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THE LADIES STORE. CHESTERTOWN, MD.

Spring Opening!

Splendid Stocks Are Now in Full Readiness

WE desire to express our sincere thanks and gratitude for the liberal patronage received during our "White Goods Sale." It was, indeed, a success in every way, and we now direct your attention toward this, our Spring Opening Announcement. The store is filled with all the newest things for Women, Misses and Children's wear, FROM HEAD TO FOOT. Our stock, which is the largest on the Shore, contains all the new styles, fads and fabrics for this season's wear.



HERE'S A MESSAGE

We are exhibiting the daintiest SLIPPERS that ever held dainty feet.

Society demands much of the foot—it must be dressed to please the eye and suit the fashion. The society woman can find here Dress Boots, Dress Oxfords, Sandals and Street Oxfords. We show the most complete stock of Dress Footwear in town. There are many styles here not to be found in other stores.

We have the daintiest creations known to shoe builders, and we believe society women know it, for most of them come to us for their footwear.

SPRING EMBROIEERIES

Jefferson has a reputation for having the prettiest and daintiest Embroideries ever carried in town, and this season finds us with even a better and daintier lot than seasons past. To be convinced of the superiority of our line come in and see for yourself. From the Shirtwaist Embroideries with Insertion to match, to the All-over Embroideries with Edge and Insertion for the baby. Baby Irish is used in abundance this season, and you can find a goodly selection here.

SPRING WHITE GOODS.

Never before have we ever diplayed such a variety as this season. The sheer goods seems to be the thing. We have anything and everything that heart could wish for.

40-inch Victoria Lawn, at 12½ and 15c., are certainly winners.
40-inch Persian Lawn at 20c., are beauties.
45-inch Persian Lawn at 25c., nice and sheer for waist and suits.
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HARRY F. JEFFERSON,
THE LADIES' STORE,
Opposite Stam's Hall. Chestertown, Md.

"THE GOD-MAN-JESUS CHRIST."

Article VII by Rev. Dr. H. B. Martin.

MY DEAR FRIEND:—You will remember that I told you in my last letter, that God will help our weak endeavors to do what is right, if we ask Him for His help and then earnestly try to do what is right, and that then we will reach the perfection for which we are to aim, just as we cross the cold, chilling waters of death's dark river—not before. We must not be disheartened and cease our efforts because we do not fully achieve what we aim at, do not see the happy results of our efforts; we have nothing to do with results, it is the amount of earnest, faithful, painstaking effort that we make; we are to strive to attain; it is nowhere said that if we do not *attain* we shall suffer. It is the faithful effort towards attainment that God takes into account. It is "well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of they Lord," not because you have succeeded in, and fully accomplished the work, the duty, the service set before you—but because you have tried truly and faithfully to do so, surrounded as you are by all the trials, troubles and temptations of this life: because this life is not the perfect life, and temptations to wrong doings, and lapses into sin, will attend and come to every child of Adam, until the soul leaves the body. You will not be punished for your failure, but you will be punished for your not trying; for your carelessness, indifference and negligence. You will be rewarded for your faithful endeavor, your perseverance, your loyalty to your Lord, though at the very last you may have to cry: "I am an unprofitable servant." God knew that we would have temptations, knew that when we started on the road to heaven at our baptism—for baptism is the starting point—that the devil who is jealous of us, and has a spite against us, would whisper some doubt into our ear, would bring us a false account of our road, would pile stones in it for us to stumble over, and plant thorns and briars on the wayside to catch and tear us, impede and detain us, and dig pits and gullies across the way for us to fall into, and fill them with mire and filth to polute us, hoping thereby to catch us or weary us; hoping thereby to force us to give up our efforts to reach our heavenly home, and fall captured into his waiting, outstretched arms. God knew that this great roaring lion, who "goes about seeking whom he may devour," would tell us when we stumbled and fell into any of his snares, that it would be no use for us to try any longer; that we never could get to heaven; for the devil is the father of lies; the lie that made Adam and Eve disobey and fall; that lie was the seed sown long ago, and it took root in the earth, sprang up and has borne a woeful harvest throughout the world. Therefore, God sent His Son into the world, who became the God-Man, Jesus Christ, to help us and set us an example. For He, as man, not as God; but as a man, like any one of us, overcame all the devil's temptations, for in everything He was without blame, holy, harmless, undefiled; and He promises us upon His own sure word of truth that He will give us the Holy Spirit, if we will only seek that Blessed Spirit to be our strength; and He will enable us to recover though we fall ten thousand times a day.

It is remarkable that there is scarcely a perfect character in the Old Testament. We do not know of one who perfectly kept the Old Law. Some of the greatest of the Bible characters were guilty of grevious sins and weakness. They were best before the law was given by Moses; then they walked by the law of nature or common sense, but when the law came, "sin revived and they died." And their falls an weaknesses have been recorded, partly to prove to us that perfection cannot be attained in this world, and that the very best of God's people were led away at times by the temptations of the evil one and fell; but they rose up again, and by sincere repentence and amendment of life, were restored to God's favor. Moses, the chosen leader of God's people, was guilty of anger and presumption. Sampson betrayed the Lord's secret; David was guilty of murder and adultery; Solomon of idolatry; Hezekiah of vainglory; Josiah of presumption. I could mention others. In the New Testament we read that the very disciples of Christ were guilty of doubts and denials, and they all in the darkest hour of His life, forsook their Master. But Christ's example is without a flaw. "He did no sin, neither was guilt found in His lips." If a child seeks a model, he finds it in Jesus Christ subject to His parents, working in Nazareth, not noisy, forward and pushing, but bashful, gentle, obedient, submissive. Loving instruction, seeking the temple, listening to wise teachers, and filled with the sense of obligation to do His Father's business and to keep His word.

If a man (or woman) grown up, seeks a pattern, he finds it in the God-Man, Jesus Christ, diligent, resisting the devil, controlling the flesh by fasting and self-denial, elevating the spirit by prayer, patient, self-contained, kind, pure, generous, upright, humble.

If the ministers and preachers of the gospel, seek a pattern, we find one in the great Teacher, Preacher and High Priest, Jesus Christ, going about seeking and saving those who are lost, and wandering out of the way of life, tender to the fallen, gentle in reproof of sinners, but steadfast against sin.

Do those who are tempted to do wrong need a pattern how they may resist? They will find it in Jesus in the wilderness. Do the bereaved and afflicted, the mourners, the sorrowful, seek a pattern? They will find it in Him who wept at the grave of Lazarus yet full of confidence in the Resurrection, full of holy trust, that death is but sleep from which there is a glad awakening.

Does the deserted one seek a pattern how he may bear his agony? He will find it in the Lord Jesus Christ, deserted by His disciples, betrayed by one apostle, denied by another: not angry, returning the kiss of the betrayer, turning with a loving look on the denier, loving to the end, and ready to forgive all. And so I might go on, showing you how He is the Pattern to us in all the pains and trials of this earthly life, until we come to its end. Does the dying one seek a pattern? He will find it in his Lord and Saviour, commending His spirit into the hands of His Father and meekly bowing His Head and dying on the cruel cross.

Thus we find Christ to be our model, our pattern, our great example in everything, by whom we must rule our lives. The four Gospels were written to unfold His life to us, as our pattern. In them we look and see as in a mirror, our own shortcomings. We measure ourselves by that perfect example, and learn how to live. We press forward to the mark of our high calling, ever looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. This great Pattern we are to try and reproduce in ourselves. St. Paul speaks of Christ being found *in* us. It is by self-examination that we prove and revise our lives. We look at the Sermon on the Mount and the example of Christ, and then we look at our own acts and words and thoughts, and see if they are in any way unlike Christ, and inconsistent with His teaching. If so we must pull the evil out by an act of contrition and confession, and try to model ourselves more in conformity with the law and life of Christ. By degrees our eyes become accustomed to see inaccuracies and to detect errors which at first we passed over, not noticing them; and thus by practice and self-examination and watchfulness, we are able more and more to approach to the likeness of Christ, and to come near to that perfection which is to be the aim of our whole life.

"I believe in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord." Jesus is a name of remarkable meaning. It comes from the Hebrew, "Hoshea"—which means "one who saves," and with the sacred name "Jah" added to it, implies a saviour who is Divine,—and so we have the great name "Jehovah." The Jews were so afraid of being irreverent, that they would not use the word "Jehovah," but substituted for it "Adonai," which in the Greek is, "Kurios," and in English "The Lord."

Jesus is so called, because it was His mission to save the souls of men, not merely from their guilt, but *out of* their sins. The title, "Christ" is applied to Him as setting forth His threefold character as King, Priest, Saviour, as "King" of souls we obey Him! As "Priest" we behold Him offer up His Life on the altar of the cross: as "Prophet" we listen, at least we ought to, to His prediction of his return at the last day, the litle "Christ," being the Greek rendering of the Hebrew "Messiah," signifies, as you know, "the Anointed one." The anointings of Earthly Sovereigns is with oil and chrism from a golden vial, but the anointing of the Saviour in His Humanity, was the out-pouring of the Holy Ghost upon Him, at the time of His Baptism, to inaugurate His mininsterial work. The title Lord indicates influence and authority, and that Christ is so called is a proof of His high claim to equality with the Father and the Holy Ghost. If we carefully examine the statements which our Lord makes about Himself, the impression forces itself upon us that there is no middle course between either acknowledging Him to be God, the Son of God, Almighty, or else casting Him down from the pedestal of human perfection. Mark how He said "I and the Father are one," what humble servant could say this? How St. Paul would have shuddered at the bare notion. A human being to claim that he is one with almighty God, would be the height of presumption and sinful assertion. Christ was either claiming His rightful position, or He was the most presumptuous of mortals!

Take that passage where He bids "all who are weavy and heavy laden to come to Him, and find rest;" What human lips could dare to utter such an invitation? What mortal heart could venture to promise such a gift? None but He who is God, as well as man!

The Unitarian, or Sociuian position, the followers of the heretical priest Arius, of Alexandria, who in the year 325, denied the Divinity of Christ, and was deposed from the ministry; their position, I say which assigns our Lord a station as chief prophet, or perfectly excellent man, is quite untenable. Either our Lord knew Himself to be God, or He was the most presuming of men, and utterly without that humility which is always found united to real goodness! There is no third place to be found. He is either God incarnate, or He is unworthy to be our example undeserving of our love and admiration.

Our christian creed names our Lord by His human name Jesus; that name by which He was known by men in the days of His humiliation, and enables us thereby to identify that very person whom the Jews rejected and crucified, with the Christ, the expected Messiah, and with the Lord, the divine object of our worship.

Now, I have very briefly indeed answered those questions you asked me. If I can help you any further, do not hesitate to ask me, I will be glad, if you wish it, to write to you again. I will not now go any further in this line of thought. There is a great deal I would like to tell you, that you ought to know, and perhaps have no means of finding out, unless you ask the help of some friend who has made a careful study of all these matters. Remember I am at your service. It has been a great pleasure to me to write these letters to you. Please remember, I am

Faithfully your friend,
HENRY B. MARTIN.

BETTERTON BRIEFS.

A delightful surprise party was tendered to Mr. Jamie Brice by his many friends on Saturday evening last, it being his twenty-first birthday. Games of all kinds were indulged in until a late hour, when refreshments consisting of cake, fruit, ice cream and ices, were served in abundance. At midnight the guests departed wishing their host many happy returns of the day.

The Epworth League held its monthly social and business meeting at the home of Mrs. Walter Crew on last Tuesday evening. After business was transacted, an interesting programme of social and instrumental music, reading and recitations was enjoyed by all, after which refreshments were served. The meeting adjourned to meet in April at the home of Mrs. Alfred Bowman.

We are glad to note that the Tolchester boat is running and the Ericsson Line will resume its shedule in a few days.

The hasty melting of the snow and the recent thaw out, is making walking extremely unpleasant.

Mr. Joseph Benick is visiting relatives on Idlewhile ave.

Miss Lolla Crew spent Saturday in Chestertown.

Mr. George Brice has returned home after spending the fall and winter in Baltimore.

Quite a number of our fishermen have started to try their luck at rock fishing.

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