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THE MEMBERS OF BOTH HOUSES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY ARE FINISHING WORK.

REVENUE BILL PASSED HOUSE

Bill For Twenty Judicial Districts and Fixing Terms of Courts Completed and is Enrolled For Ratification.—Local Bill Passed.

Senate—Wednesday.

The senate passed the child labor bill from the house with an amendment that allows women to work at night. The senate also passed the car-shed bill which requires sheds for railroad section hands at division points, notably, Wilmington, Spence, Fayetteville and Rocky Mount. An amendment empowering the corporation commission to pass on the locations for and character of the sheds to be provided was included.

Senate bills passed final reading as follows:
Amending charter of Weaverville Buncombe county.
For good roads in Transylvania county.
Amending charter of Orrum, Robeson county.
Amending charter of Mountain Retreat Association.
Amending Act of 1911 placing Saluda wholly in county of Polk.

House—Wednesday.
By a rising unanimous vote the house appropriated \$10,000 for buildings and \$5,000 annually for maintenance of home for needy wives and widows of Confederate veterans.

The Koonce bill for \$1,000,000 instead of the present \$500,000 appropriation for Confederate pensions, came from the appropriations committee into the house with unfavorably report.

The following house bills were passed:
Incorporating Proctorville, Robeson county.
For special tax for chain gang in Transylvania county.
Authorizing any school district in Guilford to issue bonds.

Senate—Thursday.
The Senate defeated the state road bond bill, 17 to 28, after refusing to adopt an amendment by Daniels cutting out the amendment adopted on the second reading for a general election to adopt the measure.

The senate passed the vital statistics bill appropriating \$10,000 for state and district registrars of general health data.

The vital statistics bill was taken up for final reading, and several amendments were sent forward. One by Senator McLean was to limit its operations to incorporated towns and cities. He could see nothing in it but a job for some man in Raleigh. He warned the senate against a bill charging everybody 25 cents to be borne and 25 cents more to die. An Senator McLean's amendment was lost, as was one by Senator Ivie eliminating the requirement for burial certificate outside of towns and cities and allowing 10 days after burial to get the information required. The bill on final reading was passed 27 to 19.

House—Thursday.
The house received a message from Governor Craig urging that fitting appropriation be made for North Carolina's representation at the Panama Pacific Exposition.

'Bills which passed final reading:
To amend the act as to the State School for Feeble-Minded.
To amend the Charter of Mount Olive.

Relative to disorderly houses.
To withdraw certain lands in Carteret county from public entry.

To prohibit selling, or giving away cocaine and its various salts under certain conditions.
To provide a state board of examiners to license architects.

Senate—Friday.
New bills in the Senate include a bill from the Appropriations Committee appropriating \$1,500 for expense of Governor and party to go to San Francisco to select the site for the North Carolina building, in connection with the Panama-Pacific Exposition, and a bill by Thorne for uniform examination and certification of public school teachers.

Senator Hobgood secured consent for the passage on immediate readings of the House bill incorporating the Cone Memorial Hospital, to be built in Greensboro by Mrs. Moses H. Cone, and a sanitarium at Blowing Rock.

By amendment of Senator Jones, the tax on moving picture or vaudeville shows was raised from \$40 to \$50 in towns of 5,000 to 10,000; from \$50 to \$75 in towns of 10,000 to 15,000; from \$100 to \$150 in towns over 15,000.

House—Tuesday.
A resolution presented by Mr. Stewart of Mecklenburg, to tender the thanks of the General Assembly to a mineral springs company which has supplied the Legislature with water from its springs during the session was passed and sent to the Senate.

The following bills passed final readings:
Bond issue for Canton.
Good roads law for Yancey county.
Bond issue for the Town of Toisnot.
For new court house in Columbus county.
To create a road commission in Pitt county.
To establish a charity hospital for Mecklenburg county.
To amend the charter of Scotland neck.

Senate—Saturday.
The senate concurred in the house amendments to the vital statistics bill and it was ordered enrolled for ratification.

The following senate bills passed the senate tonight and were sent to the house for action:
To protect municipalities that have erected septic tanks for disposal of sewerage.
Relative to police powers in Rockingham county.
To provide recorder's court for Lexington.
To establish office of commissioner of agriculture in Rockingham county.
To provide a court stenographer for the ninth judicial district.
To protect public roads of Sampson county.
Supplemental school law for Chowan county.

House—Saturday.
The following house bills passed and were ordered enrolled for ratification:
Relative to election of graded school trustees of Waynesville.
To protect public roads of Warren county.
To promote catching fish in New River, Onslow county.
To provide for balloting in all primaries and elections in Salisbury.
Legalized primaries in Pitt county.
To protect sheep and other animals in Ashe county.
To protect telephone wires in Onslow county.
Giving Old Fort the part of its road tax collected within its limits.
Dog tax for Moore, Hoke and Rowan counties.
For road improvements in Nash county.

Senate—Monday.
The Senate killed the House bill for uniform bills-of-lading. The Senate passed a substitute bill to allow women to serve on school committees and as trustees of educational institutions, with an amendment that no elective office be included. The bill was sent to the House, where two similar bills have already been killed.

The Senate passed the resolution for the investigation by the Corporation Commission with the Attorney General of the dismemberment of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad, after defeating an amendment that the state be indemnified by bond against the expense incurred.

A committee substitute for the anti-hazing bill of Senator Ivie was passed, after an explanation from Senator Council to the effect that the bill was a very mild one. It makes it indictable for the faculty of any college to fail to expel a student who has been convicted of hazing.

Senator Nimocks' legislative reference library bill went down in defeat under the onslaughts of Senators Pharr and Jones.

The senate passed the house bill allowing the inmates of the Soldiers' Home \$1 a month pocket money instead of 50 cents.

House—Monday.
The house calendar was practically clear this morning and bills coming over from the senate's congested calendar provide all the gist, except the revenue and the machinery bills.

The house killed the solicitors salary bill from the senate by a reference to the Propositions and Grievances Committee, which will have no further meetings or reports.

Senate—Tuesday.
The compulsory school attendance bill, as it came from the house putting the ages of eight to 12 and requiring attendance for four months, was passed, with Senators Bellamy, Evans of Pitt, Little of Anson, Peterson and Waits voting "no." Senator Little of Anson made a protest against "supplanting the Anglo-Saxon parents by some teacher hardy out of swaddling clothes."

Senate bills passed on final reading were as follows:
Amending game law of Richmond county.
Amending Revisal relative to inspection of building for fire risk.

House—Tuesday.
The house passed the revenue bill on second reading with minor changes. Chairman Williams of the conference committee declaring that it is rankly unjust and crying to high Heaven with discrimination against the poor man and in favor of the rich and big corporations. The increased tax rate and the Senate increasing many license taxes and reducing franchise taxes on corporation he had in mind especially, he said.

Bills passed final readings as follows:
Amending the legalized primary law in Rockingham county.
To regulate the distribution of surplus funds of estates.
Amendment to the joint resolution for an investigation into the possibility of the state printing school textbooks and supplying them to school children at cost.
Amending the law as to forms of life insurance contracts.
Relative to stock law areas in certain counties.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. SELLERS, Director of Evening Department The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)

LESSON FOR MARCH 16.

THE TEST OF ABRAHAM'S FAITH.

LESSON TEXT—Gen. 22:1-13.
GOLDEN TEXT—"I desire goodness and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings."—How. 1:8.

The birth of Isaac ("laughter") 17:19, and the setting aside of the son of the bond woman, a story so rich with suggestiveness, forms the connection between the lesson of last week and the one of this week.

I. Sacrifice Required. "God did prove Abraham" (R. V.) vv. 1-2. Abraham's ready response, "Behold me, here am I," gives evidence of his long habit of obedience. He was ready for sacrifice or service. His habit of taking God at his word prepared him for this final act of testing, and perfecting, of his faith. The revised version "prove" is a better rendering than the authorized version "tempt." God does not tempt, i. e., solicit men to evil Jas. 1:13, but he does "prove" men; see Ex. 20:20 and 1 Peter 1:12. Abraham had been tried before but what father is there who will not say this was the supreme test, for he is called upon to give up his, "only son, whom thou cherishest."

Abraham's Faith.

Superficial critics have taken occasion to make light of a God who would make such a demand upon an earthly father. We need to remember that Abraham had doubtless witnessed human sacrifices in Chaldea and that having seen God's faithfulness and his past deliverances, he had enough faith to believe that God could in his own Providence deliver Isaac. Further, attention has been called to the exact language of the text, viz., God's demand was that Abraham "offer" (not "kill") Isaac as a sacrifice. The literal language is "make him go up" upon the altar, doubtless in symbol. We read elsewhere, Heb. 11:17 that "Abraham offered up Isaac," but we know he did not kill Isaac. Those who stumble at that part of the story miss the great lesson God intended to teach in the record of this incident. However, Abraham was ready to do (v. 10) what God himself did actually do when he gave his "only son," John 3:16, Rom. 8:32. Isaac was the child of the promise, hence the only son (cf. Gen. 21:12). This makes the text more severe for Ishmael had been sent off, 21:14. God today is calling upon fathers to sacrifice their sons, and fathers are sacrificing though not always unto God. We must put our children upon the altar. Matt. 10:37.

II. Sacrifice Granted. "Abraham rose up early," vv. 3-10. The writer of Genesis has left us to fill in the emotions and the mental agony that must have surged through Abraham's heart, yet we again see a wonderful illustration of prompt obedience, cf. Ps. 119:60.

Abraham's Devotion.
Attention has been called to Isaac as a type of Christ (cf. John 10:17-18). (1) His name, given before birth; (2) His birth, supernatural, predicted; (3) His offering, a, by his father; b, voluntarily; c, risen from the dead; (4) His marriage, a, bride selected by his father; b, servant calls the bride; c, meeting of bride and bridegroom. In this connection we behold Isaac bearing the wood (v. 6) a reminder of Christ bearing his cross, John 19:17. The test to Abraham's faith was full even to the point that "he took the knife to slay his son," when God intervened.

The repetition, "Abraham, Abraham," suggests the urgency of God to save and the devotion of Abraham in that he was not easily turned aside nor looking for a way of escaping a disagreeable duty. Abraham was sustained to the end (Rom. 4:20, 21 R. V.) and out of it all he is abundantly rewarded, vv. 15-18 and 26-45.

III. Sacrifice Provided. "A lamb caught in the thicket," vv. 11-15. Again God spoke to Abraham through "an angel," an old Hebrew way of saying that God made himself known. It has been suggested that at this point the Hebrew broke away from human sacrifices. There is nothing in this story to sustain any claim that God justifies human sacrifices, but the exact contrary, for God gave Isaac back to Abraham (Heb. 1:19 R. V.) and that he is constantly doing to those who surrender their all and their best to him. Mark 10:29-30; Prov. 11:24-25. Abraham did not leave the mountain until he had offered a sacrifice and who can question but that his heart was filled with great joy and thanksgiving unto God, 2 Cor. 9:45. Without the shedding of blood we cannot approach God.

Abraham is a type of true piety and is constantly held up by New Testament writers as the ideal of religion, the reason is that "religion" never changes, it is the attitude of the soul to God. Read Horace Bushnell's experience as related in "Dissolving of Doubts." Some men seem to pass through life without much testing, the question is suggested, are they worth testing, are they of sufficient value. "Trials are God's vote of confidence."

This is also a great illustration of substitutionary sacrifice, ask Isaac if he believed it? Ask the question, "How do we show our faith?"

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