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PRINCIPLE FIRST

\$1. A YEAR in ADVANCE

BIG DELEGATION ATTEND CHAPMAN-ALEXANDER MEETING.

The Kings Mountain delegation to the Chapman-Alexander meeting at Charlotte last Wednesday was a big success. Fully a hundred of our people were there and in a body. A big reservation had been made for the delegation and we filled it up.

At the afternoon service held at 3:30 our reservation was to the front right of the speaker's stand and in good hearing range. At the evening service we sat at the same angle but to the left of the stand.

For the most of us it was our first trip to the great meeting and we hadn't been there long before we well understood why the few who had already attended were so zealous in making up the Kings Mountain party.

Our delegation was most amply and cordially cared for. Not only did the ushers take the greatest of care in keeping us together but both Mr. Alexander and Dr. Chapman made frequent references to the Kings Mountain delegation. They both extended greetings and rejoiced that our town was so well represented. We were right on the job too. Mr. Alexander called upon us to sing a number of songs which most of us were brand new and most of us without bobbins. The first trial or two was rather poor but under the inspiration of

the occasion our people arose to the situation and sang sufficient to bring commendations from the great singing evangelist.

But our recognition and qualification was not the best part of the trip. The edification and inspiration coming to us through that great channel of blessing counted most. The inspiration one gets from such a season of songs and sermon is bound to tell forever. Dr. Chapman's appeal for christian perseverance and endurance at the afternoon service was most profound and his warning of an Eternity and the clarion call "Where will you spend it," at night was unmistakable and beyond argument.

The delegation went from Kings Mountain in the spirit of worship and this attitude was maintained throughout. Chief among the promoters of the delegation were Rev. E. O. Cote and H. T. Fulton both of whom had already had a foretaste of the meeting and were desirous of taking up the brethren that good might be done unto them.

There were ninety who bought tickets here and ten or more went by automobiles to Gastonia and there boarded either the trolley or train. The delegation went on train 42 at 12:25 and returned on No. 35 at 12 o'clock.

LYCEUM COURSE FOR THE TOWN NOW A CERTAINTY.

That Kings Mountain is to have a Lyceum Course during the fall and winter 1915 and 1916 seems now a certainty. J. L. McCann, representative of the Redpath Lyceum Bureau, was here Friday and closed the contract for the course.

The Civic League assumes responsibility for one fourth the cost of the course and the following ten individuals are security for the remaining three fourths: A. E. Cline, W. A. Richardson, A. H. Patterson, Rev.

G. L. Kerr, Rev. E. O. Cote, Dr. L. P. Baker, G. G. Page, W. P. Fulton, M. E. Herrason, and G. H. McDaniel.

About a hundred and fifteen dollars worth of tickets have already been sold and those responsible for the course wish to sell a great many more as soon as possible. You do not pay for the tickets until October unless you prefer. Mrs. J. S. Hood has a list and there is one at the Herald's office. Let everybody sign up at the earliest convenience.

BESSEMER CITY RE-ELECTS OLD CITY COUNCIL.

In the municipal election, last Monday the old board of town commissioners was endorsed by the citizens of the town by being re-elected for the ensuing twelve months. The election started off very quiet, in fact very little interest was manifested at all, until about 12 o'clock a second ticket made its appearance in the field and served to stimulate interest somewhat for

the remainder of the day, even then a comparatively light vote was cast. The result was as follows:

I. A. White, 60. H. C. Fronberger, 61. J. L. Kerley, 60. J. K. Collins, 60. R. L. Martin, 60. The vote for the new ticket was as follows: C. A. Thornburg, 52. E. D. Ballard, 52. Kin. Richardson, 52. Peter Hastings, 51. E. D. Grayson, 52. John Stegall. —Journal.

GRADED SCHOOL CLOSES WITH APPROPRIATE EXERCISES.

The commencement exercises of the Kings Mountain Graded School held last Friday, was a most excellent program. The various selections in the graduating class exercises were most splendid and were marked by originality in production and skill in rendition. The class of '15 set a new standard in graduation work. The Oration by John Floyd, Class History by Miss Allgen Ormand, Class Prophecy by Miss Ethel McGill,

Class Will by Miss Mary Hunter and the Essay by Miss Virginia Manner were all master pieces for those just emerging from the High School. There were a number of musical selections which bespeak the high class of teaching done by Misses Robinson and Stewart.

But the chief feature of the evening was the annual address by Dr. Lee Davis, Lecture President.

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"The Relation Of The Christian To Amusements And To The World"

BY REV. J. WILBUR CHAPMAN D. D.

At the Chapman-Alexander Tabernacle in Charlotte last Thursday.

Text: "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you."—II Corinthians 6:17

"I cannot understand how there would be presented to us more explicit directions as regards our attitude towards both sinful and questionable things that may be found in the sixth chapter of St. Paul's epistle to the Corinthians.

"From the first verse to the very last it is more searching in its influence, and the ideal for Christian living which it presents could not be higher. 'I beseech you' says Paul, 'that ye receive not the grace of God in vain,' and it is a sad thing that many of us Christians are the objects of His grace and yet we are leading lives that are anything but pleasing to Him, and in spite of grace we are failing.

"Then again, what could be more explicit than this command:

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?"

"And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?"

"And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them; and will be their God, and they shall be my people."—II Corinthians 6:14, 15, 16

"With this high ideal presented on the one side, and the picture of such lamentable failure on the other side, the Apostle Paul speaks, in the words of the text:

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you."

The Life That Counts.

The only life that counts in this world is that one which is absolutely yielded to God, of which He has perfect control and which is lived constantly for His Glory.

"It is a yielded life and a life of sacrifice. Jesus said, 'If any man will come after me let him himself take up his cross daily and follow me.' It is a principle of religion not only, but it is a principle of human life as well. Men go on to power by way of self-sacrifice. Many things must be given up which we would like very much to do, but they must be sacrificed if we would gain the world's best success.

"How did you reach this place of greatness?" I said to one of America's greatest merchants. And he said, 'By denying myself. There were many things I wish-

ed to do, places I wanted to visit, schemes I wanted to work, but I was obliged to give them all up, and do this one thing, and by the way, he said, 'this is always the price of power.'

"How did you become so skilled in your execution as a musician?" I said to another, and she said, 'By hours and hours of practicing. At times it was a real hardship, but it was along this way that I came to the place where I seemed to be able to control the harmonies in the musical instrument which I play.'

"There are things which I must give up if I am a Christian. Others may be able to do them with a perfectly clear conscience, but I cannot. It is not at all a question of whether they are sinful or simply questionable, I must turn aside from them.

"In the Old Testament times they put blood, upon the right foot, the right hand, and the right ear; and the ear must listen to no unclean thing, the hand must touch no thing that is unholy, and the foot must walk in no way that is questionable.

"In the New Testament times God's people have been redeemed by the precious blood of Christ. We are a blood marked people, a peculiar, and whether we like it or not, there is a certain way we must walk, certain things we must do, and many other things we must leave undone.

The things we must give up as Christians will depend upon our position. I do not mean to suggest that there are two standards of living, one for the minister, and the other for his people; one for those prominent in life and another for those who are comparatively unknown; such teaching is sometimes urged, but it has no place in the New Testament Scriptures.

"By the way, the whole question of worldly amusements would soon be settled if church people would do only the things that they would have their ministers do. For example, you say that it is perfectly right to dance, play cards, and go to the theatre, and yet if you know that I was in the habit of frequenting the theatre, if you know that I was a devotee of the dance, and that I had a passion for cards, no one in this city would have the slightest confidence in my teaching, nor would they have the slightest use for me. If it is wrong for me, why not for you?"

"I do not mean to say that all the sins of the church are to be summed up under these three so-called popular amusements. There are many people who think they are very pious and good simply because they do not do these particular things, but so far as I am concerned I think it is just as wicked to be a scandal-monger as to do any of the other things I have just mentioned."

BESSEMER GRADED SCHOOL RE-ELECTS FACULTY.

At the regular monthly meeting of the school board last Tuesday night the election of Superintendent and teachers for the graded school was taken up. Prof. E. C. Byerly was re-elected superintendent. All of the old teachers were re-elected, except the Stewart and Mr. Owen, they did not make application for re-election.

Miss Laura Clement of Mocksville and Miss Candace Wolf were elected to fill the places of

the Misses Stewarts. Mr. Owen's successor has not yet been selected.

It is the general regret that Misses Hurcn and Eric Stewart and Mr. F. R. Owens could not be with us next year. However, it is believed that the selections made by the board to fill their places are well chosen and that the new members will prove themselves efficient and highly satisfactory to the patrons of the school.—Journal.

ed, and I had just as soon a member of my church would do any one of them or all of them as to be a gossip and treat lightly or carelessly another's fair name or reputation.

"When I say what we give up depends upon our position, I mean that if I am a minister there are certain things I must sacrifice, the gains of the merchant, the fame of the explorer, the power of the lawyer—these things are not for the man who preaches Christ, and every successful minister today has faced this proposition and been willing to make the sacrifice.

"I was preaching in one of the Ohio cities when a gentleman said to me, 'Do you know the Methodist minister in this city?' And I said, 'Slightly.' 'Well,' he said, 'he is the most remarkable man I know. He is a perfect wizard as regards finance.' The man who was speaking to me was worth almost if not quite a million dollars, and he said, 'Whenever I am in a perplexed condition I go and seek his advice.' He said, 'That minister could have been a millionaire if he had wished to be. I think you ought to meet him.' And I thought so too because a preacher who might have been a millionaire and would not would have been worth seeing. Just as I was leaving my friend I said, 'How much do you pay your minister?' He tried to evade the question. I asked him again and he gave an evasive answer. When I pressed him for a definite reply, he said, 'Well, we pay him about 600 a year and his house.' Then I was determined to see the minister who might have been a millionaire and would not. I went to his house. It was poorly furnished; and I said to him instantly, 'Do you know you could have been rich?' 'Who told you that story,' he said. I said, 'Did you know it?' And he answered, 'Yes, I knew it, but when I was a little boy I had a call to preach and I gave myself to God for that particular work, and now that I have gone past the middle life in the ministry I can say that I count it a great joy to have given it all up for Him.'

"If I am just a member of the church there are certain things that I simply cannot do and be a faithful follower of Jesus Christ. My friends may do them, and their consciences may not hurt them but I am a follower of Christ. I am His representative. He expects me to contribute to His glory, and I have no right to do that thing that will make my weaker brother stumble or cause another man to fall. I am a brother's keeper. It is not always an easy position to fill, but it is of divine command and I must be faithful.

"If I am an evangelist I know there are certain things which I must sacrifice which a minister

settled over a church need not give up; the comforts of home, the fellowship of one's family, and many other things dear to a man's heart must be sacrificed. But there is a principle underlying it all. I must give up anything that would stand between me and power and prevent God from working out His will in my life. I do not know what that is for you, nor do you know what it is for me, but without fear of contradiction I declare that we both of us know what is in our individual lives which must be given up, and peace is out of the question and power unattainable until we make the sacrifice. The Apostle Paul said, 'Wherefore lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset you.' A weight is anything about which you may be in doubt. It is a thing concerning which we are always arguing and in our arguments seeking to convince ourselves rather than our opponents.

"At the close of a service in another city I heard two young women arguing vehemently. They were both of them professed christians, but one of them was saying 'I know this is wrong for me,' and the other said, 'I know it is not. And when pressed for a reason she gave what is sometimes said to be a woman's reason when she replied to her friend's question, 'Why is it not wrong?' Just because,' she said. So I turned to her and said, 'Are you quite sure that your position is right and that it is proper for you to do? And she answered quickly, 'As a matter of fact I am not sure and I was arguing to convince myself.' If you must place a question mark before anything you do, that thing will be a weight and you cannot run the Christian race with that thing pulling you back. You know what the weight is for you, I beseech you turn away from it at any cost.

Four Solutions of the problem. "There are four solutions which I have to suggest which would enable us to be more than conquerors as christians along this line.

"First. Give Christ the benefit of the doubt in everything. If you are not absolutely sure, then let the doubt in your mind be the argument for your giving it up to him.

"Second. Take the Apostle Paul's suggestion in the text: 'Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you.'

"When I was a boy and studied in school I read that you could not sit a man with electricity so long as he stood on the ground. The current would come to his feet and flow away from him.

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