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TODAY'S THOUGHT

"But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."
—I Samuel.

Could They?

Tobacco looks good or so we hear on the streets of Roxboro every day. The crop is planted and before long you will hear that someone is curing a barn.
As usual we are doing nothing about the opening of our market. Everyone here wants Roxboro to have a good market, but we all want the other person to make the first step.
This writer has been impressed with the work of the ladies in connection with "Hospitality Week." They really have been working and a major part of the success of this week can be attributed to the ladies who have been interested.

Of course, no one would want to admit that the ladies could possibly do more with the Roxboro tobacco market than the men could, but when you consider the fact that the men have not been able to increase tobacco sales to any large extent you naturally wonder if the ladies could lend a bit of help that might mean much to the Roxboro market.

Everyone admits that our farmers have planted a much larger crop this year. That means that Roxboro should sell more tobacco. If we are going to sell this extra weed it's time to start convincing the growers that Roxboro is a mighty fine place to sell it.

Good Work

Our health department seems determined to do something about syphilis in this county. Last week a Negro woman was placed in jail for refusing to take the treatment for this disease and Dr. Allen stated that she would be confined until she had received sufficient treatment to make her non-infectious.

More people who are not doing the right thing about taking these treatments will probably be placed in jail soon. We now have a definite cure for syphilis and evidently our health department sees no good reason for not using this cure. If it will wipe out this awful disease we see no reason for not using it.

In this connection it might be interesting to note that the penal division of North Carolina will soon broaden its anti-syphilis work among prisoners by giving blood tests to short-term convicts and treating those found infected with the disease.

In the past only long-term prisoners have been given Wasserman tests and received treatment. The new program, Penal Director Johnson said, will necessitate blood tests for 5,000 to 6,000 persons. The short-termers now in prison as well as those admitted in the future will receive the tests.

He said that tests taken in the past among felons indicated that 21 to 22 percent of them had syphilis.

"This percentage of infected," he said, "is probably higher than you would find in any group you could get together."

The state board of health will furnish the treatment, Johnson said, and when a short-terminer with syphilis leaves prison before the treatment is completed, steps will be taken to see that he continues the treatment.

Some day this nation will wipe out this disease. It may be years from now, but those in charge seem to be going about their work in a business-like manner and this applies to Person County as well as other places.

"Reggie"

We hear more and more about a man in Person County who is called over the state "Reggie Harris." Every week brings a new report that he will toss his hat into the political ring and run for lieutenant-governor.

And every now and then we bump into an influential person and talk about this matter. So far we have bumped into no opposition and now we await the signal from Mr. Harris. That signal should be "Let's Go."

No Answer

King George no more than got to town Thursday before a member of congress demanded that he say what Great Britain intends to do about its war debt to the United States.

Representative Sweeney (D-Ohio) read in the house a telegram he said he had sent to the British monarch at the White House suggesting that as long as England is spending "a few billion dollars" annually for armaments, she might give "some consideration" to debts to a country "whose World War assistance made possible continuance of your majesty's government."

This move of Representative Sweeney may have been a bold move, but Sweeney wanted to know and so he asked. There are many others who would like an answer to this question, but we doubt if the king can give much of an answer—or would if he could.



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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
From The Adult Student

WORLD-WIDE PROBLEMS OF THE MODERN CHURCH

Church problems are not a modern discovery. The church at Thessalonica was not a year old before problems had arisen that demanded from Paul two letters of counsel and instruction. The difficulties in the Corinthian Church, which occasioned our two letters to the Corinthians, came less than thirty years after Pentecost.

Not only are church problems not of recent origin, but neither have they all been solved in the nineteen centuries of the church's life. The tragedy of history is that so many of our problems today are the same as those Paul dealt effectively with.

The Variety of Problems

Paul's letters are our chief source of knowledge concerning the problems of the early church. They would make a "Practical Handbook on Solving Church Problems," so comprehensive are they in this field. The practical problems of the church take up far more space in his letters than do his theological discussions. Look at a list of them: The Christian and the Jewish law; church and state; debts; the weak brother, race problems; church divisions; church discipline; relations with non-Christians; legal disputes; marriage and divorce; meats offered to idols; church attendance; church finance, support of the ministry; women in the church, the Lord's Supper, prophecy and other gifts; religious education; the family; respect for ministers; loafers and busybodies, gossip and controversialists; prayer; qualifications of officials; pastoral etiquette; runaway slaves. This list is not exhaustive, but how suggestive it is. What a variety of problems came up in the early church!

Some Are Solved

Some of those ancient problems have been solved. There was the problem of Christian freedom in relation to the Law of Moses. Paul led the early church to a solution of that problem. There was the problem of "meats offered to idols." When Christ relegated the idols to the museum as curios, he settled that question. There was the problem of human slavery. The teachings of Christ have brought about the abolition of slavery. And many of the problems to us.

Others Remain

But some church problems remain. Church divisions, for instance, I have had many problems

courage to bring his Christian faith and sanity to bear on all our church problems!

Our New Problems
Paul did not have all our problems. We live in a democracy, in which citizenship involves responsibility not only for "being in submission to the powers that be," but for creating those powers and seeing that they are worthy of our submission. The moral character of the candidates and the righteousness of their platform is a genuine church problem. For the church to fail to pass judgement on these matters openly and courageously, puts the church into politics and on the wrong side of politics. Separation of church and state, in which we believe, requires that each fulfill its function. It is the function of the church to exert its influence in behalf of righteousness and obedience to law, regardless of the personal or party allegiances of its membership.

A reading of Paul's letters convinces one quickly that he expected the Christian to be an active participant for righteousness in everything. One also gets the idea that the church was a community to itself, and that in that community there was no personal, social, or civic relationship that lay outside the sphere of the church's concern. All personal and social problems were church problems. Among the changes that the centuries have wrought, the chief one in this regard has been the removal of the non-Christian gentile world from its place in the early scheme of things. We call our nation, rightly or wrongly, a Christian nation. If rightly, then all national problems are "church problems." Everything that affects the life and character of the members of the church are "church problems."

"All things are your's," says Paul, "whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, (and we may add, or North or South,) or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are your's; and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's." Would that we had the

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lems." The establishment of world peace, and of economic justice and righteousness; the suppression of gambling, of liquor, and the narcotic traffic; and the promotion of Christian race relations—these are present-day problems facing the church. They are not peculiarly church problems, but the conviction is growing that unless the church leads the way to their solution, they will not be solved on any lasting basis.

Paul said he was a "debtor to the barbarians and to the foolish." He meant, not that they had contributed to his life, but that he had been intrusted with something that was intended for them. So the church possessing

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