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OUR PRINCIPLES.

- 1.—The Lord Jesus Christ is the only Head of the Church. 2.—The name Christian, to the exclusion of all party, or sectarian names. 3.—The Holy Bible, or the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament a sufficient rule of faith and practice. 4.—Christian character, or vital piety, the only test of fellowship, or church membership. 5.—The right of private judgement and the liberty of conscience, the privilege and duty of all.

"THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL."

An article on this subject appeared in last week's issue of this paper from the pen of Rev. W. S. Long, A. M., a professor in the Graham Normal College and President of the General Christian Convention. That article we regard as both sensible and timely. In our opinion, than this, no subject of greater importance to the Christian Church will claim the attention of the General Convention at its approaching session.

It is true that we have schools—not strictly denominational, but conducted by members of the Christian Church—at which our young people can acquire a good general education; but, in the South, we have no "theological school."

In the past the subject of ministerial education has been woefully neglected by us. Indeed, years ago there was on the part of many of our people strong opposition to an educated ministry. These people have either died out or seen their error, and there is consequently no longer any such opposition amongst us. The wonder is, not that this opposition has died out, but that it ever had an existence. The most stupid farmer never thinks of employing a miller to do his black smithing, nor does the miller ever think of employing a physician to repair his mill. In short, it is generally, if not universally, admitted that each profession requires a special education. When we want instruction in military tactics we never think of going to a Quaker Sunday-school to get it, nor when we want legal advice do we go to the chimney sweep. Upon the same principle, people will no longer go for religious instruction to those who know little or nothing of theology.

Now, it is true that there are "theological schools" in abundance convenient to us, but these schools are conducted by members of other denominations, and have for their object not only the education of men in theology, but also in the peculiar work of the various organizations which they represent and whose interest they serve. Hence these schools do not meet our wants. On the contrary, just so far as their teachings tend to the upbuilding of denominationalism, just in so far do they work in opposition to us.

The Christian Church has a special, peculiar, work to do. Her mission is to publish the saving truths of the Bible free from all denominational peculiarities; to exhibit that charity which is the bond of perfectness, the greatest of all the Christian graces; to banish from the Church of Christ that spirit of sectarianism and intolerance which has done, and is now doing, so much to destroy the peace and harmony of the church, to advance the cause of infidelity, and in various other ways to hinder the progress of the Redeemer's Kingdom in the world.

For this work her ministers need a special education. Bro. Long is right. "Our preachers must be educated, and we must educate them." To do this we must have schools, or, at least, a school. We must have a "theological school." We agree with Bro. L. in the opinion that one school will be quite sufficient to meet all our wants in this particular for the present at least.

As to where this school should be located, we need not be greatly concerned just now. The first thing to be done is to determine that we will have the school. The second thing is to raise the money; and then the question of location will be very easily settled. Bro. Long says we are able to establish such a school. We agree with him in this also, as we do, in fact, in all that he says in his article on this subject. Ten years ago we were not able to do it, but ten years have wrought wonderful changes. Now we are able, and we believe, have the will also.

Brethren, think over this matter, yes, pray over it, and then give us your views through the SUN.

Any person who neglects to provide his family with good reading matter, has no one but himself to blame if his children are misled and corrupted, and bring shame and sorrow upon his head.—Lutheran Observer.

ANNUAL COLLECTIONS.

February has been set apart by the Eastern Virginia Christian Conference as the time for the annual collection for the benefit of young men preparing for the ministry. The ministers of this Conference are required to take up these collections and forward the money to the acting Secretary of the Conference. Some of our ministers have been neglecting these annual collections in the past in a shameful manner, and yet these same ministers make themselves quite conspicuous on certain occasions, and profess great devotion to the church. We do not want to give offense, but, reader, if you are guilty we mean you.

Upon the importance of this subject nothing needs be said. The day has passed when an illiterate man can gain a respectful hearing as a minister of the Gospel. Education and intelligence have become too common to admit of such a thing. Then the Church must have an educated ministry; and in order to have an educated ministry, she must have an educational fund. Then let each collection be taken up; and let each member of the various congregations within the bounds of the Eastern Virginia Conference contribute.

We hope to hear a more satisfactory report from our Treasurer with reference to these collections at the next session of our Conference than we heard at our last session.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION — FEBRUARY.

NEWS AND NOTES.

—Rev. Z. A. Post informs us that the number of pupils at the Suffolk Collegiate Institute is increasing, and that the school is doing quite well.

—We learn that the wife of Rev. M. B. Barrett has been quite sick for some time. The family have our sympathy. We hope that sister Barrett may soon be fully restored to health.

—Young men, do not fail to read the article that we publish in another column of this issue, from The Southern World, headed "To the Young Men of the South."

—The North Carolina Sunday-school Association will meet in the city of Raleigh on the 24th inst. Delegates from all sections of the State are invited to attend. The President of the International Sunday-school Executive Committee will be present.

—Oxford Asylum, Oxford, N. C., is doing a noble work.

—A census of the Sunday-schools in the United States is now being taken by the Government.

—Rev. Dr. Deems, it is expected, will deliver the address at the next commencement at Wake Forest College.

—The Trustees of the University of North Carolina met in annual session in the city of Raleigh on the 31st ult. The University is doing well.

—Our Northern brethren seem to be fully aroused on the subject of schools and colleges.

—Will our good Bro. J. R. Barrett be kind enough to give the readers of the SUN an occasional article from his pen. They would be thankful, doubtless, and he might thus do much good. What say you, Bro. B.?

—Rev. S. Apple promised us at the last session of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference to try to do better in the future than he had done in the past in the matter of writing for the SUN. If he has fulfilled that promise, his efforts have been crowned with discouraging success. When we received his account of the Christ mas exercises of the Lebanon Sunday-school, we congratulated ourselves on the prospect of a weekly or bi-weekly communication from Bro. Apple, but we were doomed to disappointment. Come now, dear brother, call to mind what Solomon says about disappointment, and then take pity on us.

—Bro. George Young, principal of the Franklin Literary and Theological Institute, informs us that that institution is doing well.

—Dr. Pritchard dedicated a new Baptist church at Rocky Mount on the 5th Sunday in January.

—It is said that eighty is the average attendance of the Sunday-schools throughout the United States.

—Dr. Talmage is preaching a series of sermons upon the ten plagues of New York and Brooklyn. Tobacco received first attention.

—The Rev. Mr. Spurgeon has fully recovered his health, and has returned home.

—FORTUNATE.—The Boston University last week came into possession of \$2,000,000, bequeathed by Isaac Rich, of Boston. This University is a Methodist institution. The money was paid over in accordance with the will of Mr. Rich, ten years after his death.

—The graves of the grand-fathers of Abraham Lincoln and John Wilks Booth are in the same cemetery, in England.

—During the last forty years 120 missionaries have succumbed to the climate influence of the West Coast of Africa. This sacrifice of human life has been rewarded, however, by over 30,000 conversions to Christianity.

—The Bishop of Rochester, England, has since the beginning of the year 1879 confirmed nearly 33,000 persons, of whom the number of females just doubles that of the males.

—Dr. Ruffner has resigned his position as Superintendent of Public Instruction.

—"He must be a Baptist is what people say in Sweden when a man refuses to drink intoxicating liquors. —Religious Herald. The Sweden Baptist are not "Big Jug Baptists" then, it seems.

—A Baptist paper has been started at Cape Town, South Africa.

—A Beaufort, N. C., paper nominates Dr. E. A. Yates, of Raleigh, for Bishop of the M. E. Church, South.

—A box of matches is a bad toy for children. A child in New York last Saturday week succeeded in doing damage to the amount of \$12,000 by playing with a box of matches. Rather expensive toy, that.

—The Episcopalian of Virginia seem to have put on new activity. They are building quite a number of new churches in different parts of the State.

—According to the Bombay Gazette some natives in Madras have commenced agitation for the disestablishment of the English State church in India.

—The Rev. Dr. Manning, of the old South Church, of Boston, has been voted by that church an annual pension of \$4,000 for the rest of his life, work or no work.

—Rev. Dr. Henry W. Bellows, the widely known pastor of All Souls Unitarian Church, New York city, died at his residence in that city, at 11 o'clock a. m., on Monday of last week.

—The health of the Pope is improving.

—The Pope is gaining influence with the German Government. Bismarck is losing influence, and is consequently leaning to the Pope for support. It is now time that the German people should let him alone severely.

—The Salvation Army in England propose to build a house of worship in the city of London, with a seating capacity of six or seven thousand. They expect to have perpetual service—day and night—carried on by relays of friends.

—The persecution of the Jews in Russia continues. The Jews have suffered fearfully at the hands of the Russians. It is estimated that 10,000 have been turned adrift, many of whom are maimed for life. More than a thousand of their buildings have been destroyed.

—The progress of mission work in China and Japan is encouraging.

—Missionary labor in South America is neither very abundant nor successful.

—Rev. W. G. Clements is still pushing the work of the Raleigh Mission. See what he has to say in this issue.

—Rev. J. T. Ball is doing mission work in Western Carolina. He is operating in an important field. The natural resources of the section in which he is laboring are second to those of no other portion of the State with which we are acquainted. We wish our brother abundant success in his work.

—Bro. S. B. Klapp is pursuing his studies with assiduity at the Birmingham school, N. C.

—The editor of the Herald of Gospel Liberty, Rev. A. J. Sloan, says in the issue of that paper of Jan. 20: "The circulation of our Sunday-school literature is now eight times greater than it was when I came into this office, and every indication is that the beginning of the next quarter will more than double the present circulation." From this statement it appears that our brethren North are moving forward at a wonderful pace. A few years of such progress will place them in that position among the denominations by which they are surrounded to which their principles justly entitle them. We of the South should catch the spirit of work which seems to animate them.

—The editor of the Herald of Gospel Liberty talks sense as follows, which we commend to the careful consideration of our readers: "Our Christian Church Enterprise is a pioneer movement. There is nothing in or about it to attract those whose chief concern is to secure wealth and social position. Those men who seem to suppose themselves justified in leaving our ranks and joining the sects, because they do not get the support they imagine is due them, may be in the right of the matter. For us to do so would be to prostitute our manhood most shockingly. We are compelled to believe that most of those who do so never had any just appreciation of a cor-

dial sympathy with the Christian movement. When one came to the Master and proposed to follow him whithersoever he should go, Jesus informed the young man that if he thought of following from considerations of ease and personal comfort that he was mistaken. 'The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.' And so we say, the sects have number, power, position and money, and if these are things for which the young man is looking he would better go directly to where they are to be found. Such a man can be of no possible use to a movement that proposes to know nothing but Jesus Christ, and to know him only in the spirit of his crucifixion."

—"The Chinese Government is about to establish a college at Shanghai, whereof Rev. Young J. Allen, of the Southern Methodist Mission, so long editor for the Government of the Official Gazette, is to be the head. The college is to be modeled after American and English institutions."

—"The following will bear reprinting. A man who had been drinking very freely at the bar, in going out into the street fell into the gutter. A wag seeing him, ran into the public house and said to the saloon keeper, Sir, your sign has fallen down. He went out, and to his astonishment beheld only the poor drunkard."

—"Spurgeon says that when you meet a mad-dog you should never argue with him, unless you are sure of your logic. It is better to get out of his way; and if anybody calls you a coward you need not call him a fool—everybody knows that."

—"The statistics of Unitarianism in this country, just compiled, show a very remarkable state of things. The total number of churches is 344, and of these 252 are without pastors or stated supply. Fourteen clergymen died during the past year, and only seven were ordained. The Unitarians support one foreign missionary, the Rev. Mr. Dale, at Calcutta, India."—Presbytery.

—"Among American cities the most Presbyterians are in Philadelphia, 26,346; next in New York, 18,155; then in Brooklyn, 11,159. Chicago follows with 6,241, and is the last city that has more than 5,000 Presbyterians. The cities following it are, in order, Newark, New Jersey, Cincinnati, San Francisco, Pittsburg, Rochester, Cleveland, Baltimore."

—"The entire receipts of the Roman Catholic Association for the propagation of the faith from all parts of the world were only \$1,204,005 in 1880. Of this amount Europe contributed \$1,178,225. America gave less than \$22,000, but received \$130,435. Of the amount \$184,780 was expended in Europe, \$527,875 in Asia, \$242,645 in Africa, \$96,175 in Oceania. The expenses of the society for publications and management were \$59,365."

—"A New York paper remarks: 'Mr. A.—has just died worth \$10,000,000. When he meets God he will have two hard questions to answer, namely: First, how did you get that money? Secondly, what did you do with it? And thirdly, how much treasure have you laid up in heaven?'"

—"Joseph Cook is advocating the formation of a society to afford temporary relief to monks and priests leaving the Roman Church. It is believed that if this were done, such cases as that of ex-Canon Campello would become common."

THE CHURCH.

"Christ founded one church, but no denomination." That is the way the Romanist talks, but it sounds strangely in the mouth of a Protestant. The one church founded by Christ is spiritual and invisible.—Exchange.

The above is the argument in a nutshell in support of the sect system "Christ founded one church, but no denomination" is not only the way the Romanist talks, but it is the way the New Testament talks as well. If by "one church" the Testament means one thing and the Romanist another, that is the fault of the Romanist; the gospel truth, however, remains the same. We fail to understand why it should sound strangely to hear a Protestant assert the unity of the church of Christ, unless the word Protestant shall be taken as an equivalent for the word sect. Christ's church is visible wherever truth and goodness are manifest in the lives of the men; and it is the duty of the followers of Christ to organize for no other purpose than to make visible the one true church founded by Christ. If it is true—and we are quite willing to concede that it is—that one denomination (sect) would be dangerous to the liberties of the people, we cannot understand how it follows that a great many denominations are to be desired. If one denomination is so dangerous that it is necessary to bring up another to watch the first, then does it not follow that it would be better to have none at all?

We deny that Christ's church, visible and organized to any extent He proposed organization, or for any purpose that the needs of the work

to be done by it require organization, is a despotism, or that it has any tendency to despotism. On the contrary, it is the brotherhood of true souls, and is as much opposed to darkness. Romanism may be a despotism; Methodism may be a despotism; but the church of Jesus Christ never was and never will be anything of the kind.

But we may be reminded that we evade the issue. "This that you are speaking of is the invisible church of Christ." Well, who said it was the invisible church of Christ? Did Christ or his apostles say it was, or did the sect makers and sect-apologists say it for them? If that brotherhood of spirit quickened souls constitute the visible church—is Romanism that visible church? It claims to be such. Is the Church of England, and their poor American cousins, the Protestant Episcopal Church, that visible church? They claim to be, No. It is now too late to claim that any one of them is, or that all of them together constitute the visible church.

The truth is, this visible and invisible church theory is an invention of much later date than the gospel, and has no place in the Testament.—Herald of Gospel Liberty.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD.

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white, already to harvest."—St. John 4:35.

LOCKVILLE, Chatham county, N. C., Friday Jan. 27, 1882.—At 2 o'clock the Third District of the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference was called to order by the Superintendent, Rev. P. T. Klapp.

The following ministers were present: Revs. P. T. Klapp, J. W. Hatch and J. D. Wicker. The churches were represented as follows: Damascus—no delegate. Bethel—no delegate. New Elam—J. K. Gibson. Hank's Chapel—W. S. Petty and L. U. Hatch. Antioch—no delegate. Lockville—W. S. Gunter and John Barringer. Moore Union—A. C. Yarborough and J. R. Yarborough. Shallow Well—no delegate. Zion—Calvin Ledbetter and G. W. Ellington. Pleasant Hill (Chatham)—W. H. McFerson—Popular Branch—no delegate.

A quorum was found present, and Rev. P. T. Klapp was elected President and G. W. Ellington, Secretary. On motion Rev. O. Churchill and Bro. Milton Fitchett were invited to seats as honorary members. Rev. J. W. Hatch then preached from Acts 10 chap. 33 verse. "Is there any use of a Regular Prayer Meeting in the Church?" was discussed by Bro. W. S. Petty, Rev. O. Churchill, W. S. Gunter, Milton Fitchett, J. D. Wicker and Rev. P. T. Klapp. The following resolution was offered by W. S. Gunter, and adopted:

Resolved, That each church composing District Number 3 be earnestly requested to hold a regular prayer meeting at least once a week, if possible, and that each pastor use his influence to carry out this resolution. Religious exercises by J. D. Wicker.

SECOND DAY.

Prayer meeting of 30 minutes, conducted by Rev. P. T. Klapp. "Religious Literature" was then discussed by Bros. J. D. Wicker, J. K. Gibson, J. W. Hatch, W. S. Gunter, W. S. Petty, G. W. Ellington and others.

The following was offered by W. S. Gunter, and adopted. Resolved, That we, the delegates assembled do most earnestly recommend that the Superintendents of all the Sabbath Schools connected with the Christian Church of District No. 3, introduce and use in their schools the Little Worker, published by Rev. J. P. Barrett, believing as we do that this is the one thing needed for the success of our beloved Church.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

"Why we ought to have the Children's Mission Band" was discussed by Rev. J. D. Wicker, Bro. W. S. Gunter, Revs. O. Churchill and P. T. Klapp.

"Education" was discussed by Bro. J. K. Gibson.

"Home Missions," by Bro. W. S. Gunter, Rev. J. D. Wicker, Bro. J. K. Gibson, Rev. J. W. Hatch and others. Religious exercises by W. S. Petty.

SUNDAY.

Sunday School Mass-Meeting was called to order by the President. Responsive readings and singing. Sunday School addresses, by W. S. Petty, J. W. Hatch and J. K. Gibson. Preaching, by Rev. P. T. Klapp, from Numbers 32 chap. and a part of the 23 verse, "And be sure your sins will find you out."

The meeting closed to meet with the church at Moore Union, Friday, April 28, 1882. Now, brethren, let us all be more prompt in attending these District Meetings; as very much of our future prosperity as a denomination, depends on these meetings. Ministers, you must be prompt, and the laity will. Laity we must be prompt, and work for God's cause. Let ministry and laity arouse to our duty and go forward in the discharge of our duty, and God will bless our labors.

REV. P. T. KLAPP, President. G. W. ELLINGTON, Secretary. I have received from Ben Mathews a member of the church at Pleasant Hill, Johnson Co., \$250 for the Raleigh church. W. G. CLEMENTS.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The Christianizing of this whole land is the most patriotic work to which we, as individuals or as churches, can give ourselves.—Herald and Presbyter.

One may be penitent, but there is a world of difference between mere regret and the ability to go back and correct our mistakes.—Christian Advocate.

The happy anthems of saints exalted very high in heaven were actually started on the earth in the experience of very humble but faithful Christians.—Christian at Work.

Men that are higher in constitution and nature are bound to be higher in righteousness; and the obligation grows stronger the higher up they go.—Christian Union.

The skeptic is positive, dogmatic; the Christian must speak with no less positiveness, unless he would have the world question the genuineness of his belief.—Examiner and Chronicle.

The only effective "ethical culture" is at the feet of Jesus, and the best school is the church.—Christian Intelligencer.

It is this effort to tickle the ears of the hearers with "snap" which has made the pews so intolerant of that heart-searching, spiritual preaching which characterized the healthier epochs of the church.—Central Presbyterian.

To grow in grace without using the means of grace is impossible.—Religious Herald.

That life is all for the best which is all spent in Christ service and ends in heaven.—Interior.

Criminal courts ought to be closed against the classes who are educated in the crimes it is their mission to punish and prevent.—Presbyter.

He who respects his work so highly, and does it so reverently, that he cares little what the world thinks of it, is the man about whom the world comes at last to think a great deal.—Christian Union.

He who is false to the present duty breaks a thread in the loom, and will see the effect when the weaving of a lifetime is unraveled.

To do good to men is the great work of life; to make them true Christians is the greatest good we can do them.—Dr. J. W. Alexander.

If you hate your enemies you will contract such a vicious habit of mind as will by degrees break out upon those who are your friends, or those who are indifferent to you.

The newest heresy may be the fashion of the hour, but the old gospel is the only food that satisfies the hunger of the people year in and year out.—Examiner.

There is such a thing as negative goodness, and it is commendable. That goodness which God commands and comments is positive, forceful, helpful.—Baptist Reflector.

Is there a community on earth where, even for two generations, men have tested natural religion or atheism to the improvement in any form of its social life?—Zion's Herald.

What symposium can Christ have with Belial, the Light of the World with a blindness so owlish that it hates the light and boots in triumph over its own darkness.—Christian Intelligencer.

It is a fact worthy of note that the greatest heroes this country has ever produced were men who not only ruled well, but served faithfully.—Presbyter and Herald.

It is accordant neither with common sense nor the Bible, with human consciousness nor human experience, to say that nothing remains for the sinner to do.—Zion's Advocate.

PENCLINGS BY THE WAY.

No. 2.

MR. EDITOR.—Last Sabbath was the regular meeting day at Barrett's, in Southampton Co., and being in that neighborhood, I concluded to attend. The day was beautiful over head. I reached the church in due time. The congregation was large. Rev. M. B. Barrett is in charge of this church, and has been for nearly 19 years in succession. He filled his pulpit last Sabbath, preaching in his own peculiar style. From what I could learn, he has a strong hold upon the affections of his people; and yet with all his influence and eloquence there is a class of persons there that he cannot control. I noticed quite a number that remained out doors during the entire service, notwithstanding they had been invited into the house by one of the deacons. I asked myself the question: What do such persons go to church for? If they go to church and cannot

go in and sit quietly during the service (provided there is room) they had better not go at all, they had better stay at home. Such persons are a nuisance at the house of God. To go to church on Sunday and stay out in the yard and talk, and sometimes disturb the worship, is a practice that is disgusting in the eyes of men and abominable in the sight of God. If this should meet the eye of any one that has ever been guilty of this contemptible practice, I hope, my friend, you will begin to reflect on the ugliness of your conduct, and in the future try to do better.

Members of the church sometimes remain out talking until the minister commences the service before they come in. Such a course is decidedly wrong, and no member of the church ought to be guilty of such conduct. Every one should go to church when able to do so, and when there should act in a becoming manner, as sensible, well bred, refined people should act.

I know that the young people sometimes act thoughtlessly, and no harm is intended; but they should think on the impropriety of their course, and amend their doings.

TRAVELLER.

Jan. 24th, 1882.

TO THE YOUNG MEN OF THE SOUTH.

The editor of the Southern World desiring to stimulate the young men of the South to a deeper interest in, and a more practical knowledge of, agricultural pursuits, offers the following premiums, open to any young man under sixteen years of age, in any of the Southern States: For the best half acre in corn, oats, potatoes, peas, cane or cotton, cultivated by the contestant, a chest of tools, worth 20.00; for the second best a chest of tools valued at \$10.00; for the third best a chest of tools valued at \$5.00. If contestants so elect, the premiums will be paid in gold, in lieu of the tools.

Those desirous of contesting for the premiums must send in their names to the editor of the Southern World on or before March 20th for registration.

Contestants will be required to give a concise statement of the character of the soil and seed, mode of culture, amount and kind of fertilizers (if any) used, cost of cultivating and yield, and send per express, charges paid, one peck of corn, oats, potatoes or peas; five stalks of cane and sample of cotton, not less than five pounds, all properly labelled with producer's name, county and State, for exhibition at the office of the Southern World.

Contestants will be required to have their land accurately measured and the yield properly certified to by neighbors before the clerk of any county court, and sent to the editor of this paper for filing.

The reports from the several contestants will be submitted to Hon. Thos. Hardeman, President of the State Agricultural Society of Georgia; Hon. J. T. Henderson, Commissioner of Agriculture of Georgia; Hon. A. H. Colquitt, Governor of Georgia; Hon. D. N. Speer, State Treasurer of Georgia; Hon. J. E. Brown, U. S. Senator; and Hon. D. Wyatt Aiken, M. C., from South Carolina, who will make the awards. Reports must be sent in by November 15.

The co-operation of county and State Agricultural organizations are earnestly invoked to accomplish the beneficial result sought to be brought about by the offer of these premiums.

Will our brethren of the Press give currency to our proposition by publishing it in their columns?—Southern World.

THE RALEIGH CHURCH.

The Bible teaches us when we desire anything, to ask for it. We have the promise, "Ask and ye shall receive." Therefore, I earnestly request all the brethren and sisters who are interested in the success of the above named church, to join me in prayer, on Monday the 20th of February, that God may put it into the hearts of the people to give liberally to this work. I want earnest prayer that day for this very thing. Please don't forget it. I believe in special prayer. I shall look for some one to send in a large sum in answer to prayer.

W. G. CLEMENTS.

BETHLEHEM.

On the second Sunday in this month I shall be at Bethlehem in the interest of Missions, and I hope that the members of that church will contribute as liberally towards this enterprise as the other churches that I have visited have done. The local agent will please make all collections possible before that time, and be ready to report to me on that day.

B. A. RICKS, Home Mission Sec'y.

RELIGION is not an ornament, a condiment, a luxury with which we can easily dispense; it is the true bread of life.