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"In men whom men condemn as ill, I find so much of goodness still; In men whom MEN pronounce divine, I find so much of sin and blot— I hesitate to draw the line Between the two—where God has not."

An Endless Chain.

As the Legislature is about to convene there comes the annual agitation for more office room to accommodate the State officials. It seems to be a sort of wheel within a wheel, endless chain or what ever figure you choose to fit the case: the Legislature creates a lot of new offices and parcels them out to its favorites; then comes the cry for rooms for the office-holders, who must needs have desks and chairs and typewriters and typewriters and secretaries and typewriters and all the other paraphernalia and trappings of authority...

MARRYING THE ORDER OF THE DAY

IN LAKE CITY DURING THE MERRY YULETIDE—VISITORS BACK AND FORTH.

Lake City, January 3:—Marriages were the order of the day last week, and the outlook for this week is right bright for a satisfactory crop this week. The ball was opened by the marriage of "Judge" H P Baldwin and Miss Nettie Lee, which took place Christmas day at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. W P Gause. The groom is well known throughout the county. The bride is the daughter of Mr Isaac Lee, whose home is about three miles west of town.

On Monday evening, the 26th ult., Mr G C Rodgers and Miss Nellie Forest were married at the residence of the bride's uncle, Mr J D Caldwell, on Charles street. Rev T J Rooke performed the ceremony. It was a quiet occasion, only members of the families of the groom and the bride and a few neighbors being present. Immediately after the marriage the young couple went to Charleston, where they spent a few days. Mr Rogers is manager of the People's Drug Co, and the bride is the daughter of Mrs—Forest, who lives with her brother, Mr J D Caldwell.

Mr H B Hill and Miss Eva Matthews were united in marriage on Wednesday, the 28th ult, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr J M Matthews, on South Acline avenue. Rev W B Boney was the officiating clergyman. Mr Hill is the right-hand-man of Mr George L. Dickson, in the latter's grocery.

On Thursday evening, the 29th ult, Mr H C Fulmore and Miss Jessie Brown were married at the residence of Rev R E Smith, Sandy Grove. Each and every of those above named, who have begun life in companionship close, has the kindest wishes for the best to be found in their journeyings, peace, plenty and safe anchorage at the end.

Miss Mattie Caldwell and her niece, Lula Caldwell, are visiting in the "Old North State".

Mr and Mrs H O S Jackson have returned from their bridal tour in Florida, and will make their home among us.

Mrs Henry Stach of Pinewood is visiting at her parents', Mr and Mrs M M Rodgers'.

Miss Mollie Nachman went to Dillon Sunday to visit her aunt, Mrs Rosa Fass.

Miss Leo Randolph, whose home is at Leesburg Fla, but who is now teaching at Hazellhurst, Ga, returned to her school Sunday night after spending about a week with Miss Bertha Morris.

Dr H L Baker and his two boys came in from Lambert's and spent a day in town last week.

Miss Bernice Bass of Latta spent a portion of last week with her cousin, Miss Sallie Bass.

Mesdames W H and M A Woods spent the holidays at their father-in-law's, Dr J M Woods', in Clarendon county.

Mr and Mrs George Stalvey, of Horry county, spent Christmas with

STATE AND GENERAL NEWS.

An unknown man's body was found Sunday morning beside the Southern Pacific railroad's tracks near Knoxville, Tenn, the pocket containing a card bearing the address: "Julian Fishburn, Charleston, SC."

On December 31, Arch Hoxsey and John B Moisant, two of the most daring aviators that ever defied the elements, met their death at New Orleans by falling several hundred feet and being crushed to death. The machines in both cases became unmanageable and turned turtle in mid-air.

THE GOLDEN AGE AT HAND.

Scriptural Evidences That Are Astonishing—No One Can Afford to Be Without the Knowledge.

We do our friends a valuable service when we call their attention to the valuable book entitled, "THE TIME IS AT HAND," in which are given many Scriptural evidences to prove where we are on the stream of time. "Men's hearts are failing them for fear" and many of the leading thinkers are proposing remedies to better conditions. The Scriptures assure us that man's extremity will be God's opportunity, and this book holds out an anchor to those who fear the wave of unrest now spreading over the world.

The honest heart confesses that it is at a loss for an explanation of transpiring events. While we refer to this as the BRAIN AGE and the Age of ENLIGHTENMENT, nevertheless many realize that we are fast approaching a crisis which is wrapped in darkness owing to the present worldwide social, religious and political unrest.

As though by instinct the whole creation, while it groans and travails in pain together, waits for, longs for and hopes for the DAY, calling it the "GOLDEN AGE"; yet men grope blindly because not aware of the great Jehovah's gracious purposes. And to his wondering creatures, looking at the length and breadth, the height and depth of the love of God, surpassing all expectation. He explains: "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord; for as the heavens are higher than the earth so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isa. 55:8, 9.

Send 35 cents at once for the book, Bible and Tract Society, 17 Hicks street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr and Mrs G F Stalvey.

Mr James Benton, whose home is now at Nashville, N C, last week visited his half-brothers, Rev W P and W B Gause. This was his first visit in twelve years. Judging from his personal appearance, Mr Benton has found life in the "Old North State" pleasant.

Messrs O S Baldwin and W L Bass spent Saturday in Florence on business.

Mr J L Muldrow and sister, Miss May, visited last week at Mr Geo C Haselton's.

The new year came in with a day of dark and drizzling gloom, dreary and depressing. It is hoped that the character of the day is not a hint as to the rest of the year.

Mr Julian Clark, whose home now is in far-away Los Angeles, Cal, is here for a few weeks. He and his brother, Mr Marion Clark, went away from here about fifteen years ago. They are doing well in their western home. After a certain event, which is said to be scheduled for the 10th instant, Mr Julian will return to Los Angeles.

Mr and Mrs Henry Hickson returned home to Lynchburg Monday, after spending the holidays in town.

Mr Harold Crosland, after spending several days with his father, Rev W H Crosland, returned to Denmark last Monday.

Miss Nell Carter and Miss Essie Thomas of Darlington visited at Mrs Della D Carter's last week.

Mr J L Stuckey left Monday night for the West to buy stock. Look out for him on his return, as he will have a fine bunch of horses and mules to select from.

Mrs Chas Benson of Travelers' Rest and Miss Fannie Cameron of Scranton spent Christmas here with Mrs W E Carter. W L B

Snow-DuRant.

Rome, January 2:—On Wednesday, December 28, at 7 o'clock p. m., in the presence of a host of admiring friends and relatives at Union church, was solemnized one of the most brilliant weddings ever witnessed in this section. The contracting parties were Miss Bessie Snow and Mr Bethel DuRant, both of Rome, Williamsburg county.

The bride is a charming young lady who has a large circle of friends in the community and elsewhere, as everyone who knows her admires her.

The groom is a young man of estimable character and pleasing personality. He numbers scores of friends and in business his fairness and correct methods are recognized by all, being a member of the firm of Wilson-DuRant Bros.

The interior of the church presented a scene typical for a "holly wedding." The altar was draped in white, with holly and ivy trimmings, illuminated with myriads of crimson candles. In the center of the chancel was a pyramid of ferns decorated with holly, which the soft glow of the candle-light transformed into a sylvan scene from fairy-land.

At the appointed hour the bridal party arrived, and while Mr Clifton Murphy of Georgetown played an appropriate selection Masters DuRant Rhem and John Snow lighted the candles. Then came the flower girl, little Nellie Wilson, a niece of the groom, and Helen Snow, the ring bearer, a sister of the bride, both dressed in white with crimson sashes, unfolding a line of broad red ribbon from the front along the entrance of the pews to the chancel, where they stood. Next came in the bridesmaids with the groomsmen marching to the rhythmic cadence of Lohengrin's wedding march. The bridesmaids were dressed in white and carried lighted candles with huge bows of crimson ribbon. They entered, one couple marching down the right aisle, the other the left, crossing at the centre and taking their places in front of the chancel in the following order: Miss Daisy Belle Munnerlyn of Choppee with Mr A B Hemingway of Rome; Miss Daisy Brockington of Rhems with Mr Wattie E Snowden of Benson; Miss Lena Ehrlich with Mr Marvin Thomas of Georgetown; Miss Lizzie Doyle of Georgetown with Mr Frank Barron of Charleston; Miss Virgie Miller of Varnville with Mr Jodie Munnerlyn of Choppee; Miss Louise Wilson of Oaks with Mr Arthur Ehrich of Georgetown; Miss Beulah Wilson of Manning with Mr Henry Thomas of Georgetown.

The groom, accompanied by his best man, his brother, Dr E W DuRant of Georgetown, entered to the right of the centre aisle, while the bride, on her father's arm, approached the altar and was given away by him. She was becomingly gowned in white satin, with pearls, and carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses.

The maid of honor, Miss Emmie Snow, wore an exquisite costume, Grecian effect, with silver trimmings, and carried an armful of crimson carnations.

The dame of honor, Mrs O M Mitchell, wore a lovely gown of white satin. As Rev T J Clyde stood just to the



ABILITY AND OPPORTUNITY MISUSED
1 Kings 12:25-33—January 8
'Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.'—Exodus 20:4.

TODAY'S Study brings to our attention a man of large natural ability and of quite unusual opportunity. It shows us his disastrous error, which resulted from his endeavor to be worldly wise and to neglect his God and his religion. It furnishes an illustration which can be applied, not only to every political and every commercial enterprise, but also to the life hopes of each individual.

Jeroboam as a young man attracted the attention of King Solomon, who perceived that he possessed great executive talent and that he was a natural master and director of men. King Solomon put Jeroboam at the head of one of his corps of drafted workmen who were engaged after the manner of that time in building palaces and fortresses for the king—without pay other than very plain food and clothing.

Jeroboam became the leader of a party of discontent, and an insipient rebellion was the result. This was quickly suppressed by King Solomon and thereupon Jeroboam fled to Egypt, from whence he returned at the death of Solomon and became king of the ten tribes.



Jeroboam, king of the ten tribes.

rear of the altar, lighted with its many candles, the bride and the groom gracefully paused beneath a large suspended bell while the fateful words were spoken that united them in the holy bonds of matrimony.

Mrs Beulah Dinkins had charge of the decorations of the church, and Mr W Snowden was usher.

On the day of the marriage the gentlemen of the wedding party were guests at the home of Mr Bethel DuRant. Men only sat at the dining-table, and truly it was a sumptuous "stag" feast, where they were not loath to linger, enjoying the delightful edibles especially prepared for this memorable occasion.

After the ceremony a few friends of the neighborhood and the guests from a distance assembled at the imposing ante-bellum country home of the bride's father. Mr John J Snow, where a delightful reception awaited them. The hall-way, parlors and dining-hall of this old mansion were beautifully decorated with holly, mistletoe and ferns, the color scheme blending perfectly.

When supper was announced each couple had a place arranged for them, where turkey salad, cranberry sauce, wafers, salted peanuts, coffee, cake and ice-cream were delightfully served. The following guests were present: Mrs Frank N Wilson of Columbia, Mrs J B Rollins of Florence, Mrs David Coker of Hartsville, Dr Frank Caraway of Asheville, N C, Mr and Mrs—Turbeville of Georgetown, Judge John S Wilson and his two daughters, Misses Pauline and Virginia, of Manning.

The number of valuable and useful presents received evidenced the popularity of Mr and Mrs Bethel DuRant, whose future residence will be Mr DuRant's old homestead, where he was born and reared.

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they demanded of Rehoboam the reform of the government's policy.

Jeroboam's First Mistake

It should be remarked that one of God's prophets had specially foretold to Jeroboam that he was to be the king of the ten tribes. It was doubtless this that led him to head the insurrection. He should have followed the example of King David, who was anointed king of Israel several years before the death of King David. Young David was content to wait God's time for bringing him to the throne. The fact that God had indicated that this would be so did not indicate that the time had come, hence David waited on the Lord and meanwhile learned valuable lessons of self-control and trust in Divine Providence.

Not so Jeroboam, who was evidently a very different type of man, no doubt, possessed of more confidence in himself than of trust in God; possessed of more impudence to be a king than of loyalty and patriotic zeal to serve God and his people. This first mistake should be noted by all. "Wait ye upon me, saith the Lord!" The man who ignores God is not wise; the man who opposes God is a fool.

Jeroboam's Second Mistake

When the ten tribes revolted against King Rehoboam, Solomon's son, they promptly accepted Jeroboam, one of Solomon's servants, as their king, in harmony with the Prophet's declaration of years before. Finally, the boy of humble birth had reached a high station of influence—a grand opportunity for service for his God and his people. Whoever occupies a position of prominence—political, social, literary—should recognize that thereby he has come under special responsibility and obligations toward all with whom he has to do.

But Jeroboam, king of the ten tribes styled Israel, took the course, alas, too commonly taken—the selfish course. He looked not to the Lord to serve him, nor to the people, to serve their best interests. He looked selfishly to his own interests. He reasoned thus: If I would establish my family in the kingdom of these ten tribes, I must separate them effectually from the influence of the kingdom of Judah. And since, in God's Providence, the Temple is in the land of Judah, and all the religious rites and interest of the people center there, I must as unobtrusively as possible turn the attention of the nation I rule away from sympathy with their fellows of the kingdom of Judah, and away from the regulations which God has established there.

Every worldly politician would declare Jeroboam a master spirit as a ruler, as a politician. He was worldly wise. God through the Prophet had assured him, "If thou wilt hearken to all that I will command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do right in my sight to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did, this kingdom will be prolonged."—1 Kings 11:38.

God explained that the reason for giving Jeroboam rulership of the ten tribes was that Solomon's course of dealing with the nations round about was gradually breaking down the true religion and leading the people toward idolatry. Jeroboam should have had all this in mind, and should have applied his heart with special fervor to the banishment of idolatry.

Instead, however, for policy's sake, he led the nation, of which he was king, directly into idolatry. He did not come out plainly and say to them, I wish to separate you and alienate you from God and the religious institutions of your nation by attracting your attention away from Jerusalem, its religion, its worship, its Temple. Under the pretext that it was too far for the people to go to Jerusalem, he erected a golden bull near the northern extremity of his kingdom, and another near the southern line, and the people went from one to the other.

The Thing Was of the Lord

Let us suppose that the affairs of Israel's Kingdom, under Divine supervision, were neglected and allowed to go astray, we are particularly informed that "the thing was of the Lord." From this standpoint of faith and from no other the history of Israel should be studied.

God had chosen to give Israel the Law Covenant for the very purpose of developing in them a nation of holiness, faithfulness. Their lessons of the past had been to this end, and now the time had come to the sifting, a separating work.

Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that on January 2, A D 1911, the firm of Prosser & Carter was dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be continued by W G Carter.

Respectfully, E F PROSSER, W G CARTER.
Vox, S C, January 2, 1911. 1-5-2t

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