

# THE MADISONIAN

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## TOP HEAVY

It appears to us that the religious service of today is out of harmony with the divine plan. It has become perfunctory, ritualistic, bottomed on the idea that the intellectual man and not the spiritual man, needs feeding. This may account for the falling off in the attendance of the male portion of the membership. After a week of activity in the commercial field, when brain is pitted against brain and brawn against brawn, when the man is tired out mentally and physically and his nature cries out for rest, he is called on to do his hardest days work in the intellectual field. He begins the day with Sunday School, then preaching then an afternoon meeting, then again at night. He instinctively rebels and cuts the whole program. During this day of attendance, he is called on from three to four times to chip into the contribution box or else be called a tightwad. In addition to this, it has become a fixed custom to call for an offering for special work. He is also reminded that his regular "taxes to the church" must be paid or else he goes on the black list. And then innumerable "Woman's Special Work" during the week calls for contributions which the head of the house must of course pay. The sum total of the present vogue of christian work is that a large church, costing many thousands of dollars must be built and maintained. It must be attended regularly and a finished scholarly address must be listened to attentively.

The prime object of the church is the wholesome feeding of the spiritual man, preparing him to good works. Religion must be a life of consecrated christian service to the help of those who do not get the benefit of training and of those whose environments are such that christian training is to them unknown. No sensible workman continues to prepare the finished ashler. There

is a time when further work on it is lost. So it is in religious service. Those whose education is such that they read, think and understand for themselves, and who have been trained along religious lines, are the prepared stones for the building and as such, should be left alone when once placed in the building. No work is necessary for them. Under the present practice of religious worship, they are the only ones that seem to be getting the benefit of the enormous sums of money that is annually contributed for the propagation of the gospel. The members meet regularly and go through a perfunctory service of singing, preaching and praying and then adjourn:

"To go back to the same old lives again." Religion is doing the works of the master. Go to those who need spiritual feeding. Go to those who need physical help. The irony of hundreds of years of christian civilization is, that there are children starving in the shadows of the church spires, unknown, neglected—surrounded by all that is vicious—awaiting the touch of the Master's hand. This neglect, this utter indifference on the part of the christian churches throughout the land, to do the works of the master while they sing his praises in fine temples, is the one thing that gives to the poor unwashed sinner that feeling, that belief, that the christian religion is not what it is claimed to be and drives him from it as a thing that deludes and ensnares.

"I stood in Venice on the Bridge of Sighs, A prison and a palace on either side."

These words from Byron are a fine irony on the customs of the day. Splendor and poverty go hand in hand—a death and a dance in the same house. And so it will ever be until religion turns from the paths of splendor and becomes, as it was intended to be, a religion of service. Go into the highways, the back streets and alleys, minister to the hungry and needy, give food, shelter, clothing and nursing to the sick, plant your religion in the hearts of the poor and see the wonderful crop of good deeds that will spring therefrom—then and only then, will the church universal come, come to work with a common purpose, united in interests, united in hearts—one God—one Salvation.

## THE CIVIL SERVICE

"To the victors belong the spoils." It has been only a few years back since President Cleveland on the eve of his departure from office of President, extended the protection of the Civil Service Laws to many thousands of employees—all Democrats. Approaching the end of his term, President Taft has done likewise. Neither party has a right to complain against the civil service, for both parties adopted it in their respective platforms.

No party, however, should attempt to extend that rule on the eve of its departure from office. But its a game of "tit for tat" in which the Democrats fare as well as the Republicans. The Senate will be Democratic and all the late appointments made by Mr. Taft will fail of confirmation. This will give an opening at once for about 1400 Democrats.

The civil service is radically wrong. It allows the government of a country to be administered by persons not in sympathy with the party in power and

makes the heads of departments responsible for the conduct of men over whom they have no control. Its a forerunner of a Royalist party in America. The civil service men could take America today without firing a shot. They have the army, the navy, and the whole constabulary of the Government. A weak man in the office of President could easily be induced to co-operate with these forces and against such a force the people would be helpless. Henry Gassaway Davis, once Democratic candidate for Vice-President, said that the people by their indifference could lose in a few years all the liberty which hundreds of years of fighting had secured for them.

True words and the American people will learn their full import unless they strike out, root and branch, the "Snivel" Service law which now protects over 300,000 men, the majority of whom are afraid of their shadow on political questions.

We have always been bitterly opposed to the law. A party that cannot furnish enough competent men to man the government ought not to be in power. If such a law is a beneficent law, then it can be put in operation in the party in power by selecting competent men from its own ranks.

Life terms in office, is especially repugnant to us. No man should be allowed to remain in office exceeding a term of years. He drifts away from the people and becomes an out-of-date machine.

The whole tendency is to put one half of the people on the pension list to be supported by the other half. Mr. Bryan, in his meteoric race in 1896, made Life Tenure in office one of his slogans but it has been lost sight of in the last battles of the now triumphant Democracy.

Let it be resuscitated. The whole system of Federal office holding should be revised, revamped and whipped into the line of modern thought and action.

Whoopee! No one has yet had an original thought which he, she or it thought was worth a dollar—or perhaps they thought that their thought was worth more than a paltry dollar. Oh you Richmond! Oh you Madison county! The home of intelligence! Put on your thinking caps and "Think a thought."

The Mexican revolution continues. The betrayal and murder of Madero accomplished nothing.

## DEATHS

Paul, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hurst, died last Monday at 11 o'clock. The little fellow lived only three days. "Suffer little children to come unto me for of such is the Kingdom Heaven."

Chester, the five months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Adams, of Berea, was touched with the finger of death on the 7th inst. He was idolized by his parents who are prostrated over his death.

Vogel Stone, the only son of Mrs. Julia Stone, who left here several years ago, died in Kansas City, last week. He was only 17 years of age and dying in the very dawn of young manhood, his death is peculiarly sad. Much sympathy is extended the family in their sorrow.

Monday, news was received here at noon announcing the death of Mr. Samuel Bennett formerly of this city but now residing in Lexington. His death was due to heart failure. Mr. Bennett had not been well for some days and was reclining on his couch when the final summons came.

Miss Belle Bennett and Mr. Waller Bennett left for Lexington. He will be buried Wednesday at 1 p. m. in the Richmond cemetery.

Mrs. Francis Nelson, aged 84 years, died at her home in this city on Monday night March 3d. Mrs. Nelson suffered a stroke of paralysis about a year ago, and had never wholly recovered from it. She was an estimable, christian woman and will be sadly missed by those who knew and loved her best. Mrs. Nelson is survived by four sisters and two sons, all of whom are in this city. The funeral was held on Wednesday at 2 p. m., thence burial in the Richmond Cemetery. To the family we extend sympathy in their bereavement.



If you have friends visiting you, tell us about it; if you are visiting anywhere on pleasure or business, tell us about it. Ring any phone—638, 659 or 791.

Miss Jennie Parks was hostess at a lovely dinner, Saturday in honor of her visitor, Mrs. Sauffley Hughes, of Lancaster. Covers were laid for fourteen.

Mrs. Charlie Jett entertained Friday with a delightful spend-the-day. Her guests were Misses Mary Ann Collins, Callie Miller Shackelford, Julia White, Tommie Cole Covington.

Mrs. Alex. Shaw will give a "Scotch Tea" at her residence on East Main street on Thursday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock. Silver offering for Mission debt fund will be acceptable.

Messrs. Rhodes and Brown Terrill entertained with a delightful dance on Wednesday evening. The young people were invited from 8 to 12, and with fine music, lovely refreshments, and congenial company the time passed all too quickly.

The marriage of Miss Katie Lee Denny to Mr. Robert Walker, of Fayetteville, Tenn., was announced last Saturday at a beautiful luncheon given in honor of the bride-to-be by Misses Mary and Jane Doty at their home in Lancaster. Miss Denny has often visited here and has a wide circle of friends to whom this will be interesting news. Miss Denny is a sister of our popular townsman, Mr. Alex Denny.

Miss Bessie Parks entertained with a delightful Easter party at Joe's, in honor of Misses Minnie Quisenberry and Virginia Hisle. Other guests were Misses Josephine and Marie Louise Covington, Zerelda Baxter, Margaret Chenault, Margaret Doty, Margaret Scanlon, Mary Elizabeth Luxon, Mary Quisenberry, and Misses Dilling and Miss Ulrich of the Model school. Delicious refreshments were served and a delightful afternoon was spent.

An elegant luncheon was given by Mrs. W. R. Shackelford at her home on West Main street on Tuesday last week. The guests were invited at one o'clock, and on arrival were received by Judge and Mrs. Shackelford. The lunch was served at small tables and one large oval table, the latter being decorated with center piece in oriental design of gold embroidery and silver loving cup filled with yellow daffodils and at each plate was a card with name of guest and a daffodil. The first course was grape fruit with brandied cherries, after which a plate with old ham, potato chips, hot rolls, croquettes, mushrooms and peas was passed; with this course a delicious frozen punch with green cherry decoration was served, and nut sandwiches with marshmallow filling. A tempting chicken salad was next passed, being served in paper cups representing a water lily, and with this course were lovely small beaten biscuit and sandwiches; next coffee was served and mints. At the conclusion of this delicious menu, the tables were cleared and a delightful two hours spent in playing Auction Bridge, the highest score being made by Mrs. Waller Bennett, who was presented with a beautiful picture, and the lowest score by Mrs. Dr. Bosley, who also received a picture.

## Personal.

Mat Cohen was here for a few days last week.

Mrs. R. C. Reeves is visiting relatives in the city.

Mr. John W. Walker was in the city Tuesday.

Miss Sallie Wagers visited in Stanford last week.

Mrs. Eugene Land has been quite ill the past week.

Mr. Robt. Burnam is out again after a severe illness.

Miss Louise Terrill is visiting relatives at Mt. Jackson.

Mr. A. Marcum, of Berea, was a visitor here Thursday.

Mr. Grant E. Lilly attended court in Irvine last week.

Mrs. T. J. Smith and children were in the city last week.

Mr. Chas. Park, of Silver Creek, was in the city this week.

Senator R. L. Hubble, of Lincoln, was in the city court day.

Mr. A. B. Estridge, of Paint Lick, remains about the same.

Mr. Hayell, of Cynthiana, is now night clerk at Hotel Glyndon.

Mrs. G. W. Evans is visiting Mrs. J. M. Benton in Winchester.

Mrs. DeJarnett tripped on a rug and fell in her room last week, sustaining painful, tho' not serious injuries. Miss Emma

DeJarnett has also been confined to the house.

Mrs. Carrie Davidson, of Lancaster, is visiting Mrs. Z. T. Rice.

Miss Margaret Parrish has been in Irvine taking depositions.

Miss Lucia Burnam is still confined to her room, but is improving.

Miss Mamie Scrivener, of Winchester, is visiting Miss Mabel Rayburn.

Misses Mariann Collins and Tommie Cole Covington spent Sunday in Berea.

Mrs. Robert Bruce, of Stanford, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Green Turley.

Mr. R. C. Cobb, of Cincinnati, was in the city from Saturday till Monday.

Mrs. Joe Boggs has returned from Cincinnati after a short visit to relatives.

Mrs. J. S. Collins is visiting in Danville, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Burke.

Mr. Overton Evans, of Cincinnati, attended the burial of his father, Dr. G. W. Evans.

Mrs. Robert Harris has returned from Lebanon, Tenn., greatly improved in health.

Messrs. Ed. Baldwin and Clark Allman have returned from Jacksonville, Florida.

Mrs. John Dykes, of Garrard county, is visiting Mrs. J. D. Dykes on Woodland avenue.

Mrs. Watts and daughter, Miss Emma, leave this week for Texas to be gone some time.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Black a lovely little daughter arrived last week. Congratulations.

Mr. Lucien Burnam has been at home on a visit to his parents, Judge and Mrs. A. R. Burnam.

Mrs. Mary Gibson, of Barboursville, is the guest of her niece, Mrs. Martin Gentry on Second street.

Miss Adams, of Lexington, has been the guest of Judge and Mrs. Jno. D. Goodloe at Whites Station.

Misses Russell White and Frances Wagers have returned from a short visit to Nicholasville.

Mr. R. E. Turley fell on the steps at his home on Saturday, painfully but not seriously hurting his knee.

Mrs. J. S. Hutsell, of Winchester, was here last week, the guest of Mrs. R. E. Turley and W. E. Luxon.

Don't fail to hear Miss Alma Beek who will be at the Normal Chapel March 31st, under the auspices of the Federated Music Clubs. She is an artist of rare ability and all music lovers should hear her.

Mrs. Elizabeth Davis and little daughter have returned from a month's stay her parents near Cincinnati.

Mr. Henry White passed through Richmond Friday on his way to Cleveland and stopped over with relatives.

Mr. Graham Bronaugh, of Richmond, Va., spent last week with his cousin, Spears Turley, on the Campus.

Miss Fannie Harris, of Speedwell, who has been spending the winter in Auburndale, Florida, has returned home.

Misses Shouse and Porter, of Lexington, have returned to their home after a pleasant visit to Miss Eleanor Hagan.

Mr. Cecil Traynor, formerly of this city, has accepted a position with H. C. Moody, trainer and salesman of Lexington.

Attorneys Murry Smith and H. C. Rice, Messrs. Curtis, Ross and Woods, of this city, are at Mt. Jackson Sanitarium.

Miss Maria Crawford, who formerly lived here and attended the Normal School was in the city several days last week.

Miss Sue Embry who has spent the last six months in Oregon, has returned to Richmond and is with Mrs. William Griggs.

Hon. H. B. Hanger has returned from Louisville where he went to see Hon. J. A. Sullivan, whom he reports as still improving.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Wisenburg will move to the old home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Smith, "Westover Terrace" in a few weeks.

Dr. L. H. Blanton, formerly Chancellor of Central University is very ill. Mrs. L. R. Blanton has been in Danville at his bedside.

Mrs. B. F. Deatherage has returned from an extended trip to relatives in Iowa, and was accompanied home by Mr. James Deatherage.

Mrs. H. B. Hanger and little daughter, Elizabeth, accompanied Mr. Hanger to New York on the 10th, and will be absent several months.

Mrs. Laura Blanton was the guest of Miss Hester Covington in Lexington last week. They took in "The Trail of the Lonesome Pines."

Mrs. Kennedy, the mother of Mrs. E. Tutt Burnam is dangerously ill in Colorado and Mrs. Burnam left for that point on Friday morning, to be at her bedside.

Misses Elizabeth Searcy and Mary Erle Oldham, who have been spending the winter at Coronado Beach, Florida, are expected home this week. They will be given a royal welcome.

News from Mr. Barnett Chenault, who is in Panama, is very gratifying. He has a fine position which pays \$125 per month with the promise of a raise in salary. They can't down our boys.

Miss Mary Q. Covington, who has been teaching English in High school, at Bedford, has resumed her duties, after spending a couple of weeks with her parents. Her school being closed on account of an epidemic of measles.

## Hunter's Licenses

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