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## BILKINS AT JAMESTOWN.

**Will Soon Start to Washington—"Jodeeseevus" and the Railroads—William J. Bryan and His Lost Night-Shirt—Farmers' Institutes Are Great.**

Jamestown, Va., July 24th.  
Correspondence of the Enterprise.

I am here yit. The weather hez got hot at last an' I am spendin' my vacashun here before I start ter Washington. I reckon they hev got electrick fans an' lemonade in Washington. But they hain't got the ocean so close by, an' they can't give me no sea-breezes thar.

I reckon Preserdent Roosevelt iz sittin' erround home still a-lookin' fer me. But I wanter make him think that I am sum punkins an' he will hev ter sit erround home an' wate till I git gude an' ready ter go an' see him.

Ov course I don't git much news frum North Carolina exsept when I see the papers. I notis that Jodeeseevus Daniels iz still tryin' ter git up exsitement with the raleroads. I know Jodeeseevus like a book, fer I've bin watchin' him awl these years. If they would turn over awl the ralerodes ter him ter run the fare would soon be five cents a mile, an' if any new ralerodes wuz started ter cumpete with the old ones he would git up sum charges ergainst them an' try ter git them put out-ov buziness like he did when another daily paper wuz started in Raleigh. Jodeeseevus iz in favor ov cheap rates, cheap flour, cheap butter, cheap chickens, cheap clothes an' cheap railrode rates. But when a new company started ter give the dear people a cheaper an' better daily paper frum Raleigh, he accused hit ov everythin' mean an' made out that hit wuz goin' ter ruin the country an' bust the writ ov habus corpus awl ter flinders. Jodeeseevus iz a bird.

I see by the papers that my friend, William J. Bryan, wuz ridin' on a Pullman car out West a few nites ergo. William nearly awlways sleeps on a Pullman car so he kin think out plans ter help the poor and downtrodden who sit up an' sleep when they hev ter ride awl nite on a train. When Billy Bryan hed rested an' talked awhile after supper an' started ter climb up in them little boxes that people sleep in Pullman cars he found that he had left hiz nite-shirt at home. Two passengers, Jeff Davis an' William McKinley (but not the former Presidents of the Confederate States an' the United States) wuz on the train an' one ov them loaned Mr. Billy Bryan a nite-shirt ter sleep in. After Billy Bryan got home he writ a letter ter the feller that loaned him the shirt an' made a grate row over hit an' got the tellygraff companies ter send out a grate story erbout hit. Now, I hev got ter git up sumthin' like that or I'll never be fit ter run fer Preserdent. I've got on my thinkin' cap an' I am liable ter let out the skeeme any time. But if Bob could be made ter understand what a row Bryan made over that nite-shirt he would kick him four miles.

I see they air havin' awl sorts of courts down in North Carolina. I am goin' ter go ter Washington an' then I'll go home an' brush up my commishun az justis ov the peace an' hold court, too. I am goin' ter ishuae a writ ov habus corpus fer the Rock-bridge and Smithtown Railrode ter appear before me with awl ov hits

trackage an' rollin' stock, live an' wated, an' have hit show cause why hit should not give up awl hit has an' awl that hit hopes ter git in the future. If hit gits ter buckin' I'll fine hit \$99,000. I meen business.

I see that they air goin' ter hold sum more farmers' institutes down in North Carolina. Them institutes air grate things fer fried chicken an' watermelons. If I wuz a gude speaker an' had sum fine clothes I'd spend every summer holdin' farmers' institutes. A feller kin hev a heap ov fun doin' that an' live on the fat of the land. Awl he hez ter do is ter tell the folks how ter make two loads ov haz whar only one load wuz made before, an' how ter do hit syentiffickally an' close by announcin' that dinner iz now ready an' invite himself.

Yours truly,

ZEKE BILKINS.

## The Apostolic Faith.

Correspondence of The Enterprise.

To the minisers of Raleigh of all denominations, also all Christian people, in the name of Christ, and for the good of souls: After having read the 12th chapter of Romans, the strongest sanctified chapter in the New Testament Scriptures, and having spent awhile in prayer asking Him to guide and direct me in His works. Subject I have before me is His work—the Church of God. As I had something to say on the subject of baptism by water on June 25, which the Holy Ghost brethren do not say much about, because Christ does not so direct, yet in His name I will cite you prayerfully to 1 Cor. 1:17, which reads thus: "And Paul said, for Christ sent not to baptize, but to preach the gospel." I can excuse preachers for sometimes they are absent-minded, and again we read in Ephesians 4: "One Lord, one faith, and one baptism," which means the baptism of the Holy Ghost. In talking with one of my neighbors about baptism, he referred me to this Scripture. I prayerfully asked him if he wished me to understand that meant water baptism. After awhile he laughed and said, No it meant baptism of the Spirit. Of course we have to become godly sorry for our sins in order to be converted, and as sanctification is a second work of grace by faith, which is done by Christ, cleansing us from our sins; also to seek the power of the Holy Ghost, that we have the abiding Comforter by day and by night in order that we may be remembered with the redeemed. As you read in the 107th Psalm, I ask is it not wonderful that Christ prayed to his father that he sanctified himself that we also might be sanctified, through the truth, because thy word is truth. I ask everybody to read Psalms 146-148. I praise him because he prayed to his Father not to take us out of the world; I love him because he sanctified himeslf for the believers. The strongest assertion I know of on sanctification is in the Baptist Constitution of 1859. If it was all right then, why not now. I refer to I. Cor. 1; also the reference in the same chapter 2nd verse, which reads: "Unto the church of God at Corinth to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus called to be saints, and so on, so you will see the necessity of being sanctified, as this was the class of people called by God to be saints. This is what Christ only will accept for a

church. Then, brethren, why do you stand idle? I have not aught against a living soul. Wake thou that sleepest, remember it is not what we have done that is going to destroy our souls in hell, but what we fail to do. Listen, every preacher that has accepted Christ: Prayer in the 17th chapter of John it seems to us will at once ingite his members all to the alter that they may seek sanctification. I mean all that have been converted. Behold how good and how pleasant for brethren to dwell in unity. So it behooves all Christian people to do away with so much church theories, and make ready for the Holy Ghost. Would it be out of order for me to inquire how many of your Sunday-school scholars or even church members know Christ? I do not know of a single person who is trying to live up to the requirements of the 17th chapter of John that is caring for denominations, he has too much for the welfare of souls. On the 25th of June I failed to get one. Will you excuse me if I remind you again of the same subject. Some might say you just referred to Rev.; well that is so—when was there a sectarian church in the New Testament? How about Macedonia, Antioch, or the Church at Corinth, or any of them that was a denominational church. Wel, as I am by myself, I answer, No. Hence it is we believe the present management of churches is a failure. Therefore the power that should be in one church is subdivided 500 or 600 times,—hence the power that should be in one church is nearly destroyed. Each one wants his congregation to believe he is right. Well, the love is nearly devoured. Had you heard Brother Goff on the subject of the Seven Spirits converted into one, you would have seen he necessity for something to be done. I will give you a few references: I Cor. 12-14; John 14-16; II Acts 19:24. There is a great deal said about educated ministers being so beneficial for preachers, and so on.

I referred you to first and second Corinthians, that you might see who Paul called, showing that they were sanctified, and were accepted. Now I wish to call your attention to second Corinthians, second chapter: How little he (Paul) regarded his education to help him preach. Yet I think so education is helpful. But when I think of the fact that it takes five years to educate our missionaries to go to China, that is a heavy cost. I see in the papers there is one million of souls dying every month in heathen lands without Christ. Of course, that is twelve million a year; then in five years that would make sixty millions. Rev. Thomas McIntosh, who received the power of the Holy Ghost in January and spoke in tongues,—also his wife,—their home was at Dunn. A Chinaman who lives there said they spoke his language; so that ends it. They have gone to China, started by faith, without going to college one day, and will speak Chinese language when they get there, also will have the power of the Holy Ghost. Awake thou that sleepest. My wife and I have spent money to educate ministers.

I remember on one occasion the church was trying to raise \$500, which was the remainder of the first pledge made for the endowment fund for Wake Forest College. She got up and went down to the house and got

the money and paid the debt, with the understanding we were not to hear from the college any more. She stood to it that God would enable them to preach that He called. We did not agree on this point. Soon after this the church changed pastors. He and my wife were together on college preaching. At one time he got pretty close to me and said when a president of a certain college preached a big sermon he sent it around to his students to preach. Well, that stood me aside. I did not want to be whipped. Soon afterwards I went to hear one of the students preach. His text was: "never man spoke like this man." I thought I never heard such a sermon. In a few days I went to Raleigh, and to the Recorder office. The editor said: "Well, Brother Massey, what's the news?" I went on to tell that I went to a certain church last Sunday and heard a powerfully good sermon, calling the preacher by name. The editor said: "Well, I did not know that the President of a certain college had ever preached from that text—calling him by name. Well, that floored me; I thought of what my pastor had said to me. If I could have excused myself I would not have told my wife of it. I knew she would wear me out. I have not said much about college preaching since. As for me, may the Lord bless the sisters. A few Sundays ago, I went to service near Fuquay Sprngs. On the road that morning I was thinking the situation over. I thought most of the missionaries that the Lord was calling of late were sisters. That day a brother got up to talk. Said he had no education. He went on to speak about some objection to women speaking in public. He went on to say that man had preached himself to death and the churches were growing cold, and many other things. So that reminded me of what I was thinking about that morning, when thinking of God sending out so many more sisters to the foreign field than he did brethren. Pastors paid not to tell the people that was under the law which you read about in I. Cor. 14:34. Do you remember that the Old Testament Points to the New about 250 times? The New Testament points back about 300 times. The Old was under the law. If I make no mistake, the Scripture mentions eight women who prophesied. Now in the last days (Acts 2:17) saith God: "I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy," and so on. Now, as Paul said in Cor. 13: "Finally, brethren, farewell; be perfect," (11th verse). My dear Christian friends, it is so natural for us to look up to our educated preachers. I wish to call your attention to the fact that the greatest mistake ever made South of the Mason and Dixon line was made by the greatest man ever furnished by the South. I refer to General Robert E. Lee: the fact of his going to Gettysburg. After that defeat it is said 300 would desert in one night. He never was able to rally his army afterwards as before. Yet he lived and died the greatest man the South has ever furnished. All soldiers love him. Now, in spiritual matters, God has taken the weak vessel to confound the mighty. Glory to God!

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