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LAYMAN'S SERMON HEARD BY MANY

PRESIDENT POTEAT OF WAKE FOREST COLLEGE SPEAKS FROM FIRST BAPTIST PULPIT

A crowd that filled the auditorium heard Dr. W. L. Poteat Sunday at the First Baptist church. Dr. Poteat's subject was "The Place of Religion in Life".

"Among the interests of human life," he said, "the religious interest is sovereign."

"This is seen to be so from several considerations."

"First, religion is natural, in the sense that it is inherent in human nature. It is not an imposition from without."

"It is universal. There is no tribe so low in development as to be destitute of religious opinions and sentiment."

"It is diagnostic of man, which is the same as to say that it is the most reliable distinction which serves to set man apart from all the animals below him."

Religion is the organizing force of human life, preserving the composite elements of human nature in unity and efficiency in the case of the individual and binding individuals together in social groups. It is the mother and conservator of nations. Moreover, religion is the mother of intelligence. The church rather than the school has educated the race.

"It becomes important to know what this sovereign human interest is, in itself. Generalizing the religious phenomenon as it occurs in human life, comprehending its lowest and highest phases in one point of view, it is the recognition of the Universal Spirit back of all things that appear; together with the corollary that the human spirit, which is in some ways its counterpart, is in communication with this universal Spirit. In a word, it is the response of the human spirit to the appeal of the eternal World. In the case of Christianity the significance of Jesus lies in his revelation which he made of the universal Spirit, whom he taught us to call "Father". In Him the Eternal Life invaded the earthly life. The Word which was with God, was made flesh and dwelt among us; and our love withdrew into the Eternal World, making communication with it easy, endowing us with a freshened fellowship with the Father."

This is the essence of the Christian experience; but, as in the case of all other religions, speculation about the religious experience some times usurps the place which belongs only to that experience. This usurpation of metaphysics is well illustrated in the rise and dominance of the medieval theology. Theology is a noble and useful science and every thoughtful man has his system of theology. On the other hand, it is important to distinguish between religious experience and the effort to account for it in terms of intellect. Your personal relationship to God in Christ, which is the essence of religion, is one thing, your theory of that relationship is quite another thing. It is most fortunate that one does not have to be sure of his theories before he can be sure of his experience. Disastrous consequences have followed confusion here. Inquirers have been confounded and discouraged and Christians have passed years of misgivings and doubt because they have identified certain propositions of theology with the essence of religion. One does not have to understand the deepest things of human life in order to experience them. Probably the analogy which comes the closest to the religious experience is presented in the experience of falling in love. A vision of beauty and goodness wins a young man's heart. He cannot explain it; but he cannot doubt it. So

HIGH SCHOOL TO PRESENT PLAY

OTHER INTERESTING ITEMS FROM CAMDEN'S STATE HIGH SCHOOL AT SOUTH MILLS

South Mills, Dec. 11—The Senior Class of South Mills High School will give a play—"When a Man's Single"—in the High School Auditorium, Wednesday evening, Dec. 20, 1916. Admission of twenty-five and fifteen cents will be charged.

The Christmas Holidays for the South Mills High School will begin on December 21st, 1916, and run until January 4th, 1917.

Miss Miriam Dozier's Music Class will give a recital on Friday night, December 15th, in the High School Auditorium. In connection with this recital, the children of the Third and Fourth Grades will give a short play—"The Night Before Christmas". Miss Barnes has charge of those grades.

The Methodist and Baptist Sunday Schools are planning for their Christmas trees and entertainments. The Methodist will have theirs Wednesday night, December 27th, at Trinity Church, the Baptist Thursday evening, December 28th, at Ebenezer church.

Let us hope for a Community tree next year. If we are to progress we must catch more of the Community Spirit.

Our teachers attended the first Teachers' Meeting of the year for Camden County Teachers last Saturday. The meeting was held at Camden.

Prof. S. N. Hurst and Miss Letitia Midgett attended the Teachers' Assembly at Raleigh, Thanksgiving. They reported a very enjoyable and profitable trip.

Patrons of the school will be interested to know that with the money realized from the play given by the faculty recently the following magazines and periodicals have been ordered: Country Life in America, The Outlook, The American Boy, The Literary Digest, The Independent, Current Events, The Woman's Home Companion, The Craftsman, Something To Do, The Mentor, and The Raleigh News and Observer.

These will be placed in the Reading Room of the High School for use not by the students of the High School but by the citizens of the town as well. The Reading Room will be open to students every day; to others on Monday and Friday afternoons. Come and enjoy the feast we wish to give you.

In addition to the above magazines, the Dallas Williams Literary Society (girls) gives Every Woman's Magazine—a splendid magazine published at Raleigh, N. C., and edited by North Carolina women and men. Read it by all means, and learn what the women and men—particularly the women—of your own state are doing.

THANK, BOY SCOUTS
At the Sunday morning service at Blackwell Memorial church the church expressed appreciation for the services of the boy scouts who, during the convention, brought the mail daily from the postoffice and were always on hand to run errands and make themselves useful in every possible way. Appreciation was expressed also for the services of the automobile committee who saw to it that all departing delegates were conveyed directly from the church to depot.

DELIGHTFUL TRIP TO HEADQUARTERS

M. W. FEREBEE TELLS OF INFORMATION GAINED AND HOSPITALITY ENJOYED

Mr. W. M. Ferebee returned Monday from Toledo where he attended the Willys-Overland Convention. Mr. Ferebee gave the following interview to The Advance.

Some action!
Nothing was ever so impressive as our tour of the great plant that turns out Willys-Overland cars.

Our Pullmans all parked in the company yards. There was room enough, for there are seven and three-quarter miles of track within the plant.

Each man got a card containing a picture of Mr. Willys and an autographed message of welcome from him. Next thing I knew we were lined up on the steps of the stunning new administration building getting photographed.

Elevators shot us to the company's own restaurant on the sixth floor. There we had a corking breakfast. At each plate was a copy of the live new Willys-Overland house organ "The Starter". It mapped our day's program.

Then started our tour of the plant.

Our guides were carefully picked men. They knew the plant from end to end and each party was small so that each number of the party could have his questions answered.

Nobody ought to try to sell Willys-Overland product without knowing this plant. You can't grip the immensity of the proposition till you do.

It is no piker business. \$25,000,000.00 are tied up in land, buildings and machinery, not to say a word about the stock of parts and raw material.

From the roof of the wonderful administration building, which stands out like a state capital, you get a great panorama of the plant. You can then readily believe that it occupies 193 acres, with 4,486,880 square feet of floor space in daily use and a production capacity of 1000 cars per day.

You can appreciate the growth from 250 employees in 1908 to 17,300 in 1916.

1,000 persons, more than the entire manufacturing force of many a company, work in the administration building alone. This structure, 375 feet long, has every facility for rapid work, including dictaphones, its own telegraph and telephone system and a mail handling department that does about everything but write the letters.

388 persons can be fed in the restaurant at one time.

But this is nothing to what hits when you cross into the shops. It is a whirl of action, yet all is system.

Parts by the untold thousand are here, with a value into the millions of dollars. There are lines of motors. I never saw so many crank shafts together. Our guide said 6,000—I'd have believed 60,000.

There is stock in bins, stock in yards, stock along the walls, connecting rods, frames, fenders, mudguards, hoods, rims, springs, axles, torsion tubes, transmission gears shafts, brake parts, steering rods, pedals—it is an unending procession.

Every thirty days sees an average of 1,000 tons of steel come in. It is handled by a magnetic crane that enables two men to do a work that formerly required thirty.

There are amazing machines. The toggle press, for example, held us all. This monster, with its pressure of 1000 tons, shapes

FRANCE APPROVES LLOYD GEORGE

CALLS HIM ENGLAND'S MAN OF THE HOUR AND TAKES ON NEW COURAGE

Paris, Dec. 11.—More and more England's limited war council idea is gaining support in France. More and more Lloyd George is regarded here as England's man of the hour.

France is wasting no time in pessimistic reflections over Rumania and Greece, but on the contrary the nation is setting its jaws more firmly for immediate action and daring.

cold steel like cardboard. A piece of metal fed to it comes out as a side frame. It can make two thousand of these in an eight hour day.

Other machines stamp out radiator shells, fenders, cow dashes and doors.

You take off your hat to the drop of forging machines. Down comes the hammer and the fiery piece of iron is beaten into shape. The complete drop forging of the front axle can be accomplished with one heat.

Every kind of part requiring strength was drop forged while we looked on axles, crank shafts, brake assembly rods, break and control rods, spring shackles, gear blanks and break rod sectors.

We saw the company's accurate system of die making. It calls for a special workman on each detail. One works on the shaper, another on the planer and a third on die sinking.

The multiple spindle drill in one operation drills all the holes in the front axle. This is a guarantee that each will be in right relation to the other.

It was hard to drag us away from the automatic turret lathe that surfaces and finishes fly wheels. It works as though somewhere within its metal vitals was concealed a brain. The workman has only to put on the rough fly wheel, adjust the first set of tools, push the lever, and let the machine do the rest.

The cast iron is peeled off as readily as wax. Sometimes four or five operations are performed at once. When one set of cuttings is done, the machine stops automatically, and the next set of tools comes automatically into place. Twenty operations are performed in fourteen minutes. Twenty-six pounds of metal are removed from the wheel. One man can watch three of these machines.

The vertical cutter of gears on fly wheels almost matches the turret in interest.

Moving up and down, the cutter at the same time slowly revolves, the fly wheel turning in the opposite direction. By the time a complete revolution of the fly wheel has been accomplished, all the gears are cut.

We all fell for the aluminum foundry and for the machines that finish the aluminum parts.

The multiple spindle drill bores 81 holes in the crank case in one operation. This is a proof of the superiority of machining processes, for the holes must be in right relation to each other.

Another machine smooths the surfaces of the crank cases, finishing seven in nine minutes.

Diamonds, real diamonds, are consumed with apparently reckless indifference in the wet grind room. Placed in small tools they are used to true the emery wheels on which are ground the bearing surfaces of the crank shafts.

They are bought in 15,000 lots. We looked on while whole forests of lumber were being turned

Commercial Congress in Opening Session Monday

John Skelton Williams Says Uncle Sam Must be Both Good Samaritan and Sampson Among Nations after War

(By United Press)
Norfolk, Va., Dec. 11—With the changed outlook produced by the European war as its theme, the Southern Commercial Congress convenes here today will go thoroughly into the question of commercial preparedness to meet the anticipated cutthroat competition from across the waters with the return of peace.

Economic, financial, agricultural and commercial phases of the problem will be discussed by the experts from this country and abroad. A number of the most notable men of the country are scheduled to address the Congress.

"This nation must be ready after the war to stand both as Sampson and the good Samaritan in its relation to the world," said Hon. John Skelton Williams, Comptroller of Currency, in his address before the Congress today.

"America must be strong but magnanimous," said he and drew a striking comparison between the fattened purses of this nation and the nation's contributions to suffering Europe. "Our gifts," he said "are about one twentieth of one percent of our profits."

"The abnormal growth of the urban population, especially through migration from the rural districts cityward," said Senator Joseph E. Ransdell of Louisiana, in his address this afternoon "is one of the most fruitful causes of the high cost of living."

"The migration of farmers to Canada is also a cause of soaring prices in this country."

"Thirty years ago seventy percent of the people lived in the country, today only fifty three per cent."

"It is an interesting fact that the South is the mighty balance wheel of the nation. If it were not for the South with its seventy seven per cent of country people the average would be greatly changed and prices now might be even higher. The South's rural increase during the past decade has been much higher than its urban increase."

"In the fertile Southern region with its large number of food producers lies the nation's strongest hope of solving the high cost of living."

A plea for the passage of the Webb bill, urging that the bill will lawfully permit the formation and combination of American exporters for foreign trade was made by Assistant secretary of Treasurer Peter.

Lloyd George Suffers Illness

London, Dec. 11.—Premier David Lloyd George suffered a severe chill this morning and his physicians ordered him to remain indoors throughout the day. The premier's illness follows as a result of his almost superhuman efforts during the past few weeks in the reconstruction of the new government.

HERTFORD QUINT LOSES TO EDENTON

BASKET BALL FRIDAY, WOODMEN ELECT OFFICERS THURSDAY, XMAS TREE COMING

Hertford, N. C. Dec. 11.—In a fast exciting game of basket ball, the Edenton High School five defeated the Hertford High here on Friday by the score of 18 to 11. Edenton outclassed the locals in their team work and secured an early lead, the first half ending with the score 9 to 1. Hertford came back with a rush in the second half and made a game fight, running up ten points to Edenton's 9 but the lead was too great to overcome.

The regular election of officers for Albemarle Camp No. 463 Woodmen of the World was held Thursday night and resulted in the reelection of all officers, Consul Commander, L. R. Crawford; adviser, J. H. Haskett; Banker, J. S. Vick; Escort, A. W. Heffen; Clerk, A. W. Caboon; Watchman, E. M. Simpson; Sentry, J. M. Rogerson. Felton was elected Manager to succeed Ellie White, whose term has expired, and J. W. Beaton will again Captain the Degree Team. The local camp is now stronger than ever before in its history, numbering over 150 members.

Hertford will have a Community Christmas Tree this year. All preliminary arrangements have been made and the various committees are now at work perfecting the details. The movement was started by the Circle, the Woman's Club of Hertford, and at a meeting held in the Graded School's early in the week, which was well attended by the representative citizens of town. W. G. Gaither was elected President and W. F. C. Edwards Secretary. The Sunday Schools will cooperate as will the Woodmen of the World, and the Graded School children will also take part in the Community celebration.

CULPEPPER—HOLMES.

Miss Jennie Holmes, of Perquimans county was married to Mr. James L. Culpepper, of Tyrrel county, in the office of register of deeds Wednesday afternoon. The bride is the daughter of Mr. J. B. Holmes, who formerly lived in Pasquotank.

Miss Virginia Smith of Norfolk is spending a few days here the guest of her mother, Mrs. Virginia Smith.

Dr. Victor Pinck spent the week end in Norfolk.

C. C. Brock of Norfolk is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Brock.