

THE PRAYER CORNER

The Unchangeable God.
I am the Lord, I change not, Malachi 3:6

This is a beautiful thought and one which we should rest upon at all times and in all circumstances. A very dear friend of mine now and then used to spend the night with us when we lived in Jersey City. On his first visit when bed time came, I took him into the guest room and pointing to a silk banner that hung from the mirror, I repeated the sweet lines to a guest upon it.

"Sleep sweet within this quiet room,
O thou, whose'er thou art;
And let no mournful yesterday
Disturb thy peaceful heart;
Nor let tomorrow scare thy rest,
With dreams of coming ill:
Thy maker is thy changeless friend,
His love surrounds thee still.
Forget thyself and all the world;
Put out each feverish light,
The stars are watching overhead.
Sleep sweet! Goodnight! Goodnight!
When he came into the study the next morning and sat down in my easy chair, he said to me, "Those were beautiful words that you said last night, 'Thy maker is thy changeless friend.' " "Yes," I replied, "they are very beautiful and very comforting."

This week my readings have been upon "The Unchangeable God."

May I share them with each one of you who reads "The Prayer Corner?"

Turn to your Bibles and read each day's selection and may God bless it to you and yours.

- 1-Sunday-James 1:17-22-The Father with whom is no variableness.
- 2-Monday-Numbers 23: 17-22- He always brings a blessing.
- 3-Tuesday 1 Samuel 15: 20-30, Always condemns disobedience.
- 4-Wednesday Psalms 111: 1-6 He is always mindful of His covenant.
- 5-Thursday Malachi 3: 1-7 Always the Protector of the weak.
- 6-Friday Hebrews 1: 8-13 Always the Lover of Righteousness.
- 7-Saturday Hebrews 13: 5-9 Always the Helper who never forsakes.

A PRAYER
O Thou Unchangeable God in whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning, "Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting Thou art God."

We thank thee and we bless thee, that thy Maker is our changeless friend. That thy love surrounds us still and always will in all places and under all circumstances.

We thank thee, oh we thank thee for these precious words of our Lord Jesus, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." "Lo I am with you always." And especially we thank thee for those blessed words that assure us of His changeless presence. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday and today and forever."

Holy and most merciful Savior, we know that change and decay is in all around we see, O thou who changest not, abide with us, "We need thy presence every passing hour."

What but thy grace can foil the Tempters power,
Who like thyself our guide and stay can be.

Through cloud and sunshine, Lord abide with us.

We fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless,
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.

Where is death's sting? where grave thy victory?

We triumph still if thou abide with us.

Hold thou thy cross before our closing eyes

Shine through the gloom and point us to the skies.

Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee,

In life, in death, O Lord, abide With us."

Amen.
C. D. C.

DEATH OF BARNEY McGAHA

Mr. Barney McGaha died Tuesday afternoon of pneumonia. He was ill only four or five days.

The funeral services were conducted at the home by Rev. Wallace Hartzell.

Interment was at Oak Grove Cemetery.

Mr. McGaha leaves a wife and several small children.

PROF. TROWBRIDGE THANKS BREVARD

Mr. William Band, Brevard, North Carolina.
Dear Mr. Band:

I want to write a word of appreciation of cordial treatment our players received in Brevard last week. We were very much pleased at the effective advertising that had been done by the Betterment Association. The size of the audience spoke highly for the interest of the town in clean entertainment. The players expressed themselves as greatly pleased by the intelligence and responsiveness of the audience. They found a clear understanding of every turn of the play and every one felt stimulated to do better than the best possible under other circumstances. The dinner served at the Aethelwald was delicious and satisfying. The high school auditorium had a better arranged stage than they had used before. In fact, everything contributed to let them give the best they had.

I have felt for years that Brevard people by their cordial reception of lyceum and other artists get a higher type of entertainment than most communities get because everything that is given in Brevard is done at the highest notch that the entertainers have. Even a company that does not get strong press notice in other places is apt to do well in Brevard because the audience shows appreciation for what they do well and keeps the entertainer at his very best, through out the evening. This certainly was the experience of the Weaver College players Saturday.

Our teachers and students were very much delighted with all that they saw in Brevard. They are praising in the highest terms the cordiality of the people, the culture of the audience, the equipment and personnel of the Institute, and the general air of progressiveness in the town. The cast contained representatives of a number of states, and I am convinced that the trip will help to advertise Brevard thru out this section of the South.

Very truly yours,
C. H. Trowbridge.

MEETING OF MUSIC LOVERS CLUB

The Music Lovers Club held the last meeting of the Club year with the Pres. Mrs. O. L. Erwin, Monday evening May 5th.

The membership was enlarged to twenty, having been fifteen heretofore.

It was the great pleasure of the club to have Miss Pike, the former president, at this meeting.

Another guest on this occasion was Miss Gatling of Charlotte, who is a representative of the Redpath Lyceum Bureau.

After discussing the course with Miss Gatling, the club voted to sign contract with Redpath and decided on the numbers all of which are unusually good.

Mrs. Walker, chairman of the book committee, brought the books to the meeting that were presented to the High School and Brevard Institute during the National Music week, by the Music Lovers club.

The following officers were elected for the coming Club year:
President, Mrs. J. M. Allison;
Vice President, Mrs. H. R. Walker;
Treasurer, Mrs. C. P. White; Secretary, Miss Jean Harris.

MEETING OF BREVARD WEDNESDAY CLUB

Mrs. David G. Ward entertained this club on Wednesday.

North Carolina History is the subject being studied.

Mrs. Fred Miller had charge of the program and gave interesting facts about the life of Charles Aycock.

Mrs. A. B. Riley who was present on the occasion told of the unveiling of Aycock's monument in Raleigh.

Mrs. J. S. Silversteen gave a most interesting account of the meeting of Federated Clubs in Raleigh. She and Mrs. Miller represented the club.

B. Y. P. U. MEETING

The Associational B. Y. P. U. will meet May 31st, at Enon church. Each B. Y. P. U. in the Association is urged to send delegates.

M. L. Shipman Candidate For Renomination Commissioner of Labor And Printing

Democratic Primary To Be Held June 7,

His cash capital was just sixteen dollars. His real assets were enthusiasm, sincerity, honesty, unswerving party devotion, and loyalty to his friends. Take these ingredients mix thoroughly: there you have M. L. Shipman, Commissioner of Labor and Printing—a self-made North Carolinian, now at the head of an important State department, and with as wide an acquaintance as most any man in the old North State.

That cash capital of sixteen silver dollars was utilized all at once way back during 1891, in founding one of the best known weekly newspapers in Western North Carolina, The French Broad Hustler. His real assets have stood him in good stead ever since, and he still has 'em.

In that year of our Lord 1891, out of wildest, most rugged mountains this side of the Rockies, the future Commissioner of Labor and Printing came to Brevard, which is in Transylvania County. He came with only the rudiments of an education and he came seeking more. His spare time was spent on a little local paper there. When this paper gave up the ghost—for no newspaper ever lived long in Brevard in those days—the student and school teacher was persuaded to revive it. You recollect that he had sixteen dollars in real money, plus certain qualities potentially equal to a small fortune. Also during his study of the blue back speller and of Mr. Webster's dictionary he had failed to discover the word failure—didn't know how to spell it, even, and doubted if there was such a word in the English language. Confidently his friends will tell you, if you ask them, that's still his opinion and belief.

Well, then, although at the time knowing little of the art of printing with little money, but a brave heart he did revive the paper. He set type; pulled the Washington handpress, a pleasant form of physical exercise which has chopping hickory fence rails tied to a post. He wrote locals, editorials, solicited advertising and subscriptions, interviewed irate subscribers and explained to the devil just why a wage increase was simply out of the question at that precise time. These are but little personal details, it is true, but they illuminate the quality of the man.

The Hustler was successful. Its editor was appointed county school superintendent, widening his circle of acquaintances who automatically became his friends, and strengthening his paper. The Fusion Legislature of 1895 changed the system of appointing county school superintendents, and Mr. Shipman was removed by the Fusionists in the middle of his second term.

CALLED TO BROADER FIELD

In 1896, his ability now recognized, he induced to remove the Hustler from Brevard to Hendersonville about twenty miles away, and there published a newspaper for the two counties. Henderson County had never been the proud possessor of a Democratic newspaper, and Mr. Shipman, not knowing Webster's definition of the word failure, promptly accepted the proposition made him.

A big cylinder took the place of the old Washington hand press; a Mergenthaler Linotype did the work and the editor no longer set type by hand. The office equipment was made modern. The paper also became a potent force in Hendersonville's growth. The sentiment in his home town, it is perhaps needless to say, is "for Shipman."

That's another result of not being acquainted with a certain word opposed to success. Also, it shows how a quiet rather silent man may use a cash capital of sixteen dollars and certain God-given talents to the advantage of his community, his party, and incidentally, himself.

SUCCESSFUL IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Mitchell Lee Shipman has been in politics since the first white supremacy campaign in 1898. He was then chairman of the Henderson County Democratic Executive Committee, and came within fifteen votes of carrying the county. If you are even casually acquainted with the political make-up of the aforesaid county at that time, you

will realize precisely just what this means.

In 1899 the Commissioner-to-be journeyed to Raleigh. The Legislature was then in session, and he was elected Calendar Clerk of the Senate. He served in that capacity during the sessions of 1901 to 1905 when he was appointed Assistant Commissioner of Labor and Printing by Mr. Varner. He was still chairman of the county and senatorial district committees, and in 1904 was chairman of the Tenth-Congressional District Committee. That was the year J. M. Gudger defeated his Republican opponent, Judge Hamilton G. Ewart. Mr. Shipman had previously received training in matters political under the tutelage of Congressman W. T. Crawford.

His campaign methods are open and above board. He never hits below the belt. The State knows of his fighting qualities, and his Republican opponents know always where to find him. He has never lost a fight in his district and has never permitted the banner of his party to trail in the dust. Which comes partly of course, from not knowing how to pronounce the first syllable of the word "failure."

OFFICIAL RECORD

Mr. Shipman was later elected Commissioner of Labor and Printing, the office he now so competently fills, and for which office he is a candidate for renomination in the Democratic Primary to be held on June 7th.

The work of the Department has doubled several times since his connection with it: the direction of the co-operative Federal and State free employment service, with local offices in Asheville, Charlotte, Winston Salem, Greensboro, Wilmington and Raleigh, has been added to the duties of the Commissioner; a new bureau of the Department for the help of our deaf population, created by act of the last Legislature, is functioning nicely; the gathering and compilation of facts and statistics relative to farming and labor, manufacturing, mining, water powers, etc., entail greater labor each year.

Thousands of dollars (more than the operating cost of the Department) are saved annually to the State by the careful supervision of the public printing and approved business methods that have been introduced in handling this important item of government expense; thousands of the unemployed, including hundreds of former service men, have found positions through the employment division; many of the deaf have been directed to situations which have enabled them to establish themselves in life since the development of the bureau for the deaf, under the supervision of the Department; yet, but a beginning has been made.

Auditing experts employed to check the records of all State departments and introduce improved methods failed to find any errors in the records and could suggest no improvements in the system in vogue in this Department. These experts stated that the Department of Labor and Printing was easily one of the most efficient and most economically administered of all the State departments.

This department is conducted on strictly business principles, in the interest of the taxpayers of the State. It is a tax-saving rather than a "tax-eating" department.

In so many ways and by so many different methods has Mr. Shipman increased the efficiency of his department that to enumerate them all here would be quite unnecessary. Suffice it to repeat, then, that the General Assembly has properly recognized his efficiency and the vastly increased importance of the Department to the State, and that his efficiency has been attained during the time Mr. Shipman has served the people.

A NATIVE OF THE HILLS

The silent Commissioner was born at Bowman's Bluff, in Henderson county, December 31, 1866. He was married July 12, 1896, to Miss Lula Osborne, of Brevard and to them have been born four children. He is a Baptist—many Western North Carolinians are born Baptists.

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NEW DORMITORY AT BREVARD INSTITUTE WINNERS IN BANK CONTEST ANNOUNCED

The handsome new dormitory for girls at the Institute is nearing completion.

This is a three story brick building with basement. The furnace, hot water tank and heater to be connected with the tank at the seasons when the furnace is not needed are already in place. They promise an abundance of hot water for all purposes.

To one who remembers the primitive life in the first building of the Institute twenty years ago, the present splendid equipment seems almost miraculous and we "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

The building will accommodate one hundred persons. On the first floor is a large reception room, a guest room with private bath, teachers rooms, a bath room for teachers, bed rooms for girls and a number of showers and lavatories for girls.

On the second and third floors are similar living quarters for teachers and girls.

The floors are all of oak except the basement which will be concrete. The building is as nearly fire proof as possible. The stairs are concrete shut off by sheet metal doors set in metal frames.

The cost of the building will be about \$60,000.00 dollars.

While the contract was let to a Greenville firm, a large force of workmen has been employed who have spent their money here. A good many local men are on the job. In the past two years Brevard Institute has invested for Farm and Roy's Dormitory, \$55,000.00; International Tractor, \$1,200.00; Girls Dormitory, \$80,000.00.

Plans are now being drawn for remodeling the old buildings and the cottages.

The Brevard Institute is one of our biggest assets morally and materially.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

The county board of education of Transylvania County met on Monday May, 12th, for the purpose of opening the bids and letting the contract for the new high school building at Brevard. Five bids have been filed with the county superintendent. These were opened and considered by the board. All appeared to be too high. The board therefore, eliminated all except the two lowest. These were asked to do some close figuring on the basis of "live and let live" and submitted new bids at a meeting of the board last Monday, May 19. Their revised bids were received and carefully considered by the board at its called meeting on Monday of this week. The general contract was let to The Jordan Building Co of Greenville, S. C., for \$57,035.00 with the swimming pool left out. The Heating and Plumbing contract was let to Barr Bros, also of Greenville, for \$5,490.00. The contract for wiring has not yet been let.

DEATH OF JAMES R. LOFTIS

This community was shocked to learn of the sudden death of James R. Loftis.

Mr. Loftis was formerly a resident of this place and has many relatives and friends here. For several years past he has made his home in Sylva where he had only recently bought and built a home.

He was married seven years ago to Miss Myra Crisp of Sylva.

At the time of his death he was forty three years old.

Mr. Loftis died at the Mission hospital in Asheville after a very brief illness.

The family, including Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Deaver of this place were all with him when the end came.

The body was taken to Sylva for burial and the funeral service was held in the Baptist Church there. Large numbers of friends from Brevard and Asheville were present.

There were many handsome floral offerings from friends in Asheville, Brevard and Sylva.

At the time of his illness Mr. Loftis was holding a position with the State Highway Co.

McGUIRE—OWENBY

On Sunday, May 18th, Walter McGuire of Penrose was married to Missie L. Owenby of Brevard, Route No. two.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. John Scott at the parsonage in Penrose. A number of friends from Hendersonville, Platyre and other places were present.

The essay contest for the prizes offered by the Pisgah Bank for the best essays of thrift were won by the following Public School Students:

HIGH SCHOOL
Marvin Yates, Brevard, first prize, \$15.00; Julia Varner, second prize, Connettee, \$10.00; Ruby Whitmire, Calvert, third prize, \$5.00.

SIXTH AND SEVENTH GRADES
Eugenia Nelson, Rosman, first prize, \$15.00; Louise Kinzey, Connettee, second prize, \$10.00; Gaston Morgan, Calvert, third prize, \$5.00.

County Superintendent T. C. Henderson selected the judges in this contest, and has certified the above names as those winning in the contest and since there will be no County Commencement this spring, Mr. Henderson will deliver the prizes at the Close of Brevard High School on Friday night, May 23rd. The prizes as stated above are to be deposited in Pisgah Bank to the credit of the winners.

We congratulate you upon having won in this contest and hope this will be a means of inspiring you to greater achievements.

Another contest with the same rules as in this one will be put on this fall, beginning with the opening of the public schools and continuing until Christmas, at which time prizes of like amount will be awarded.

Pisgah Bank.

PROGRAM FOR THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES AT BREVARD INSTITUTE

Monday, May 25, at 10 a.m., Baccalaureate Sermon by Rev. A. L. Canford, Pastor Central Methodist Church, Shelby, N. C.

Monday, May 25, at 6:30 p.m., Last Word, W. and Y. M. C. A. led by Sentinels.

Monday, May 26, at 8:15 p.m., music recital, Exhibits from Vocational Department.

Tuesday, May 27, at 9 a.m., last Chapel Exercise.

Tuesday, May 27, at 2:30 p.m., Athletic Contest.

Tuesday, May 27, at 8:15 p.m., Class night.

Wednesday, May 28, at 9 a.m., Faculty meeting.

Wednesday, May 28, at 3 p.m., Commencement Concert.

Wednesday, May 28, at 8:15 p.m., Society night.

Thursday, May 29, at 9:30 a.m., Athletic Contest.

Thursday, May 29, at 3:00 p.m., Alumni Meeting.

Thursday, May 29, at 8:15 p.m., Commencement Exercises. Address to the Graduates by Rev. Ashley Chappell, D.D., Pastor Central Methodist Church, Asheville, N. C. Awarding of Diplomas and Certificates.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

The Republican Convention Saturday was well attended and was most harmonious.

The meeting was presided over by Lewis P. Hamlin, A. M. White was secretary.

The committee on resolutions consisted of D. L. English, A. M. White, Simpson of Boyd.

The following were selected as the candidates at the coming election:
Representative, C. E. Hedden; Sheriff, B. J. Sitton; Register of Deeds, A. B. Owen; Treasurer, Oscar Galloway; Coroner, E. S. English; Surveyor, D. T. Grimshaw; county commissioners, R. L. Scruggs, W. J. Owen, M. C. Shipman.

VACANCY IN POST OFFICE

The vacancy at the Post Office caused by the resignation of M. W. Galloway is soon to be filled. An examination has been called for June 21st.

This is a good opening for someone between the ages of 18 and 45. Anyone interested can secure an application blank at the Post Office.

BETTERMENT TO MEET ON MONDAY

Next Monday afternoon, May 26, the Betterment will hold its regular meeting at the High School building.

It is hoped to have interesting reports of the preparations for the bazaar sale to which we are forwarding eagerly.