

To the People of Monroe and Union County:

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

THINK!

THEN ACT!

Be fair with yourself.

If you have anything to sell bring it to us and we will pay you as much as the other fellow.

If you want to buy any Dry Goods, Groceries or Hardware, why not buy it from the store that will furnish the best goods at the lowest price.

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SKETCHES

If Rev. Robert P. Walker of Albemarle, editor of the Baptist Messenger, is not publishing a denominational paper, he ought to take his sign down, or quit being a vassal of the politicians.

In a communication in this issue, the Albemarle preacher, in reply to a recent editorial in The Journal, says the Messenger "is not a denominationally owned paper; neither is it endorsed by any association, convention or church. I am the sole owner, editor and manager of the paper. So, in view of these facts, I have a perfect right to print whatever I may choose in those columns." Certainly he has. There is no law against his absolute freedom of expression, but by exercising this right he abuses his ministerial robes. All protestant denominations stand for absolute separation of church and state, and it was never intended that a minister of the gospel should stoop to narrow partisanship. Rev. Mr. Walker has a right to vote, and to express his opinions openly, but not from the pulpit, or in a church paper, (and that is the brand of the Messenger because he admits that its mission is the upbuilding of the Albemarle Baptist church.)

Rev. Mr. Walker must also remember that he did more than acknowledge Congressman Doughton's \$25 contribution. He went on to say that "he (Congressman Doughton) is a great power for righteousness in his community. We have always admired him for his christian statesmanship. Few men are loved like 'Farmer Bob,' as his friends lovingly call him. His record is clean." Following this eulogy of "Farmer Bob's" christian statesmanship, we read further: "The Baptist Messenger is not a political organ in any sense of the word, but we do say that we should not speak of making any change in our law makers at Washington at this time. This is no time for job-hunters." Now we leave it up to our readers if this is not an exhibition of cheap partisanship wholly unbecoming to a minister. No matter if the Messenger is not denominationally owned, Rev. Mr. Walker admits being the author of the above words. Congressman Doughton bargained better than he thought. Instead of giving \$25 to a church building fund, he has bought several hundred dollars' worth of good church advertising, awfully cheap at the price.

Certainly it was not a matter of politics in the mind of Hon. R. L. Doughton, nor on my part," says the Albemarle gentleman in his communication. Of course not, Congressman Doughton, being a "christian statesman," makes it a point to contribute to all church building funds. As he is not a member of the Albemarle church, nor a resident of Stanley county, some Talon county churches might get an addition to their building funds by acquainting the Congressman with their needs. From the way Rev. Mr. Walker writes, they would certainly get a check from Mr. Doughton.

Men of taste never quote Scripture

In support of their arguments, but since Rev. M. Walker believes he has divine injunction to meddle in politics, it might be proper to refer him to Luke 4: 16 so he can read Christ's mission on earth. "The spirit of the Lord is upon me," says Christ, "because he hath anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor; He hath sent me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind; to set at liberty them that are bruised." Therefore, if the Albemarle pastor bases his mission on the quotation, "Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's," his theology needs revising. In true christian spirit, Rev. Mr. Walker says he is ready to excuse us of our great blunder if we will just be more careful next time. We thank him for his great compassion. In the language of the scriptures, "Well done thou good and faithful servant." Like the Catholic priest, he is always ready to hear confessions, but never confesses himself. Since receiving his communication, we went to see some prominent Monroe Baptists, who are more familiar with the creeds of that church than we are. To a man they agreed that Rev. Mr. Walker had over-stepped his bounds in mailing out Doughton literature in a paper bearing the name of "Baptist" at its masthead.

The references to Mr. Doughton by Rev. Mr. Walker were clipped from the Albemarle Enterprise. Not knowing that the Messenger was merely a little church organ, or pamphlet, we took it for granted that it was a paper of wide circulation and influence. It may not have been Rev. Mr. Walker's intention to aid Congressman Doughton's campaign, but his article was used as such by the Albemarle Enterprise. Neighboring journalists know that the Enterprise is a strong Democrat supporter. Consequently, it was ready to publish anything tending to aid its political idol towards retaining his seat in Congress. There is no other conclusion. Rev. Mr. Walker's remarks were used as campaign material even if he did not intend them to be construed as such.

The Journal harbors no enmity towards Rev. M. Walker. Personally, he is unknown to us. It was our hope to check the growing tendency of church interest in politics by citing his misapplication. If we have contributed something towards that end, we are satisfied.

Death of Former Resident.

M. L. A. Osborne, a former resident of this county, died in Seneca, South Carolina, where he moved from this county 18 years ago, on May 9. He was 71 years old and a Confederate veteran. He was twice married. The first time to Miss Donna Black. Two children survive to this union. They are Mrs. A. E. Osborne of Seneca, and Mrs. D. A. Thwaitt of this county. The second time he was married to Miss Cullie Parker. To this union four children survive. They are: Mrs. Roxey Dowers, Miss Effie Osborne, Miss L. J. Osborne and Mr. Malcolm Osborne all of Seneca. Interment was at Hopewell, S. C.

Some Lather!
Five thousand sticks of shaving soap went in one shipment from this country to the Y. M. C. A. in France for the American soldiers.

When the donkey saw the zebra, He began to switch his tail: "Well, I never!" was his comment: "There's a mule that's been in jail."

Your Savings.

What are you doing with them? Are you letting them dribble out, a little here and a little there, for things that will be of little if any benefit to you? Or are you keeping them intact so they may grow into a respectable sum that will count when you see the chance for a good investment?

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"I'm afraid that's all I can spare"

You're a regular, red-blooded, true-blue American. You love your country. You love that flapping, snapping old flag. Your heart humps hard when the troops tramp by. You're loyal—100 per cent.

You intend to—you want to—help win the war in a hurry.

"Sacrifice? Sure," you've been thinking. "Just you wait till they really need it." And you've honestly thought you meant that too.

But—look yourself in the eye, now, and search up and down inside of your heart—did you mean it? Did you really mean "sacrifice"?

Listen: You feel poor. The third Liberty Loan, the high prices, the Income Tax—you've done your bit. You feel that you've given all you can spare.

What? Then what did you mean? What's that you said about loving your country? What did you think the word "Sacrifice" means?

Surely you didn't mean, did you, to give only what you can spare? What about our boys who are giving our lives in the trenches? Are they giving only what they can "spare"?

How about those mothers and little "kiddies" in the shell-wrecked towns of that war-swept hell:— hungry—ragged— sobbing— alone? Giving up their homes, their husbands, their fathers.

While we—over here with our fun and our comforts—we hold up our heads and feel patriotic because we have given—what? Some loose bills off the top of our roll. "We've given all we can spare!"

Come, come! Let's quit fooling ourselves. Let us learn what "sacrifice" means. Let us give more than we can spare—let us "give till the heart says stop."

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