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THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 1898.

If you are living for yourself alone, you are not fit company for anything that exists even in the lowest forms of life.

Let those who are willing to work have full sway, and let those who will not do anything get out of the way of good men and women.

In this hour of anxiety and excitement we should commune with God, and govern ourselves according to the direction of the Holy Spirit.

Whenever I find a great deal of gratitude in a poor man, I take it for granted there would be as much generosity if he were a rich man.—Pope.

If you are not doing all you can to advance the church work in its various forms you are not living up to your full privilege and duty as a Christian.

He who is afraid to take Christ as his partner in business had better remove to where it is not necessary to carry on any business, if such a place can be found.

Love sets the soul on musing, and from musing to praying. Meditation is praying in bullion, prayer is the ore—soon melted and run into holy desires.—William Gurnall.

Our Biennial Convention will soon be upon us, and it is the duty of each member of the several conferences to suggest anything that may be of great importance to our people.

If you do not sow your seed in due season you will not reap a bountiful harvest, and if you neglect the day of salvation, your soul will never be saved from the awful doom which awaits the negligent and foolish.

He who keeps Christ in the heart will manifest that fact by living up to the doctrine founded upon the rock of eternal ages, and it is beyond the power of man to shake his faith or turn him aside into the ways that lead to death.

The pleasant season of the year is at hand now and we should see that the children of our country attend the Sabbath schools, for we all recognize the importance of teaching the youths the true and solid principles of the Holy Bible, which is given us for our instruction.

In a certain county in North Carolina at a recent session of the Superior Court there were eighty-four cases on the criminal docket, and out of that number forty-three were for retailing spirituous liquors without license. We see from this that there is a great work that needs to be done by those who favor the temperance cause.

The devil is cruising along our coasts, and if our harbors are not good and our defences strong we will be destroyed by the enemy of our souls. Let us make sufficient appropriations, and have on hand a large reserve fund that will enable us to guard against the danger that is before us. We can not be too speedy in this preparation.

THESE HAVE HELPED THE SUN, THEMSELVES, AND OTHERS.

For some time we have desired to express publicly our thanks to a few of our friends who not only take THE SUN themselves, but who send it to others also; but we have not, until now, found time to run over our books to ascertain who these are. It was a right tedious undertaking, and it may be that we have over-looked the names of some who are thus aiding us. And in case we have, we sincerely trust that no offense may be taken, and that those whose names are omitted will notify us at once in order that we may make due acknowledgment.

We give the names of those who have sent THE SUN to friends or to families not able to pay for it, during the last year:

- E. E. Holland, Suffolk, Va.
- Rev. W. W. Staley, (4) " "
- W. H. Jones, Jr., " "
- C. A. Shoop, " "
- Dr. Job G. Holland, Holland, " "
- Capt. P. H. Lee, " "
- I. A. Luke, " "
- J. A. McCloud, Jr., (3) Berkley, " "
- Rev. M. W. Butler, " "
- R. B. Odum, Bennetts Creek, " "
- Capt. T. R. Gaskins, " "
- Mrs. P. E. Pierce, News Ferry, " "
- Miss Virgie Farmer, " "
- J. G. Harrison, Disputanta, " "
- J. L. Carr, Norfolk, " "
- Jno. T. Moffitt, Asheboro, N. C.
- V. O. Robeson, Bellevue, " "
- Rev. J. D. Wicker, Youngsville, " "
- R. D. Underwood, Youngsville, " "
- Rev. T. W. Strowd, U. Ridge, " "
- A. D. Gerring, Liberty Store, " "
- J. W. Sutherland, Raleigh, " "
- Judge Riddick, " "

Two or three of the above pay for THE SUN for others instead of for themselves, they being so situated that they get the benefit of the paper any way. It is true that some of these are more able to send THE SUN to their friends and to the worthy poor than the average church member is, but others of them are not rich in this world's goods by any means; but they are rich in heart and in love for those who are not so fortunate even as they.

They enjoy their church paper themselves, and they want to see others who are not able to take it, but who love their church, enjoy it, too. They know the influence of a good religious paper in a home, and they have put it into homes that, because of misfortune, could not otherwise feel these influences. And thus, in a quiet, unostentatious, but earnest, loving way they are, not simply keeping the work of the church before those whom they thus help, but they are also sending many blessed moral truths along with it—yea, even the rich truths of the gospel.

They are friends who stand ready and willing to help. They are anxious to send light and joy and happiness into homes that know little or nothing of these. They are a blessing to these homes, a blessing to their church and its paper, and a blessing to themselves. When we help others we are helping ourselves, making our own lives richer, nobler, and fuller. They not only see, but also realize the truth that "there is that scattereth yet increaseth," and that "he that hath pity on the poor lendeth to the Lord."

These are quiet but consecrated Christian workers. In fact, in very few of these instances do those benefited know who their benefactors are—and this makes the spirit of the givers even more beautiful.

Several others have extended similar acts of kindness in previous years; and, no doubt, many more would gladly do so, if their attention were only called to this opportunity of doing good. If there be such, we will take pleasure in adding their names to this list of generous, big-hearted friends. We wonder how many will be willing to do a little quiet Christian helping and cheering and comforting and "preaching" like this? If you have a friend or know of a poor family who would enjoy reading THE SUN, would it not be an act of kindness on your part, a brotherly Christian act to send it?

Brethren, may we not see this list of the faithful greatly increased during the present year?

Donations to Elton College in Jan. '98.

- P. H. Lee, \$2.50
- W. J. Lee, 250
- E. E. Holland, 250
- G. W. Truitt, 250
- G. W. Nurney, 250
- J. A. Mills, 250—\$1.500

W. W. STALEY.

INTERESTING NOTES.

—If you wish to try for a scholarship at Elton this year let us know at once.

—If your subscription to THE SUN has expired, will you not kindly renew by mail?

—Rev. J. W. Patton will preach at Gravel Hill Presbyterian church, near Buffalo Lithia Springs, Va., next third Sunday after-noon at 2.30 o'clock.

—We regret to learn that Bro. J. W. Winfree, of Virgilina, Va., met with the misfortune of having an arm broken several days ago. He is improving, however.

—We return thanks to the following brethren for nice lists of renewals for THE SUN this week: Revs. H. H. Butler, L. I. Cox, and P. T. Klapp. It encourages the editor to have the brethren thus help him in his work.

—Miss Maggie Reese's is headquarters for the ladies of Raleigh who wear pretty hats and bonnets. She has been in the millinery business here for several years, and her success is evidence of the fact that she carries a good line, and one that pleases the people. She also has a good trade out of the city, and if you have no friend here to purchase for you, your order by mail will secure you a nice selection. Read her advertisement in another column.

—At this writing (Tuesday morning) the war cloud which has been hanging over us for so long is blacker and more ominous than at any previous time; and threatens to at any moment break and deluge us with blood. It is generally conceded that this week will decide whether we are to have peace or war, and it now seems highly probable that it will be war. It is expected that the President's message relative to our strained relations with Spain will go to the Senate to-morrow; and that Congress will then take action. The past week has been one of great activity in the army and navy. All coast defences are being garrisoned, and all the available seaworthy vessels mustered into service.

—Speaking of the Insurance firm of Barrett and West, Newport News, Va., the Philadelphia Journal of Commerce, among other things, has this to say: "Mr. Barrett was born in Smithfield, Va., and was educated at the Va. Military Institute and the University of Virginia. He is at present chairman of the City Democratic Committee and prominent in political circles. Mr. West was born in Sussex county, Va., and moved to Newport News in June, 1897. He is also a member of the firm of J. F. West & Bros., of Waverly, Va., with which firm he has been connected since January 1, 1894. He was educated at Elton College and Davis Military College, North Carolina, and is a graduate of the Eastman Business College, New York. He has held several important positions, among them those of Treasurer of Waverly, Va.; clerk of Council and Commissioner of the Circuit Court. He is a member of Brement Lodge, 146, A. F. and A. M., and Waverly Lodge, I. O. of O. F. Both gentlemen are popular in business and social circles, and are deeply interested in the advancement of Newport News. The firm has established an enviable reputation for ability, integrity, carefulness and promptness, and refer to the Citizens' and Marine Banks as to their responsibility."

Notice.

If any delegate-elect from the Western N. C. Conference to the Southern Christian Convention at Raleigh, which will meet in April, cannot attend said Convention, he should notify me at Durham, N. C., at the earliest date possible, so that I may furnish proper alternate with credentials. Please do not neglect this. Those delegates who attend will receive their credentials in Raleigh on their arrival at the Convention.

P. T. WAY, Sec. W. N. C. C. C.

All delegates and friends who expect to attend the next session of The Southern Christian Convention at Raleigh, April 29, 1898, will please notify me as pastor of the Raleigh Christian church. Homes will be provided for those who notify in time.

JAS. L. FOSTER.

Raleigh, N. C.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Program of Southern Christian Convention, Raleigh, N. C., April 29th to May 3rd, 1898.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29TH, 8 P. M.

1. Address of welcome.
2. Response.
3. Organization.
4. President's Address.
5. Miscellaneous business.
6. Adjournment.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH.

- 9.30 a.m.
1. Devotional service.
2. Roll call, reading minutes, etc.
3. Report of Executive Committee.
4. Report of Children's Treasurer.
5. Report of Publishing Agent.
6. Report of Treasurer.
7. Miscellaneous business.
8. Adjournment.

AFTER-NOON, 3 O'CLOCK.

1. Devotional service.
2. History of Elton College.
3. Relation of School and Church.
4. Financial Needs of Elton College and Obligation of Wealth to Christian Culture.
5. Report on Religious Exercises.
6. Adjournment.

SUNDAY, MAY 1ST.

- 11 a.m. Sermon: W. S. Long, D.D.
- 3 p.m. The Mission Field: J. P. Barrett, D.D.
- 8 p.m. Sermon.

MONDAY, MAY 2ND.

- 9.30 a.m.
1. Devotional service.
2. Home missions: (1) Report of committee and discussion. (2) Report of Missionary Association—Its History and Needs. Rev. N. G. Newman. (3) Last Decade of Missions in the Christian Church. (4) Our Obligation to Home Field. Rev. W. T. Herndon.
3. Miscellaneous business.
4. Adjournment.

AFTER-NOON, 3 O'CLOCK.

1. Devotional service.
2. Publications: (1) Report of Committee of Publishing House and discussion of same. The Proposed Publishing House. Prof. E. L. Moffitt. (2) Report on Religious Literature and discussion by members of committee.
3. Adjournment.

TUESDAY, MAY 3RD.

- 9.30 a.m.
1. Devotional service.
2. Election of delegates to American Christian Convention.
3. Address on Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor: Rev. M. W. Butler.
4. Report of Committee on Orphanage and discussion of same.
5. Nomination of Trustees for Elton College.
6. Miscellaneous business.
7. Adjournment.

TUESDAY AFTER-NOON, 3 O'CLOCK.

1. Devotional service.
2. Report on Foreign Missions and discussion.
3. Miscellaneous business.
4. Adjournment.

TUESDAY, 8 P. M.

1. Devotional service.
2. The Duty of the Church to the World: Rev. P. T. Klapp.
3. Japan and Our Missionary Work in It: Rev. J. W. Holt.

[The above program is tentative. It will perhaps be filled next week.—EDITOR.]

To the Board of Trustees of Elton College.

You are hereby notified that a called meeting of the Board of Trustees of Elton College will be held at THE CHRISTIAN SUN OFFICE in the city of Raleigh, N. C., Friday, April 29, 1898, at 4.30 p.m. A full attendance is desired, as important business is to come before the Board.

- W. W. STALEY, Pres.
- P. T. KLAPP,
- W. S. LONG,
- J. W. WELLONS,
- E. L. MOFFITT.

—Rev. P. H. Fleming left Burlington last Monday morning for a month's stay at Stanfordsville, N. Y. He goes for rest and work combined.

Our Norfolk Letter.

The epidemic of meningitis seems to be about over. It has been quite serious, and many have died, while quite a number have recovered partially but they are still far from well.

Our series of meetings closed on Sunday night, March 27, having continued for three weeks. The interest was at the highest point when we closed, with six or seven conversions in the last service. It was a blessed meeting, and we trust that the results may appear, even more fully than we now know, in eternity. Our people were anxious to continue, and so was the pastor, but the lack of strength seemed to indicate a necessity to discontinue, but we are all hoping that the Lord will graciously give us an other visitation soon.

About April 10th, the Rev. P. G. Elsom, a Baptist evangelist, is to begin a meeting at Spurgeon Memorial Baptist church in this city. He too is a believer in the doctrine of Holiness. I do not expect every body to accept the doctrine till the devil is bound and put into the bottomless pit, but I should be glad for people who belong to the Lord to suspend judgment and prejudice and wait for light, always being willing to follow the word of God under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. But I am even now rejoicing that so many have seen the light and have entered into the experience. Others will do so, if only they will put down all opposition to it and with all the heart seek it of God. Let us keep in a receptive condition, and diligently seek all the Lord has for his people.

Rev. W. M. Leftwich, D. D., an evangelist of the M. E. Church, South, of Nashville, Tenn., is now in the midst of a meeting at McKendree M. E. church in this city. A good work is in progress. He preaches right along the line of sanctification, only I believe, he does not call it sanctification, but heart-purity. Of course heart-purity is another word for sanctification. He too, as I understood him, preaches it as a second work, for time and again he invited church members who could not put the hand upon the heart and say, "I know I have a pure heart", to come to the altar and seek heart-purity, and many went. I rejoice in every advance of the truth, and I believe it is advancing as a great billow of the sea comes slowly shoreward and at last throws itself upon the beach. Even so this great truth of God is advancing. Many are opposing, but without heeding the opposition, it is moving grandly onward, and already many of those who were so bitter against it at first have yielded to the truth and have received the experience.

A distinguished minister of the Christian Church was not long since on a visit to a Christian home, where father and mother and a number of children were not only followers of Jesus, but they were believers in sanctification. The minister did not take a stand against the doctrine, but said if we have it, we ought to say nothing of it, but just enjoy it ourselves. Well, when I heard it I said: "Surely does not the Word say that after we have received the gift of the Holy Ghost that we shall be witnesses wherever we go for him?" Now, what is a man to witness to, what God has done for him, or what he has heard he did for some one else? Surely bear witness to what God has done for him personally. What sort of a witness would a silent witness be? A man who would say nothing of what God has done for him could not be used to give forth a certain testimony. A silent witness! What is he good for? Who would wish a silent witness to testify for him? I would not. Would you? Then what do you suppose the Lord would do with a silent witness? He wants witnesses, but he wants a witness who can tell what he knows God has done for him personally and individually. Now if the Lord has done a great work for a soul, why should he not tell it? Suppose a millionaire should present me with a splendid home, all furnished and complete, do you think I would keep it to myself, as if I were ashamed either of the gift, or of the giver? In either case who could approve my course in keeping it from everybody? The truth is there is hardly a man that could be induced to keep it a secret, so much would he appreciate what had been done for

him, and yet if the Lord has done a great and good thing for me, why they say I should keep it quiet, saying nothing about it. Well, but I would tell it in that case, and I know that I would in this case of the gift of a clean heart—He has given it, and I mean to tell my neighbors of it—I will be his witness, God helping me.

J. PRESSLEY BARRRETT.
April 2, 1898.

Elton College Notes.

Since the days of Adam, men have been trying to excuse themselves for failing to do their duty. So the writer desires to make an apology in behalf of the other "reporters" here, for the non-appearance of the Notes last week. We were very sorry that we were not able to find some one to write them. But the present writer will proceed to give a synopsis of the events of the past two weeks.

It may seem rather late to speak of Dr. Child's visits and lectures here two weeks ago, but we feel that it would not be out of place to mention this again. We heartily endorse what the editor said in the last week's SUN in regard to the lectures and sermons. The lectures, from the first to the last, were of the highest type of English composition. The Dr.'s style is lofty and orate; his diction is of the purest kind; and his treatment of his subject is masterly. There is an under-current of wit that kindles interest and sweeps one along with the speaker, while his rich thought furnishes food for the most cultured mind. Some of our number who have heard distinguished lecturers at Harvard, say that they never heard a better lecture than the one given on Tuesday night. We hope Dr. Child may come again. He is always welcome at Elton, for he holds a warm place in every heart here.

Next Friday evening at 8 o'clock the eighth annual debate between the Clio and Philologist Literary Societies will be given in the College chapel. The debaters are: from the Phi., Messrs. C. H. Rowland and W. M. Brown, aff.; Clio, Messrs. J. M. Roberts and D. J. Sipe, neg. Query for discussion, "Resolved, That the railroads should be owned and operated by the Federal Government." A lively debate is expected. The public is cordially invited.

We are glad to see Mr. B. F. Black with us again, after an absence of two weeks.

Dr. Long preached for us yesterday. We are always glad to have him with us in our services.

Mrs. Graham, who lives with Mrs. E. V. Moring, was taken sick very suddenly yesterday. But we are glad to report her very much better this morning.

It is said that on next Monday we are to have holiday. Now that may not be of very much interest to our readers, but it is one of the most popular days in our college career. Students don't have to work on that day. What a relief! But alas! holidays soon end, and then we must work again. But we are a jolly crowd when we do get free.

These moonlight nights seem to be an inspiration to some of our boys. Who knows but what Mr. L. will be a Longfellow yet? for he has written some excellent poetry this spring.

Now, Mr. Editor, I must either stop that college bell from calling me to my recitations, or put an end to these Notes. The former is not possible, so I must submit to the latter. Guess you are relieved.

I. W. JOHNSON.
April 4, 1898.

Holland Items.

Prof. Roberts, of the Berkley Institute, surprised us all, last Sunday at Holland. He filled the place of a preacher most admirably. Our pastor was away on account of severe affliction, and the writer was too indisposed from the effects of la grippe to preach. We of course expected something good from a man so scholarly, and whose heart was so fully enlisted in the mission cause; but he surpassed our highest expectations. He not only showed himself a profound thinker, a logical reasoner, but an eloquent, vigorous and forceful speaker. His address evinced culture and careful, judicious preparation. His fine personal appearance, pleasing address, elegant gestures, and winning words and voice, drew all hearts to him, and the unusual verdict was—from the most intelligent to the most humble—it was the best mission address they had ever heard. After the address the Sacrament of the Lord's Sup-

per was administered to a large number of communicants, by the writer, and the services were solemn and impressive. Refreshments were served at the church as usual, and quite a number remained on the ground till the mission meeting at 2.00 p.m. Prof. Roberts gave us another nice little talk before our mission meeting, which was much enjoyed. Our collection was good and several new members joined the missionary society. Our congregations were large at all the services.

Mrs. R. H. Holland and myself are still in the clutches of the dreadful old grippe, but are some better.

Little Howard Luke has been quite sick, but is well again.

Bro. T. L. Daughtrey led us in our prayer meeting, Sunday night. Bro. Daughtrey has talent, but his talk was too lengthy for a prayer meeting. We think short and spirited talks make the service much more interesting.

Bro. Jas. R. Daughtrey, living at quite a distance, and whom we are always glad to see, sang a beautiful solo. We all enjoyed it, and the song service at our prayer meeting was all well rendered.

R. H. HOLLAND.
March 29, 1898.

Durham Letter.

THE SUN's editor was with us Sunday before last, and made us an excellent address on missions, after which a collection was taken to help to send Miss True to Japan next month. My people were all well pleased with the editor, and want him to come again. At night, Bro. E. J. Parrish preached for us. Our people are always glad to hear him, and interested in his sermons and talks. We had an appreciative congregation to hear him. The pastor was suffering from hoarseness, and not able to do much.

Yesterday morning we had a good congregation and a pleasant service. My subject was "Church Reform". At night we had an overflowing congregation. Sixteen stood for prayer, and five came forward for special prayer; but for the last two Sunday nights we haven't had any conversions.

The Ladies Aid Society has suspended work for several months, but has reorganized and gone to work again in good earnest, by electing Sister Everett Barbee, President; Miss Mary J. Dickerson, Vice-President; Miss Luetta Hodges, Secretary, and Mrs. J. W. Pace, Treasurer; and I hope they will make good progress in their work.

The finances of our church are up better this year than ever before.

The Sunday school is doing well; but a good many members of the Christian church who have moved to the city do not send their children, waiting to get ready. I fear some of them will never get ready.

We are trying to get our members up to more life and action in the church, but some remain indifferent yet and are a long way behind in the divine life. The Master may call on them for an account of their stewardship and they may not be ready.

J. W. WELLONS.
March 28, 1898.

From the Field.

ASHEBORO.

This is a small band of faithful workers. Never served a more pleasant, hospitable, people. If this church had a pastor living in their midst, competent and consecrated, who could give much time to pastoral work, it would soon become one of our strong churches. This church building is large and handsome, the best in Asheboro. The people love their church and speak often and kindly of their former pastors, Revs. P. T. Klapp and J. W. Patton. This church is a model in business management. The members put the same business method into their church work as they do into the store or the factory. The pastor is relieved of any annoyance, or special concern about the finances of the church. One of their methods very popular with the members to which no pastor has been known to object, is to pay the pastor each month. They say it is the easiest plan they ever tried. Current expenses and conference assessments are met from moneys of the Missionary Society which meets monthly. Have nearly half of conference assessments in treasury.

ELTON COLLEGE.

More interest is awakening in our church at this place. In