

THE GASTONIA GAZETTE.

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APPLIED RELIGION.

Rev. Lee M. B. White, pastor of the First Baptist church at Chester, thinks that the church should launch out upon a program which includes health conservation of child life, better living conditions, a deeper community conscience and the independent farmer, rather than confine itself solely to the ecclesiastical functions of religion, preaching, prayer and the perpetuation of doctrines.

Dr. White's utterances are contained in a recent communication to The Manufacturers Record in which he deprecates general living conditions, the ignorance and poverty of the South. He says that the average income of the average family in Iowa was \$1,850 per year, while for the average family in the South the income is \$420 per year. Continuing he says that "you know as well as I know that the man in our churches who is facing the future with the nightmare of being unable to meet his actual living expenses, the education of his children and other correlated matters, which concern his own life vitality cannot be the Christian citizen that he should be. He cannot listen attentively and with respect, that brings a decision on his part to his pastor's sermon on his duty to the state, will say, when he knows that his grocery bill is not paid. Spiritual theories, to be sure, but he knows that bill must be paid, or he will lose his credit in his community. He has just no mind to be so-called while is more coming from?"

Dr. White says that only a few more business firms in this State will be able to get on their feet and more business management of the farms that surround the community can be a solution to the problem he found. It is not imperative, he says, that the churches in the South address themselves to the solution of the conditions for the time of the present who make up the congregations?

And it is an earnest of the fact that Dr. White says that he will not spend more time and money in the religion of social service activities upon the ecclesiastical functions of the church. Some will say that these plans are not religious plans for themselves, but Dr. White replies that argument by quoting in rebuttal the second part of the recent Communion, "read, love thy neighbor as thyself." In this connection we are reminded of an incident at the recent Laymen's Convention in Atlanta. One saintly brother was speaking of something boards in the church when he was interrupted by a younger, more vigorous minister who declared that he preferred a diving board to a sounding board. That the young people of the church had to be amused and it was to be fine either by the church or the world.

A new kind of religion is evidently coming into force in the world. Whether the war is responsible or not we do not know, but evidently the day of mores and other entertainments in the church is not far distant. Applied religion is the name of this new sort of religion we think, and Dr. White seems to have hit the nail on the head.

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