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So Lies the Heathen World at the Rich Church's Feet

Unconsciously, unintentionally, providentially, no doubt, the dominant note at the laymen's convention last Thursday seemed to be that of stewardship. When business men talk to business men (and men are the natural money-makers,) it is to be expected that the line of talk would drift that way.

A great diamond in the rough was Dr. C. F. Reid, of the Southern Methodist church. He was an actor, expressing as much in gesture and expression as in massive sentences. Fearless, his satire of the "complacent" church, which gave more for the church steeple and the soloist who could reach the highest "G," than for its benevolent and mission work, was merciless.

The very incarnation of intense earnestness was Dr. Livius Lankford, president of the Norfolk Medical Society. He startled his four boys by telling them that "he didn't want them to make him a pauper in Heaven" by leaving his money to them. He had given them a good education each. Now, as he had only one missionary in the foreign field, he wanted to support four more, and therefore would have to cut them out of his will.

Dr. Lankford defended the title as the least a Christian man could give to God. "Don't wait, men," he said, "till two doctors are holding a whispered consultation next to your sick room and the trained nurse is tip-toeing through the house, to settle this tithe business."

President Jos. H. Apple of the Reformed church presided with dignity and ability.

Other able speeches were made by Dr. Apple, ex-solicitor Spainhour of Burke, State Secretary Padgett; Dr. H. K. Boyer, Dr. Byron Clark, and Field Secretary J. G. Rupp of Philadelphia, of the Reformed church.

There were many helpful conferences on Missionary methods.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. E. Bryan Jones has just returned from a very successful trip through Illinois and Ohio.

Rev. C. H. King is a delegate to the General Conference next week at Kansas City.

Gov. Kitchin has appointed President R. L. Fritz, of Lenoir College, a delegate to the Southern Sociological Congress at Nashville, Tenn., May 7-10.

Miss Natalie Ballou, who is teaching in Morganton, spent Saturday with her niece, Mrs. Earnest Herman.

President R. L. Fritz will deliver the address at the Startown High School commencement, Friday May 3. His subject will be Building the Country.

Mr. John Lowe, Hickory's fine young seaman, recently came home after long service on the Colorado, entertained his kinsman, Rev. J. H. Shuford, at the Huffry Tuesday.

The whole city will be grieved to hear of the increasing illness of Mr. J. H. Shuford at the Richard Baker Hospital under the dreaded Bright's disease. Mr. Shuford has been ill for some months and does not mend.

Mrs. June Abernethy was pleasantly surprised at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Weaver near Hickory on her 71 birthday, Apr. 20. Three generations of descendants were represented. A great dinner was served. A fuller account will appear next week.

Mr. Wade H. Harris, the able editor of the Charlotte News, spent several days here this week. Wade always likes to come to a place that does things like Hickory. He greatly enjoyed a visit to the Creamery.

Miss Myrtle and Lucile Little learned Monday of the death of their grandfather, Squire W. C. McCoy, of Mecklenburg county. He was a pleasant old gentleman and made many friends during visits to this city.

Mr. Frank Allen has opened a dry goods store in the store room where Mr. T. E. Field ran his store for 40 years. It is not improbable that he may yet add a line of groceries. He is already buying eggs, butter and chickens. Mr. Allen welcomes the farmers to hitch as of yore, in his back lot. See his ad in this issue.

Capt. Chalmers Hall, brother of Mr. George W. Hall, and now stationed at Ft. Leavenworth, has had patented an invention which is likely to make him a fortune. It is a device for automatic regulation of the speed of automobiles, throwing them from low to high gear or vice versa without the use of a lever by hand. They automatically slow up according to the grade of the hill they come to. Automobile experts pin their faith to it and believe it will stand the test. If it does, Capt. Hall, Hickory wants you to come here and build your factory to manufacture your invention.

The Catawba Co. Live Stock association meets May 11 at the Dutch Dairy Farms.

Officer Newton won the first Regiment silver cup at the Gastonia target practice, scoring 135 out of a possible 150.

Webb will hardly have any opposition at the 9th district convention at Gastonia June 9.

Mrs. Senora Gray and little Margaret are visiting friends and relatives in Greenville and other places in South Carolina.

A call is signed by Messrs. G. E. Bisaner, S. M. Hamrick and J. F. Abernethy, committee, for nominating city officers, at the City Hall tonight.

The commencement at Claremont will be as follows: May 12, sermon, Rev. J. G. Garth, May 13, 3 to 5 p. m., art exhibit, May 13, 8 p. m. commencement concert, May 14, 8 p. m. graduation exercises. Address by J. L. Avery, esq., Morganton, N. C.

The Quarterly Conference for the Connelly Springs and Rutherford college circuit Methodist church, will embrace next Saturday and Sunday at Bollinger's chapel, near Valdeese. Communion after the 11 o'clock service Sunday.

At the Thornton Academy of Music tomorrow night appear the Troubadours, entertainers and musicians, who are brought here under the auspices of Messrs. Hugh D'Anna and Horace Lutz, who favor Hickory every year with some fine musical attraction. The programme includes the amphitheatre scene from the last days of Pompeii.

Prof. H. A. Hayes, Miss Bray, a teacher, and a class of sixteen orphans from the Methodist Children's Home at Winston, gave an entertainment at the Methodist church Tuesday night which was greatly enjoyed by a large congregation. This institution is doing a great work and richly deserves the support which the Methodist people are giving it.

John Byrd, aged about 70, died of a stroke of paralysis Thursday, April 18, at 11 o'clock p. m. He was stricken about 6 o'clock. The body was shipped to Durham, Friday for interment, accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Alona. Three sons and one daughter also survive, namely: Charlie, William, Dippie, Hettie and his wife.

Messrs. Geo. W. Crabtree and Alfred Palmer, two hustling young restaurant men, have bought out Willis cafe, and combining a syllable of each partner's name, will call their place, "The Palmtree Cafe." Mr. Crabtree is from Atlanta and Mr. Palmer from Vineland, N. J.

"Willis" has been a popular eating house for years, and these young men will keep up its old time reputation and prestige. The Democrat calls attention to their ad in this issue.

Hickory is to have the good fortune to secure as residents Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Smith, of Charlotte, who have bought the old Dr. W. H. Nicholson suburban place near the city, and will move in at once. He bought it from Mr. S. L. Shell. Mr. Smith will build and manage the new \$300,000 cotton mill at Rhodhiss, to which place he will have easy access from here by motor or other vehicle, especially when we get our new sand clay roads. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have ten children, and the whole city welcomes this interesting and charming family.

Miss Margaret Ingold Bost's brilliant graduating recital at the school of expression at Claremont Monday night was attended. The versatility of Miss Bost and her ability to adapt herself to any phase of human nature were remarkable. She acquitted herself with great credit in "Her First Recital," "The Whistling Regiment," "What Happened," "Potion Scene, Romeo and Juliet," "The Baby's Soliloquy," "Taking an Elevator," and "The Angel's Serenade." Miss Bost was assisted by Miss Bardin, Rutledge, Essie Rowe, Frances Geitner, Mrs. J. H. Shuford and Mr. K. B. Patterson during her recital. The ushers were: Misses Mary Allen, Constance Bost Glady's Reid, Mrs. E. B. Menzies was her teacher.

Deserved promotion will come to Agent Harry H. Little when he leaves for Washington next week to become travelling baggage inspector for the Southern Railway. Mr. Little has for two years been the agent here. Handsome, genial, courteous, the Southern Railway never had a finer representative anywhere. He will make good on his new job and keep a climbing, though everybody is sorry to say good bye. His leaving causes a step up all along the line of the fine bunch of young men in the busy railroad offices here: Mr. H. H. Miller succeeds Mr. Little; Mr. Roy B. Stapp succeeds Mr. Miller as ticket agent; Mr. E. N. Carr, Mr. Stapp as bill clerk, Mr. Ainsley Yoder, Mr. Carr at the claim desk; and Mr. Herman Kiser goes from yard clerk to the freight house. The change is effective tomorrow.

The Smith Greater Shows.

Mr. C. A. Moser, fire chief, has returned from Statesville where he saw the Smith Greater Shows, which will be here all next week for the benefit of the fire department, and he declares that that they are "clean, moral and up-to-date," the most attractive feature being the big, trained animal circus with performing lions, tigers, leopards, jaguars, pumas, hyenas, bears, monkeys, boar hounds and many other animals. All are in a big steel arena at the same time with America and Europe's foremost trapezes in charge. They give a wonderful and thrilling exposition of wild animal training.

There are ten other high class attractions, such as Colored Aristocracy, Mechanical Wonder, Palace of Wonders, Daffodil, Alma and many others.

At the winters quarters at Augusta, Ga., the show spent several thousand dollars repairing, so that everything is up-to-date. It is known by the press and public as one of the biggest, best and cleanest carnival companies touring the South today.

This show was organized in 1894 by C. Smith and he has spared no expense to make it the biggest and best in the world. It is not a lot of wild men shows with ragged tents but everything is new and up-to-date, and is worth the patronage of all, a show that satisfies and pleases everybody from bootblack to banker.

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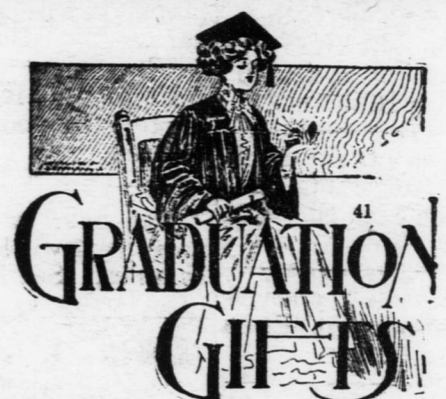
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