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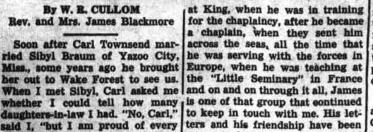
## Wayside Heroism In Charity and Children Baptist Church Paper

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said I, "but I am proud of every one of them and feel greatly hon-ored and blessed in having the priva source of strength, of help and of blessing to me. ilege of adding Sibyl to that charming group.

So far as I know every man and an that I have ever taught at Wake Forest is my friend. This statement is one of my proud boasts. The fact that lies back of it constitutes my chief asset in the way of riches. Blessings on these dear friends wherever they are! May they carry on loyally and faithfully in the name and in the Spirit of Him whose we are and whom we servel

There are certain ones of this number, however, who for one reason or another have kept in closer touch with me that some others have done. This is natural and to be expected. One of these who have thus kept in touch with me through the years is James Blackmore of Burgaw, N. C. When he was pastor and as gentle, modest and unassum-



While serving with the Army in Wyoming he met a Red Cross work- of our Lord 1948. Mr. Eustace Norer, Ruth Lillick, and before too fleet and his wife are in Wake Forlong they went over to her house in Iowa and were married. I confess that I felt a little apprehensive! Had he married a piece of wild west here in 1891-1892. These good peowind? Whither would she lead him? ple are from Wilmington, were go-What would be the result? While ing home on April 10, and took me he was in Europe Ruth came to with them. And so it was that my Warsaw to visit his people. He opportunity to visit James and Ruth wrote me of her being there, and came to me. When Caesar went in-I invited her to come over to Wake Forest to see James' Alma Mater. She declined to come because (as I learned later) of her timidity in going among strangers. But James brought Ruth to see me. They spent a day with me to my great joy and satisfaction. I saw that my boy had married a real woman, beautiful in face, comely in form



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ing in spirit as ever one could be, can under I thought that I saw more; viz. that him thorou time I have seen her my first imression was made firmer, more

definite and greatly enriched. Soon after they became settled other things prevented my doing

so until April 10, of this good year est for a year or two completing a course of study begun when Mr. Norfleet and I were fellow students to Gaul in the long ago, all who campaign will recall with pleasure I conquered." If I may paraphrase " Icame, I saw, I was conquered!" I confess that my previous experience with these good people made me much easier prey for them than the Gauls were for Caesar! The plain truth is that it is hard

the close of my stay with them, I house for me that I couldn't see how she and her husband could James and Ruth. And that is put-

While I was with these friends precious little kittens; one of them was dead. The mama was black and four of the five kittens left 45.) were almost black. Each of the four had a little speck of white

hair and one was a maltese. Four of them were named "Enie, Meni, Mini, Mo." The maltese was named Caesar. This seemed quite clever evidence of the estimate that I had formed of Ruth, her conduct and sentiment dealing with these kittens would have been amply sufficient evidence for an even stronger statement about her than I thought the little things were her babies! And how beautiful to see

the spirit of Him whose eye is lings on these and all the rest. on the sparrow."

It was my privilege to preach for the Masonboro saints on the morn-ing of April 11, to lead their prayer service on Wednesday evening and to speak to the Sunday School teachers and officers in a supper meeting on Thursday night. Besides this, many of them called to see me, and were so gracious and kind to me. Without exception, they

ughly, and w James has a woman who would en-rich his life by cooperating with him down to the very depths of her soul and to the last ounce of her routine of the week that I wa Many concrete cases of what I am saying were seen in the regular routine of the week that I was with strength. I was happy to have her take her place with Sibyl and the rest of them. They have been to see me several times, and sach dom, of the friend's devotion and of the Christian spirit as that I witnessed in my fellowship with

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these young people. As suggested above, letters were passed between Jim and me while atWilmington, at the Masonboro Church, they began to invite me letters bore suggestions that were down to spend a few days with the outcome of rich and varied and them. My physical limitations and often trying experiences. One of often trying experiences. One of these suggestions has to do with a matter that should sound a note of warning to the Christians of America. I'm refering to the way that Germany came to be in the plight of soul and life that caused them to thrust the world into the awful holocaust of horrors that has overwhelmed us for a generation and which threatens to continue indefinitely and even to grow worse a we proceed. I'm glad to be able to give this statement which I have in mind in James' own words. "We have read his commentary on that cannot have peace without justice, and we can have no justice apart his laconic words: "I came I saw, from God. For jutice is based on law, and law is based on ethics: Caesar's words a little I would say, and ethics flowers from faith, and faith must ground itself in God. We are inclined to think that 'being good' is enough; that character training is sufficient for our child ren. They tried this in Germany and look at the results of such teafor me to see how one could be ching. Three generations ago they with these friends for a few days lost their faith, a second generation without being conquered! Toward lived in the twilight of that faith and still kept the ethics of that wrote my daughter who keeps faith. But they could not give their children the ethics without the faith. Then came Hitler! The mobe more lovely to me than were tive had perished, and the conscience was dimmed. The flower ting it strongly, for I have good dies when the roots are cut. The treatment at home. Woe be to the nation that forgets God."

The parable of the empty house the mama cat gave birth to six and unclean spirits works in today's world exactly as it did in the day of our Lord. (Matt. 12:43-

I came home from Wilmington much encouraged. Under the leadership of Ed Chamblee and his fine colleagues, things much worth while are coming to pass in and to me. And if I had had no other around Wilmington. May this go on in a great way until the splendid dream of the sacrificial Pritchard, the heroic Kester, the cultured Hunt, the saintly Foster, the consecrated Sullivan and the younger ones who have followed and are have given. One could almost have still carrying on shall have been realized!

It was my privilege to preach her cherish and manifest such for my long-time friend, Rev. T. lovely and simple tenderness. In H. King on the evening of April 11, a world which seems - much of it in his lovely Winter Park Church. at least - to be worshiging force - Brohter King is one of our best brute force - I thank God for men and is surrounded by a fine those who maintain and exercise group of men and women. Bless





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