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The Revival Meetings.

The Services of the Christian Crusaders Continue to Attract Immense Crowds--Over One Hundred Persons Have Professed Conversion.

Reported for The News.

By the spiritually discerned, it has been observed that the great need of Lancaster, is not more fine churches, more eloquent, reverend orators, more advocates and instructors of science and higher education, but more men and women with "the old time religion," who are wholly given up to God, and whose hearts are so filled with the love of God that their paramount desire is to have His perfect will done in their lives, and who delight to labor for the lost and perishing about them. When this day dawns upon us, then and only then will God's kingdom come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Through the medium of the heart-searching, soul-refreshing, undenominational meetings of the Christian Crusaders, it is said that a better feeling of spirituality prevails in the town at this time than has ever before been known in its history. Men who were engrossed with business cares, and whose hearts have been so barred against Christ that they seemed impregnable, have at last been won to God, and are now "heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ." Christians of the different denominations are worshipping God, praying and laboring unitedly, for their unsaved loved ones, friends and neighbors; nominal professors are realizing the emptiness of profession without the possession of an experience with God, and are being renewed in faith; backsliders are returning home from their wanderings; and sinners of all grades and conditions are accepting the gospel invitation, forsaking their sins, and through the efficacy of the blood of Christ are being made "new creatures" in Christ Jesus. That a great work has already been accomplished is the sentiment of many. A good Christian, commercial man has said: "We'll take the town for God." God grant that this season of refreshing may usher in the new spiritual era, for which the good people of Lancaster have been praying for years!

Not only is the spirit of God getting hold of the hearts of the more interested ones, who attend these meetings, but is arresting the attention of some who come out of curiosity and for the purpose of being entertained. Some of this class are being convicted of their sins and brought to God. A man who was very blessedly converted in one of the meetings, having come a distance of two miles in

the country, and had not attended any one of the meetings previous to this time, testified as follows: "When I left home tonight, I did not have any idea of anything of this kind. I thought this would likely be a place of amusement, more than anything else. I did not have any idea I would come to the altar, but I feel that coming here has been a great blessing to me. I feel that God has forgiven me of my sins, and I am going to follow Him from this on."

There have been great outpourings of the spirit in the altar services during the past week. On some nights the battle has been so fierce that the fight has gone on until the midnight hour, and on one night until 12:10 o'clock. Some of these who were converted at this late hour, were mightily operated upon by the Holy Spirit, but were not willing to surrender to Christ until about 11 o'clock. Thus, in these instances, the victory has been achieved by holding on. On Monday night 6 persons professed faith in Christ, on Tuesday night 8, on Wednesday night 4, on Thursday night 6, on Friday night 2, on Saturday night 4, and on Sunday night 6, bringing the soul record up to 101 professions.

God's Word, "Ye shall seek me and find Me when ye shall search for Me with all your heart," is being verified in some of these cases of conversion. One of the principal commercial men of the town who earnestly sought God for the pardon of his sins, had quite a desperate struggle with the enemy of souls, ere he found peace to his troubled heart. So determined was he to seek until he found Christ that he came forward to the altar four nights successively. With a heart full of gratitude to God, and to those who prayed so earnestly in his behalf, in the power of God he made these utterances: "I am unworthy, but I have put my trust in Jesus, and I feel that He has accepted me and forgiven my sins. I thank God for all you good people here who have, I feel, been instrumental in bringing me to where I can say this. I awoke this morning about the usual hour, and got down by my bedside and tried to pray. My heart was heavy, but I made an effort to pray. Going up to the store I began to think over what I had promised God, and what He had promised to do for me, and I began to feel very happy. I walked to and fro in my store, and still felt better. Finally, I could say within my heart, Praise God for it! I now say, Praise God for it! Praise God for it!"

The sustaining grace of God, and implicit trust of a redeemed soul was manifested in the touching testimony of a young man who was also brought to Christ through these services. He said: "God has forgiven me of my sins and I thank Him that He has. I have no other thought

A Severe Storm.

Rain, Wind and Lightning do Considerable Damage in Lancaster.

A rain and wind storm of unusual severity, accompanied by thunder and lightning, visited Lancaster last Friday afternoon. The rain fell in torrents and the wind blew with cyclonic fury, doing considerable damage.

The large skylight over the store of the Williams Hughes Co. was blown off and the building flooded with water, damaging a part of the stock. Store awnings were torn loose from their fastenings. The front door of Mr. A. D. Hilliard's dwelling was blown down and the building otherwise damaged. A part of the glass in the Methodist church windows was blown out and carried by the wind as far as Mr. Poag's residence. The large standpipe at the Poag & Harper ginney was blown over. A number of shade trees were wrecked, among them the large, stately oak in Mrs. L. B. Foster's yard. The tents of the Christian Crusaders were damaged to the extent of fifty dollars or more. The tent of Photographer Amos was also blown over and damaged. A pair of valuable mules, belonging to the editor of this paper, were killed by a bolt of lightning, which struck a tree to which the animals had been tied by the hands who had been plowing them. The same tree was struck by lightning some two or three years ago.

So far as learned there was no serious damage done in the county except in the way of washing the lands. The wind was no severe outside the town limits.

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but that I shall have to undergo an operation to-morrow, but I am glad that I can feel when I lie down upon the table, God will guide the knife in the surgeon's hand and if I should die will take my soul home to Heaven."

One of the policemen of the town confessed in one of the meetings that he had grown somewhat cold in his love and duty to God in the past few years, and stated that through these special meetings he had been brought into closer touch with God. He is now among the number who esteem it a duty as well as a blessed privilege to witness for Christ.

There are many unsaved ones attending the meetings regularly, who are just on the verge of taking the most important step of their lives, viz: "the step from sin to grace." It is the prayer of the Christian people that these may soon be numbered in the ranks of the army of the Lord. "Time is short! Eternity is without end! Where will you spend Eternity?"

Tillman on One of the Latest Developments in Dispensary Investigation.

Washington special in The State:—Discussing the dispensary investigation today, Senator Tillman said it is very strange that the committee forced Mr. Lewis W. Parker to testify so far and no further. "Why did they not make Mr. Parker tell the name of the some-kind-of an official in South Carolina whom Lanahan had employed? I am satisfied that Lanahan has been guilty of all kinds of bribery and corruption and has been for some time. What they ought to do is to make Mr. Parker name the man. They cannot compel Lanahan to come down and testify against Evans and those fellows, but they can get him down there if they prosecute him. If this man, whoever he is, has any grit in him and is representing Lanahan in a legitimate way, as he may have been doing, then he would prosecute Lanahan for slander. Lanahan is the man they need to get hold of. He is one of the head devils of the whole stink."

"Hub" Concludes to Saw Wood and Say Nothing.

Newberry special in the State: Having seen in today's paper that Mr. H. H. Evans was preparing a card in reply to Mr. C. C. Davis's testimony, The State's representative called on Mr. Evans today for the card. Mr. Evans stated that in view of the action of the governor, directing the attorney general to institute legal proceedings against the old board of directors of the State dispensary, which he welcomed, his counsel advise him to make no statement through the news papers, and that he had reluctantly determined to act upon their advice. Mr. Evans stated, however, that he was ready to meet any charge which might be preferred against him in any proceedings instituted under the order of the governor.

Mysterious Murder of a Negro in Union County.

Union special in Greenville Daily News: With hands tied behind him and feet roped together, Mose Hughes, colored, aged about fifty years, was found late yesterday afternoon in Tiger river, in a remote section of the county, sixteen miles from here and one mile below Hodges Ferry. It is strongly suspected that he was murdered as a result of being thought to be implicated in an incendiary burning of valuable property in that section about April 27, at which time a lynching was narrowly averted. One of his sons is now in jail, charged along with two others, with destroying the property.

Served Him Right.

A Brave North Carolina Girl Shoots her Assailant.

Charlotte, N. C., June 10.—With rare presence of mind Miss Pearl Jones, night telephone operator at Selma, N. C., last night shot and fatally wounded Bud Anderson, a negro, who by his own confession, had premeditated rape upon her. Miss Jones heard noises in the rear of her office and went to investigate. The negro attacked her and she shot five times, several bullets taking effect. The negro, who will die, has made a confession implicating a companion. The latter has been jailed. In the confession the negro admits the purpose of his errand and attack and says this is his third attempt to assault the girl.

The negro has since died.

Accidentally Shot his Brother.

Carolina Citizen, Jefferson.

Yesterday afternoon a serious accident occurred which came near costing a young man his life. While handling his gun Bogan Baker, son of Mr. E. E. Baker, accidentally discharged it, the load taking effect in the right hand, arm and chest of his brother, Clarence Baker. Drs. Gregory and Miller were called and found it necessary to amputate two fingers on the right hand. Nine shot entered the chest, making only flesh wounds. Clarence is fifteen and Bogan thirteen years of age.

Negro Shot in the Act of Stealing Liquor.

Fort Mill special in Charleston Sunday News: John Mittag, an 18-year-old negro, a cocaine fiend, was shot by Chief of Police Dawson Potts in the office of the Southern Express Company here on Thursday night about 12 o'clock. Mr. Potts was sleeping in the office to catch a thief who had been stealing whiskey for a week or more. The negro entered through a small window and as soon as the policeman flashed his light on him, went back through this window. Mr. Potts shot him as he ran, inflicting two slight flesh wounds. He was recognized and was arrested next morning.

A Noble Contribution.

It is with great pleasure I acknowledge the receipt of \$16.50 from the St. Luke's Alliance to the Lancaster Confederate Monument, as their part of the Alliance fund.

M. E. Cauthen,
Treasurer L. C. U. D. C.

Edgefield had a \$20,000 fire Friday. The whole town was at one time threatened.