

Editorial Viewpoint

The CAROLINIAN'S

WORDS OF WORSHIP

"I am come that they might have life and have it more abundantly."—The Scriptures.

Pontius Pilate was succeeded by Lentulus as the Governor of Jerusalem. The New Governor gave a minute description of our Lord, concluding with the statement, "Nobody has ever seen him laugh."

The quotation from Lentulus is a forgery, penned by an unknown impostor in a later century; yet how persistently it has lived, and with what tragic thoroughness it has done its work. How many millions of happy-minded folk, when they have thought of Jesus at all, have had the feeling of uncertainty, "Suppose," they have said, "we were to enter the tomb and find us laughing and enjoying ourselves! When there is so much suffering and sin in the world is it right to be happy? What would Jesus say?"

With such occupations cheerful folk have had their brighter moments tintured. The friendliest man who ever lived has been shut off by a black wall of tradition from those whose friendship he would have most enjoyed. Theology has reared a gross, unseemly, and robbed the world of the joy and laughter of the great companion—Jesus.

It is not hard to understand when you remember the character of the early theologians. They lived in sad days; they were men of introspection, to whom every simple thing was symbolic of some hidden mystery; and life, itself, a tangle of philosophic formulae.

Baffled by the death of Jesus, they rejected the splendid truth and fashioned a creed instead. Lentulus was put to death in the Temple, as a sa-

crifice for the sins of the worshippers; ergo, Jesus was the Lamb of God. His death had been planned from the beginning of the world; the human race was hopelessly wayward; God knew that it would be and nothing would turn Him from His vindictive purpose to destroy it but the sacrifice of an innocent Son.

Thomas Paine remarked truly that no religion can be really divine which has in it any doctrine that offends the sensibilities of a little child. In these days of this newspaper whose sensibilities were not shocked when the traditional explanation of the death of Jesus was first poured into his ears? Would any human father, loving his children, have sentenced all to death and been persuaded to commute the sentence only by the suffering of his best beloved?

Small wonder that the Jews of such a doctrine were supposed never to have laughed! The Gospels tell a different story. But the writers were men of simple minds and naturally gave greatest emphasis to the events which impressed them most. Since death is the most dramatic of all the phenomena of life, the crucifixion and the events immediately preceding it are set forth in complete detail.

The life of Jesus, as we read it in the New Testament, is what the life of Lincoln would be if we were given nothing of his boyhood and young manhood, very little of his work in the White House and every detail of his assassination. All of the four gospels contain very full accounts of the weeping which attended the crucifixion—the final miracle: John, alone remembered the laughter amid which the first one was performed.

The Wrightsville Tragedy

When a fire razed a locked dormitory at the Arkansas Negro Boys Industrial School at Wrightsville, Arkansas, twenty-one boys died. There is no telling how many were seriously injured in the catastrophe. But we do know that forty-seven youths escaped from the flaming building, after kicking out heavy metal screens designed to prevent escape.

Under the excitement of the moment some of the boys lost their race to escape. Twelve bodies were found under one window, while the remaining nine bodies were scattered along the ruins—still charred in their beds.

We don't know what the general policy was with regards to nightly supervision in the dormitory, but on the night of the dreadful fire the doors to the dormitory were locked and there was no key in the building.

According to the testimony of one boy, he ran 150 yards to the superintendent's home for help but the building was sheathed in flames when the superintendent reached the scene.

The blame for this tragedy rests squarely on

the shoulders of the superintendent and the dormitory supervisor. Any trained administrative official would have worked out some sort of schedule whereby an adult would have been on duty each night and all during the day.

Reports said that the teacher who regularly sleeps in the building was in the hospital and had been there three weeks when the fire broke out. No one was assigned to take his place while he was sick. We would like to know why no adult was temporarily assigned to supervise the building?

Superintendent L. R. Gaines was quoted as saying, "You just never expect something like this to happen." We say that any competent administrator would expect at all times such possibilities.

The Superintendent has shown that he lacks foresight. He should not be excused for his stupidity, and high state officials should remove him from his position at once following a routine investigation.

He Started With A 98c Medicine Bag

We take this opportunity to salute a Tennessee physician in Lincoln County where he practices. For his service, Dr. L. M. Donelson, 51, has won the praise and recognition of his white colleagues who picked him to be the 1950 president of the Lincoln County Medical Association.

The white doctors who elected Donelson call the move routine. Young Dr. Lex Patrick, the present head of the association, explains that Dr. Donelson was a qualified member in good standing and it was about time he took over the president's chores. The election was without opposition.

The story goes that Dr. Donelson arrived in Fayetteville, Tennessee, in 1932 after graduating from Meharry Medical College in Nashville 85 miles away. Donelson settled down in Fayetteville because it was small enough for him to walk from one patient to another. At the time, he had no car and no prospect of getting one.

Before boarding the bus to his destination, the doctor bought his equipment—a 98-cent medical bag, one 40-cent roll of gauze, a roll of adhesive tape, one artery clamp, and a stethoscope. With this equipment he began practice.

For six months, the doctor walked on foot attending patients and next in a borrowed car both in and out of town. Frequently he had to stop at the offices of the friendly white doctors

for certain supplies. Because of a lack of proper hospital facilities, patients preferred to be operated on at their homes. Through the efforts of Dr. Donelson, the county court gave an old dormitory for establishing a Negro hospital which was burned down in 1952. Now a new \$100,000 hospital has been built for Negro citizens. The new hospital gears the doctor's name.

How many young doctors—even in 1932—would have dared to start practice with a 98-cent medical bag, a roll of gauze, an artery clamp, and a stethoscope? Certainly, they would have considered walking impossible! But Dr. Donelson was a man who was willing to start with his office in his medical bag.

It was a good thing that Dr. Donelson started in a small town and in 1932, because today if a doctor started in such an unpretentious manner patients would not have been impressed. People today confuse the physician's skill with the outward appearance of a suite of clinic rooms.

We salute Dr. Donelson, because many a young man in his shoes would have given up in despair and the world would not have heard his name. This physician was a man who was willing to begin at the bottom in order to reach the top.

To the folk in Fayetteville, he must be Balm in Gilead to heal sick bodies and soothe weary hearts and spirits.

Interracial Fight In Church

Never since the time when Christ walked into the Temple and turned over tables of the money changers perhaps have we had such a commotion in the church as occurred recently at the integrated Catholic Church of Saint Joseph the Worker in Marrero near New Orleans, Louisiana. About fifteen persons—white and black—engaged in a "free for all" melee in front of the church. At least one of the fighters used a fire tool as a weapon.

Police officers were summoned to the scene and later they picked up four Negroes and two whites for questioning. The officers attributed the fight to the antagonism growing out of the white people's resentment following a *Jet* magazine article which credited the integration of the church to the leadership of teenagers.

Archbishop Joseph Francis Rummel of New Orleans expressed shock, regret and disappointment of the incident. He added that the church had "made every effort to bring about a conciliatory understanding among the warring."

It is not our purpose in this article to condemn the Catholic Church. But we see criticizing all fight participants for failure to live up to the principles preached by the Man from Galilee. He believed in the brotherhood of man and that each parishoner is a child of God who owes for him sincerely.

Goldsboro's Cadet Program

Goldsboro is planning to inaugurate a cadet police training program which would instruct qualified high school graduates in the capacity of cadets in the police force.

The cadets would wear special uniforms and receive training pay, but they would not be issued arms or be given the power of arrest. They would receive training in radio, traffic control, and other phases of police work.

According to city officials, the program

Like other churches in this country, the Church of Saint Joseph the Worker set its house in order and began integration. It is indeed regrettable that a few worshippers were opposed to the Christian practice of an integrated membership. Jesus never intended nor preached segregation of membership in His church according to race or social caste and class. He preached to the Jew and Gentile, the publican and the sinner, the rich and poor, the black and white, the red and brown and yellow, the supreme court judge, and Pharisee. Upon these converts, Jesus expected the good news to be carried everywhere on earth.

We are not familiar with the ways and means of censoring unbecoming members in the Catholic Church, but are urging the Archbishop of New Orleans to deal with the transgressions of the first participants in a manner befitting his high office and in keeping with the will of God.

In the New Orleans area, the Catholic Church has been indeed embarrassed. The church must "tip the recurrence of such incidents in the bud", or else like an uncontrolled forest fire it will destroy the influence of the Catholic church among prospective Negro parishoners.

We think that the cadet program for training prospective police officers has considerable merit. In too many instances, men are hired as policemen without sufficient training—especially in the important areas of public and business relations.

The Main Obstacle To Integration



SENTENCE SERMONS

BY REV. FRANK CLARENCE LOWERY For ANP

YOU CAN BE SURE—WITH CHRIST

1. How often you have heard the phrase on television, "You can be sure, if it's Westinghouse"; this has reference to special appliances used in yours and your neighbor's house.
2. In these days of great uncertainty, man is looking for security, and when certain individuals think they have something startling to offer, it is then, their deep secret they begin to uncover.
3. But being fallible and so prone to error, he is still in the category of a wayfarer . . . day by day seeking some new way to live, and when found, seeks only profit, and not freely to give.
4. Nevertheless, there were some men of old and also in this day who have taught by example that there is one safe way, that way is the sign of the Cross, whose conqueror is Christ, and all who put their trust in Him, need never fear nor feel chagrin.
5. Of there will be some human misgivings, but the satisfaction is in knowing that our God is ever-living, and that Christ is with Him, our needs to supply, and our interests, His, even after we die.

6. No wonder old Job could live here on earth, and when pains wracked his body, know he could boast of an eternal birth, and even be healed, and his years extended, until his God was perfectly ready to have them ended.
7. Yes, we can be absolutely sure, when Christ is at our side, and He with us can peacefully abide; Abraham Lincoln was well aware of this when faced with the Civil War, and his interlocutors asked "Is God on our side"; we all know his answer, for in God he did confide.
8. Only God and Daniel knew Heaven's terms that would bring him through, when faced with vicious lions and no other food in view; it was then some close-up miracle touch, meant to him as very much.
9. Just so too, you can be sure, with Christ, the only begotten Son, and God the Father, who leaves nothing righteous undone; for "His purposes ripen fast, unfolding every hour . . . the bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flower."
10. Who now, this same Sinner's love cannot feel, when one so self-righteous, stubborn, and steeped in sin as Saul, did definitely yield, and cried, "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."
11. My, what a challenge to those who are not "sure", for the new Paul was determined to leave nothing obscure . . . and now all who are lost and want to be found, can "be sure", with Paul's Christ, and have peace abound.
12. All other things will pass away, deteriorate, and decay, but with Christ alone, all of His followers can definitely "be sure", for His Word and Spirit will eternally endure.

What Other Editors Say

GENERAL AND UNIFORM SYSTEM OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In an effort to make the wording of Article VII of the Constitution conform to the constitutional changes ratified by popular vote in the Pearsall Plan, the Constitutional Commission proposed that Section 2 read that "the General Assembly shall provide by taxation and otherwise for public schools . . . instead of 'The General Assembly . . . shall provide by taxation and otherwise for a general and uniform system of public schools . . .'"

The deletion has provoked considerable protest. Certainly omission of "general and uniform" suggests a watering down of the constitutional mandate to provide for a public school system.

Actually, in view of the court decisions dealing with public schools, it makes little difference whether the phrase "general and uniform" is included or not. Any government which operates a school system must under precedent now recognized, make it "general and uniform" within the area of its jurisdiction. If North Carolina is to operate a public school system within the State, as both the present and the proposed Constitutions require, the system must be "general and uniform."

The portion of the Pearsall Plan in conformity to which the deletion was proposed allows the General Assembly to set up a "uniform system of local option whereby any local option unit, as defined by the General Assembly, may choose by a majority vote of the qualified voters in the unit who vote on the question to suspend or to authorize the suspension of the operation of one or more or all of the public schools in that unit."

Quoting "general and uniform" from the wording of the Constitution will not result in the total elimination of the

Present Plan. Nor will it enable the State to maintain a system which is not "general and uniform."

DURHAM MORNING HERALD TOO MUCH DUPLICATION IN SCHOOL CURRICULUM?

Is there too much duplication and repetition in the school curriculum? This is one of the questions which the State curriculum study should explore carefully and thoroughly.

When proposals are made to expand or intensify the school offering, the inevitable answer is that the school day is already crowded. That is true. To find more time for more mathematics, more foreign language, more science, we must either lengthen the school day or reduce duplication and repetition of courses.

Review is essential to learning, but is it necessary to repeat from time to time at different levels the same courses? The question was raised and answered in the Harvard curriculum study, *General Education in a Free Society*, published in 1945. The study was not limited to the college curriculum, but also included the secondary school curriculum because of its relevance to the preparation of students for college.

In a section on the social studies, the study committee recommended a course in American history "later in the school years, preferably in the eleventh grade," which is the place it is found in most high schools in this part of the country. The report then goes on to criticize the practice of offering American history "three, four, even five or six times" to students in their elementary and secondary school careers. Such repetition "leads neither to mastery of nor to interest in the subject."

An elementary course and a high school course in American history may be justified in phases in which there are many who stop school between the elementary grades and the later years of high school. But two courses in American history would seem wasteful. The main repetition may all increase in volume.

Why is not the only course repeated from time to time through the entire curriculum. There were already too much duplication in the curriculum.

course now offered in the eighth grade. The English curriculum might well profit from reorganization to avoid excessive duplication. Time for a stronger offering could be found by eliminating unnecessary and not infrequently harmful duplication of effort.

DURHAM MORNING HERALD PENNIES FOR DOLLARS

As long as the people vote for candidates for office who seek votes by promising ever increasing public expenditures instead of government economy, they have no one but themselves to blame if they are bled white by taxation.

Don't kick at your heels if you vote for "free" handouts and tax-spendng politicians—they take dollars from your earnings to give you pennies for your votes.

SHEEPHEPSTOR SUN

IN THIS OUR DAY

BY DR. C. A. CHECK, SR.

"JOIN THE CROWD"

Sylvia Porter, an authority in the field of economics and especially consumer economics, recently pointed out in her masses of the people all over the world are investing in corporate securities. She states that all over the world—from Amsterdam to Zurich, from Toronto to Tokyo—stock markets began surging upward in 1952. Moreover, she says that all over the world, middle-class families began buying stocks in increasing amounts last year. She further points out that all over the world, millions of small investors who had never before considered buying a share of stock made their first purchase of stocks last autumn.

She points out that the hope of buyers purchasing our stock markets was disappointing other stock markets elsewhere in the world. She says that now and elsewhere buying securities is considered the best way to make money. She says that the hope of buyers purchasing our stock markets was disappointing other stock markets elsewhere in the world. She says that now and elsewhere buying securities is considered the best way to make money.

JUST FOR FUN

BY MARCUS H. BOULWARE

WATCH OUT, MEN

Better watch your pocket-books, men! They tell me that women buy a new cake mix for much the same reasons Mother Eve picked the apple.

The Bible says Eve yielded to the temptations of tasting the forbidden fruit because it was "good for food . . . pleasant to the eyes, and to be desired to make one wise." (Of a truth, I wonder what in the world that forbidden fruit was—Do you know, REV? Well, tell me then.)

Mrs. Janet Wolf, of the J. Walker Thompson Advertising Agency, says that a woman's senses are her buying guide. "Touch is the main aid, but taste and sight—especially reaction to color—also are important."

But men, the thing that is important is that you must watch your purse, or it will give you all your cash and then "shoot."

CAT LIKES CORN ON COB—so do I. Boots a Siamese cat, recently celebrated his 16th birthday by eating delicious corn on the cob. The cat, 126 years old by human standards, has only four teeth but eats his favorite food with no trouble. The cat is owned by Mrs. Billie Shannon of Denver, Colorado.

"Sure, I envy the cat—Corn—don't you?"

GOING TO DELAWARE: I chuckled when I read this in the Durham Herald:

A woman telephoned the local bus station and asked, "What's the fare to Delaware?" "What place in Delaware?" the agent asked.

"Just to Delaware."

"You got to tell where you're going," the agent explained. The woman hung up.

A minute later the phone rang again. The woman still wanted to know the fare to "Delaware."

"Lady," the agent said, "Delaware is a whole state. You got to tell me where you want to go."

"That's the trouble with you folks up there at the bus station."

TOO MANY ADVISERS AND WRONG ADVICE:

Once I heard a great platform authority say that there is danger of having too much advice; that there was enough advice lying loosely around, to run a darned world like ours. It was just another way of saying that there is the danger that men will be over-advised.

Every other person we meet is ready to advise us on ways and means to solve our problems and right is too often lost of the fact that our would-be adviser is overwhelmed with knotty problems of his own. This type of situation is exemplified in the matter of fortune-tellers and fortune-tellers and fortune-tellers is living from hand-to-mouth but he is "able" to tell others how to get the money. The biblical saying, "Physician, heal thyself" seems never to occur to these fortune-telling charlatans.

The above observation was inspired by a pamphlet which fell into my hands recently. In the pamphlet there was a lecture to young preachers by a preacher who has never built a congregation. Who has never been accused of preaching the Gospel with power and effectiveness. Most of his public life has been spent as a teacher—and a dull teacher at that. Among the several preaching admonitions are that "the minister must have great technical training and must be a man of wide learning."

History refutes his basic assumption that great technical training and wide learning are indispensable requisites to great preaching. The classroom is the place for erudition and superb scholarship, but when a man goes to his pulpit to administer to souls, his task calls, not for great scholarship, but for great consecration and power.

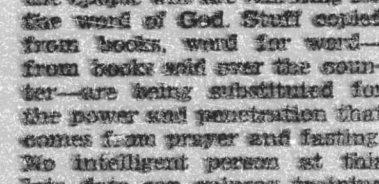
One of the great curses of the Negro pulpit today is this selfsame attempt of preachers to be scholarly and erudite. The reading of sermons is an obnoxious of far too many preachers and in their attempt to be scholarly they miss great opportunities to feed the souls of men.

It has come about that fifth grade graduates are buying great tracts in their brief cases which they insist on reading to the people who are thirsting for the word of God. Stuff copied from books, word for word—from books sold over the counter—are being substituted for the power and penetration that comes from prayer and fasting. No intelligent person at this late date can gallop training for the preaching of the Gospel.

These you, my many readers, beware against imitations, make haste, hurry up, and see a good, and an official, and legitimate book like how you know, through the purchase of expensive materials, which your pastor should have.

If you have any comments, you shall write to my love, even as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in His love.

(St. John 15:10.) The way to live a good, happy, useful life is clearly defined in the Bible. By following the commandments of Jesus, we may have Him as our ever-present, kindly and understanding Friend, and His strong and joyful life abiding in our hearts.



tion." The woman remarked, "You want to know too much."

When I told it to the Frost Bottom Gang, they just guffawed!

GOT 'EM COVERED: The fellow started telling big whoppers like at Jake Wright's Barber Shop the other day. Not to be outdone I related how I on one occasion caught a snake 12 feet long and six times as big around as my arm.

I told 'em the reptile was all black except for a patch of white under its mouth, but I added that I didn't linger to make closer inspection. The creature was partly wound around a tree, but part of it was on the ground.

(You don't believe it, Corn-ward? You don't have to—it doesn't make me any difference. The fellow waiting to get their hair cut took me seriously. And was I proud to parade my courage.)

HUMOROUSLY PRINTED: A recent News and Observer headline went something like this—"FOUR HOG SUSPECTS NABBED." Wonder what did those hogs do? The story, however, referred to four men charged with hog stealing.

THE INGRATES. In Dayton, Ohio, the officials at Brown Hospital decided that Puerto Rican nurses needed to improve their English and agreed to pay for courses at the University of Dayton.

First homework for the two taking an English Composition course was to write a business letter applying for a job. Both turned in excellent letters, so good that the girls sent them to another hospital and got new jobs.

HOLD ON—FRIEND! One girl talking to another:

Ordinarily I never chase after a man, but this one was getting on my nerves.

COURTESY INSTRUCTION. Parked near the post office on Fayetteville Street, and the policeman left me a courtesy ticket telling me how to park. (He had his nerve—I'm no green horn, why I've been driving for "umpteen" years.)

Gordon B. Hancock's BETWEEN the LINES

pel, but to make it appear that technical training and wide learning are essential to the preaching of the Gospel is to misrepresent the mission of great preaching.

Our great churches, for the most part, have been built by men of modest training but who were thoroughly consecrated to the great work of the Gospel ministry. The history of preaching belies the statement that one must be technically trained and have wide learning in order to be an effective preacher. What about the Wesleys, the Spurgeons, the Beechers, the Moody's and the Billy Sunday's and the Billy Graham's and the C. T. Wiggles, and the Bishop were no loud-speakers in those to name but a few?

This writer remembers vividly how, at a convention in South Carolina, he heard the late W. H. Moses preach three hours one night and when he sat down the people were crying for more.

He remembers the late C. T. Walker who preached to a New Orleans session of the National Baptist Convention and held an audience of 10 thousand spell-bound for two hours—and there's Turners and the W. H. Moses, days.

But the story of the life and times of Jesus Christ affords the mightiest illustration of the faculty of advising that the minister must have great technical training and wide learning. Jesus never attempted any profound theological exposition in simple and the multitudes followed him.

"And seeing the multitudes, He went up into a mountain and when He was set His disciples came unto Him and He opened His mouth and taught them saying," etc.

He made no attempt to display "wide learning and technical training." He preached the Gospel with a power that only comes by prayer and fasting.

The preaching of the Gospel cannot be intellectualized. Men and the nations are hungry, not for an argument about the Gospel, but for a heavenly announcement about the love of God in Christ Jesus.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is not an argument, but an announcement.

If you have any comments, you shall write to my love, even as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in His love.

(St. John 15:10.)