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A GREAT MEETING.

I have been repeatedly requested by my friends Doctor Ridley of Atlanta, and Rev. Thad F. Deitz of Bryson City, to inform the readers of the Journal, particularly those residing in Jackson and contiguous counties, about the Western North Carolina Bible Conference to be held at Sylva for ten days and nights, beginning August 2nd, Approximo.

I, myself know precious little of the Bible and practice infinitely less of it, but always on sober, second thought I am an orthodox believer in the divinity of it and would not have my children believe otherwise for any earthly consideration. I am not only concerned that my own blood should be believers but that the rising generation should learn that the Bible is not only the central sun in the universal system of literature, but that it is the revelation of the Divine Will toward man. It is at this very point that men partways—become believing or skeptical, faithful or agnostic, orthodox or infidelic. It is whether the Bible is the mere product of human intellect alone unaided, or whether the Bible is stamped with divine authority, is animated by the life eternal and holds for man the issues of life and death.

Our learned and Christian President—Mr. Wilson—in an address delivered recently in the city of Denver, said: "I ask of every man and woman in this audience that

from this night on they will realize that part of the destiny of America lies in their daily perusal of this great book of revelations—that if they would see America free and pure they will make their own spirits free and pure by this baptism of the Holy Scriptures."

It is precisely a faith such as our great President here evinces that this Bible Conference proposes to develop and inculcate by a ten days study of the Scriptures.

It is admitted by men such as Wm. J. Bryan, who are keen and penetrative observers of the signs of the times, that "the faith once delivered to the saints," if not now on the decline is in great danger of it. Great assemblies and chautauqs of national and international scope are being held for the prime purpose of preventing this decline and for the restoration of the faith of the fathers.

Every local community cannot have access to these great religious convocations, and it is for this very reason that the Western North Carolina Bible Conference is being established. It is to afford all the people of Jackson, Macon Swain, and other neighboring counties to hear the Holy Scriptures expounded from the true Pauline, orthodox, evangelical standpoint, by the most competent of authority; it is to point the people to the ancient illumined paths, and to exhort them to heed the divine injunction to "Search the Scriptures" which is of no less importance. I repeat no less importance: the Bible itself is authority for the statement that "The Scriptures are so plain that a fool though a wayfaring man need not err therein." A plain, unlettered man can learn the truth and save himself by the help of the Holy Scriptures which he is fitted to understand. Now I am going to use the good old social pronoun "we" and ask question: If we, that includes all the ministers excepted. If we would read the Bible just plainly, simply, faithfully in the manner of the wayfaring man and our forefathers and mothers, and one half as diligently and zestfully as we read the current newspaper and fiction, would we know any more about it? Now it is the province of this Conference not to answer any question of mine but to discuss similar vital phases of this great subject.

Now the days will be devoted to this kind of employment—the study of the Scripture and no man, woman or child in reach should miss a single day.

The nights will be set apart for revival services and the ten nights promises to constitute the greatest religious awakening since the sacred and historic campmeetings of our grandmothers.

There will be present a noble array of the finest preaching talent these mountains have produced. That's saying a large thing but all we ask is that you not miss the "Queen of Sheba" test. But you might take our word for it, so you might!

To start with we are going to have our own boys—our mountain triumvirate—Deitz, Cowan and Ridley—of whom every man, woman and child in Jackson, Macon and Swain are albut whimsically partial and zealously proud. Proud of them because they stepped off in life on the right foot, "chose the better part," if you please, and have proven pure gold through every trial of Christian manhood and, despite the caprices of circumstances or fortune, have builded each a stainless and influential name. How incomparably grander these young careers than those laid under tribute to appetite, passion or avarice. And it all depends, my young friend, on the first step, and whether that step leads into the hateful "valley of the dragon" or to the sunlit "delectable mountains." This great meeting will help you to decide on this step.

And we are going to have some of the biggest old-time gospel orators that we can rake and scrape "from off." We are going to have Dr. Rich of Georgia, and Dr. Bird—our own genial, consecrated, eloquent Dr. Bird of Greensboro, and others and others. And the thing's going to be Baptist and Methodist and any "ist" that believes in God and thinks it could repent and live better.

And Thad Deitz is going to be boss and there's going to be no kick coming for everybody loves Thad in these mountains from "Shut In" to "Bone Valley and from Clingman's Dome to "Chunky Gal."

And Sylva folks—taken like Joe Messer took took the Lord—"up one side and down the other"—are as "clever" as any and they are going to open their doors and let them stay open, and they are going to do their very best to make their neighbors and the stranger feel at home.

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W. W. ALLISON ATTEMPTS SUICIDE BY SHOOTING

W. W. Allison of South Solon, Ohio, who has been in the city about two months seeking to regain his health, attempted suicide last night about 7 o'clock in his room in the Monarch hotel. He shot himself over the right eye with a .32 calibre revolver, the bullet penetrating the brain. The injured man was taken immediately to the Mission hospital and was attended by Dr. Arthur F. Reeves. It was stated today that he is still unconscious and that little hope is entertained for his recovery.

In the injured man's room were found two sealed letters, one addressed to Mrs. Allison at South Solon, and the other to Miss Janet Jackson at Tryon. Telegrams telling of the attempted suicide were sent to each of these parties by Chief of Police Lyerly, but nothing has been heard from either. Another letter to Manager Yellin of the Monarch was found in Allison's pocket, which seems to explain in a disconnected way his rash act. The letter was as follows:

"Mr. Yellin: Tell my family at Solon, Ohio. They will pay you and Mr. More. I can only write a while. My mind sinking but God knows all. The struggle is hard but I have done right. Have prayed since January 1 that God would help me quit drinking and have prayed since I came from home to be delivered from bad women. God has answered my prayers, but still I have failed. Life has been to hard, struggling and misfortunes, ever since a long time ago at Niagara Falls. My spirit won't last I have been praying. I know God wont hate me. I have as Matthew said, forgive your enemies, and God will forgive me. If men condemn me for the wrong I have done God won't. My heart is almost breaking now with sorrow for the suffering of my family but God knows I have tried to help myself. O, my dear family."

It is also learned from people who had been in touch with Allison's affairs that he was in bad financial condition and had been worrying considerably over this.—Gazette.

Sylva has a fine hall, well lighted and ventilated and the people will have their comfort and happiness carefully looked after.

Now this initial Conference is already an assured success. It is going to be the greatest religious meeting in thirty years, but the management headed by Revs. Deitz, Cowan and Ridley are especially desirous that the farmers and their wives and children begin, now, to prepare to attend every session and service of the Conference. This Conference is for you and for all. It is your Conference. I have written in the interest of my family, neighbors and the public.

For programs of the Conference write Rev. J. M. Bennett, Sylva, or other information, M. D. Cowan, Sylva, or Rev. T. F. Deitz, General Manager, Bryson City.

Sincerely yours,
JAMES H. CATHEY.

J. M. BENNETT RESIGNS

The resignation of Rev. J. M. Bennett as pastor of the Sylva Baptist church which was tendered the church Sunday morning comes as a surprise to the church and the people of Sylva. However, it is not to take effect until the first of October, Mr. Bennett making it that way in order to give the church plenty of time for consideration.

Mr. Bennett has been pastor of Sylva Baptist church for nearly three years, coming here in December 1911. During that time he has served the church and town conscientiously and to the best of his ability. He is universally esteemed and loved by the people he has served.

JACK BURTON IS GIVEN 30 YEARS FOR MURDER

NEGRO PLEADED GUILTY ON CHARGE OF SHOOTING.

In Superior court this morning, Jack Burton, the negro who killed two negro women in a dance hall on South French Broad avenue several months ago, pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree and was sentenced to serve 30 years in each case, at hard labor in the State prison, the sentence to be concurrent.

The remainder of the morning session was taken with the cases against John Dill, he being charged with retailing in several cases, with assault and with one larceny charge.

Yesterday afternoon Albert Hastings, a resident of Ohio, but who has been living in Black Mountain for several weeks, was before the court on a charge of criminal assault, and after hearing the evidence the judge gave the young man until next Friday to leave the state.

Pink Patton pleaded guilty in two cases charging him with retailing and was taxed with the costs and required to show good behavior for the next three years.

The case of H. L. Nettles was taken from the record of criminal term, the court holding it was a civil case.

GREATER W. N. C. A. SN. TO MEET

WEDNESDAY JULY 15TH 1913.

A meeting of the directors of the Greater Western North Carolina Association has been called for July 24th. The meeting will be held in Asheville, but the hour or place of meeting have not yet been decided on, and further notice will be mailed to the directors on these points, meantime we understand that Mr. W. W. Finley, the President of the Southern Railway Company, who will be in Asheville at this date, will be the principal speaker at the Association meeting, and that matters of much interest to the whole of Western North Carolina will be taken under consideration.

There will no doubt be a full attendance of the directors of the Association, and many who are not directors, but who are interested in the progress and development of our country, will make it a point to be present, as the meeting will not be limited to directors alone, and members of the Association will be heartily welcome.

Those of us who know the deep interest taken by Mr. Finley in everything that tends to the welfare of Western North Carolina look forward with pleasurable anticipation to his visit, and it is to be hoped that the deep interest he takes in our welfare, and the development of our natural resources, will be more than reflected by the corresponding interest evidenced by a large and representative gathering of Western North Carolinians to welcome him on the occasion of his visit.



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While Mr. Alley has moved to Waynesville, he will continue to take active part in the practice of law at Webster.