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Peek--Ebbs

Last Sunday afternoon at five o'clock with a few very intimate friends, Miss Hattie Ebbs became the wife of Mr. Will W. Peek. The wedding vows were taken in the Central Methodist personage with Rev. J. H. McCracken officiating.

The bride and groom both being from Madison County and being members of two of our County's most historic families will not need any introduction as they are well known to every citizen and almost every school child.

Miss Ebbs has been the guest of her sister Mrs. H. A. Angel of this city for the past three months and during her stay has won scores of friends and the capitol city is glad to place her on the permanent roll.

Mr. Peek is prominently connected with the Western Union Telegraph Company and during his stay here for the past eighteen months has made himself exceedingly popular in the social and business circles and every one who knows him is a friend.

Raleigh is glad to win the two popular young people which Madison has lost and joins with all the friends in good wishes.

H. A. ANGEL.

Seventy Seven Years Old.

George W. Clouff, Printis, Miss., who had suffered greatly with kidney trouble, writes: "Foley Kidney Pills are the only remedy that ever did me any good at all." Just think of the relief and comfort that means to him, Foley Kidney Pills are recommended for sleep disturbing bladder troubles, pain in sides or back, rheumatism, and kidney and bladder ailments. For sale by Dr. I. E. Burnett, Mars Hill, N. C.

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All of North Carolina's Congressmen are for the literacy test except Pou and Gudger. Pou is for the president and Gudger is non committal.

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P. V. Rector

The Country Church--Then and Now

(A. W. Cline.)

The country church of today is not the country church of fifty years ago; yea I might say twenty years ago and too I might add that it doesn't take a close observer to notice a marked change within the past ten years. The transition is rapid and there must be some cause for it. You ask me what I mean when I say there has been a change. Your old grandfather or grandmother who has attended the same church for seventy-five years can answer the question more intelligently than I can, in fact my idea for this sketch was obtained from a conversation with a Godly old man who deploras the fact that religion has lost its power, not only in some city churches but scores of rural churches as well. Of course this condition is not universal, but if it is prevalent in some localities. I know country churches that only a few years ago were alive with the Gospel of Christ and now they are spiritually dead. To attend a service in these churches now seems more like you were present at a lecture in some public hall than the pace where the gospel was being expounded. The atmosphere reminds one of a December day.

If the above is true there must be some cause for it. Let us see if we can't find a few of the causes for the present drift of many churches away from the old time religious customs. How many of the younger readers ever attended a service where no organ was used, but some saintly old man "raised" the tune of "Nearer my God to Thee," "What a Friend we Have in Jesus," "Jesus Lover of My Soul" and other of the old hymns that will live throughout ages. If you attended such a service and didn't feel the power of the Holy Spirit you were indeed a hardened sinner. Such a service was enough to touch the heart of and infidel.

When I refer to the service without the organ don't understand me as being opposed to its use in the churches; far from that. I believe the organ can be made a great power for good if the proper person is organist. In many country churches the advent of the organ was the death of the church. Now let us consider the best possible way for the organ to be used for the glory of God. It is not the organ but organist that kills the religious fervor of a service, I do think that any one who has not experienced the love of God in his or her heart and who is uneducated in music should be debarred from holding the exalted position of church organist. Better throw the organ out of doors than let such a person kill the power of the services. How many have made the expression that if a certain person is organist or sings in the choir "I am going to stay away." Ask an old person to compare the revival of fifty years ago with the one of today. Young as I am I can remember when the altar wouldn't hold the penitents when the invitation was given in a revival meeting in the home church and when the invitation was closed some good old Christian knelt beside each "mourner" and pointed him to the Way of Life. Only a few years ago I spent a few days at home during

the summer revival. The pastor one of the best in the State, had labored faithfully for a week and when a call for penitents was made after a heart touching sermon, there was not a response out of the congregation of several hundred, the majority of young people and known to be out of Christ. Won't someone tell us why the gospel has lost its hold on the people in this particular section?

What is true of the section just mentioned is true of hundreds of sections throughout this and other States. Something must be done and that quick, or the church will be nothing more than a mere playhouse. Now let us see if we can't find a few things that look like they are responsible for the state of affairs mentioned above. Sometimes during the meeting referred to the pastor asked the head of families in which family prayer was held, at least once a day, to raise their hands. Not a hand went up. He then wanted to know how many had occasional prayers in their homes, and one out of the entire congregation responded. Oh! May the day hasten when a family altar will be erected in every Christian home throughout the land. No matter how far from home the young man, who was raised in a home where family prayer was a daily event, wanders the influence of that home will follow him, and no doubt some day be the means of leading him to Christ. My opinion is, that the aboishment and failure to establish the family altar, is responsible for the greater part of the loss of interest in the churches of today.

What has become of the old time pastor that threw his saddle bags across his horse and started for the neighborhood of one of his country churches about Thursday before his appointment on Sunday? His coming was looked forward to with a high degree of pleasure by every member of the family he visited. He would usually spend several days visiting among "the members" generally from Thursday until Monday. Now the preacher hurries out on Sunday morning and preaches, he will wait to eat dinner with someone near the church before hurrying back to town, but usually he hurries back to his town or suburban church where the greater part of his time is spent. I know pastors that have served country churches for several years and have never darkened the doors of some members of their congregations. In many places today the country church is only considered a side line. Pastors, give your country churches more attention and the best fruits of your labor will be found there. News & Observer.

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Mr. Frank Payne of Little Pine Creek Paynes Chapel was here Tuesday.