

THE COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

Law and Mr. McDonald's Interpretation of Its Provisions.

Editor Keowee Courier:

The article by Mr. McDonald on compulsory attendance was read by me with marked interest, first, because of the patent lack of logical reasoning (which was to be expected), and second, because it has so hampered me in my efforts to secure a uniform attendance in our schools that I have found it impossible to continue in the position of attendance officer.

I have labored strenuously to apply the law as interpreted for me by the State Superintendent of Education and the Attorney General's office. Mr. McDonald's interpretation offers encouragement to those who are opposed to the law, and renders my efforts nugatory.

The accident which made Mr. McDonald a member of the General Assembly at the time of the passage of this law lends no weight to his judgment in its true interpretation. Though he has been nine years at the bar, he seems ignorant of the fact that our State government is divided into three branches, viz.: The legislative, which makes the laws; the judicial, which interprets the law; and the administrative, which enforces the law. Mr. McDonald belongs to the first and I to the last class. He has nothing to do with its interpretation, while it is my duty to enforce the law as I find it written. The Supreme Court alone can decide the question of what the law really means.

Mr. McDonald says that the question as to the months when a child shall go to school is left to the parents. If he would consult an attorney he would find that this is not true, but, on the contrary, our courts must decide this.

I very frankly admit that the compulsory attendance law is ambiguous, poorly drawn and illogical in its language. This is not surprising, though, when we consider the personnel of the majority of the Legislature. However, the Supreme Court must say if it is possible, just what the law means.

Mr. McDonald says that the child may be sent any eighty days during the term. Suppose a child should go to school for one month, twenty consecutive school days, and then stop. The attendance officer then would attempt to force the child in, and the parent would say, "Oh, I'll wait till the last three months, and start him in again." What could the attendance officer do? Nothing.

Suppose a parent should keep the child from school till the last four months, and then the school should stop, as our rural schools often do, before the full term is reached? The school ran for more than four months, but the child did not attend. The parent has violated the law, but the attendance officer did not know this till the school closed short of the full contemplated term. What would Mr. McDonald have us do in this case?

Under his interpretation a child could go to a nine-months' school two days in each week till the last two weeks, and then put in solid time. What good would such attendance do? If Mr. McDonald had ever taught school he would know that such a child gets no good from the school, but because of the time he takes from the teacher, he is a real draw-back to the other children.

I wonder if Mr. McDonald can explain Section 11 of this attendance law. It follows:

"That it shall be the duty of each teacher, principal or superintendent of any school to notify, at once, the attendance officer of the absence of any child between eight and fourteen years of age, from school; and any teacher, principal or superintendent wilfully neglecting or refusing to report any absence to the attendance officer shall have deducted from his or her salary for the current month five dollars (\$5.00) for each offense, the same to be deducted by the County Superintendent of Education."

Why should the teacher be required to report the absentees if the attendance does not have to be consecutive days?

The interpretation of Mr. McDonald is the interpretation of one anxious to please. But if that be the true intent of the law, then the whole thing is a farce, and the thousands of dollars that he and others appropriated for the enforcement of this law will be wasted, and a burden on our people.

Whose interpretation is the more coincident with reason, Mr. McDonald's or mine? Let the Supreme Court say.

Another question I might ask in regard to Mr. McDonald's various assertions is, how many does it take to constitute a majority of the Walhalla bar? The number two constitutes a majority of no whole but three. Has the local bar suddenly dwindled to a membership of three? Mr. McDonald states that a majority of the local bar agree with his construction of the law. I canvassed the bar, and found one other member of the Walhalla bar who agrees with Mr. McDonald in his construction. I have often heard of these other men having something to do in the court room during the sessions of court, and I thought they, too, were lawyers; but of course, I may have been mistaken. These others may be only flunkies for the legislator-lawyer in the court room while Mr. McDonald is busily engaged in construing the various laws for the benefit of the judge and other minor attaches of the court.

Mrs. Jesse W. Rankin.

Box Supper at West Union.

The West Union R. S. I. A. will give a box supper and will sell cream at West Union school house on Friday night, September 12, 1919. The proceeds will be used to purchase a piano for the school. Everybody come and bring a box.

Mrs. J. R. Duncan, Pres.

GREAT WORK IS EXPLAINED.

Baptist Women Heard Good Talks and Got Information.

Westminster, Sept. 6.—Special: On Saturday, August 30th, the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Beaverdam Association met at Seneca Baptist church to have explained the Seventy-Five Million Campaign. It was truly an inspiration to hear the talks at this meeting. Mrs. Bose, organizer for this meeting, Mrs. Bose, organizer for the Woman's Mission Convention, together with Mrs. Fizer, organizer for South Carolina, and Mrs. Chapman, State superintendent, were present and spoke.

The meeting was opened with the hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy," after which we were led in prayer by Miss Bewley Hunsinger, who also conducted the devotional exercises which followed. After singing the W. M. U. hymn, "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult," Mrs. Breazeale introduced Mrs. Bose. In answering the question, "Are we apportioned above our ability in Beaverdam?" (the apportionment for the women is \$4,600 each year for five years), Mrs. Breazeale said that the cotton alone in Oconee last year brought five million dollars. Mrs. Bose said that this is a time fraught with danger, but bristling with opportunity. God through the war has unbarred doors heretofore closed to us. The dire need of the world is the reason for our undertaking this campaign. The cross of Christ is all that can meet the need, for during the war all else failed utterly.

Half of the money raised during this campaign is to be used by the various States to develop the work there along the lines to which Jesus gave his life—preaching, teaching and healing. This work will strengthen the stakes for the work abroad.

The stress in this campaign is not to be all on the dollars by any means, for the other objects are just as important, if not more so, than the money. These other objects are: 2,500,000 converts; 6,500,000 members enlisted; 5,000 additional ministers and missionaries. We must all be willing to undergo hardships to accomplish this task. Too many are unwilling to go to the Cross.

Each month until December and Victory Week has a special objective. July was preparation month. All plans for the campaign were laid then by the leaders in conference at Nashville. August was information month. The aim during this month was to put the Baptist Courier and Home and Foreign Fields into every Baptist home. The accomplishment of this aim will mean much to the future, for only an informed people can accomplish the task. September is intercession month. Our campaign prayer is: "Lord, take me; Lord, make me; Lord, keep me; Lord, use me." The time for prayer is 9 a. m. each day. By united prayer we shall gain strength and power. October will be enlistment month, and November stewardship month. During this time the aim is to get each Baptist to realize that his or her time, talent and money are given to us by God in trust, and we are responsible for how we use them. If we are faithful stewards ourselves, then we can hope to win others.

Martha enlisted Mary; Mary brought her best, the box of ointment, to the Master, not to meet an apportionment, but for love. She gave in spite of the fact that some said that she should have done differently, and she gave at a time when He needed it most.

A mother in France lost two sons in the war. She wrote to her third son in America of her loss and of the need of France. She said: "I do not require you to come, but come now or never come." That is the call of the sin-stricken and dying world to Southern Baptists. If we mean to ever do anything, it must be now. If we resolve to give our best He will not let us suffer want.

We owe God a tenth, but He requires more of some, for to whom much is given, of those He will require much. He will not bless those who hide behind a tenth.

In this enterprise let us not forget to enlist the children—for the good of the child, for the sake of future workers, and because the Master needs them. A little boy was used by the Master in feeding the five thousand.

Mrs. Fizer talked mainly on organization. She said: "What if this were God's last great challenge to us as Baptists?" It may be God's last challenge to some of us as individuals.

In response to the request of Mrs. Fizer, several present gave helpful and encouraging reasons why they believe in this great campaign. She said we should aim to make the stars in our flag point to Christ as did the star of Bethlehem.

The women are urged to write on their pledge cards: "Credit to the W. M. U." We should start now to giving.

Mrs. Chapman in her talk urged each one to get a prayer leaflet and campaign calendar.

The women are to get up three times as much as they have been giving. The women give one-fifth of the amount apportioned to the whole convention.

The strong societies must help the weak.

Mrs. O. K. Breazeale is organizer for Beaverdam, she announced, and is to be assisted by the vice presidents.

The organizer for Westminster Baptist church is Mrs. J. P. Dandy; for Emmanuel church, Mrs. Ike Mulkey. Each society elects its own organizer.

Mrs. Chapman dismissed with prayer.

Grace Stribling, Secretary Pro Tem.

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FINANCIAL CALL ON BEAVERDAM

Baptist Association for Minutes and for 75-Million Dollar Drive.

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Church	Minutes.	Years.
Beaverdam	\$ 6.50	\$4,497.50
Bethel	7.00	4,598.75
Bethlehem	1.00	245.00
Chauga	1.00	603.75
Clearmont	3.00	2,563.75
Coneross	5.00	3,333.75
Corinth	1.00	1,251.25
X Roads No. 1	3.50	2,738.75
X Roads No. 2	1.00	490.00
Damascus	1.00	455.00
Dbl. Spr. (A)	5.00	3,377.50
Dbl. Spr. (O)	1.00	297.50
Earle's Grove	2.00	1,636.50
Emmanuel	8.00	6,413.75
Fant's Grove	5.00	2,091.25
1st Westminster	5.00	1,820.00
Hepsbah	1.50	1,067.50
High Falls	1.00	428.75
Hopewell	1.00	778.75
Jordania	2.00	1,443.75
Liberty	1.50	1,347.50
Long Crk. Acad.	1.00	332.50
Long Creek	1.00	752.50
Maddison	2.00	1,417.50
Mt. Grove	1.00	472.50
Mt. Olivet	1.00	463.25
Mt. Pleasant	1.00	936.25
Mt. Tabor (O)	2.00	1,216.25
New Hope	5.00	4,060.00
Nawry	1.50	1,268.75
Oakdale	1.50	1,198.75
Old Liberty	1.50	1,122.75
Pleas. Grove	1.50	1,137.50
Pleas. Hill	1.00	621.25
Pleas. Ridge	1.00	1,207.50
Poplar Sprgs	3.00	1,741.25
Return	3.50	2,213.75
Rocky Fork	1.00	262.50
Rock Hill	1.00	586.25
Rocky Knoll	1.00	708.75
Seneca	8.00	14,000.00
Shiloh	1.00	1,286.25
South Union	6.00	5,600.00
South Side	1.00	306.25
Toxaway	1.00	857.50
Unity	1.00	253.75
Village Crk.	1.00	297.50
Walhalla No. 1	8.00	9,765.00
Walhalla No. 2	3.50	1,233.75
Westminster	10.00	14,227.50
West Union	5.00	1,986.25
Wolf Stake	5.00	2,143.75
Total	\$145.00	\$114,859.00

PERSHING IS WELCOMED HOME.

Great Throngs Greet the Field Head of American Army.

New York, Sept. 8.—Gen. Pershing is home again. Standing on the bridge of the huge Leviathan, itself symbolic of victory over Germany, the commander of the greatest host ever gathered under the Stars and Stripes came slowly up the bay to-day, world-famed and hailed as a conquering hero should be.

Sad of face, stern and impressive, a splendid figure of a soldier, he might have been thinking, as the familiar landmarks of New York came into view, of the day twenty-seven months ago when he slipped secretly out of the harbor on his way to France to prepare the way for the hosts that were to follow. Then he was only a major-general. He came back to-day with four stars on his shoulders—the fourth man to wear them under the American flag.

The welcome given him would have "quickened the pulse of the hero of a Roman triumph." Fresh from the capitals of allied Europe, where honors had been heaped upon him, it remained for New York to show the first American to lead an American army across the Atlantic that "Home, Sweet Home" has a meaning deeper than "Hall to the Chief."

No foreign throats could voice the cheers, no alien heart could pulse the greeting that was Gen. Pershing's here to-day. There was a hint of tears in the welcome, for those who gave it knew that not even the plaudits of a grateful people could banish from the sad-faced soldier's mind the memory of his own life's tragedy.

The forts which guard the harbor boomed a general's salute as the ship, which was once the pride of Germany, crept past quarantine and nosed through the narrows into the harbor under shadow of the Statue of Liberty. While the guns still echoed, the whistles of merchant vessels from the seven seas, sturdy tugs, gaily decorated ferry boats, excur-

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Fishing Party Saturday.

There will be a fishing party at Fairview school house next Friday night, Sept. 12, at 7.30 o'clock. Ice cream and cake will be sold, and the proceeds will be applied to the church debt. Mrs. T. M. Meares.

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Given under my hand and seal this 5th day of September, A. D. 1919. (Seal.) V. F. MARTIN, Judge of Probate for Oconee County, South Carolina.

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