

There are people who make it a rule never to get to church early because they do not wish to be bored by listening to these "notices." It is a tiresome thing to have to hear chapter after chapter of these notices, many of which have already appeared in the daily papers until one becomes fatigued at looking at them. Very often the patience of the people, as well as that of the pastor, is exhausted by this dismal overture. Many a good sermon has been ruined by the practice.—Richmond Dispatch.

Every pastor nowadays becomes a bulletin-board every Sunday morning just before taking his text, and, for several minutes, sometimes a half hour, he reels off announcement after announcement of forthcoming events. Some of the announcements are often first-class advertisements in black faced type, top of column, alongside or preceding sermon and sound somewhat ridiculous. A good reward is awaiting the man who will invent a good substitute for this very ancient custom.—The Danville Register.

Are not the rich truly unfortunate? But who ever prays for them? The poor will be remembered to day throughout the land, but few will present the wealthy at a throne of grace. They need the prayers of those who have the ear of Heaven; their possessions will never lead them nearer to righteousness, but the use they make of their wealth may make them perfect. Jesus "beholding him, loved" the young man who wanted to be perfect yet was unwilling to do that alone which would make him perfect. Love the poor, pray for them, help them, there is equal good reason why good men should love, pray for, and help the rich. They need spiritual blessings even as the poor need temporal.

After all, the heart is the life. If the heart be right the life will be right. If the heart goes out in love for one's fellowmen, thither will the treasure flow also. The Scriptures are plain. None need "die disgraced," for they that use their riches aright will never be rich save in good works.—Gastonia Gazette.

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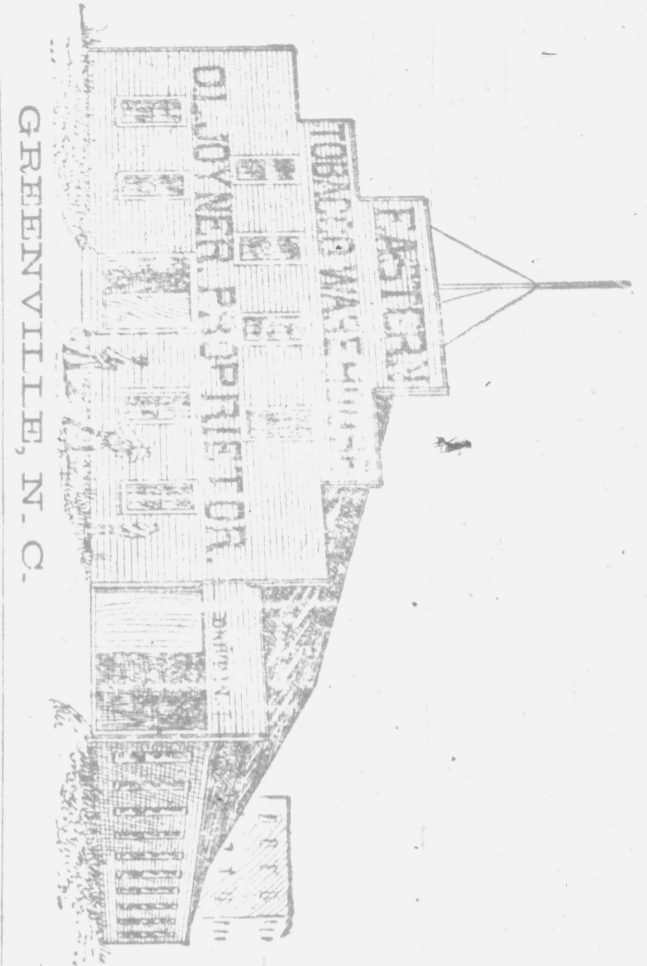
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