Punchettes

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THE NON-CHURCH GOER

Why do men neglect church attendance? If you mean all men do not attend church you are in error. It is true that far too many stay away from divine worship. The following reasons can be assigned why certain classes neglect this important duty.

FIRST: A seared Sabbath conscience sends men to the golf links on the Holy Sabbath.

SECOND: The gasoline mania causes thousands to take the family, the dog and the lunch basket into the automobile early Sabbath morning, when they begin to break the Ten Commandmente, the speed laws, the rules of domestic tranquility and Sabbath observance.

THIRD: Screenitis sends thousands into the motion picture houses, where they make a pagan attack upon God's Holy Day.

FOURTH: Laziness keeps thousands at home wrapped in the bed clothes of indolence and filth—too indolent, sloven and filthy to dress and attend divine worship.

FIFTH: False conception of worship, or because the sermon is poor, or the minister worse than dead, they drift into the habit of neglecting the church attendance.

SIXTH: A large number of those who stay away do so because they are plain pagans; their education is defective; their breeding is below the standard. They are just plain heathen. No well-bred, well-trained, modern, up-to-date, and otherwise normal man stays away from church services. The bum, gambler, fraud, embezzler, outcast, loafer, and the scum of the earth stay away from church. Behold the crowd with which the non-church goer can be classed.

SEVENTH: There are thousands of business, professional, political, and official men who neglect church because they are conscious of the fact that they are grossly sinful, selfish, conceited, and derelict in the performance of their duties. They dread to face the gospel mirror wherein they can behold their own faces over which is written guilt. They know that if they face the gospel as expounded from God's infallible Word they will have to surrender their selfish, mean, conceited business and professional attitude toward the church and the gospel.

The conceited professional man tries to build for himself a code and produces a state of self-satisfied, self-righteous, and self-centered contentment, which he does not want disturbed by the courageous presentation of the full gospel of Jesus Christ. Men are neglecting to attend church because they are afraid to face the judgment of the gospel. Men are staying at home or they are going on the fields of pleasure or they are attending to business because of their innate and overt and continued meanness. They are trying to avoid the doctrine of responsibility, accountability, and judgment. They are foolish. Every sensible man ought to prepare to meet His God. Every desirable, worthy citizen ought to be found in his pew every Sunday morning worshiping God and paying his honest obligations to the church of Jesus Christ.

Next week's article will be "Guilty Preachers."

M. A. Matthews

RIDGELY

JAMES D. WILSON

Mr. James D. Wilson died Monday morning after being ill of stomach and heart trouble for about a year. Mr. Wilson was the son of Mahala Jump and William Wilson, and was born near Boonsboro 76 years ago. He was married to Mary Swann of this county and is survived by five children, Sadie, Norman, Harry and Besse, of Ridgely and James S., of Elsmere, Del. A half-brother, Thomas Wilson, of Northfield, N. J., also survives.

For the past 43 years, Mr. Wilson has been a miller and has conducted the flour mill at Ridgely. Since his illness his sons Norman and Harry have taken the responsibilities of the mill.

Funeral services will be held April 13 at 2 p. m., Rev. W. E. Habbart, a former pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. L. S. Mathews. Interment at Denton.

Mr. Lee Bennington made a business trip to Baltimore on Friday of last week.

Fred Madara, Fred Flounders and Donald Davis, all of St. John's College, Annapolis, are with their parents here for the Easter holidays.

St. Gertrude's Academy closed on Wednesday for the holidays. The public schools of the town close Thursday and reopen Tuesday, April 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sard and family of Denton spent Sunday with Mrs. Ida Dyer and daughter, Miss Grace.

Mrs. Mary Hagadone and daughter Miss Hattie have returned home after spending the winter in Baltmore. Mr. Gilbert Hagadone accompanied them and remained over the week end.

Mr. James Wilson of Elsmere is visiting his sisters, the Misses Wilson, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Koeneman made a trip to Philadelphia the first of the week.

Mrs. McDonald of Kennett Square, Pa., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Paul Neff.

Mrs. Ruth Perry has been spending a few days with Mrs. Raymond at Williston.

Mr. D. S. Stayer has returned from a long visit to hs son in New Orleans, La.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Stayer, Mrs. E. C. Harley, and Miss Esther Holland left this afternoon in Mr. Stayer's car for Lancaster, Pa., where they will spend the Easter holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathews of Easton spent Wednesday with Mrs. Alice Bennington.

Miss Margaret Andrews of Marcus Hook, Pa., is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Isabel Andrews.

Mrs. Ida B. White and little niece of Wilmington visited Mrs. H. C. Robinson on Saturday.

Miss Virginia Reiniger visited with friends in Wilmington over the week end.

Mrs. Robert E. Smith and daughter Elizabeth are spending several days with relatives in Baltimore and Annapolis.

Miss Ethel Butler spent the week end with Miss Marie Hunter near Ruthsburg.

Mr. George MacBee of Pittsburgh is visiting his cousin, Mr. Carlton Marvel this week.

Miss Satterfield and brother Earl of Wilmington visited their aunt, Mrs. Sallie Porter, on Sunday.

Miss Mildred Redden is visiting Miss Evelyn Willis at Burrsville.

Mr. H. C. Robinson of Marcus Hook is visiting his family here.

M. E. Easter Services

Easter services at the M. E. Church Easter Sunday will include hymns Nos. 85 and 165 in the morning.

Anthem, "Easter Dawn" - - Hine
Offertory - - - - - Handel
Sermon, "Resurrection of Jesus" by the pastor, the Rev. V. E. Hills
Anthem, "The King of Easter Day Hughes

The evening service will be held at the usual hour and the following program will be followed:

Hymn, 159
Anthem, "O Risen Lord" - Hine
Offertory - - - - Martin
Hymn, 160
Sermon, "The Resurrection"
Anthem, "Resurrection" - Burly

Shooting Match

Caroline and Queen Anne marksmen will gather at Ridgely on Good Friday to partake in a shooting match to be held at that place. Clay pigeons will be used.

HOLIDAY NOTICES

The Caroline County Bank
Greensboro, Md., April 10, 1922.
This bank will close all day Friday, April 14th, Good Friday, it being a legal holiday. All notes payable here and maturing on that day may be paid on the day following.
T. CLAYTON HORSEY, Cashier

The Farmers & Merchants Bank
Denton, Md., April 10, 1922
This bank will close all day Friday, April 14th, Good Friday, it being a legal holiday. All notes payable here and maturing on that day may be paid on the day following.
S. E. HIGNUTT, Cashier.

The Denton National Bank
Denton, Md., April 10, 1922
This bank will close all day Friday, April 14th, Good Friday, it being a legal holiday. All notes payable here and maturing on that day may be paid on the day following.
W. I. NORRIS, Cashier

The Peoples Bank
Denton, Md., April 10, 1922
This bank will close all day Friday, April 14th, Good Friday, it being a legal holiday. All notes payable here and maturing on that day may be paid on the day following.
T. J. JOHNSON, Cashier

Provident State Bank
Preston, Md., April 10, 1922
This bank will close all day Friday, April 14th, Good Friday, it being a legal holiday. All notes payable here and maturing on that day may be paid on the day following.
JAS. A. TRAZARRE, Cashier.

Goldsboro Bank
Goldsboro, April 10, 1922
This bank will close all day Friday April 14th, Good Friday, it being a legal holiday. All notes payable here and maturing on tha tday may be paid on the day following.
ROBT. R. JARRELL, Cashier

Bank of Ridgely
Ridgely, Md., April 10, 1922
This bank will close all day Friday, April 14th, Good Friday, it being a legal holiday. All notes payable here and maturing on that day may be paid on the day following.
CHAS. W. HOBBS, Cashier

TREES ARE TO AGAIN SHADE THE CAUSEWAY

Many years ago there lived in Rochester, N. Y., a man whose influence helped greatly in making of the city the beautiful place it now is. His slogan was "Do it for Rochester." If the same interest would be aroused in the people of this community we might make of our little town a place both beautiful and attractive.

At the last meeting of the Community Club it was decided to buy trees and replace those that many years ago so greatly beautified the Causeway. The only approach to the town from the West, it should not be allowed to remain in the unsightly condition that it now is.

There is a proper dumping ground, kindly offered by Dr. P. R. Fisher, that is easily reached and out of sight. The club will have a sign erected at the entrance, so there can be no excuse for any more refuse being dumped along the Causeway where it can offend every passerby. They hope to enlist the interest and co-operation of every member of the community in protecting those trees and in helping to make of this driveway the place of beauty that it can become. Teach our boys and girls to protect and not destroy, so the trees will not be mutilated.

Get the habit—"Do It for Denton."

WILLISTON

Rev. J. E. Smith will give appropriate Easter services, administering Holy Communion on Sunday.

Friends here were glad to hear that Rev. Henry Reynolds of Preston, who was preaching in Detroit, Michigan, has been found, although he suffered such a deplorable death, his body being found in a Michigan river.

Mr. and Mrs. David Taylor and family and Miss Rosella Pringle were guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Hignutt on Sunday.

Mr. Gilbert Seger entertained his mother from Chestertown on Sunday.

Mrs. Josephine Poole was the guest of her niece, Mrs. O. M. Hignutt, on Sunday.

The Williston Community Club will meet at the home of Mrs. O. M. Hignutt on Friday of this week.

Mr. Roland Thomas and Mr. Carl deJonge were guests of Mr. O. G. Hignutt on a fishing trip Monday morning.

SOYBEANS FOR HAY AND SOIL IMPRROVEMENT

Most Maryland soils are well adapted to growing soy beans. To the farmer this crop renders a double service. Not only does it furnish a forage rich in protein for hay and silage and a concentrated feed for stock as beans after they are threshed but, gathering as it does, most of its required oxygen from the air the plant serves as a soil improver by stocking the soil with this needed element through the nitrogen gathering bacteria in the nodules that form on the roots.

Liming and inoculation are usually two very necessary factors in the successful growing of the crop, falling as it does in the legume class. Particularly is this true in the case of Maryland soils, all of which have responded where lime has been used.

In connection with corn, soybeans are planted in two ways, either with the corn as silage using two-thirds corn and one-third soys, the latter being an addition to the usual amount of corn planted, or sown between the rows at the last cultivation of the corn. The latter practice furnishes green feed for stock as well as a green manure when preparing the ground for wheat.

Easter cards are unusually pretty this year. See those at The Union office.

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CABBAGE PLANTS

Within the next week or ten days, The American Union will receive a large shipment of cabbage plants of the Virginia Frost Proof variety. Those desiring to purchase these plants may leave their orders at this office.

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WILL DEDICATE NEW HOLINESS CHURCH

The new Holiness Church at Hickman, Del., will be dedicated Sunday afternoon, April 16. The service will begin promptly at 2:30 p. m. The pastor and friends of this place extend a hearty welcome to all to attend. Special revival services will also begin here Sunday night and last indefinitely. Every one is welcome. Some of the district workers are expected to help in these services.

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