr. Drum, one that would be highly appreciated by him, if it nominates and elects him; and to fail to do so would prove hurtful to the party, for I believe his name on the ticket would add as much if not more strength than any other man in the county.  
 I will close by urging everybody to vote for Mr. Drum.  
 With best wishes for the Democrat,  
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