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THE TWENTIETH CENTURY FUND.

There is hardly a danger that we shall be too often reminded of the fact that as a church—a Christian church—we have taken upon ourselves an obligation. That obligation as stipulated by and through our general convention was that we raise \$20,000 as a free will offering for Christian education, thereby as a church and a people expressing to Almighty God something of our gratitude for the untold blessings received during the century just closed. The convention took what it thought to be the best and most proper steps both in raising and applying this fund.

But the convention at best could only enact legislation and lay plans. The carrying out of any legislative enactment, the execution of any plan, must after all be left to personal effort and individual action.

The convention has done its work, and we think well, and thereby cleared itself of its obligation. The responsibility now is upon the individuals who wake up the church. It becomes now a personal, an individual question. As such we believe every minister, every layman in the church should take the question home to self, "Have I done or am I preparing to do my part in this twentieth century movement? Has my obligation in the matter been met and my gratitude to God shown?" If this question is seriously put by every one to himself we believe the results will be both satisfactory and highly gratifying. The secretary of the committee who has this matter in charge is Mr. J. E. West, Suffolk, Va. Unrelentingly, zealously, devoutly, without compensation or hope of reward, he is giving much of his valuable time and effort to the raising of this fund. But however much of zeal, devotion and talent Bro. West may throw into this work he cannot raise the fund alone. No committee, no church, no dozen churches can raise this fund or relieve this obligation or express proper and full gratitude. This must be done, if done at all, by a united effort of a united church.

Brethren and sisters of the Christian Church, South, one and all, let us take this matter home to ourselves as individuals and to God in prayer. Let us see what our duty is and what God wants us to do in this matter. This done, we shall have such an offering as will make the hearts of all glad and the entire church rejoice.

THE YOUNG MAN AND HIS OPPORTUNITY.

There never was a better time in all history when the young man had a better opportunity to make a success in life than the present. This is in fact the young man's era. He is to be found trusted and relied upon in almost every calling, profession and vocation. In the pulpit and at the bar you will find young men of eloquence, power and influence. In both branches of our legislative bodies you will find young men in the front rank. In the professions and in the trades young men—men hardly in the prime of life—are

to be found of talent, energy and well developed ability.

Last week the world stood aghast at the formation of a billion dollar trust—the largest and richest private corporation ever formed on earth. The news now comes that a young man, Mr. Charles M. Schwab, only 38 years old, has been chosen as president of this gigantic and unparalleled financial scheme.

Only a few years ago Mr. Schwab was a grocer's clerk working for ten dollars a month. The corporation that now employs him at a salary of \$50,000 a year first employed him as a stake driver at less than \$30.00 a month. But while driving stakes he learned the steel business thoroughly, and now besides being president of this steel concern owns \$30,000,000 worth of stock in the corporation.

What is true of this young man is true also of many others. He has worked his way to the front by energy, economy, hard licks, determined efforts. The world wants men of action and brain and is ready to honor and enrich them when found.

THE MINISTERS' INSTITUTE.

The Ministers' Institute is to meet this year at Youngsville, N. C., on Monday night after the third Sunday in March. The meeting will adjourn in time for the ministers to make their appointments the following Sunday. The meeting should be well attended. Every minister in the Christian Church, South, should try to make their arrangements to attend. It really seems that the ministers might lay their pastoral duties aside for one week and come together once a year in a ministers' meeting for study, enquiry and self-help. As ministers, we need a closer and more intimate acquaintance. We need to know more of each other personally and of each other's plans and methods. Such meetings will enlarge our own plans, broaden our friendships and acquaintances and deepen our sympathies.

Brother ministers, get ready to go to the Ministers' Institute and let us make this the best and most successful meeting in the history of our organization.

A PARAMOUNT DUTY.

The Legislature of North Carolina has passed far beyond the half-way limit of its natural allotted time. It is now on the home run and that too at a rapid rate.

But the paramount duty of this Legislature has not yet been attended to. This duty towers above all others, and whatever else may be done cannot remove or lighten the obligation in this behalf. We refer, of course, to the duty of doing something permanent and helpful for the public schools of the State.

To ignore or pass lightly over this duty at this time we believe would be not only deeply deplorable, but absolutely unpardonable. From the opening to the closing of the campaign in which the present Legislature was elected, on every stump and in well nigh every campaign document we heard it proclaimed, dwelt upon, reiterated, that this was an educational campaign and that something should be done to improve the public schools of the State.

The promise and the hope made all rejoice. We had longed for the day, we believed it had now about arrived, when North Carolina was to have a public school system somewhat equal or comparable to that of her sister States.

We refuse to believe that this Legislature will ignore those promises, forget those pledges, disappoint those hopes. But as the session rapidly advances and the proceedings day after day are recorded we see and hear signs of growing and rapidly increasing anxiety. This anxiety shows that the people have not forgotten, that they will not forget.

The constitutional requirement is that our public schools shall run at least four months in the year. We believe the time has come when the people of this commonwealth will not submit to anything short of this requirement. Will our Legislature see it at this session that this requirement is met? This, we believe, is the paramount duty, a duty which no amount of legislation will or can obscure, or the neglect of which will either be pardoned or excused.

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Notes.

Rev. I. W. Johnson's address is changed from Suffolk, Va., to Holland, Va.

Rev. W. S. Long, D. D., hopes to raise the entire amount of the twentieth century offering asked of the churches he serves.

Prof. S. A. Holleman spent Sunday and Monday visiting his father who is in a poor state of health at his home in Chatham county, N. C.

We rejoice in the rapid progress of our Newport News work. Read a full account in another column. The church is soon to be dedicated and a protracted meeting held.

The editor, upon invitation, preached at Friedon's (Lutheran) church, Guilford county, N. C., last Sunday. The day was beautiful and we received cordial greeting from an appreciative audience.

Dr. J. W. Manning, Milledgeville, Ga., is an enthusiastic Y. M. C. A. worker and reports an excellent organization in his home town. He has just attended the State Association at Athens, Ga., and pronounces it the very best session in its history.

Former Editor, E. L. Moffitt, was a welcome visitor at Elon College last week. He reports the Asheboro Wood and Iron Company's plant, which was some months ago destroyed by fire, as rebuilt and running again. Prof. Moffitt is Secretary and Treasurer of the Company.

Bro. J. E. West, Sec., writes that he is getting some encouraging news about the twentieth century fund and feels hopeful. Every church in the Southern Convention should make arrangements, if they have not already done so, to respond to this call and make a free-will thank offering in this behalf.

Rev. W. T. Herndon filled his regular appointment at Liberty (Vance) last Sunday. Dr. Herndon is in a regular pastorate again and shows his wonted enthusiasm and interest in every branch of church work. He seldom goes to an appointment but that he brings in a list of new subscribers to The Sun.

Will not the ministers help to increase the circulation of The Christian Sun? The price is reduced to \$1.50 a year. At this price we cannot keep an agent in the field. Brother minister, The Sun needs and must have your sympathy, support and cooperation if it is to live and continue at the present price.

The basket collection at the Elon College church service Sunday morning last was ordered sent to Rev. Solomon Apple, Senora, N. C. We do not believe that this good and worthy brother, now in extreme old age and feeble health, will be forgotten and left in need by the membership of a church he served in his younger and better days.

Rev. K. H. Basmajian, of Armenia, who has been in this country several years lecturing and preaching, was at Elon College Sunday and Monday last, and gave two lectures in the College chapel on the habits, customs and religion of the Armenians. We doubt if any nation in recent years has suffered so much in the name of Christ as have the Armenians.

Bro. J. T. Harrell, a member of Berea Christian church and for a long time a resident of Nansemond county, Va., (No. 400, 5th Street) is very feeble. He would be delighted to have any of our ministers, or of his old acquaintances, in passing to call and see him. He is a great sufferer, but very happy and expresses himself as ready to go home, only waiting the Master's call.

This is a move in the right direction and one worth imitation in other communities and churches than the one named. The note was in the Berkley correspondence of the Virginian-Pilot of Feb. 16:

"As a result of the revival meeting recently closed at the Main Street Christian church a goodly number of the young men who have taken a stand for a better life have decided to organize a Saturday night Bible class at that church. The young men say their Saturday night temptations are greater, and to be thus employed they will be shielded from evil."

Correspondence.

Suffolk Letter.

Wm. Robert Lewis, son of James L. and Ann F. Lewis, who had been declining with consumption since July, passed away quietly and with Christian hope, on Wednesday morning, Feb. 13th. His was the only case of consumption in the history of the family. He was born in Isle of Wight county, Va., January 2, 1873. He united with Antioch Christian church when a boy. He married Miss Viola Demorest May 5, 1895. They buried Catharine, 3 months old, in May 1895. Nettie Ruth, now four years old survives with her mother. He realized his decline in health and was resigned to the divine will. He expressed his confidence in his Saviour and his willingness to depart to be with Him. This is now a great comfort to the family and, in fact, all that is left to brighten the future for their troubled hearts.

Whatever may be the creeds of men the belief in a future state and the hope of reunion and happiness in it gilds the future with beautiful hope. The Ked man thinks of happy "hunting grounds," and the Christian thinks of heaven and loved ones there. The smallest per centage of mankind thinks of the future as non-existence or blank unknown. The truth is that the only people without religion live in Christian lands. All heathen peoples have some sort of religion and all ignorant races and tribes are identified with some religion and worship some sort of a god. The only non-religious people are found in Christian communities. This is just as the thinking man would expect to find it. The true religion displaces false religions. The mythology of Greece and Rome, though brilliant and deep-rooted in those ancient and cultured nations, could not stand before the gospel. Intelligence is therefore driven to the acceptance or rejection of Christianity. Those who do not accept Christ and obey His will, are, you see, left without religion. This is the real cause of so many peculiar views of Scripture teaching, and so many isms among men. It is the vain search of the heart, unwilling to conform to evangelical Christian teaching, for some form of truth, some theory easy of acceptance, as a substitute for what the Bible requires. The non-believers may therefore be evidence of real believers among men.

Brother Dixon H. Holland, the last brother of Rev. R. H. Holland, was born Feb. 1, 1825, and died Feb. 17, 1901, in his 76th year. He was stricken with paralysis at 11 a. m. last Saturday, and was speechless from the first stroke till his death. His wife rang the family bell and neighbors came to her assistance. He lingered till 5:30 p. m. yesterday, Sunday. He will be buried today, Monday, Rev. C. H. Rowland, his pastor, and Rev. H. H. Butler, conducting the services from his residence near Holy Neck. He has been a member of that church for many years, and considered to be a first-class Christian and an honorable citizen. His wife, whose name was Mary E. Sumner, survives her husband, and four of their children survive their father. Mr. I. T. Rawls, Mrs. T. L. Council, V. S. Holland and Mrs. Annie McClenny, wife of David McClenny and mother of W. E., E. D., W. S., and J. D. McClenny, three of whom have been students at Elon College.

Dixon Holland, of course, belongs to the old school in all that characterizes a man in his domestic habits, his civil relations and his religious beliefs and conduct. His name stands for simple Christian character, social honor and modest demeanor. As I write these lines on a moving train my mind runs back over the years since I first met the deceased at Holy Neck. How many of his generation have passed over the river since that time, like a noiseless team, is passing and taking up passengers for eternity, one by one. Swifter than our hearts could wish these passing moments fly that will one day stop for us or take us as they fly and we too shall be ushered into the presence of the great "I am." It prepared all the stars of heaven will light up the way and the white-robed throng will give us welcome into the eternal home.

I am now on my way to spend a few days with my wife and

hope to have time this week to read a good book.

W. W. STALEY.

Norfolk Letter.

For several years there has been a brisk discussion going the rounds of the religious press as to certain theories of the Christian life, especially with reference to the doctrine of sanctification as it is related to the Christian life. One side holds that the sin principle is simply repressed and never destroyed at all. The other side holds that there is more than repression or suppression; that there is actual eradication of the sin principle. Between these two points division has arisen, and many of the Lord's children have been driven apart thereby. This should not be. There is no occasion for it, I am sure. Both theories are correct, the truth being that one is correct with reference to one stage of the Christian life, and the other with reference to the other stage. The theory of repression or suppression of the sin principle is correct, but it applies only to the regenerated life. On the other hand the theory of eradication of the sin principle is also true, but not to be applied to the regenerated life at all. The eradication of the sin principle is realized only in the sanctified life. Thus we may have two theories, but they both have their place and both are true when rightly understood and properly applied. In the regenerated life the sin principle is not eradicated but simply repressed, or, if you prefer the term, suppressed. But in the truly sanctified life this sin principle is eradicated, and so it is that we reach the thought of Paul in Romans 8:2, "The law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." Now, it being made free from the law of sin and death does not mean the eradication of the sin principle what does it mean? Let whosoever can speak and contradict this great truth be the first to take the stand. Do not stop short of giving Bible authority to show that I am in error.

It is a singular fact in the experience of men who seek to walk with God—the more nearly they succeed the more truly will the world hate them. George Whitfield, the great English revival preacher, said whenever he awakened the people and they began to turn unto God, the world began to despise him. He mentions several places where this happened, among them Gloucester and Oxford. At first thought it is hard to believe the fact to be true, and yet we know with every reformer who has faithfully sought to awaken the people, persecution, almost without exception, has followed. But this is just what Jesus contemplated—what he met with in person—and also just what his disciples met with, and surely we should expect no exception from this fact. It is just as true to day as it ever was. We can preach a pretty fair phase of the gospel from a moral standpoint and the world will let it pass, but you start out to preach the gospel of salvation from sin in fact and you will soon find that many will rise against you and do all possible to hinder you and the work you are doing in His name. They despise you for His name's sake, but remember if we suffer as a Christian we may therein glorify God.—1 Pet. 3:14; 4:16.

One of the causes of failure in the work of the Lord's people is to be found in the fact that we do the work given us half-heartedly, and this is never well pleasing to God, nor is it to any one having work which is worth doing. To do a thing well in the truest sense of the idea, we must do it with the whole heart—with enthusiasm and for the glory of God. Notice the words of the Bible on this point. 2 Chron. 31:21, "And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart and prospered." This was Hezekiah at work for God, and it tells a plain and a most important truth, one which all who work for God ought to give heed to. Many work, but alas! how many work and prosper? This is the point here. Hezekiah not only worked, but he prospered, and the secret of his work is to be found on the human side in the fact that he worked with all his heart. As a rule prosperity follows the work which one does with all his heart. Notice the

work which Hezekiah did was in the service of the house of God, and he did it according to the law and the commandments. Now note the points: The work was for God and it was done according to the law and the commandments and with all his heart, and prosperity followed. Let us seek to do likewise.

J. PRESSLEY BARRETT.

Christian Church Organization Perfected at a Well Attended Meeting.

At a meeting held at the Grace Methodist church, in North End, on Forty-fifth street, last night, the organization of the Newport News Christian Church was perfected. The meeting was well attended and the interest manifested was very encouraging.

The prospects for the new organization are very bright, indeed, much of which is due to the untiring efforts of the energetic young pastor, Rev. W. C. Wicker. Mr. Wicker came here only a few months ago, but during his short residence in this city he has made many warm friends.

ORGANIZATION PERFECTED.

Rev. Mr. Wicker was moderator of the meeting and Mr. C. D. West was clerk. The organization, which was started some weeks ago, was completed last night by the election of a board of trustees. This board not only performs the duties which usually fall to the trustees, but they are the finance committee of the church also, in that they will have charge of all matters of a financial nature.

The board, as selected last night, is composed of Messrs. James J. Baker, J. S. Thompson, I. J. Mirell and R. Lee Smith. The board was directed to close up all matters of business in connection with the building which they are erecting, and hope to have completed in a short time.

In order that the public in general may know just where they stand, the church passed resolutions endorsing the Young Men's Christian Association and the Union Gospel Mission. The new church will be found assisting in everything of a Christian nature, and these resolutions were passed for the benefit of those to whom they are strangers.

TO BE DEDICATED IN MARCH.

Unless the unexpected happens, the new church building will be completed and the pews and all the furniture will be in place in time for the building to be dedicated the first Sunday in March. The services on this occasion will be appropriate to the occasion and will be very impressive. The pastor will preach in the morning and at night Rev. Dr. W. W. Staley, of Suffolk, will preach.

At this time a Sunday school will be organized, as well as a Christian Endeavor society. The former will meet in the morning and the latter on Sunday evenings. Prayer services will be conducted on Wednesday nights, and a Ladies' Aid Society will be organized among the North End ladies and one in the East End.

About the middle of March a revival service will be held. Rev. H. H. Butler, of Suffolk, will preach during the meetings. He is a most successful revivalist and is well known through Eastern Virginia and North Carolina.—Herald, Newport News, Feb. 16, 1901.

Holland Items.

We were much pained last Wednesday, the 6th inst., to hear of the death of John Jones, youngest son of Wm. T. Jones and brother of Rev. C. C. Jones. His mortal remains reached here Thursday evening from Senora, Ga., where he died, and he was buried at his father's on Friday, Rev. C. H. Rowland officiating at the funeral. His sudden and unexpected death caused great grief to his parents and his brothers. Two brothers only were here to see his lifeless form and bid it a last, sad farewell. One brother was away in Dakota, another in Alabama. The whole community, and all who knew John, sympathize with the fond parents and brothers.

John was 22 years old, a bright, jovial, energetic young man, full of health and vigor, when he left his home, two or three months before Christmas. He went to Alabama to go in business with his brother, and stayed till Christmas, when he concluded to go to school at Senora, Ga., to study telegraphy. He was there when taken ill. Had the best attention of physi-

cian, fellow-students and professors of the school. But medical skill, ministering to his wants, and vigilant nursing proved unavailing. Many friends join with the deeply bereaved family in mourning his early death. But a wise, gracious, heavenly Father knows and does what is best. May we all resignedly say, "Thy will be done."

Two friends near here sustained quite a loss by fire last week. W. H. Holland and Charles Rawls, son of A. J. Rawls, both had their barns and contents burned. W. H. Holland's loss was not so heavy, and friends contributed liberally to repair his loss. But Charles Rawls' loss was heavy for him. He had but very little insurance, and in the inclosure were his three horses, all his corn, fodder, etc. His loss will perhaps reach a thousand or more dollars. He deserves the sympathy and help of his many friends.

Miss Lida Doughtie is some better, but she has not entirely recovered yet, from her injuries, sustained by the runaway horse. Her lameness on her injured side prevents her from being able to walk yet.

We had a very pretty little snow last Friday. It was really a lovely sight, to see the beautiful, pure white flakes falling so still and soft, no patting against window panes, no whistling wind, the weather mild as spring, one could only realize it was snowing by the sense of sight. It fell to the depth of two or three inches, but soon melted away.

We have failed to have prayer meeting two successive nights on account of rain. We had very good attendance Sunday night, however, and services were pleasant.

The news from the Berkley Christian church is cheering indeed. Bro. Porter's signal victory over sin, is a joy and inspiration to all; and the fact of so many being saved by the regenerating power of the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven, brings a thrill of gladness to every heart. May the good work go on till thousands more are saved.

R. H. HOLLAND.

We are Grateful.

On the evening of February 15th, Bro. J. J. Faison, of Spring Hill church, drove up to my gate. When I met him I found that he had come to represent the members of Spring Hill and some members of Waverly church who had sent to us many things both good and useful. He unloaded to us bacon, fresh meats, sausage, potatoes, sugar, coffee, butter, canned fruits, baking powders, and perhaps other things that I do not now remember. Some of these people and others also have from time to time given us gifts that were useful to housekeepers. We feel very thankful to all these dear brethren and sisters for these acts of kindness. May the Lord bless them abundantly with such blessings as He sees are good for them physically and spiritually.

Since I came to this field I have found many kind friends who will be long remembered.

R. H. PEEL.

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Rev. W. C. Wicker in a personal letter to the editor says, "Arrangements should be made as early date as possible for my whole time at this point (Newport News). The needs are important to our cause here. Other churches have regular services every Sabbath and our congregation will be scattered unless something is done. Our people should be urged to contribute to the work here now. * * * We have a bright future here. Only give us services for each Sunday."