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DR. JOHN

By MISS BEULAH BOWDEN
We had a funeral today, one of the largest we have ever had in these hills. A man has gone from us and yet he remains. We have not seen him so often of late. We miss him, so often have we seen him on the country roads for years. Whether night, day, snow, sun or rain he was true to duty, a gentleman with a frail body sitting in his Ford Coupe with his hands on the wheel nursing some home where there was suffering.

No one who knew this community could help but know "Dr. John." He was called Dr. John because his father was a physician too. We want to give out to the world a faint idea of what this man, a public servant in the capacity of a physician, did for our, his preferred community. Dr. John, the noble son of a noble doctor father, "O I'd Dr. Baird," left his mark on the neighborhood. All of us have our marks either for good or evil according to the ill or good we do. Now that he has gone from us we hear refreshed echoes from hearthstones where he ministered most often. These vibrate with deep gratitude grounded on appreciation for his unbounded generosity for alleviation of pain and suffering. More often than not, he supplied the drugs as well as the service absolutely without the expectation of any returns. We live a more generous life here in our little village and college because of the example set by him in his profound love of relief of suffering.

His life was not so eventful. He was born in this neighborhood, reared here, apprenticed with his father and but for a short time he was studying in a medical school, his life was spent within a radius of a few miles. When his father was called to leave us, he carried on his work adding to all his experience and research, the experience of the city doctors of Asheville.

Last night we saw him lying cold and serene in the room which his father had formerly used as his office. Here among these rugged hills he remained, turning down other offers where he could have earned a handsome living. He earned it here but never amassed it. In our small school community people come to know one another: not mere knowledge of wealth, clothes, or social standing, so much as a knowledge of character that reaches below the surface into the permanent part of life. A people may be deceived by a stranger but not by one who has lived among us as a permanent citizen laboring among the sick.

The last three years of his life were made glad by a happy home with a companion that extended the interest of his cause with outstanding ability to adapt herself to his work and as a nurse-wife she enlarged his work and comfort in a very pleasing manner. Dr. John deserved all the words of praise and the tributes from his fellow physicians and his neighbors at his funeral in the little church this afternoon. The crowded house vestibules, as well as the aisles, with others on the outside, brought a few of those together who appreciated his labors. The gentle strains of music mingled with the masses of color and fragrance from the floral tributes, and talks from different walks of life were made in order to review some of the deeds from a different view point.

There was a peacefulness that pervaded the atmosphere and of the

entire service—not so many words spoken, but why should there be? We knew every one knew that his deeds spoke with an eloquence that surpassed words.

As the body was carried out the narrow door of the church to the little village cemetery, groups of people stood around and talked in quiet voices of how he had seen many of our young people come into life and had seen many of the older ones face death in his presence. His was a life of plain hardships of a country doctor, yet he lifted and beautified his labors to the level of joy. Those who came to the college or surrounding community were never strangers to him if they chanced to see him, and so many of the young people had little or no money just as patiently as did he to the truth and well to do. How much pain, poverty and suffering he alleviated in this region only eternity can reveal. Many will cry up and call him blessed. His Christianity was practical and his was a spirit of kindness.

It was recognized that he had an unusual ability to recognize the symptoms of disease. Naively he was delicate and sensitive. His fingers had an acute sense of finding pain and unsoundness. On one occasion a woman from New England came to Asheville for an examination as to the cause of a temperature. She consulted a number of the practicing physicians and all gave it up, not finding the cause. She came to Dr. John and he found a small pulsation in the channel between the nose and mouth where pus was formed that showed up the cause. His was a silent heroism that found expression in the lives of others. He was a moral pioneer in the mission of healing. A Christian chivalry, a balm to the distressed all given in the spirit of kindness a greater part of the ones attended received his services gratis.

He was buried by his father in the city of the dead November the eighth nineteen hundred and twenty-nine. Comparatively a young man with a life crowded to the brim with essential service. We leave the grave with a wordless ache in our hearts wondering what we can do to pass on some of the many favors that he has bestowed so constantly on the lives that needed him in disease, sickness and death.

These thoughts were written the night after his funeral and now that a year has passed we renew our gratitude and more keenly than ever we realize our loss.

"Lest we forget," we offer this simple reminder on the first anniversary of the death of "Dr. John" as a memorial to him and his people that he loved so much for his invaluable services.

HALLOWE'EN PARTY

Friday, October 31, a Hallowe'en party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Fisher, who live on the Tillery Branch. In spite of the snow and cold weather there was quite a crowd present. The usual Hallowe'en spirit was much in evidence. There were games of various kinds, and music was furnished by John Silver and Marvin Faulkner. Candy, cake and punch were served by Mrs. Leonard Fisher and Miss Sallie Fisher.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fisher, Messrs. Frank Reid, Bernard Reid, Fleet Reid, Troy Reid, Huel Fox, Orville Fisher, Cline West, Marvin Faulkner, John Silver, George G. Roberts and Ken Silver, Misses Sophia Buckner, Beulah Carter, Sallie Fisher, Genelle Fox, Inez Fisher, Katy Carter, Jessie Lee Keys, Verna Ball, Ola Ball, and Ruth Fisher. A fine time was reported by all those present.

W. M. S. MEETING AT ENON

On the last Thursday in September the W. M. S. of Enon met with Mrs. C. C. Runkion on an all day meeting. After the serving of a most delicious dinner, the afternoon was spent in the study of the program and prayer.

The pastor met with us at this time and asked for our cooperation

and prayers in the building up of the spirituality of the church.

The next meeting will be Thursday of this week at Mrs. O. L. Rice's. Everyone is requested to come. SECRETARY.



WILLIAM R. WHITE PASSES AWAY AND IS LAID TO REST IN LAUREL BRANCH CEMETERY

By MRS. ANNIE MAY WHITE
Funeral services for W. R. White who died at his home at Laurel Branch, Monday morning, November 3rd, at one o'clock, were held in Laurel Branch Baptist church Monday afternoon, at three o'clock, with the following ministers taking part in the service: Reverends J. A. Bradley, Abram (pastor of the church), Perry Sprinkle and Larkin Roberts. Reverend J. A. Bradley conducted the service.

No greater tribute has been paid to anyone in that section of the country than was paid to Mr. White, by each of the ministers.

Rev. Mr. Bradley baptized Mr. White, 45 years ago, on Christmas Day, at the age of fourteen years. Mr. White has lived a true, consecrated Christian life during all these years, never having belonged to any other church. He has served as Deacon of the Church for several years and was present at all services of the church, when it was possible for him to be there, and serving his Master in every way possible.

It was Rev. Mr. Bradley's privilege to unite in marriage Mr. W. R. White and Miss Lovena Eller. It has been Rev. Mr. Bradley's sad duty to perform the last rites over Mr. White.

The love and esteem in which Mr. White was held was shown by the large crowd, from different parts of the country, attending his funeral, and by the magnificent floral tributes.

Mr. White had only been ill five days and his passing away was a shock to his family and friends. It is hard to give him up, but it is our loss and his gain. His family, his church, his community, and his many friends will miss him.

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which flows from out the boundless deep,
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell
When I embark!

For tho' from out our bourne of time and place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

Mr. White is survived by his widow, Mrs. W. R. White, Wade White, of Atlanta, Mrs. Rella Allman of Hickory, N. C., Mr. H. E. White of Hickory, N. C., Mr. Roy White, who still resides at home, Guy White of Marshall, Bon White, of Marshall, Mrs. Ed Fagan of Marshall. He also leaves the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. C. F. Runkion of Walnut Creek, Mrs. John Roberts of Laurel Branch, John J. White of Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., and J. N. White of Marshall. All were present but Mr. John White of Georgia, who found it impossible to be present.

Improved Uniform International Sunday School Lesson

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Lesson for November 9 THOMAS, THE HONEST DOUBTER

LESSON TEXT—John 11:14-16, 14:5-8; 20:24-29. 21:1, 2. GOLDEN TEXT—And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. PRIMARY TOPIC—Learning to Trust Jesus. JUNIOR TOPIC—Thomas, the Man Who Wanted to Be Sure. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Learning to Trust Jesus. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Value and Peril of Doubt.

The name Thomas means "a twin." His alternate name, Didymus, means the same. From the linking of his name with Matthew in the listing of the disciples, it is commonly inferred that Thomas was a twin brother of Matthew.

Thomas is constantly presented in the Scriptures as a man of skeptical mind, yet of unquestioned character. He was an honest doubter. The Lord is not displeased when men put him to the test. No honest skeptic has ever been left in darkness. The truth of Christ's declaration still obtains, "If any man will do his will, he shall know" (John 7:17).

1. The Fidelity of Thomas (John 11:14-16). When Lazarus, the beloved brother in the Bethany home, was sick, the distressed sisters, Mary and Martha, sent for Jesus because they had come to know him as more than a mere man. Jesus, after a strange delay, went to Bethany. He knew, and apparently the disciples knew, that going to Judea at this time meant death. His mission in going unto Judea was twofold: to strengthen the faith of the disciples (vv. 11-15), and to restore to these sisters their dead brother.

Jesus fearlessly discharged his duty, though his life had been threatened. He plainly declared that Lazarus was dead. Thomas was skeptical as to Jesus' ability to raise Lazarus from the dead. In spite of this fact, his loyalty moved him to cast his lot with Jesus.

11. Jesus, the Way to the Father's House (John 14:5-8). Jesus asked the disciples to trust in him even as they trusted in God, assuring them that he was going to the Father's house and would come back and escort them to heaven. Christ asserted that he is: 1. The Way to God (v. 6).

2. The Truth (v. 6). He is not merely the teacher of truth, but he is the truth incarnate. In him we have the truth about man, what he is and what he ought to be and what he shall be in the future. In him especially we have the truth about God. Only as Christ reveals God can men know him (John 1:18).

3. The Life (v. 6). Christ is not merely the giver of life. He is the very essence of life. 111. Thomas Makes Absolute Demands (John 20:24-29).

1. Jesus manifests himself to the disciples, Thomas being absent (vv. 24, 25). He was absent at Jesus' first appearance after the resurrection, just why, we may never know. His absence deprived him of a vision of the Lord. Absence from the assembly of believers always occasions loss. The other disciples went to Thomas with the glad news of the resurrection, but he did not believe their testimony. His stubborn disbelief was such that he doggedly declared that unless he saw the nail prints and put his finger there and thrust his hand into the wounds, he would not believe.

2. Jesus manifests himself to the disciples, Thomas being present (vv. 26-29). Observe: (1) The Lord's kindness to those who have difficulties (vv. 26, 27). Thomas deserved rebuke, but the Lord quietly supplied the evidence demanded.

(2) The Lord reveals himself to Thomas (vv. 27, 28). Upon this revelation of himself Thomas was transformed from a doubter to a confessor.

3. The superior blessing of believing without sight (v. 29). Having patiently furnished Thomas with tangible evidence of his resurrection, Jesus instructed him that to believe in him without such tangible evidence as he demanded was a higher and better state of mind than his.

IV. Jesus Reveals Himself After the Resurrection (John 21:1, 2). Thomas had learned his lesson. He was on hand the next time the Lord revealed himself.

Life Be glad of life because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars.—Henry Van Dyke.

Ideals Important "Ideals are as important for life as the architect's plans for a building."—Rev. Christian F. Reiser.

The Majority One man with God on his side is a majority against the world.—Missionary Worker.

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FROM LEICESTER

The Leicester High School has had a very fine record for this year.

The attendance has been unusually good. For the first three months the percentage of attendance has been 94 per cent.

The school has recently bought new window shades and kalsomined the rooms. The new curtains and shades with the cream colored walls make the rooms very attractive.

Many extra curricular activities are being carried on—chief among which are the two literary societies, the Girl Reserves, the Tar Heel Farmers, the Athletic Club, and Student Council. These groups meet weekly or every two weeks. Much that creates good citizenship is being done by these groups.

The Tar Heel Farmers Club is planning to make a trip to Washington, D. C., next spring and already have started to secure funds.

The Girl Reserves will hold their Recognition Service next Thursday afternoon at 1:00 P. M. Sponsors for the club are urged to come.

The students of the high school and elementary grades gave an enjoyable program Thursday evening. The songs and plays with the costuming were appropriate to Hallowe'en. Two scenes from Macbeth were enacted. The evening closed with the social hour, when games, stunts and contests were enjoyed. Ice cream and other goodies were sold and a considerable amount of money was raised which will be used for the material needs of the school.

Mrs. V. E. Alexander entertained a number of young people at her home last Wednesday evening in honor of her daughter's, Frances, birthday. Hallowe'en games and stunts were played. Those present were Frankie Alexander, Opie Cole, Spencer Hampton, Gaither Lovett, I-

nez Robinson, Denver Hampton, Wanda Gibbs, Willard Davis, Frances Jones, Millard Mears, Roberta Hale, Bruce Rogers, Elnora McGee, Vance Rogers, Mary Battles, Howard Gillespie, Adlene Leftwich, Junior Hampton, Kathleen Miller, Glen Cole, Gelda Robinson, Clarence Battles, Jean Leftwich, Eula Parham, Glennie Robinson, Mr. Carl Gibbs, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, Viola Alexander, Inez Webb, and Evalee Sprinkle. Ice cream and other dainties were served.

DEATH OF H. G. WILDE

Mr. Henry G. Wilde of Big Laurel passed away at his home Sunday afternoon, Oct. 19, 1930, at 6 o'clock. He had been in declining health four years, and his passing away was not a shock to the community. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. N. H. Griffin, on the lawn of Mr. Wilde's home Monday afternoon. Interment was in the Lewis cemetery.

Mr. Wilde was married twice, his first wife being Miss Millie White. He is survived by his second wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Wilde. By his first marriage he is survived by three children, Mrs. A. N. Davis, Mr. G. R. Wilde, of Marshall, R. 2., and Mr. Jim Wilde, of Big Laurel. By the last marriage—Mrs. Dewey Franklin of Revère and Graddon Wilde of Big Laurel. Twenty-one grandchildren and five great-grandchildren also survive.

Mr. Wilde was 76 years, 5 months, and 4 days old. Up to his illness, Mr. Wilde had been a progressive farmer and a good citizen. It was a great pleasure to meet Grandpa with his broad smile. He will be sadly missed by his host of friends and neighbors.

The flowers were many and beautiful. Active pallbearers were Mr. Bailey Rice, Fred Rice, Horace Rice, Wiley Rice, Dewey Rice, Theodore Lambert, and Harvey Rice.

A Sudden Freeze—and Trouble



A SUDDEN drop in temperature—frozen radiator—car in the garage for repairs! That story will be told over and over again for the many thoughtless motorists who neglect to put their cars in proper condition for winter driving.

Automobile authorities, the United States Weather Bureau and the United States Bureau of Standards have come to the assistance of the motorist in an effort to reduce the enormous damages done the automobiles of the country during winter freezes.

Warnings are now being issued detailing the necessary steps toward preparing cars for freezing temperatures, the Weather Bureau announcing approximate dates when the first freezes may be expected, the Bureau of Standards fixing the essential qualities of the perfect anti-freeze solution, and automobile experts giving specific directions as to the proper care of the automobile's cooling system.

As to the choice of an anti-freeze, the Bureau of Standards, after long research, advises that the solution should meet these nine tests: (1) must give complete protection, (2) should not boil away, (3) must do no damage to the cooling system, (4) should not heat up the motor, (5) should not affect the paint or varnish of the car, (6) should be odorless, (7) must be non-inflammable, (8) should not be viscous at low temperatures nor decompose at high temperatures, (9) should not deteriorate.

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C. J. WILD, Chairman.