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To be loyal and loving is the earnest aim of all Christ's disciples.

You are proving your faith by your works, whether you know it or not.

God deserves your first and best labors. Do you give Him any at all.

Do not put off doing Christian services until you become unable to do anything else.

Christ offers you life eternal; Satan can give only death. Which gift will you accept?

If your life last week was not satisfactory to you, how do you think it suited God's views.

He who thinks that he is a wholly independent being might be benefited by reading the 121 Psalm.

You may be a moral man, but you can never be a saved man until you take Christ as your Savior.

God is always on the side of the righteous. You had better be careful as to where you take your stand.

Do not hunt for temptations; lest in your seeking you forget that you alone are unable to overcome them.

The more you do for Christ the more will you want to do. If you don't believe it try and find out the truth.

Deal with man honestly because it is right and not because you are afraid he would find it out should you act otherwise.

The word of God does us most good when we receive it with faith and love, treasure it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

You may not be an ordained minister, but you can teach the story of the cross and in many ways lead sinners into the light of the gospel.

If you want to get further from Satan make rapid strides towards Christ. They cannot both be reached by travelling in one direction.

Jesus always manifested an accommodating spirit, and it is our duty to follow His example.

We should humbly and patiently bear the evil consequences of wrong doing, for we have the light before us and it is our fault if we do not use it to our advantage.

"The Lord of Hosts is the King of glory." Are you a subject of this King? If not you will sooner or later feel the tyrannical hand pressing hard upon you.

He is the only King that is perfect and all powerful in His dealings with men. If you are not serving Him now, come at once and become a citizen in His kingdom.

HAVE YOU REACHED THE LIMIT?

In two or three editorials recently we have endeavored to get our people to thinking over what they and the members of the Christian church at large have been doing for the church and for the cause of Christ during the past, with the hope that we all might, after an honest reflection, see that we can and ought to do a great deal more than we have already done. We have called attention to an undeniable historical fact that it is almost always at the close of old centuries and the beginning of the new that the epochal periods in church and in state have come, with the hope that we of the Christian church might realize the comparatively little that we have done during the past century, and that we might gird ourselves now for such a master effort in behalf of the church and the cause of Christ which we represent as shall make the next two or three years epochal for us in the highest and richest sense. Two weeks ago we suggested a plan for the inauguration and raising, during the next three years, of a "Twentieth Century Fund" of \$18,000, in addition to our regular contributions, for Elton College and Home Missions. As we stated, this would be only \$6,000 a year, or forty cents a member. We again ask, can we not do it? Is there a single church that cannot do it? Other denominations are calling for this much, some of them for a good deal more, and they seem to be encouraged in the effort. It is true we are not as large as some other denominations, but this fact does not excuse us from doing our proportionate part. Other churches have already settled upon their plans, and are at work. Can we afford to be behind? We read a large number of church papers, and almost every week we see something about this preparation for a twentieth century revival. That our readers may see something of what is being said and done, we give in full an editorial from last week's Christian Advocate (Greensboro) under the caption, "Our Twentieth Century Fund." The editor says: "The churches are coming to believe that it we are to receive great things from God we must undertake great things for Him. Prompted by this belief, and also by a deep sense of our gratitude to our God who has so highly favored us as a church, and a realization of our continued dependence upon Him for future success, the larger bodies of Methodists have resolved to make the beginning of the new century memorable through all time for large benefactions to His cause in the earth. "The Wesleyan Methodist Conference of England, with a membership of 500,000, has determined to raise \$5,950,000 or about ten dollars per member. The President of their Conference, Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, is wisely leading the movement, and it is said that one-fifth of the amount is already secured in pledges. The Canadian Methodists, with a membership of 280,000, propose to raise \$1,000,000 or about four dollars a member. Our brethren of the Methodist Episcopal church, with 3,000,000 members, have resolved to raise \$20,000,000, or about seven dollars a member. They have organized for the work and under the leadership of a large and influential committee are now arranging plans for the campaign. Bishop Fowler, voicing the sentiment of many of these leaders, is pleading that hand in hand with this effort go one to win two million souls to Christ. He pithily says: "Two million converts and twenty million dollars! This is the call. Like an electric engine, it can run either end forward. With the converts the money will come. With the money the converts will come. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Mal. 3: 10.) "Southern Methodism is asked to contribute a million and a half dollars, or about one dollar per member for educational purposes. This is a proportionately small and yet a great undertaking. But all must remember that we are a great and prosperous people. Our schools and colleges need the money. Our people have it and can spare it without any great sacrifice or in-

convenience, and in doing it we will accomplish a long needed work and we think receive a fresh baptism of power. Let North Carolina Methodism gird herself and lead the hosts. We need nothing so much as a great sweeping revival of religion. We have now a million and a half of members, with possibly four million of souls under our influence. Our people have vast wealth and other resources. Our churches are numerous, and many are elegant buildings; and we have a large number of schools and colleges. We have an ancestry of which we ought to be proud, and a history of which we need not be ashamed. We have no right, as a church, to be worldly or narrow, or little or stingy. We ought to be the wise men from the East, and bring royal gifts and lay them at the feet of our dear Lord, and expect in return a great outpouring of the Spirit and ingathering of souls."

Brethren, are we going to do anything along this line? If so, what and when are we going to begin? We have talked with a number of leading men personally who say, "they favor undertaking something of the kind." "that we ought to do it," "that we must become more actively engaged in our work for the church and for Christ," etc., etc. But, brethren, when? If we are going to make any special effort, why not begin now? What do we hope to gain by delay? At least, if you favor it, why not say so, and make your suggestions through THE SUN? Certainly no harm can grow out of it.

Again let us examine ourselves, and see if we have reached the limit in the amount of work that we feel we ought to do and in the amount of money that we feel that we ought to give for the advancement of Christ's kingdom here in the world. "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work." "What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works?" "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

INTERESTING NOTES.

Miss Mollie Clendenin, of Graham, visited at Prof. Newman's last Sunday.

We are glad to learn that Rev. L. L. Lassiter has started off well with his Valley work.

Prof. E. L. Moffitt went down to Raleigh last Tuesday to visit friends and take a look at the Legislature.

Rev. J. W. Harrell preached to a large congregation at Bethany Christian church last Sunday.—Suffolk Herald.

We regret to learn that Mrs. Connelly is to leave Elton and return to her old home at Connelly Springs, N. C.

Mr. Elijah Moffitt, of Asheboro, N. C., spent Saturday night and Sunday with his brothers and sisters here.

Rev. W. S. Long, D. D. preached a sermon in the College Chapel last Sunday morning that was very much enjoyed by all who heard him.

Revs. P. T. Klapp, W. G. Clements, T. H. Elder and H. W. Elder have our thanks for some new subscribers and renewals from their fields last week.

Our new Sunday school song book, Crowning Day No. 3, is selling rapidly. It is one of the best Sunday school books published. If you wish them you had better order early.

The sermon on the first page of THE SUN this week should be credited to the "Presbyterian Standard," and not "Responsive Standard," as the printer and proof reader made us say.

Rev. I. W. Johnson delivered a good sermon to a large congregation at the Christian church last Sunday morning. The services at night were also well attended.—Holland Cor. Suffolk Herald.

The annuals are out, and we presume that most of the churches have received them by this time. We were necessarily delayed a little in getting them out on account of some disappointments connected with the work, and because of the size of the book. It contains 150 pages, the largest ever issued.

—Rev. L. I. Cox returned home from his appointment at Smithwood right sick last week. We trust that he may soon be entirely restored to health and strength. He has suffered a great deal.

—Our eight or nine inches of snow last Saturday and Sunday shut us off from outside travel, but locally everything was alive and moving. Rev. P. T. Klapp deserves the thanks of the citizens for clearing the walks with his snowplow. It was a very thoughtful act on his part.

—Rev. H. H. Butler preached an excellent sermon at this place yesterday to a large congregation. Miss Lizzie Tucker, of Suffolk, sang a beautiful solo, which was highly complimented. She has won a host of friends in this neighborhood.—Cypress Cor. Suffolk Herald.

Felons may be cured by an application of rock salt and turpentine. Dry common rock salt in the oven, then pound it fine, and mix with it an equal amount of turpentine. Put it in a linen rag and wrap around the felon. As it dries, put on more, and if followed up, the felon will be killed in twenty-four hours.—Exchange.

—Mr. J. N. H. Clendenin has resigned his position as a salesman with the Oneida Store Co. to take effect February 1st, and has accepted a position with the Alamance Division of the People's Mutual Benevolent Association. He will call on the people and solicit insurance for the above named Association.—Alamance Gleaner.

—Rev. J. W. Holt was at Elton a short while last Monday, and handed us another new subscriber and some renewals to THE SUN, which we very much appreciate. He was in his way to Hines' Chapel where he goes to unite in marriage Miss Jessie—Exchange.

—Mr. W. S. Long and the editor of THE SUN went to Raleigh this week to appear before a committee of Legislators urging that no reduction be made in the corporate limits of Elton College. We have no fears that the whiskey men will succeed in getting our corporation cut down, but they have put us to a good deal of unnecessary trouble; and we suggest that our people mark them hereafter.

—Rev. M. L. Hurley came home last Saturday from a tour of the Eastern North Carolina Conference in the interest of THE CHRISTIAN SUN, and left yesterday for Eastern Virginia on a similar mission. He expects to make a thorough canvass of the Eastern Virginia conference before leaving it, and we trust that the brethren may meet him promptly and cordially, and assist him in getting THE SUN into every home represented in that conference.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Elton College Notes.

Prof. Atkinson was in Raleigh last Monday night in the interest of education. On Tuesday he visited the House of Representatives and pronounced it the finest looking body he ever saw assembled to make laws for the state of North Carolina. The Representative from Alamance, W. N. Carroll, is highly spoken of by other legislators. They say he is there to do what is right.

Prof. and Mrs. Lawrence spent one night last week in Raleigh. While there they took advantage of the opportunity of hearing Sousa's band.

Rev. M. L. Hurley came home Saturday and will leave Wednesday for eastern Virginia. Mr. Hurley is traveling agent for THE CHRISTIAN SUN. Any act of kindness shown him will be appreciated by his many friends here and elsewhere.

Mr. Albert Pritchard, of Chapel Hill, after spending several days here with relatives and friends, has returned home.

Miss Mollie Clendenin, of Graham, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. J. U. Newman.

Mr. W. A. Harper, '99, made the best lecture Sunday on the Sunday School Chart that has been given by a student during the present session. In speaking of the gift of eternal life Mr. Harper said, "when we have obtained it, we should wear a joyful countenance and let others

know we are in possession of this gift."

Dr. Long's sermon Sunday morning was plain and simple, but one of the most logical and practical discourses made to the student body this session.

Miss Maud Gay and her brother Floyd, are again in school. We gladly welcome them back.

Students returning from eastern Va. after the holidays, brought with them enough Grippe to distribute among the entire student body. Dr. York is about the busiest man in town. Lights may be seen in the drug store at night long after the usual hour.

The petition to cut down the corporate limits of Elton College has been sent to Raleigh and will be presented to the legislature this week. The whiskey element after canvassing a good portion of the country have received some two hundred signatures. We have been informed that a large per cent of these names do not represent the better element in Alamance county. The counter petition is very satisfactory and we are willing to leave the matter in the hands of the present General Assembly. C. E. NEWMAN.

From Rev. W. G. Clements.

MATTHEW T. YATES, D. D.

I have just read the story of Yates, the Missionary as prepared by Charles E. Taylor, President of Wake Forest College. I always read the biographical sketches of great men with much interest; but none have thrilled me with more joy nor given me greater inspiration of right purposes than the one which I have just read. I don't see how any man or woman could read it without being made better. Every young man and every young lady in North Carolina ought to read it. Notwithstanding the proof-reader did not do his work too well, and the press work is not first class, the library is complete without it.

I feel like reading it has made me a better man, and will make me a better preacher. It seems to me that he lacked nothing that was good in quality, and possessed nothing that was wrong. If North Carolina ever produced a greater man, I would like for some one to give me his name. But his wife was as great a woman as he was a man.

Let every body read the book. I am no agent for it, whatever, but believe the world will be made better by the study of its pages.

SELMA, N. C.

By mutual agreement Bro. J. L. Foster and I are keeping up a monthly appointment at Selma. I have preached there three times since conference. Bro. Foster will go next time. The appointment is the fourth Sunday night in each month. I am well pleased with the work thus far. The people are kind and give good attention to the word. There are in the town some six or seven members of the Christian church. They are much interested in the work. The Methodist kindly let us use their house of worship.

Martha's Chapel gives \$2.00, and Mt. Hermon \$1.00 to help rebuild the house of worship at Hayes Chapel which was blown down last May. Will not other churches take collections and send us a free will offering? We want to commence rebuilding in a few days—but, Ah! We need money, who will help us? Will not these churches which have not already done so, take a collection soon and give us the proceeds to aid this cyclone stricken church?

Barkley Letter.

But little of special interest has taken place in my field since my last letter. In consequence of inclement weather, sickness and other unfavorable conditions congregations have been a little smaller for the past few weeks than usual. Last Sunday evening however it was very good. Brother Tickle and some of the good people from Providence came in Sunday evening to service. We would love to have them come often. Last Saturday Mr. C. W. Bryant, who had been suffering for some weeks of typhoid-pneumonia passed over the river and we trust now "rests under the shades of the tree." He was a great sufferer and received good medical and other attention. His funeral services were conducted from our church here Sunday afternoon by the pastor. He leaves a wife, mother and two children. May the Lord of all mercies greatly

bless them in their lonely sorrows.

Then on the 25th inst., Mrs. Anna Paul died on Virginia St. after eight months of great suffering. She leaves a husband, five children, brother and sister. Her funeral services were conducted from the residence yesterday by the writer. Entombment was made in the Norfolk Cemetery. The Lord bless and comfort them and finally lead them all to himself in the glory land.

I have just been thinking of the great need of a Missionary for Eastern Va. There are now several points at which promising Missions could be established if we only had the men to send and the money to support them. Newport-News, Portsmouth, South-Norfolk are all inviting fields now for the Christians. Shall we occupy or shall we not? If we could only send to these points a strong man fully imbued with the principles of the Christian church and thoroughly identified with her interests and institutions we could soon have a good church at each of the points I have mentioned. To occupy these points now I fully believe would mean to greatly add to our cause, but to neglect them will mean a loss of some valuable material we already have. The field has been given us and we have accepted our commission, now shall we hold and cultivate the field or shall we surrender it to others? We had almost as well surrender our commission as to surrender our field and refuse the opportunity offered. Churches at these points mentioned would be of incalculable influence to our cause in the Southern Convention. It is conceded I believe, that Norfolk, and adjacent towns, is to be the Metropolis of the South. It is already a great commercial centre and the most influential centre in many respects in the South. If the Conference of the Convention could furnish a missionary or two to look after these points either alone or in connection with the local pastors it would be a splendid step and one of the best investments that we could possibly make along the line of missionary work. A population from many parts of the earth constantly pours in here and the stream is constantly swelling. We need money and men that are true to the church; men who had rather serve the Lord in the Ministry of the Christian church on a small salary than in any other church on a large salary. I do not mean to even hint that our preachers should not be supported liberally and even better than they are—I believe you see the point I make without an effort to explain; A preacher who would let a matter of salary turn him away from his denomination is one of too shallow convictions to be of force among men. Please don't call me a bigot, but I tell you I am very denominational. M. W. BUTLER.

From Alabama.

DEAR BRO. MOFFITT:—I will write some news from this conference, as I chance to gather it. Church work for the winter months has been dull. The weather has been disagreeable to a great extent.

I think all of our churches have secured pastors and we are in for a year's work. Some of our ministers are overworked, while others are idle the most of the time.

I learn that the church at Lantnet has the material on the ground for their church house. It cost them somewhere near 384 dollars. They will have a handsome church when finished. This little band of workers has had a hard struggle, but they are faithful, and faithfulness will be rewarded. Bro. T. H. Elder is their faithful shepherd for this year, and we wish for him a most successful year's work.

I learn that Rev. B. F. Young, who was licensed at our last conference, has made a flattering start in his high calling. May the good Lord guide this dear young brother into fields of great usefulness.

Many young men enter into the ministry with the idea of being satisfied with doing but very little in this high calling. Young men, raise your ideal high and by the grace of God climb to it. Lay aside your embarrassment and, with courage and grit soar high in your profession.

Bro. W. F. Price has been spending some time in our midst. He has attended some of our church services to the delight of many. Bro. Price is a good, whole-souled man—a true Christian gentleman.

I am building a church at Oak Grove, where I organized in last August. We are building a nice frame house. The house will be 32 feet by 50, 12 feet between joints. We have the outside work done all but painting. We began the work the 26th day of December. The community has been very faithful in helping us in the work. Dr. J. W. Moring, of Milledge, Ga., kindly sent us \$10.00 to aid in our work. With that exception the church and community has done the remainder. We have only fifteen members, but they mean business and by God's help they will succeed. God willing, I will go to Milledgeville the 5th Sunday in this month to fill an appointment.

My work is in very good condition. I am giving my life to the church, for Christ's sake. Our church here is lamentably weak. Though many severe conflicts has our beloved brotherhood been called to face. Many a hard battle has been fought and seemingly lost. Yet I turn and look forward, and hope before I go down with gray hairs to the grave, I shall see many a glorious victory won for Christ by the earnest, faithful and endomitable host that compose the Christian church. I hope we may yet be permitted to shout victory for our beloved cause. Fraternally, H. W. ELDER.

Phoenix City, Ala.

The Controversy Closes.

Dr. Barrett in his closing article seems to attempt to leave the impression that the controversy has been over a church having three rolls. Thus he draws public attention from the main part of the discussion to a minor issue. He further states that the writer has failed to substantiate himself in a single vital point of the controversy, and seeks to cover his failure with a "flood of personal abuse." These are the conditions under which Dr. Barrett closes his part of the controversy.

Every statement made throughout the entire controversy that Dr. Barrett has seen fit to deny, has been substantiated, and the writer has at hand information to sustain him in others which he has made.

As to the "personal abuse" in the article of January the 2nd, a part of it was borrowed from Dr. Barrett's article of December the 8th. The sarcasm was suggested by that and other articles from the pen of Dr. Barrett.

The writer did refer to him as an extremist, but he had heard Dr. Barrett spoken of as such for many years, and was not aware that truth was "personal abuse."

The writer never sought a controversy with Dr. Barrett. "Goliath," with full armor, defied "David," who had at his command a sling and a few pebbles. In the course of the struggle "David" secured the use of a few of "Goliath's" weapons.

In accordance with the rules of debate no duty devolved upon the writer in regard to that part of the controversy referring to the church rolls, other than to prove that such a report was current. Dr. Barrett and others have proven that such a statement was before the public, for the writer has never given to the readers of the SUN, the conference nor the local church. He never felt it his duty to do such, as the statement was not made on his own authority. Dr. Barrett writes that the statement is applicable to his conference. Others have given the church. There are other churches in which the doctrine of sanctification has taken precedence of everything else that the statement is as applicable to as the one applying it to themselves. Since there are those who wish to hold the writer responsible, not simply for the appearance of the statement in the SUN, but for such a report being circulated at all, he has deemed it proper to fortify himself against the carnal weapons that have been hurled thick and fast, even though they were in the hands of those who had long since desisted from their use. Some of the information that the writer has at hand will be given to the public in the next issue of the SUN. It would be given here, were not this simply a reply to Dr. Barrett's final article.

As the writer would not prove the facts, Dr. Barrett proceeded to clear up (?) matters. In the SUN of Dec. the 8th, it is false, because the writer did not tell him what church he referred to. Again, in the SUN of Dec. the 8th he declares it false if the