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Slandering Providence

When Through Negligence a Person Dies From Typhoid and Other Preventable Diseases, Don't Blame it on Providence.

REV. S. L. MORGAN, HENDERSON.

Mr. Editor:

The article inclosed from The North Carolina Health Bulletin by Rev. S. L. Morgan of Henderson, N. C., is so replete with sound sense, that its publication will perhaps remove the scales from the eyes of many who have unjustly charged Providence with deaths caused by their own neglect of sanitary conditions and violations of the laws of health. I agree with the divine, that it is slandering God to accuse him of "taking away" those who killed themselves by neglect of their health. In my opinion it is a fearful sin.

J. H. ETHERIDGE.

Last summer a prominent young attorney—one of the most popular young Christian men of our town, died of typhoid fever. His death made a deep impression on all the community. The people packed the church at the funeral service. His pastor in his tender prayer referred to the event in the usual manner as a "mysterious dispensation of providence," and doubtless most of those in the great congregation so regarded it. I did not.

At the same time two other prominent young people of the town were critically ill from typhoid. A great warehouse meeting was in progress in the town. One thousand people a day were in attendance. The entire community was stirred over these cases of sickness and death, and daily in the warehouse prayer was offered for the sick, that God would rebuke the fever and raise up the sick. Once or more I led the prayer and asked God not only to raise up the sick but also to touch the minds and hearts and consciences of the people and move them to clean up the city and remove the known causes of sickness and death. I fancied that the latter petition sounded on the ears of most of those who followed me as strange, if not improper. Such a prayer is not conventional. I dare say it is not orthodox in the popular mind.

Then another typhoid sufferer, a fine young woman in my own church, succumbed to the disease. I went with the family to bury her from the Baptist church in a nearby town. The leader of the choir handed me the list of hymns to be used in the service. One of them was, "Thy Will Be Done." I said to him: "In some circumstances I can sing that very heartily, but not in such a case as this. We have learned that ordinarily God does not will deaths from typhoid." He rather agreed with me. We sang something else.

Was I right—or a cold heretic? Were these deaths necessary? Were they "mysterious dispensations of providence?" To say so seems to be slandering providence. To imply in the funeral service that one believes this is both to wrong God and to perpetuate an error. I am not implying that sickness or death is not sometimes, or even often, according to the divine will—a dispensation of providence—but that theology which holds that all sickness and death are decreed by God greatly needs reconstruction. Ministers need to be much more discriminating in their prayers and their counsel touching "submission to the divine will."

Well established facts about health and disease are needed by many to explode traditional notions of providence. A few will suffice. One begs pardon for mentioning them. Such facts have become so familiar. Science has almost banished from the earth certain diseases that were once thought to be scourges of providence. Smallpox is a striking instance. Years ago it completely ceased to be known in the great German army, so rigorous was the military rule requiring vaccination. And the celebrated Dr. Oiler has said that it would soon become a forgotten disease if periodic vaccination were everywhere practiced. Is a death from smallpox today, then, a "dispensation of providence?" Clearly

it is an unpardonable neglect of the known means of preventing the disease. It is trampling under foot the merciful revelation of God to us through the wonderful discovery of science.

A concrete instance or so from our North Carolina Health Bulletin will be illuminating. In 1898, the United States mobilized 12,000 men in Florida for four months. During that time there were 2,600 cases of typhoid and 480 deaths. In 1911, again the United States mobilized 12,000 men in Texas for four months, and there were among them only two cases of typhoid and no deaths. In 1913 again the United States mobilized 12,000 men in Texas for many months and in all this time there was not even a single case of typhoid. In our entire army of 90,000 in 1913, there were only three cases of typhoid, and it was clear that two of these cases were contracted before entering the ranks.

Enforced sanitation and vaccination have almost completely banished the disease from the army. Any community acting together can do the same. It seems therefore akin to blasphemy to put into the funeral of a typhoid victim an intimation that God has struck down one whom His mercy has taught how to keep in health and in His service. Expert authority declares that about 600,000 persons die annually in the United States of preventable diseases, 20,000 of these in our own State. Each one of these should be made the occasion of prayer, not to have grace to submit to the divine will, but to have a conscience keenly alive to the sin of letting people suffer and die needlessly.

Some time ago a sobbing mother pointed to her darling child in the little casket and spoke of submitting to God's will. The Christian physician in charge told me later with a show of impatience that this mother killed the child by putting into its stomach food fit for only a healthy adult.

What I have said in general is not to be taken to heart by individuals. Most of us have dear ones who have died of preventable diseases. Are we guilty? Perhaps not. We may ourselves take every possible precaution, but unless the law requires our neighbors to clean up we may die as a result of their disregard of sanitary laws. The public is beginning to think clearly on this subject. Our own county and town jointly have employed an all-time health officer, and are supporting him with up-to-date sanitary ordinances. It is a frank effort to relieve providence of the responsibility that rightly belongs to an enlightened community.

Our religion has abundant comfort to offer, but we have no warrant for neglecting the known preventives of sickness and death, and then hiding behind God's providence.

Just a Word of Cheer to Those Who Have Little Ones Gone

Why do they come, these little ones that enter our homes by the gateway of suffering, and that linger with us a few months, uttering no words, smiling in mysterious silence, yet speaking all the time of the purity and sweetness of Heaven? Why must they open the tenderest fountains of our natures only to leave them so soon, choked with the bitter tears of loss?

It is impossible wholly to answer such questions of the tortured heart; but one can say, in general, that these little temporary wanderers from a celestial home come and go because of the great love of God. It is an inestimable blessing to have been the parent of a child that has the stamp of Heaven upon its brow, to hold it in one's arms, to minister to it, to gaze fondly down into the little upturned face, and to rejoice in the unsullied beauty of its smiles; and then to give it back to God at His will, with the thought that in Heaven, as upon earth, it is still our own child—a member of the household, still to be counted as one of the children whom God hath given us. Such a love chastens and sanctifies the hearts of father and mother, carries them out beyond time and sense, and gives them a hold upon the unseen. As things of great value always cost, it is worth all the sorrow to have known this holy affection, and to have this treasure in Heaven.
COLERAIN.

The News From Aulander

Recital on 18th. Baseball Team Makes Good Start. Plans for New School Building. Big Timber Sale.

Misses Addie and Kate Jenkins will give a recital in the Woodmen Hall on Friday evening June 18th at 8:30 o'clock. The entertainment will include vocal and instrumental and recitations. The Misses Jenkins come here under the auspices of the local Chowan College Alumni, and the proceeds of the entertainment will be donated to Chowan College. These young ladies are daughters of Mr. W. E. Jenkins formerly of this place, and have been attending Chowan College where they received instruction in music and elocution. The admission will be 15 and 25 cents with reserved seats 35 cents.

The baseball team has been given a good start and several games have been played, the last being with Ahoskie resulting in a score of 8 to 1 in favor of the locals. Several games have been arranged for the near future. Most of the players of last season are again on the team.

Messrs. W. M. Parker, Alex. Lassiter and W. S. Dunning were in Windsor last week on business.

Mr. W. T. Heckstall, County Tax Assessor of Windsor was here last week in connection with tax listing.

Members of the local Tennis Club are preparing to present a play here in a short while. They will probably take it to Windsor also.

Mr. H. L. Early made a business trip to Windsor last week.

Architects have submitted plans for a handsome school building to be erected on the site bought for the Farm Life School. The plans of the architects and the fund of the Board however do not make connection, so the Board will either arrange for additional funds or ask for bids on a less expensive building. It is probable that more funds will be secured, and the intention is to have the building ready for the fall term.

Mr. R. J. Dunning has returned from Florida where he sold over 17000 acres of timber land for his company involving the sum of over \$150,000. An English syndicate bought the timber, probably the majority of which will be used in ship-building.

Mrs. W. P. Fuller of Florida, formerly Miss Freddie Burden of this place, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Burden.

The new home of Rev. M. P. Davis is complete and Mr. Davis and his family are now located on east Main street.

A receiver was appointed for the Aulander Realty Company on motion of the plaintiffs at the last term of court. After Supreme Court passes on the motion, the case will probably be tried at Windsor at the following term of the Superior Court.

It is with sincere regret that the friends and acquaintances of Mrs. S. B. Kenney of Windsor, learn that she continues very

ill in the home of her daughter Mrs. F. D. Winston. It has been the good fortune of some of our people to know her, and to those who have had that pleasure, her illness is akin to a personal sorrow, and we feel for those near to her in their anxiety. We sincerely hope that she may be spared to her family and friends.

Mr. Milton Burden made a visit to the County Seat last week.

Rev. R. L. Davis preached here on prohibition last week. A large congregation attended the services.

There will be baseball here on July the fourth. Efforts are being made to schedule two games in the afternoon with a strong team. Announcements will be made later.

The News From Hexlena

We are very glad to have some fair weather again. Crops are damaged from so much rain.

Mrs. A. E. Askew and little boy Hartwell were called home last week on account of the death of her brother's little child Edward Myers, and is still with the family.

Rev. M. P. Davis filed his regular appointment at Conarites Sunday p. m.

Mr. Josiah Early has recently purchased a Ford car.

Miss Pauline Lassiter is spending this week with her cousin, Miss Myra Myers.

The home of Mr. Grover Myers was made very sad indeed on the 31st of May, when the death angel took away their little three year old boy, Edmund.

Mr. Willie Jenkins called on Miss Mildred Lassiter Sunday p. m.

Miss Melissa Tayloe has just returned from a visit to relatives.

Quite a crowd attended church at Center Grove Sunday p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Godwin spent the week end with Mrs. Godwin's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Morris.

Mr. R. A. Myers from Eure N. C. was at home last week to attend the funeral of his nephew.

Mrs. S. J. Britt of Merry Hill visited her daughter Mrs. Grover Myers last week.

Miss Pearl Early and little niece Ruby Waff passed through town Sunday.

Mr. J. H. Lassiter was in Aulander Tuesday on business.

People are very busy in their crops. We are glad to know it is much warmer.

"Larkspar"

News From Near Powellsville

We are sorry to report Little Johnnie Mizell has been on the sick list for the last two weeks, we wish him speedy recovery.

We have had lots of rain for the last week, and grass is rapidly growing.

Miss Lee Price entertained a few of her friends Sunday with cream.

Mr. L. Rayner went to Windsor Monday on business.

Messrs. John Tayloe and Edgar Perry of Harrellsville were the guests of Miss Sallie Mizell Sunday afternoon.

Miss Lessie Casper who has been ill for some time we are glad to say is able to be out again.

Messrs. G. W. Phelps and W. L. Mizell of Rosemead were the guests of Miss Lee Price Sunday afternoon.

Mr. S. W. Mizell spent Sunday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Mizell.

A large crowd of young people were the guests of Miss Sallie Mizell Sunday.

Miss Lee Price entertained several of her friends Saturday night and all seemed to enjoy themselves.

Reported.

Among the proposed reform features in Chicago is a municipal laundry. It will not be ready for the spring's clean-up of political linen.

Dies On Way Home

One of the Mars Hill Teachers Taken Ill on Way Home and Dies In Hospital. Was Music Teacher. Lived in Waynesboro.

News reached here last week of the sudden death of Miss Calabam, the music teacher, the past session, at Mars Hill school. Miss Calabam was on her way home, at Waynesboro, and was taken ill at a hotel. She became worse and was carried to the hospital where, after the best attention possible, she died. She left Mars Hill apparently well. The sad news was received with much regret by her many friends in the county.

Mr. Jiles P. Mizell

Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to send his Death Angel in our community and take from us Mr. Jiles P. Mizell, one of our beloved members of Exter Sunday School Friday May 28th 1915.

He has been in declining health for more than three months, and all through his life he had led an upright and a christian life.

Mr. Mizell was sixty five years old; he has been a member of Ross' Baptist church for forty three years and a Deacon of his church for a number of years. He has been a faithful and a constant member ever since. He has been true to his church and loyal to its teaching. He has been a faithful attendant of Sunday school every since the Civil War. He was a Superintendent of his school for several years. We miss his presence at Sunday school, and his good advice in all things which he took a part.

The funeral services was conducted by the pastor of his church Rev. R. B. Lineberry and was buried at his home in the family burying ground. He left a wife and two daughters to mourn his loss. We all have a great sympathy for the bereaved ones he has left, for it is the Lord that giveth and the Lord that taketh "Blessed be the name of the Lord!"

Dearest love one thou hast left us,
And our lost, we deeply feel
But 'tis God who bereft us,
He can all our sorrows heal.
Yet again we hope to meet thee,
When the day of life is fled,
When in Heaven with joy to greet thee,
Where no farewell tear is shed.

Be it Resolved:

1. That we bow in humble submission to the will of him who knoweth all things best.
2. That the members of Exter Sunday school do extend to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy.
3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy be placed on our Sunday school record and a copy be sent to the Windsor Ledger for publication.

Eva Jernigan,
Ernest Hughes,
Hosea White,
Committee.

It is estimated that 760,000,000,000 cubic feet of illuminating gas are burned in the world annually.

Salt Lake City has sent to coast town a police missionary commissioned to get points on the best method of installing the Bertillon system of criminal identification.

For the aid of cripples a Texas inventor has patented a crutch with a folding camp stool between its sides.

According to a French physician, spinach is "the broom of the stomach" as it cleanses and purifies that organ.

An Ohioan has invented a machine which vulcanizes new soles, heels and patches on worn rubber boots and shoes.

Important deposits of potash have been discovered in Spain, and that nation may become an exporter of the product.

With motor truck equipment in its street cleaning department Springfield, O., in 1914, did a third more work for \$15,278 than it did with horse-drawn vehicles at a cost of \$80,000 in 1913.