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FAITHFUL TO DUTY.

Every one who assumes the performance of any work, whether it be for a money consideration or for the satisfaction of having done something "of his own free will and accord" for humanity or for the cause of Christ, should prove faithful to that duty, even though personal pleasure or profit must be sacrificed in so doing.

There is too much faithlessness in the world to-day. Go where you may, and into whatever sphere of life you may, and you will find a great many men and women who fail to measure up to any true standard of faithfulness.

time being; and unless he studies to know and to do just what his employer would do, he is a faithless fellow, and is unworthy of any position of trust.

This is a condition of affairs that we do not like to contemplate; but that it is true, your own experience and observation will bear witness. And we thus present the fact as it is, with the hope that it may result in a self-examination on the part of many; and that henceforth they may strive more earnestly to do honestly what they profess to do, to prove faithful in the largest measure to whatever trust may be reposed in them, whether the compensation be in pennies, in dollars, or what is still better, in the gratitude of their fellow-man and in the favor of their God.

Let us endeavor to get the selfishness and love of so much personal ease and pleasure out of our lives, and then it will be easy for us to turn not only our hands, but our minds and hearts also to whatsoever they may find to do. "If you want a thing done well, do it yourself!" is a proverb that casts a sad reflection on the selfish and self-centered tendencies of the human race. It simply means that, as a rule, men will not be as honest toward their fellows as they will be toward themselves.

Or, in other words, there must be a "personal element," a certain degree of selfishness, in whatever we do, if the best results are to be attained. Happy thought it is, however, that there are many notable exceptions to this rule; and may we not earnestly hope for the coming of a time when this old proverb with its wretched insinuations may be forgotten because of such a transformation in men's hearts and lives as shall cause them to do unto others as they would that men should do to them, rather than to do better for themselves than for those who have shown confidence in them by entrusting their temporal or spiritual well-being to their care.

The fact that "selfishness is common to the human race" is no excuse for a half-hearted performance of duty. As soon as we obligate to do a service of any kind, the duty is on us, and he who does not "do that thing as well as he can" whether it be for himself or for some one else, is not faithful to his duty—he is not an honest man, even though there be hundreds and thousands, yea, millions, just like him.

INTERESTING NOTES.

—We again surrender part of our editorial space to our contributors.

—Rev. C. H. Rowland visited "friends" at Union Ridge last Saturday and Sunday.

—Mr. E. H. Morris took charge of the Moffitt Store Co. Monday morning.—Asheboro Argus.

—Prof. J. O. Atkinson preached at the Raleigh Christian church last Sunday morning and evening.

—Mrs. M. E. Rowland has returned to her home, after an extended visit to friends and relatives in Wake county.

—Bro. W. H. Ligon, of Soudan, Va., sends us an order for Crowning Day No. 3, we suppose for Hebron church.

—Rev. L. I. Cox is spending this week in Rockingham county, looking after the painting of the new church at New Lebanon.

—The pastor and congregation of the Christian church expect very soon to begin a series of revival meetings.—News and Observer.

—We appreciate some renewals to THE SUN from Rev. H. H. Butler this week. Bro. Butler has a good field and his people love THE SUN.

—Rev. W. S. Long, D. D., and Rev. M. L. Hurley, two prominent divines of the Christian denomination, have been visitors to Suffolk friends this week.—Suffolk Herald.

—We are requested to announce that the N. C. "First Regiment Band" will give one of its delightful concerts in Burlington next Monday night, the 22d. The band is made up of some of the very best talent, among them two Spaniards, and we feel sure that it will be well worth hearing. Admission 25c. We go to press too soon for a more extended notice.

—We thank Rev. L. L. Lassiter for a subscriber to THE SUN from his field in the Valley last week. He says they are expecting a good Sunday school convention at Linville, June 2 and 3.

—Mr. Jesse F. West, the leader of the bar at Waverly, Va., is in the city on legal business. Mr. West graduated at the University of North Carolina in 1885 and has early come to be a leader of the bar and in Democratic councils in his state.—News and Observer.

—We understand that Mr. John T. Moffitt is making preparation to put up a large saw mill plant at this place. John is an energetic young man and is always looking out for something that will build up his native town. May you succeed, Mr. Moffitt.—Asheboro Argus.

—Again our good Bro. J. W. Elder, Sr., of Dempsey, Ala., sends us his own renewal to THE SUN, and with it three new subscribers. He says: "THE SUN is a welcome visitor to my home, with its spiritual food for me. The Christian church and its principles are growing in this field faster than ever before." We thank you, brother, for this interest in THE SUN.

—We had the pleasure of attending the big "second Sunday in May meeting" at Union Ridge last Sunday. The day was beautiful, and the congregation was large—many more than the house could accommodate. Rev. C. C. Peel, the pastor, preached a most forceful sermon in the morning, and the editor of THE SUN delivered an address on the "Principles of the Christian Church."

—Active preparations are being made for the Bazaar which is to be given by the ladies of the Christian church, Thursday and Thursday evening, May the 18th, at the Holt & May store building on Main street, in Burlington. Extensive preparations are being made for this event, and a most enjoyable time is expected. This is a worthy cause and should be liberally patronized by our people.—Burlington News.

—Rev. N. G. Newman again sends us a new subscriber. He says Bro. W. Q. Peel handed him the money, and asked him to have THE SUN sent to some deserving widow who would like to have her church paper. Is not this a good example for other interested friends, like Bro. Peel, to follow? Are there not many members of the church who are able thus to brighten some worthy home with weekly visits of THE SUN.

—The following from our much esteemed missionary magazine, "The Christian Missionary," is very much appreciated: "We note with pleasure the wide-awake, up-to-dateness of the CHRISTIAN SUN, published at Elon College, N. C. We most heartily commend this paper to our brotherhood, especially to our brethren of the Southern Convention, for whom it is more especially published. A recent number contained a symposium—articles by several of the brethren—on missions that is in itself well worth the price of the paper for a whole year. That one number ought to send and support a new missionary in the field. For it address Emmett L. Moffitt, Editor, Elon College, N. C. Subscription price, \$2.00 per year."

—The Raleigh Endeavorers meet at the Christian church every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited. They hope to soon have with them Miss Bays, editor of the Charlotte Church and State.

A delightful evening was spent by the Endeavorers last Friday from 8 to 11 o'clock in the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Johnson, on North Wilmington street.

This was the second Endeavor social, and to say it was enjoyed is but to state it mildly. Miss Ruth Worth reported interesting notes of the late North Carolina Endeavor Union held at Salisbury. The Endeavorers heard with much pleasure of the progress of the society in North Carolina.

Mrs. Lee Johnson then gave a very interesting reading, followed by instrumental music by Mrs. J. L. Foster.

Miss Pearce, of Weldon, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. Johnson, sang a beautiful solo, and was heartily encored and responded in a very happy selection. Then all engaged in the new Historical and Biographical Bible game which is so instructive to all.—Raleigh Post.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Elon College Notes.

The work in the Chapel is being pushed with rapidity and skill, and we have, even now, a very good idea of the appearance that it will present when the work is finished. The Chapel here is one of the most spacious and convenient in the state, and we believe that it will soon be one of the most attractive.

We are glad to note another improvement in connection with the work in the Chapel, that is, the completion of the Y. W. C. A. here. The young ladies have planned long and carefully upon this work and with the choice tastes peculiar to their sex, we feel sure that this hall will be furnished so as to please the most careful and fastidious observer.

Rev. P. H. Fleming, of Burlington, lectured Tuesday evening to the students. It is very pleasant, indeed, to have such men in our midst and we appreciate at all times their kindly words of instruction and cheer.

The seniors and society representatives spoke their speeches before the faculty Saturday evening. As to further particulars, not being a senior, I am unable to say.

Bro. John Kernodle, of Ossipee, was in town last Tuesday. He seemed delighted at the improvements being made in the Chapel and made a handsome donation to same.

Mr. C. E. Newman went down to Merry Oaks Friday on business. He returned Sunday on the evening train, one day earlier than he expected.

On account of being unable to use the Chapel Sunday, the regular church service was dispensed with, and in its stead some talks were made in the Sunday school.

The prayer meeting Sunday evening, conducted by Mr. Rountree, was one of deep interest to all.

The regular correspondent being absent is the only apology I have for signing my name to these notes. D. B. MARKS. May 15, 1899.

Raleigh Letter.

Please pardon the use of the space granted for an "occasional Raleigh Letter" for other purposes this week. Dr. Staley's letter in the Sun of April 27th, reminded me so forcibly of our duty to Elon College, that I thought I would speak to my brethren of the Eastern N. C. Christian conference on matters along the line discussed by Dr. Staley.

"Dear brethren, half the conference year '99 is gone! Has half of the year's work been done? Are your plans so well matured that you will be ready when the 8th of next November comes? As your Secretary and occupying a central position as I do I claim to know something of our conference conditions and needs and prospects; and for this cause I would write. We have been calling for "banner churches"—those which pay all conference assessments—and now our work demands banner churches. Our needs are more than we, from a human standpoint, can supply. The addition of pastoral help is a serious question. We need and could use at least three more pastors who would give all their time to the work. This additional pastoral help depends largely upon the Home Mission Fund. If we had the men and the money our borders would extend rapidly and the old field be greatly strengthened. Also our foreign mission work, as you see from Sister Barrett's letters needs a more liberal and a more general response, even from our conference.

I would mention also the Educational Fund. We need larger amounts with which to push forward the ministerial students now in college, and others that may apply. The Superannuated Fund and Conference Fund are very important. The former should be placed at interest in savings banks till we have a special need for it; the latter sometimes partially spent before it is collected.

The call for Elon College is a new one, authorized by the last session of the Southern Christian Convention and is important. If each local church will raise the amount placed upon it for a few years, our College will be free from debt. Every cent of your money goes to the College. No high salary or large com-

mission paid an agent, but you send your money to the Conference and it is sent directly to the College authorities. I wish to beg every pastor, every church, every member, to see that his full duty is done, and every amount is paid in full. Then when we come together in Conference there will be praising and rejoicing and bright, hopeful countenances and happy voices, instead of being downcast, discouraged and grumbling because we have no more. Duty well done brings the divine approbation "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Let us begin now to raise our Conference Funds, a little this month and more next month will soon give the required amount. Now is the time to work for Conference.

The good people of Wentworth church are expecting a large and interesting Conference and they are preparing to take care of you. Let us make this the best year, and give it the best record of work well done.

Yours for progress, JAS. L. FOSTER.

Berea Items.

Since my last notes for THE SUN, which were in December 1899, many items of interest have passed—most of which have been mentioned from time to time by our pastor, Rev. M. W. Butler. Therefore, I deem it unnecessary for me to recall those things, but suffice it to say that we are getting along as a church as nicely as could be expected under the circumstances.

Our Sunday school continues full of interest, with good collections and good attendance. Also our preaching services are well attended, and well they are, for our pastor has been giving us of late some of the best spiritual food he has ever administered to us yet. While it has all been wholesome and nourishing to us in the past, yet it seemed not to be so full of that extra flavor that has recently been discovered by his congregation. Surely he has been drawing through Christ from our Father's storehouse above, and now is dispensing unto his hearers. May he ever continue to glorify God, as he has been and is now glorifying Him.

We expect to hold a series of meetings, beginning 5th Sunday in July next. May the Father's blessings be sent in showers upon us at that time.

It is with sympathy and sadness that we have to again chronicle the death of one of our members. This time it was Bro. Robt. A. Hall, son of deacon Wesley Hall, aged about 45 years. He had been a member of the church for several years, but like many professing Christians of today he did not enjoy the sweet peace of mind and heart that is so much needed by the child of God, yet he never turned loose that hope which is an anchor to the soul. For four long years he has been holding more tightly and firmly to that anchor, during which time he has been gradually declining with consumption, but as the physical man grew weaker and weaker, the spiritual man grew stronger and stronger, until a few days before his death he impressed those who communed with him as one who had attained to the height of a full man in Christ, of one who had been and was with Jesus. About two days before his death he called his oldest son, who is a young man, by the bedside, told him how to best manage the affairs of home and concluded with, "Now, Robbie, be a good boy and meet me in heaven."

Bro. Hall was a kind, loving, indulgent husband and father, a good neighbor and one generally beloved by all who knew him.

It was Monday, May 1st, about noon when God called this brother home, thus bleeding with sorrow the hearts of seven affectionate children, a loving, devoted wife, two sons-in-law, two grand children and many other relatives and friends. His funeral took place at his late home Wednesday at 10 o'clock, a. m. His pastor, Rev. M. W. Butler, and former pastor, Dr. J. P. Barrett, were present. Bro. Barrett preached the funeral discourse assisted by Bro. Butler.

May the Lord comfort the bereaved.

M. W. HOLLOWELL.

Alabama Letter.

I have held two very interesting services at Langdale since my last letter and received one

new member. The prospects are hopeful at this point.

Last first Sunday we had very fine services at Beulah. The Sunday school is in a flourishing condition. On Saturday before our young Bro. Carter conducted services for us. He did well. Bro. Carter is a good man with a bright future.

Third Sunday I was at Pleasant Grove. The roads have been so bad that I have missed some of my meetings at this church. The work is moving on smoothly. They have a live Sunday school. On Sunday we received a good man to membership.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before we met at McGuire's Chapel. The weather Sunday was threatening and the congregation small, but had a good service and received one to fellowship. Will attend to the ordinance of baptism next fourth Sunday. This church has a very interesting prayer meeting. We have some good people here.

Upon the whole my work is promising. I trust the good Lord will bless our labor this year.

The Sunday School Convention is now in session at Pleasant Grove. My family being unwell, I am denied the privilege of attending. I pray God to bless each one who attends and crown their labor with abundant success.

I will preach tonight at Bro. Bailey's for the benefit of Bro. Scott who is too feeble to attend church. I trust we may have a good time.

I am of the opinion that the CHRISTIAN SUN is improving with each issue. Surely it was never better. May the blessings of our kind Father rest upon the editor and contributors.

G. D. HUNT.

The S. S. Convention at Pleasant Grove the 29th and 30th ult., was by no means a failure, though not what it would have been had all our churches schools. A number of the speakers not being present their places were filled by brethren who did not expect to speak, and well filled too.

It is hoped all the churches will do their duty and organize Sunday schools if they have none already. Our next convention would be the best we have ever had. Our churches would be more prosperous and our people happier.

The singing was fine, especially by the children, and Mrs. Rosa Pearson distinguished herself as an organist.

Rev. G. D. Hunt filled his regular appointment at Beulah yesterday and today. He preached two excellent sermons to attentive congregations. There was a union singing not a great way from this place which attracted a number of people from this community. Bro. Hunt is a good and loving pastor and his services are highly appreciated not only by the church but by the entire community.

The Sunday school at Beulah is in a thriving condition, the enrollment is more than seventy-five, and the interest in the work is not at all relaxing. The Sunday school is talking of having a Children's Day service some time in the near future, which would, I think, be profitable.

The church work in this part of the conference is, I think, in reasonably good condition.

J. W. PAYNE.

Union, Surry County, Va.

I am permitted to act as pastor of two churches called Union. Union is a very fine thing if it is conducted in its true and proper relation. Churches sometimes profess to be united in work and in Christian fellowship, when their practice does not correspond with their profession.

The fourth Saturday and Sunday in April were spent with this church in holding the business meetings, in preaching and in administering the sacraments. The meetings seemed to be conducted in a pleasant way, and there appeared to be union among the members.

This is my second year with this church and I have been pleased and benefited by my association with them. They have given me help and encouragement and have aided me very much in my effort to preach the gospel among them. I never met a kinder or more liberal people than these during the whole of my ministerial work, and for their unbounded kindness and liberality to me I am under renewed obligation to

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them. This is the smallest church of the four I serve, and the congregation is also the smallest, but they do their work up in proper shape and on time. They pay their church dues promptly, and have sent up to conference all their assessments I believe. That is religious Christian business, and nothing less than that is. They have a church pride and a religious pride—that is to say, enough religion, at least, to meet their church obligations, to pay what they promise to pay, and to give without grumbling and grunting over it, what the conference assesses them. A church that does this will always feel better and will succeed better. Some churches are so stingy they impoverish themselves and die out. I have great hope for the continued success of Union, Surry, on account of its large liberality blended with its spirituality. May the abundant blessings of God be upon them.

This concluded the last of my quarterly meetings and I returned home after completing the long round feeling that I had been greatly blessed, helped and invigorated by them. The weather was fine during all these April meetings, my health was good and I was in good condition to do the work. I hope we did good work which will last in time and in eternity. We are invited to larger scenes of activity, and to higher heights of thought and development in the Christian life. Following Him who thinks our thoughts before us and for us, and who directs in the great grand highway, we cannot fail to enter the mansions He has so lovingly prepared for us.

J. T. KITCHEN.

Holland Items.

Last Sunday morning (7th inst.) was real rainy, which kept many from our Sabbath school. We, however, had between thirty and forty at roll call. The exercises were quite interesting and the collection good.

Yielding to a pressing invitation the writer had the pleasure of preaching to the people at Elwood, three miles from here on the A. & D. railroad, last Sunday evening at four o'clock. The congregation was very good and the attention inspiring. Elwood is a little village, and seems to be a popular center, and good congregations gather here for all public services. Still it is not a suitable place to organize a church, as churches of the different denominations are all around at a convenient distance.

We failed to have our usual prayer meeting last Sunday night, on account of rain and the darkness of the night. Many expressed disappointment, and said they did not retire that night satisfied, nor did they sleep as sweetly on account of the disappointment.

Dr. W. S. Long reached our place yesterday and called on the writer. He left in the evening, riding around through the country collecting back dues for Elon College, spent the night near Holy Neck and returned today. All were glad to see him. He has many strong friends here, and will spend the night in our place.

An interesting marriage ceremony will take place at the Baptist church here this evening at 5 o'clock. It is a popular and first class couple, and many will attend to witness the ceremony.

R. H. HOLLAND.

Appointments.

I will preach as follows: Holy Neck 3rd Sunday in May, 11 o'clock.

Hebron, Va., 4th Sunday in May, 11 o'clock.

Pleasant Grove, Va., 1st Sunday in June, 11 a. m.

South Boston, Va., Wednesday night, June 7th.

Ingrams, Va., 2nd Sunday in June, 11 a. m.

Happy Home, N. C., Wednesday night, June 14.

Howard's Chapel, N. C., 3rd Sunday in June, 11 a. m.

New Lebanon, Tuesday night, June 20.

Mt. Bethel, Thursday night June 22.

Salem Chapel, 4th Sunday in June, 11 a. m.

Belews Creek, 4th Sunday in June, 3 p. m.

Subscribers in the neighborhoods of the above named churches, will please get their money for THE SUN ready. I will have with me a nice line of Bibles for teachers and students. Get ready to get one.

M. L. HURLEY.