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LOCAL DOTS.

Brief Notes of Passing Events That May or May Not Interest You.

—Garden seed of all kinds at Mayberry's.

—Mr. A. M. Vannow is quite sick and unable to be out.

—Fresh Fish at 4 cents a pound at Mayberry's.

—There seems to be another wave of the grip in the county.

—Nice Ladies' shoes at Mayberry's at \$2.50.

—Surrey court this week—two weeks term. Alleghany county follows.

—Jesse McEwen has entered Prof. Wagoner's school at Trap Hill.

—The railroad is putting in a new trestle down at C. N. Hunt's.

—Mr. J. M. Wellborn has gone on a trip to Winston and Greensboro.

—There is talk of a hotel being built on the brushies this spring. We hope to see it accomplished.

—Mr. L. H. McKoy, of Durham, was in the city last week. He is a cousin of the Berrys at this place.

—The preparation the farmers are making point to large crops. Now is the time to get the land ready.

—Mr. Morrison and wife who have been visiting their son, C. F. Morrison of this place, returned home last week.

—Owing to the bad weather the Epworth League did not meet last week, but meets Wednesday night of this week.

—Bro. Robertson's lease on the North Wilkesboro News closed last week, but we are glad to note that he will continue as editor of the paper.

—By request of many who wished to read it we publish Col. Waddell's views on future punishment. The rest of the article will appear next week.

—Mr. F. F. Johnson, of Utah, is visiting relatives and friends in this county, who are glad to see him. He gave the CHRONICLE office a pleasant call last week.

—Mrs. Robert Hix's horse died on Wednesday morning of last week. It was a good, gentle horse, and it is a considerable loss. Bots caused the death.

—A new Masonic Lodge will be organized Friday at Shady Grove, near Osterville. Esq. W. A. Foster, of Wilkesboro Lodge is to be master of ceremonies.

—Hence Cheek and Bud Garis—they who attempted leg bail from court and were overtaken by Cranor's hound pups—were carried to Iredell last week, where they go to work on the roads for 12 months.

—The school at New Hope closed Thursday of last week, a pleasant series of exercises, such as speeches, recitations and so forth. The students we understand acquitted themselves well.

—One day last week we were visited by a fight lively little snow, very few of which flakes fell here in the valley, but there was a regular storm along the Blue Ridge on the one side and the Brushies on the other. It fell to two and three inches deep in some places, but it did not remain very long on the ground.

—Mayberry is getting in a nice lot of goods for the spring and summer trade. Call and see them.

—Asbury Combs was tried before U. S. Commissioner Cranor Monday, on the charge of counterfeiting, but was acquitted. He had been in jail here a week or so.

—Hon. W. H. Bower, while here last week, gave an order to the Wilkesboro Marble Works for a beautiful monument to be placed at the grave of his father.

—Those who attended the exhibition at Wright's School House last Saturday report a fine time. The exercises were good and everything went along pleasantly.

—Court closed Saturday morning. A good number of civil cases were disposed of. Owing to circumstances we were unable to report the cases this week, but will next week.

—Joe Prevette and Ferris Howell were carried to Raleigh last week to serve out the time allotted them in the penitentiary. Prevette goes in for six months and Howell for 12 months.

—Mrs. J. O. Rousséau, has placed with the Hix Clothing Store some beautiful four-in-hand summer neck-ties, linen and silk hand made. They can be washed without injury to the ties. You should see how pretty they are.

—The Federal court meets at Greensboro on Tuesday following the first Monday in April. The following are the Jurors from this county:—H. Kendall, W. M. Lee, W. M. Myers, C. I. Smith, col. There is one colored man in the number.

—Mr. Paul Chatham of Elkin, was in the city the first of the week, accompanied by the tailor which the Chatham M'f'g Co. employed, taking orders for their tailor made clothing. This company has just recently added this department to their business.

—Mr. Joel Ferguson, of Lewis Fork, was in town during court. He is quite an aged gentleman. He was diked up in his broad cloth coat, which he had bought 40 years ago. The coat appeared as good and sleek and "shiny" as when first bought. In these days of modern improvements, we never get any such cloth as this, that will last forty years and still be as good as new.

—There is a lot of wild geese now along the Yadkin Valley. The report is that there are large flocks up about the Go-shen bottoms. There was a considerable number of them in Finley and Hackett bottom Monday. Ed Vannoy shot one with a rifle, breaking its wing. Ed took a notion to save its life and tame it. And so he procured the services of young Dr. Cotrell, who amputated the wing with skill, but with some fear and trembling. The goose seems to be doing well.

—East Cairo a negro village, just east of Wilkesboro, enjoyed a sensation the first of the week. Bert Barber colored in dicted three colored citizens for breaking into his wholesale establishment and stealing three cans of sardines and three sticks of candy. Associate Justice of Supreme Court of Wilkes, James F. Somers, heard the case and dismissed it at plaintiff's cost. It was hard on the plaintiff to lose his stock of goods and pay the cost too.

Hon. A. M. Waddell's Ideas of Eternal Punishment.

(Wilmington Messenger.)
 The following remarkable letter, written by the Hon. Alfred M. Waddell, of this city, to a friend in this State, was shown us by another friend, and we requested permission to publish it, as many persons are interested in this matter:

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 12, 1895.
 MY DEAR DOCTOR: As an old friend, who has, I think, always cherished the same beliefs and opinions upon almost every subject which I myself hold, you will permit me to give you the result of some study which I have recently made of a very great question, and to invite your attention to it.

Having all my life been a believer in the Christian religion, and, for much the greater part of it, a communicant of the Church, I have nevertheless found it always utterly impossible to accept the "orthodox" doctrine of endless torture for the unbeliever.

At the same time, one of the absolutely fixed beliefs of my life has been that of the immortality of every human soul; and, therefore, how to reconcile these two positions with each other, and with what seemed to be the teachings of the Bible, has been a hopeless problem from which I tried to escape by assuming that the language of Scripture must be either mistranslated or misinterpreted in some way.

Lately I have been reading much on these and kindred subjects, and have arrived at a satisfactory solution of my difficulties. I find a complete justification of my refusal to believe in the everlasting torment of the wicked, but have been compelled to modify my lifelong and cherished faith in the natural immortality of all men. I thank God that in these and all other matters of belief which are not essential to salvation the Church to which you and I belong allows perfect liberty of opinion. Neither the Apostolic nor the Nicene Creed has anything to say about eternal punishment or eternal death, but only of "the life everlasting."

I still believe, as I have always believed, that the terrors of the final judgment will be realized by those who deliberately reject the plan of salvation, persistently offered to them; but I also believe that these terrors will end in eternal death, after "many" or "few" stripes, as divine justice may determine. The few passages in Sts. Matthew, Mark, Luke and in Revelations, on which the argument for everlasting misery is based, cannot out weigh the otherwise uniform testimony of the Bible that death—utter, destruction—awaits those who refuse, deliberately and wilfully, to believe in Jesus Christ. And these few passages do not necessarily mean, what they are generally interpreted to mean, while the overwhelming weight of testimony furnished by the eighty or ninety other passages, render it highly improbable to say the least, that such an interpretation ought to be put upon them.

I am well convinced that the result of the teaching of endless suffering has been altogether harmful to the interests of true religion, in that it has driven multitudes of men and women into atheism and skepticism, while it is doubtful if it ever induced one human being to sincerely embrace Christianity. It is a notorious fact that this doctrine has been a chief stumbling block in the way of Christian missionaries to the more cultivated heathen nations who will not accept a God who is represented as inflicting endless torment on His creatures and I am equally well persuaded that although generally allowed and taught by Christian ministers as a doctrine handed down by the Church, the truth is that very few enlightened ministers—however much they may try to believe it and think they believe it—do really have the same profound conviction of its truth which they cherish in regard to the plan of salvation.

As to the unspeakable horrible, and to my mind, shockingly blasphemous, idea that not only the saved portion of humanity and the holy angels, but the all-merciful God and Savior will witness with pleasure the ceaseless torture of His helpless creatures through endless ages, I do not desire to express myself, as it would be difficult to do so temperately.

Of course it is easy to say—for it is always easy to say flippant and uncharitable things—that the wish is father to the thought with those who refuse to believe in endless torment, but that the Scriptures teach it, and therefore it ought to be believed whether agreeable or not.

But this is begging the question by assuming that the Scriptures do teach it. I am satisfied that the Scriptures do not teach it, and that, therefore, no one is required to believe it, and I rejoice to know that some of the most learned scholars and most devout men, clerical and lay, in the Church of England, in past centuries and in this, as well as

those in Europe and this country of other communions, have so declared and conclusively proven.

What then? Do I mean to say that the man or woman who, with knowledge, or full opportunity of knowledge, neglects or refuses up to the day of his or her death, to accept Christ as our only Savior and Redeemer, and dies impenitent, will not be condemned (or damned) eternally? By no means. On the contrary that is exactly what I do not mean to say. I believe that when that Grand Assize is held, capital punishment will be administered to those "who deserve it in the eye of Him "who hath power to destroy both body and soul in hell," and who for that reason is to be greatly "feared." But capital punishment does not mean endless torture. On the contrary it means the ending of life, that is death.

And this brings me to the doctrine out of which, and out of which alone, has sprung the theory of everlasting punishment, in the sense of torment; namely, the doctrine of the eternal existence of the human soul, as a separate entity.

Before speaking of the Scriptural evidence on this subject I want to say, as I did at the outset of this letter, that in common with most men, I had always accepted it as a matter of course, and not only this, but have talked and written and published my thoughts upon it, as a matter of philosophic speculation, aside from what I assumed to be the teaching of the Scriptures in regard to it.

The reasoning which Plato (in the Phaedo) puts into the mouth of Socrates always seemed to me to be a sublime illustration of the reach of the intellect if not the result of actual inspiration, and I exulted in it as such.

It had not occurred to me, strange to say, that his argument—perfectly logical as it was in its conclusion that, being immortal, the soul must not only live forever hereafter, but must have lived forever heretofore—was not supported but was contradicted by the Bible. Indeed, like the majority of Christians, I disregarded that part of the argument about pre-existence, and accepted the other half, supposing it to be clearly corroborated by Scripture. But this theory, so grateful to the feelings, and so flattering to the pride of men—which all my life I believed to be beyond dispute, except by gross materialists—when brought under the light of the truth, fades out, and something very different takes its place; something more mysterious, more sublime, and more consoling, as well as infinitely more in harmony with the attribute of divine pity, than would result from endowing sinners with immortality in sin and suffering. That something is emblazoned on almost every page of the New Testament, and was the unvarying utterance, the constantly reiterated appeal and warning of Jesus Christ himself—the one theme on which He dwelt, and which He strove to impress upon the hearts of those who heard Him, as did the Apostles wherever they preached—the thing for which He said He came into the world, and for which He died. What is this wonderful truth? It is contained in utterances like these: "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." "He that believeth not, God hath made Him a liar, because he believeth not the record that God gave of His Son. And this is the record, that God hath given us eternal life and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath the life and he that hath not the Son of God hath not the life." "I am the Way and the Truth and the life." "He that believeth on the Son shall everlastingly live, and he that believeth not on the Son shall not see life." "I am the Resurrection and the life." He that believeth on me, though he were dead yet shall he live, and he that liveth and believeth on Me shall never die." "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord." "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

(Concluded in next issue.)

A western judge, sitting in chambers, seeing from the piles of papers in the lawyer's hands that the first case was likely to be hotly contested, asked: "What is the amount in question?" "Two dollars," said the plaintiff's counsel. "I'll pay it," said the judge, handing over the money; "call the next case." He had not the patience of Sir William Grant, who, after listening for two days to the arguments as to the construction of a certain act, quietly observed when they had done: "That act has been repealed."

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