

JOINT SINGING CHOIRS.

Excellent Addresses By Revs. J. J. Long and J. A. Sligh.

Bachman Chapel, October 17.—The joint singing picnic at Cannons Creek church on Saturday, was a very enjoyable occasion. We were feeling very unwell, but as we were the ones who helped the young people to arrange for the occasion, we forced ourselves out. Being a little late, we found that a good crowd had already assembled in the church and the exercises had begun.

Rev. J. J. Long, who was one of the invited speakers, made an excellent address, his subject was, "Dodging, or whipping the devil around the stump." I am sorry to say, but I fear it is a fact that this subject is applicable to almost every professed Christian today. He showed how so many people evaded the truth, not by straight out living but by dodging.

The speaker made some very fine illustrations, first telling of an incident in slavery time of an old man who had a negro who disobeyed him. The old man called up his son saying: "Go tie the negro and give him a good lashing," but his son did not want to whip the negro so he went into the yard, called him, and told him what his father had said, saying, "Now, Tom, I am not going to whip you, but I must make father believe that I am. I am going to tie you to a tree and get the whip and I will whip the tree, so every time I whip the tree, you must holler." Tom played the game pretty well as the boy had told him, and after the whipping was over, the boy went into the house and the father said, "Son have you done as I told you?" "Yes, sir," replied the son, "I whiped him good, didn't you hear him holler?" Now boys, this is called circular lying. In such lying you may deceive your father, but you cannot deceive God.

A boy went to town one Sunday, and when he came back, he had some candy. His father said, "Why Charlie, I hope you haven't been trading on Sunday, don't you know that it is a sin to trade on Sunday?" The boy said, "No father, I did not buy the candy, I only went into the store, and told the man to let me have some candy, and that I would come back another day, get some more, and then pay him for it all, no sir, I did not buy the candy."

He told of the old man's prescription, who lived in a prohibition town, and who had voted for prohibition, and claimed to be a straight out teetotalist.

This old man one day came to the conclusion that he was sick, he went to the doctor, and told him that he was sick, but he didn't care for him to treat the case, he only wanted him to give him a prescription for some whiskey, that he was going to make some bitters which he thought was about all that he needed.

Now, my Christian friends, these are some of the ways of dodging, and whipping the devil around the stump which are practiced not only among the intelligent and informed people of today, but also among the ignorant and illiterate, in fact, this sin is almost universal in high life, and is practiced by the most responsible people of today.

So let me entreat you, my young friends, to always be truthful and honest, it is one of the most important things for you to practice in your every day life, and will help fit you for a nobler and better life to come.

Rev. Long made many more pointed illustrations showing that this way of dodging has been going on from the time of Adam and Eve, down to the present time.

The analysis of the whole speech was, to follow the examples of Christ. "Tell the truth and be honest," said the speaker, "for there is no legacy as rich as honesty."

The times and conditions demand the overthrow of this hellish practice of dodging and evading the truth. The church holds out for honesty and truth, and may God help us to make this the ideal of our lives.

After the conclusion of Rev. Long's speech, Rev. J. A. Sligh who was also invited to speak, was present. Rev. Sligh spoke as follows: "My Christian friends, I am here today from a sense of duty, and will talk to you plain. I have been told that you are carrying on a joint singing here between the Lutheran choir of Bachman Chapel and Cannon's Creek A. R. P. choir, churches of different denominations

coming together to improve their music, which means to improve their worship, speaks well for this community, and it makes this occasion more interesting to me.

"I am sorry to say that I am here without a subject. I am glad to see so many young people. I love to talk to the young people, for they are the hope of our country. Now let me say to you, my young friends, this is a critical time for young people to be led astray, the world is full of temptations, and that is why I am going to be plain and warn you of these dangers. I am going to talk about the old time religion, and the religion of today, I am talking to the members of the church, if we can get the church right, the enemies of the church will soon join in.

"The old time religion is being slighted by great many of our church members and the church is getting full of hypocrisy. I am not finding fault with the world, for the world has formed nothing, but the church has. The old time religion taught the people to keep the commandments, and the whole work of our salvation is placed upon the ten commandments, if you violate one, you are guilty of the whole. The old time religion taught the children to keep the Sabbath day holy, do you keep it holy? I fear not. This new time religion does not regard the Sabbath day, it seems that the time has come when the people's whole hearts and souls are wrapped up in worldly things. The father says to his son, "My son, get money if you can get it honestly." My dear friends, is Heaven to be bought with money? No, it is impossible to buy your way to heaven, heaven is not to be bought, and thanks to God for it.

"The old time religion taught the people to be honest, and honesty is a part of the religion of Jesus Christ. It is a fearful thing to see how low down some people will stoop for money. I have been reliably informed that members of the church since the dispensary has been closed are dealing out liquor. Now, my young friends I want to impress it upon you that it is not only low down to do such things, but it is also a discredit that will follow you as long as you live, and I want to teach you the fact that you have a hell to shun and a heaven to gain. Christ has told you that you cannot love the world and God too, so be honest and labor, for the laboring man is the happiest man on earth. So labor, be honest, watch and pray, if the world gets possession of your heart, you are gone. Remember the words of the rich man who went to Jesus saying, "Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus saith unto him, "Thou knowest the commandments, do not commit adultery, do not kill, do not steal, do not bear false witness, defraud not, honor thy father and thy mother." And he answered and said unto Him, Master all these have I observed from my youth. Jesus said unto him, One thing thou lackest, go sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasures in heaven, and come, take up thy cross and follow me. He was sad at this saying and went away grieved, for he had great possessions.

"Now, you can see, my Christian friends, how the love of money gets possession of our hearts, wherever your treasures are, there your heart will be also.

"I don't deny that whiskey is a great evil, but Solomon says that the love of money is the root of all evil. You take the greatest portion of the wrongs that are being practiced today, trace them back, and you will find that it is for the love of money.

"Now, in conclusion my dear friends, live honest, and be truthful, and prepare for heaven, for if you miss heaven, you have missed everything, and it were better if you had never been born."

This concluded the speaking. Rev. C. M. Boyd, who was also invited to speak, writes us that he was truly sorry that certain circumstances prevented him from being with us. Dinner was then announced, and everybody assembled to the table, where they enjoyed quite a bountiful dinner.

After about an hour's recess, the greater portion of the congregation reassembled in the church to listen to some more of the beautiful songs sung by both choirs. The organists were Miss Julia Moore in the forenoon, and Mrs. James Epps in the afternoon.

Such occasions are not only enjoy-

able, but also inspiring, and it would be a God's blessing if we could keep such speeches as Revs. Long and Sligh made, fresh in the minds of our people.

I hope the public will excuse me for being a little tardy, as I was on the sick list last week.

T. J. W.

LAW AND ORDER LEAGUE.

Full Text of the Constitution Adopted at the Meeting on Monday.

The following is the constitution which was adopted by the Law and Order League on Monday:

The Constitution.

The general purposes of the league will be found in the constitution which follows:

Objects.

This organization shall be known as the Newberry County Law and Order League. It shall be composed of a central organization of members signing their names to a list prepared by and kept by the president and they shall come from all parts of the county together with the other members and officers herein provided for. It shall be supported by freewill offerings and shall have for its objects:

1st. To render all moral support and encouragement to the constituted authorities in the enforcement of existing laws, both state and municipal relating to the peace and good order of the community.

2nd. To render such individual service as may be practicable and lawful in securing and furnishing to the proper law officers facts and information of the violations of the law to enable them to proceed against the violators.

3rd. By all lawful means to hold the sworn officers of the law to the prompt and faithful discharge of their official obligations to the public, and by proceeding against them for wilful neglect or failure on their part.

4th. Especially to secure a full and satisfactory enforcement of the law, both against those engaged in prohibited traffic in intoxicants and those who violate the provisions of the law.

Officers.

1st. Its officers shall consist of a chairman, secretary-treasurer and an executive committee of thirteen members, one for each township in the county, of which the chairman and secretary-treasurer shall be ex-officio members.

2nd. The chairman, secretary-treasurer and executive committee shall be elected at a convention composed of delegates from the district leagues hereinafter provided for and other members of the central league. Their terms of office shall be one year or until their successors are chosen.

3rd. The executive committee shall have power to transact such business as may promote the objects of the organization, and shall meet at such times and places as the chairman may appoint.

The annual convention shall be held in the city of Newberry on the first Monday in October for the election of officers and for the transaction of such business as may be deemed necessary.

District Leagues.

1st. A District League shall be formed in each school district, and shall adopt such simple rules for its government as may be necessary to carry out the objects of the organization.

2nd. The officers of the district league shall consist of a chairman, secretary and treasurer and an executive committee in such manner as the league may decide upon. They shall be elected annually and hold office until their successors are chosen.

3rd. The chairman of the district league shall be ex-officio a member of the county convention.

4th. Each district league shall elect annually at their meeting in September delegates to the annual convention in Newberry one for each ten members or fraction thereof.

Pointed Paragraphs.

If a man owes anything to himself he is apt to settle promptly.

Give a pretty girl a chance to show off and she'll not get lonesome.

It isn't right to judge a man by the company his wife's folks inflict upon him.

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