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## THE INFLUENCE OF THE BIBLE

### IMPRESSIVE PARADE OF BIBLE STUDENTS.

Nearly Four Thousand Men and Youths Marched Through Richmond Sunday to Participate in Praise Services at the Auditorium. Addresses by Governor Montague, Rev. J. T. Watts and Dr. Arthur Holmes—Mr. C. R. Guy Presided.

Nearly 4,000 members of the Richmond Federation of Men's Bible Classes marched through the city yesterday afternoon.

They marched without bands or banners, quietly and impressively, and participated in earnest services at the City Auditorium.

The session was addressed by Governor Swanson, the Rev. J. T. Watts, Sunday school secretary of the Baptist State Mission Board of Virginia, and Dr. Arthur Holmes, of the University of Pennsylvania.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. C. R. Guy, president of the federation, at 3:30 o'clock, and the invocation was offered by the Rev. Thomas Semmes.

Following Scripture reading by Dr. F. T. McFadden, Governor Swanson was introduced. His address was on "The Nation's Debt to the Bible."

"When I think of the influence of the Bible in the history of America," said he, "I am reminded of the day on which I stood within St. Paul's cathedral, in London, and read there inscribed upon the tomb of its architect, Sir Christopher Wren, this epitaph: 'If you seek his monument, look about you.' In like manner, if you seek the evidence of the part played by the Bible in the making of this nation, look about you. Our best policies, our best institutions, are founded on the immortal truths of the Bible, and our greatest leaders have been those who followed its teachings. It has been for us of this republic a veritable pillar of fire, by night and a pillar of cloud by day, guiding us on in our splendid destiny."

Pointing out the many advantages incorporated in the national life of the country, of the observation of the Sabbath, the speaker declared that the Bible had given America a new idea of government, in which the dignity of the individual is so powerfully recognized. He reviewed a long broad lines the work done by the preachers and missionaries, paying them a glowing tribute.

"The relation of the Bible Class to the Sunday school" was the central theme of the address delivered by the Rev. J. T. Watts. The two, he said, should work together in close sympathy, and they should be of assistance to each other.

Bible classes, instead of being separate, should, he thought, be parts of factors of the Sunday school, and should be taught by capable Sunday school teachers rather than by promiscuous outside persons.

Dr. Arthur Holmes followed with "The Bible's Contribution to Character."

Showing the difference between the positive and negative characters, Dr. Holmes pointed out as evidence of the highest type of manhood the work of an life of General Robert E. Lee.

"When I looked upon your magnificent statue of Lee," he said, "I thought that there was the type of what a real American gentleman should be. I recall, in contrast, another monument in another State, erected to a public man out of funds provided by his will, and so great was the popular dislike of him, even after he died, that the monument was set up at night and the workmen took up their tools and hastened from the spot."

"When I looked at that noble bronze figure, I remembered Gettysburg, where the superb character of Lee arose above the Lost Cause, above the present civil and the future historian, when he said, after Pickett's charge, was ended, 'I will take the blame.' That was character. 'What a man thinks that he will do,' said Dr. Holmes, 'That is a fact proved by the researches of

psychology. So, study the Bible, and you will reflect in your life its teachings.

"Ponder on the luminous characters that illumine the pages of that Book, and more and more to you the figure of the Saviour will stand out in transcendent glory. He is the finest, the most indescribable character of all."—Richmond News Leader, November 22.

### STATE NEWS.

Sheriff A. S. Richardson, of Columbus county, was shot twice and seriously wounded Monday, while helping to capture a man charged with murder.

Two children, aged two and three years, of Mr. Shade Clark, of Pollockville, set fire to their residence and were burned to death in the building last Monday.

The three years and ten months old boy of Mr. Jacob Oren, of Monbo, Catawba county, set fire to a barn on his father's premises and was burned to death in the building.

A banquet was given by the Masons of Oxford Wednesday evening complimentary to Dr. L. C. Taylor, who has been a member of the order sixty years. He is supposed to be the oldest Mason in the State.

Tuesday morning at half past ten o'clock, November 16, the forty-third session of the Western North Carolina Christian Conference convened with the Graham Christian church. After the address of welcome, the business program was taken up. The reports from the churches showed a healthy increase in membership and finance during the year.

### WAS CAUGHT IN CHIMNEY.

A North Carolina Burglar Trapped in a Novel Way.

Washington, N. C., Nov. 21.—Sliding down the chimney in an effort to rob the home of J. H. Davis at an early hour this morning, David Fulford stuck fast. The burglar's efforts to liberate himself awoke Davis who telephoned for the police.

Though the chimney was razed to the roof and officers and neighbors worked for an hour, efforts to release the man were in vain, and finally the services of a brick mason were requisitioned, and after the mantel and fireplace were removed, Fulford was taken out more dead than alive. He was locked up pending trial.

### N. C. CONFERENCE OPENS.

Historical Society Met Tuesday night—208 Preachers in Active Service—710 Churches With a membership of 75,548.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 23.—Already hundreds of delegates lay and clerical, are here for the annual sessions of the North Carolina Conference Methodist church tomorrow morning which convenes with Edenton Street Bishop A. W. Wilson, who arrived this afternoon from Norfolk, presiding.

The Historical Society of the Conference met tonight, Rev. W. W. Rose, of Warrenton, presiding. The feature of the meeting was the annual address of Rev. M. T. Plyler, of Washington, N. C.

The society elected tonight the following officers for next year: Rev. W. W. Rose, president; Rev. R. A. Barnes, Rev. J. D. Bundy, Rev. A. McCullen, vice presidents; Rev. E. R. Welch, secretary; J. H. Buffalo treasurer; Dr. T. N. Ivey, historian.

Reports showed 208 preachers in active service. The Conference membership is 75,548, and there are 710 churches, valued at \$1,613,952, and 687 Sunday schools, with 55,653 scholars. The Conference sessions proper begin tomorrow morning.

### Mr. Sidney Edwards to Wed.

We are in receipt of the following invitation:

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Martin request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Lela Lillian, to Mr. James Sidney Edwards, Wednesday evening, December the first, nineteen hundred and nine, at eight o'clock, Methodist church, Eureka, North Carolina.

### 3 DEAD IN AUTO ACCIDENT.

Searching for Minister, Wedding Party Dashes From Bridge.

Cuthbert, Ga., November 22.—Three persons are dead and two probably fatally injured as a result of an automobile accident here late last night.

The dead are: Curtis Williams of Fort Gaines, Ga., James Shepard of Edison, Ga.; Horace Shepard of Edison, Ga.

The names of the injured are: Miss Helen Mattox, aged 20, and Miss Mary Mattox, aged 16, of Coleman, Ga.

The accident occurred two miles west of this place as the party were returning from Cuthbert to Coleman.

With the purpose of being married, James Shepard and Miss Helen Mattox, accompanied by Horace Shepard, a brother of the bridegroom, and Miss Mary Mattox, a sister of the bride-to-be, secured an automobile at Fort Gaines, last evening and were quickly driven to Cuthbert by Curtis Williams. Upon reaching this point all the ministers refused to marry the couple on account of their youth, neither of them having yet passed their twentieth birthday. After being unable to secure the services of a minister the party hastily left town.

Speeding along at a rate of thirty miles an hour, and while attempting to light a cigarette, Chauffeur Williams lost control of his machine crossing a thirty-foot bridge over the Central Railway.

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### BRYAN IS FOR PROHIBITION.

He Will Soon Open County Option Campaign in Nebraska.

Lincoln, Nebr., Nov. 20.—William J. Bryan is going to conduct a prohibition campaign in the United States, and the first gun in the battle is fired in the Commoner this week. He will positively announce his conversion to the county option theory of prohibition and will open a campaign in Nebraska, which he expects to spread all over the country.

All of this information is contained in a series of prohibition articles which Mr. Bryan has already written and which will be printed, one each week, in the Commoner. Each article will be somewhat stronger than the preceding one.

### RICHARD WATSON GILDER DEAD.

For Twenty-eight Years He Was Editor of the Century Magazine.

On November 18, the nation lost another influential and well known citizen, when Richard Watson Gilder, editor of the Century Magazine, passed away at his home in New York City. His death was sudden, the cause being heart disease.

His career like that of other self made men, was full of hardships, but honors were his at last. He was born at Bordentown, N. J. His father, not being a wealthy man, he worked for his living. At the age of twelve years, he was writing, setting the type for, and publishing a newspaper at Flushing, L. I. Later he served in the civil war, after which service he became a railway paymaster. In time, however he again became an editor. At the age of twenty-six he was editor of Scribner's Monthly. In 1881, Mr. Gilder became editor-in-chief of the Century Magazine, which position he held until his death.

Mr. Gilder is better known, however, as a poet. He has published six volumes of verse, some of which the critics say will stand the test of ages. His best works are: "The Celestial Passion," "Lyrics," "Two Worlds," "The Great Remembrance," "In Palestine," "A Christmas Wreath," and "A Book of Music."

Many school children suffer from constipation, which is often the cause of seeming stupidity at lessons. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets are an ideal medicine to give a child, for they are mild and gentle in their effect, and will cure even chronic constipation. Sold by Head Bros.

Mr. Jack Hill, of the Newton Grove section, was in town Wednesday with a load of cotton.

### THE NEW POSTAL CARDS.

Designs Have Been Approved by The Postmaster General.

Washington, Nov. 21.—Designs for the new postal cards to be issued by the government have been approved by Postmaster General Hitchcock. The cards will be furnished to the Postoffice Department by the Government Printing Office, in accordance with a contract effective on January 1, 1910.

On the ordinary card, the head of the late President McKinley will appear, as now, but a much better likeness of the martyred President has been selected. On the new small card, intended for index purposes and for social correspondence a likeness of President Lincoln will appear. The two-cent international card will bear a portrait of General Grant.

A novel and pleasing innovation has been made for the double, or reply, postal card. On the first half will appear a portrait of George Washington, while the stamp on the other side of the card will be diversified in near of Martha Washington.

The borders of the stamps on all of the cards will be diversified in design. On all of the cards the word "Postal Card," required by the universal postal union convention, will appear on the borders of the stamp and not, as now, as a separate inscription.

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### HAVING A BULLY TIME.

Roosevelt Kills Four More Elephants and a Giraffe.

Nairobi, British East Africa, Nov. 22.—News received today from the Ingushua Palateau says that Colonel Roosevelt has killed four more elephants in the last few days, three of which will be presented to the American Museum of Natural History in New York, and the fourth to the University of California. Roosevelt has been accompanied in his elephant hunting by Mr. Akeley.

In addition to the elephants, the ex-President has brought down a five-horned giraffe, one roan bush buck, a Jackson oriole, and antelopes of the sing-sing, topi, boho and kob varieties.

The hunting at present is the best that the Colonel has yet encountered, and he is having the "time of his life," as he expresses it.

### DIED SAVING HIS DOG.

Workman Run Down by Car When He Rescued Pet.

Milwaukee, Nov. 20.—Attempting to save the life of a common yellow cur, Fred Vollinsizer, a molder, was instantly killed by an electric car.

Vollinsizer was on his way to work, and his dog, which had followed him from his boarding place, ran ahead of him, frisking and barking. As they approached the crossing the dog jumped on the track. The molder made a frantic plunge, grabbed the beast and threw it far from danger, but was not quick enough to clear the track himself.

### ARCHER NEWS.

Elder J. A. T. Jones filled his regular appointment at Salem Sunday.

Mr. Clarence Hinton and Miss Cloyd Johnson were happily united in matrimony Sunday. Those present were Misses Crettie and Corinna Sewell and Messrs. E. R. and A. V. Hinton and Miss Ivey Hinton. J. R. Barnes performed the ceremony. Mr. Hinton is a well known young man of this section and Miss Johnson is one of the charming young ladies of Smithfield township. We wish them all success as they travel through life's pathway.

Miss Corinna Sewell who has for the past week been visiting in this section, returned to her home at Emitt Monday.

Mr. Clide Fowler and B. G. Mooneyham made a trip to the Wendell section Sunday. H. E. R.

### GENERAL NEWS.

In a quarrel at Delano, Pa., Pasquale Atallas shot and killed Antonio Fatina Saturday.

Miss Belle Jones, 18 years old, of Amsterdam, Ga., died from a rattlesnake bite Sunday.

Twenty-three more dead miners were taken from the St. Paul Mine, at Cherry, Ill., Monday.

With \$1,000,000 capital, the Wright Company has been chartered in New York to deal in airships.

The Louisiana State Crop Pest Commission finds boll weevils wintering in the Spanish moss.

For no human cause, J. S. Parrish, a Baltimore salesman, killed himself at Winchester, Ky., Monday.

Mrs. Julia Arna Gaugh, aged 94 years, a cousin of Lincoln's wife, died at Kansas City, Mo., Monday.

Internal revenue officers captured three "moonshiners" and a still in Ripley county, Mo., Monday.

A new trial has been denied at St. Louis, to Broughton Brandenburg, who was fined \$500 for abducting his stepson.

While blasting near Bad Axe, Mich., William Mishnick, aged 22, and Fred Hart, aged 19, were killed Monday.

Confessing the murder of two children at Utica, Theodore Rizo was electrocuted in the prison at Auburn, N. Y., Monday.

The senate Committee on Irrigation will recommend to Congress a bond issue of \$20,000,000 with which to carry on the work in the West.

Wm. M. Laffan, successor to the late Charles A. Dana in the management of the New York Sun, died Friday, aged 62. He was operated on for appendicitis on Monday preceding his death.

Samuel Gompers has been unanimously re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor at its convention at Toronto. After deciding to hold its next annual convention in St. Louis, the convention adjourned sine die last Saturday.

The total value of cotton exports from the United States for the month of October, 1909, as shown by a bulletin issued by the Department of Commerce and Labor, reached the enormous sum of \$88,883,350. In no one month previously have such exports ever reached the eighty million mark.

A party of prominent colored men from Virginia and North Carolina called at the White House Monday and invited President Taft to be present at a meeting to be held in Washington, D. C., in the interest of the National Religious Training School and Chataqua being established at Durham. Mr. Taft promised to consider the invitation.

In a kicking football game, Yale defeated Harvard Saturday, 8 to 0. Capt. Coy dropped two field goals from the 35-yard line, and Harvard, on a crimson block kick, made a safety behind its own goal line. Yale made few attempts at rushing, and only once in the game was within touchdown distance of the Harvard goal line. It was Capt. Coy's right foot which won the game.

In an opinion written by Circuit Judge W. H. Sanborn, of St. Paul, filed in St. Louis and St. Paul Saturday, the United States Circuit Court for the District of Missouri held that the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey was an illegal corporation and ordered that it be dissolved. It was authoritatively announced by officers of the Standard Oil Company that an appeal would be taken from the decision, as that had been the general understanding between counsel on both sides in the suit.

### Sugar Trust's Methods.

Last Summer, while the tariff bill was pending in Congress, the Sugar Trust was selling sugar for export at two cents a pound less than it was selling it for domestic consumption. Now we learn that Italy is interested in our sugar frauds, because the United States are the chief source of sugar supply for that country. And yet we are maintaining a duty of 1.9 cents a pound on refined sugar to protect the refiners from foreign competition.—Philadelphia Record.

## CONGRESSMAN DIES IN FIRE

CONGRESSMAN DeARMOND AND GRANDSON THE VICTIMS.

Noble Act of Heroism. Tragedy Unusually Pathetic. In Trying to Save the life of His Favorite Grandson, Mr. DeArmond and Little boy Both Lose Their Lives. Efforts to Save Them Futile.

Kansas City, Nov. 23.—In a vain effort to save the life of his grandson, Congressman David A. DeArmond, of the Sixth Missouri district, perished in a fire that destroyed his home in Butler, Mo., early today.

His act of heroism became known late this afternoon when his body was found with his arms locked around the blackened and burned body of the little boy. He had caught up the six-year-old lad, David A. (Waddie) DeArmond, Jr., and rushed with him through the flames that filling his room. He fell with his unconscious burden and both sank through the floor to death.

What makes the tragedy unusually pathetic was the fact that the boy was his grandfather's idol. The two were inseparable and often slept together. Last night the boy went to his grandfather's house as usual and after a happy evening the two retired.

The next the family heard of them was early today when, from behind the smoke and flames that enveloped the house, the boy screamed: "Oh, grandpa, get me out of here quick I'm burning to death."

"Yes, son don't be afraid. Grandpa will take you out," was the reply. Then both went down to their death.

The others of the family sleeping in the house at the time of the fire, Mrs. DeArmond, her daughter, Mrs. Clark, and a maid, Nettie Boles, escaped.

Messages of condolence from all parts of the country were received by the DeArmonds' this afternoon.

James DeArmond, editor of the Bates County Democrat, son of the Congressman, and father of the boy who burned to death, tried to rush into the burning house to save them but was prevented by others who knew his sacrifice would be in vain.

The DeArmond home was a large two-story frame structure set well back from the street. On two sides of the house, equal with the second floor, four rooms or outdoor sleeping apartments had been constructed and at the time the fire broke out the occupants of the house occupied these rooms.

The financial loss is placed at \$20,000, and included one of the best libraries in the State.

Besides James A. DeArmond, the sons of the dead Congressman are Edward H., an instructor at West Point and Lieutenant George W. DeArmond, now serving with the army in the Philippines. Mrs. Clark is a daughter.

Congressman DeArmond and his little grandson will have a double funeral on Friday. Burial will be in the Oak Hill cemetery at Butler.

Messages of condolence were received today from Speaker Joseph G. Cannon and from President Taft. The latter sent the following message to Mrs. DeArmond.

"Mrs. Taft and I are shocked to hear the dreadful news. Your husband and I were very intimate. I valued his friendship most highly. He was an honest, able servant of the public and a patriot. My heart goes out to you in your loss."

### TORNADO IN MISSOURI.

Fifteen Houses Demolished in the Town of Dexter.

Poplar Bluff, Mo., November 22.—This morning a tornado struck Dexter, Mo., a town of about 3,000 people, twenty miles east of this city, and for a space of 100 yards wide and a quarter of a mile long everything in its path was demolished.

The only damage was in the northern part of the town, where the storm demolished about fifteen houses and completely wrecked the Stoddard County fair buildings, including the immense amphitheater.