

**Dr. Colfelt Tells of  
Call to State College.**

**AUTOBIOGRAPHY.**

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I went forth to begin the world over again, having resigned my Charge, as naked of earthly possessions as when I was born, indeed more so for I was \$27,000 in debt. I shall never be sufficiently grateful to Mr. Edwin S. Cramp and George S. Graham lifelong friends who came to me at this juncture and offered me a sum of money to tide me over this critical time. I declined the kind offer and betook myself to the sympathetic arms of the two mothers who never failed me in the dark hours of life, my mother and mother nature. With my feet upon the solid ground behind the plow on my mother's farm and my head soothed by heaven's air and bird notes I began to fight my way back to mental wholeness and a fresh grip on the Eternal realities. By selling my Endowment Insurance Policy and some "financial olive trees past bearing," in a phenomenally short time I cleared off all my indebtedness and began life anew. While behind the plow about a month after returning home, a deputation from the town of Bedford consisting of Judge Longenecker, J. Barclay and Judge Brice came and asked me if I would consent to tutor their sons for college. Feeling that this would afford me more leisure for study, I at once accepted the kind suggestion, opened a Classical Academy in the town the following Monday which I conducted with success and satisfaction for several years affording me not only a moderate income but an abundant opportunity of giving university Extension Lectures. They were chiefly devoted to the results of Antiquarian researches and a somewhat extended resume of Russian Literature and Literature in General. This was a very agreeable task to myself as well as contribution to others for which I was the recipient of many grateful testimonials. After several years of this absorption Dr. Atherton of State College invited me to occupy the college pulpit for the winter which ended in my removal to State College for the definite purpose of occupying the post of College Preacher and Professor of Ethics. During Dr. Atherton's absence in Europe and frequent visits to Harrisburg to press State appropriations I took over the instruction of his Senior Classes in Political Economy and Constitutional Law. It was a busy and yet not too laborious life and I think I can justly say that I was not only at the peak of enjoyment in my close association with the President and his family and with the Scholarship Professors and their households and with the Student body who honored me with their selection as umpire in all disputes which arose between themselves and members of the faculty but I was also at the peak of my powers as Preacher having had one sermon to prepare a Sabbath, into which I could pour the quintessence of my being and with an unwearied body come before an audience of Professors and Students that could appreciate the best a man could do. That they were lenient auditors in my case was witnessed by the fact that none of the students ever made any but justifiable excuses for remaining away from the chapel sermon.

Be it noted a college audience is the most inspiring and critical in the world and college authorities throughout the land having a proper regard for the moral guidance and Spiritual Culture of the Student body should spare no expense nor pains to secure for College Preachers the men eloquent and highly endowed men the country can furnish, men capable not only of religious information but of inspiration, Seers as well as Moral Teachers. The long prevailing of desultory, happy go lucky administration College Chapels has been a disgrace and hopelessly inefficient. The noblest influence of a College Preacher as any other is a growth of years of high thinking, commanding personality and devotion to his lofty mission.

It was during my incumbency that Charles M. Schwab gave his princely gift of more than two hundred thousand dollars to build a magnificent Chapel for the Students in which I preached the first Baccalaureate sermon and represented Mr. Schwab in making what would have been his Dedicatory Address but for his enforced absence. I cannot omit the mention of General Beaver with whom I came much in contact at this time and with whose and his family's friendship I was honored lifelong. State College owes much to General Beaver who was its nursing father and mother through all the years of its early vicissitudes. Heartily cooperating with Dr. Atherton they together raised the standard of the college until it required a mental athlete to pass its rigorous tests. This enhanced the reputation of the Institution far and wide by sending out students who made good in all the departments of Engineering and blossomed into Captains of Industry wherever found. Thus these two men collaborating elevated the institution from a Farm School to a first class college fitted to be a university and attracting thousands of students where there were but hundreds.

The people of Bellefonte treated me with great kindness not only honoring me with frequent invitations to occupy her pulpits but making the occasions ovations in the form of overflowing audiences. Judge A. O. Furst especially endeared himself to me as one of the warmest friends of my life by showing me unnumbered kindly attentions, extending to me the hospitality also of his home. Mr. William Humes proved himself a friend that sticketh closer than a brother and with his sister in their Old Colonial Mansion, I never failed to find the

Prophets Chamber waiting and a warm welcome.

At this time I made a study of Comparative Religions. It savored somewhat of the quest of the dove sent forth by Noah from the window of the Ark to find a spot to stand upon. In making the survey I found that Kuen-fut-se had approximated closely to Jesus of Nazareth in his doctrine of Reciprocity and in a negative statement of the Golden Rule. Zoroaster did much to define the distinction between Right and Wrong, Good and Evil personifying them in Ahriman and Ormuzd, Light and Darkness, identifying Evil with Matter and Good with Spirit, and developing the so-called system of Manichaeism which divided the universe between God and the Devil making the latter practically omnipotent. Gautama Budha developed the idea of Sacrifice to an Extreme that transcended Christianity and even common sense and fixed the source of all evil and consequent suffering in the universe upon the act of God in coming into consciousness for to be conscious is to desire and to desire is to suffer, therefore all consciousness is an evil for which the only cure is sacrifice desire—all desire even to live, and finally let the individual consciousness cease by falling back and being absorbed in the universal consciousness, as a drop of water falls and blends with infinite ocean. Then only in the annihilation of personal identity will all desire, all suffering, all evil cease and the soul reach. Nirvana Eternal rest and be able to say "I Am Brahmin." This is the doctrine of Sacrifice run mad. Plato in his ideal Republic put the emphasis on justice as the cure-all for all the ills of States and individuals. Aristotle came a bit nearer a solution in Accenting Friendship as the greatest of all ideals saying "it is better to love than to be loved" and if men were but capable of friendship the world's ills would be cured and evil cease to exist. Now each of these great teachers caught a glimpse of the White light, polished one facet of the diamond of truth, made an important contribution to the moral evolution and education of the race. But each one in turn was but a partialist at the best. Jesus of Nazareth alone of all the Moral Teachers of Mankind summed up all that had been taught by every other Teacher beside in one magnificent, all unitizing all comprehending Newtonian hypothesis embracing the whole universe of Religion and Ethics in the declaration "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and thy mind and thy neighbor as thyself." Definition can no further go. All Religion all Morals are embraced in those words. But it is their nice and exquisite balance that confounds me. It recognizes the utilitarian basis of all morals in putting self as the foundation of all duty and the final court of appeal. To love one's neighbor more than self is excess of sacrifice and falls into the mush of Sentimentalism. Less than self is to run on the rocks of selfishness and meanness. To love one's neighbor as one's self is to avoid Scylla on one side and Charybdis on the other and find the blessed mean of existence. Nor are there any frontiers to this rule of life, no period of time, no realm of existence, no planet, no human or angelic being, can be conceived to whom it is not all sufficient. "Whence hath this man this wisdom?" was the question my soul asked in the presence of a Teacher who could sum up all that mankind had groped for throughout the ages in an all satisfying rule of life for all sentient beings. I do not know how it may strike others but it was the transcendent genius of Jesus of Nazareth that entranced my mind. Could this Teacher born in the meanest province, in the least intellectual of all the villages of Galilee, have been a natural evolution of his habitat, his times. Forbid it Reason! "Never Man spake like this man!" What wonder Nicodemus said "Rabbi we know that Thou art a Teacher come from God." "Art Thou a King then?" Pilate interrogated. "To this end was I born and for this purpose came I into the world that I might bear witness to the Truth." His kingliness consisted in his solution of the problem of the ages what is truth? He alone could say "I am the Truth." Thus by a purely intellectual and not an emotional process I was so to speak reconverted, brought back and compelled to yield the homage of my being to Jesus and acclaim his divinity not because of his miracles of matter but his miracles of mind. With a firmer grip upon the Divinity of Christ than ever before, I reconstructed the body of belief upon the bases of filial devotion to man. Henceforth my Theology was summed up in the Pater Noster. Anything in the theology that does not square with the Divine Fatherhood or in Ethics with the Brotherhood of man is Anathema Maranatha!

**HERE I REST.**  
"I have a life with Christ to live. But 'ere I live it, must I wait Till learning can clear answer give Of this and that book's date? I have a life in Christ to live. I have a death in Christ to die— And must I wait till science give All doubts a full reply?"

Nay rather while the Sea of doubt Is raging wildly all about. Questioning of life and death and sin. Let me but creep within Thy fold O Christ and at thy feet Take but the lowest seat And hear Thine awful voice repeat. In gentlest accents heavenly sweet 'Come unto Me and rest; Believe Me and be blessed! "

Thus with my Theological bearings clear, and my foundations laid with a structure of truth and body of belief that were my own experience and not the traditions of Home and the Schools I was prepared to resume the pulpit with a message that I felt at least would ring true. Coincident with this inward urge came the outward Call.

—The Watchman publishes news when it is news. Read it.

**FARM NOTES.**

—Guinea chicks are ravenous little creatures and for the first week they eat incessantly.

—In addition to the scratch grain and the green feed, it is recommended that a mash be kept before the birds at all times. The following ones are economical and effective: (1) 200 pounds of ground oats, 100 pounds of ground corn and 60 pounds of a pack meat and bone; (2) 100 pounds of ground corn, 100 pounds ground oats, 100 pounds bran, 100 pounds of middlings and 80 pounds of the meat and bone feed; (3) 100 pounds of ground corn, 200 pounds of ground oats, 100 pounds of middlings, 100 pounds of gluten feed and 100 pounds of the meat and bone product.

—For home use the Senator Dunlap variety of strawberry is recommended. It bears large quantities of dark-red fruit in midseason.

Small fruits are most likely to succeed the strawberries, black raspberries, blackberries and gooseberries, according to W. R. Martin, horticulturist at the Kansas State Agricultural college. While grapes are not usually considered in the class of small fruits, they are well adapted to Kansas soil, climatic, and moisture conditions.

The two best varieties of black raspberries are Black Pearl and Cumberland. Black Pearl bears about midseason and several days earlier than Cumberland. Because these plants are susceptible to anthracnose and cane blight diseases, Mr. Martin advises the planting of disease-free plants in soil that has never been planted to raspberries before.

Blackberries will succeed where raspberries will fail because they will withstand more hot, dry weather. Although root cutting blackberry plants are the most expensive, the horticultural specialist states that they will succeed better than the "sucker" plants which are most commonly sold.

—New Jersey peach growers should now be convinced that our old commercial varieties of peaches, with one or two exceptions, no longer meet the present-day requirements for either growers or consumers, yet there are still large numbers of trees of such varieties as Carman, Hiley, and Belle, points out a recent issue of the New Jersey Horticultural Society News.

To quote: "Some of these are young trees in full vigor, while others are old and on the decline. Get rid of the latter as soon as possible.

"New varieties equal to Hale in appearance are in sight. You will want to plant some of them as soon as trees are available. Be ready to give them a fair start.

"The site of an old orchard should be put in shape for a new planting by liberal fertilization with a large quantity of organic matter to the soil. If an old orchard site can be devoted to other crops for several years, so much the better. Clear the land that is in old, unprofitable varieties of peaches and get ready for better days."

The pear will grow on the quince and mountain ash as well as on itself and upon the hawthorn. Yet it is dwarfed by being grafted upon anything but the pear, and becomes more a novelty than a practical orchard plant. Grafting can be done in early spring just before growth starts, using the common cleft graft. The orchardist will be more successful, however, if a tongue-graft is made during the dormant season, using a piece of hawthorn root about the size of a pencil and a corresponding length of scion wood from the pear. If one enjoys playing with a thing of this kind, go ahead and try it. If, on the other hand, a man is looking for pears, he better not bother with it.

—Thousands of dollars are being spent annually in attempts to make fruit trees bear which are unprofitable simply because a given variety is not at home in the particular section where it was planted, according to W. S. Bork, of the pomology division, college of agriculture, University of Illinois. Most of the time and money thus spent is wasted, thus giving at least one incentive to choose varieties carefully, using as a basis the experiments and observations of reliable agencies such as the colleges and the experiment stations, he said.

"The variety is the key to successful fruit growing, but varieties of fruit vary widely in adaptability, both to soil and climate. A variety may thrive on some of the fertile, well-drained soils of western Illinois, but refuse to bear profitable crops when planted on other types of soil in the same latitude. Still other varieties are quite tolerant of poor soil conditions, but need such a long season for proper development that they can be grown only in the South.

"For horticultural purposes, Illinois, for instance, may be taken as consisting of three districts each composing roughly one-third of the latitude covered by the State. Varieties adapted to each district have been tabulated and such variety lists are available for free distribution to residents of the State who request them of the experiment station of the college of agriculture.

"In addition to adaptability, choice of variety depends upon the use for which a fruit plantation is to be planted. A home orchard may consist of many varieties, the ripening season of which should extend from the earliest to the latest. A commercial orchard should have few varieties in order that a large volume of fruit is ready at one time to facilitate economical marketing. Thus a farm apple orchard might contain 20 varieties with only 30 trees, while a commercial orchard of 1500 trees should have not more than 5 varieties.

"A peach orchard for home use would be incomplete with less than a dozen trees, but a commercial peach orchard of 100 acres will in most cases contain but two varieties.

"The variety question is a local one and no orchard should be planted without considering all of the above questions in addition to securing such information as may be obtained by visiting fruit plantations in the neighborhood."

**Central State Odd Fellows to Convene in Lock Haven on June 18.**

Three hundred Odd Fellows from central Pennsylvania will represent their respective orders at the annual meeting of the West Branch Encampment association, which will be held in Lock Haven, Saturday, June 18th. Clinton Encampment, No. 27, of that city, will act as host to the visiting lodge men and their wives.

A feature of the meeting, the purpose of which is the furtherance of Odd Fellowship, will be the observance of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the patriarchal branch of the order.

The gathering will be launched with the annual business session which will be held at 8:30 o'clock in the I. O. O. F. rooms on East Main street. President Anthony Cockburn will preside.

At 6:30 o'clock the visiting delegates, members of the local lodge, and others will parade, led by Captain E. T. Miller, of Troop F, 103rd cavalry, who will be chief marshal. Following the parade, at 7:30 o'clock a special session of Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, Ltd., will be held with Grand Patriarch Samuel Bowen and Grand Scribe George H. Banes in charge. Beginning at 8:30 o'clock the golden rule degree will be conferred on a class of candidates in an impressive ceremony conducted by Summit Encampment No. 74, of State College.

The members of Queen Rebekah lodge, No. 24, of that city, will entertain the visiting ladies at a reception in the rooms of Clinton lodge, No. 98, I. O. O. F.

The officers of the West Branch Encampment association, which comprises 21 encampments and 7 cantons are as follows: president, Anthony Cockburn; vice-president, C. M. Steese; secretary, C. Merrill Gibson, and treasurer, Norman T. Funston, all of Williamsport. The officers all expect to be present at the gathering.

**Centre County Girl Wins Honors at State.**

With the coming of the end of the academic year at the Pennsylvania State College, the usual program of activities is under way among the students preparatory to the commencement week, June 10 to 14. New class officers have been elected for next year, the seniors have chosen their class day and honor members, scholarship awards have been made by the college, and the girls are turning their attention to the annual May fete to be held next Saturday.

Miss Marian Frain, of Bywood, Philadelphia, will be crowned Queen of May, and will also act as "mirror orator" on class day. Honor girls for class day will be Miss Esther Frank, Harrisburg; Miss Lillian Baker, Cresson; and Miss Frances Forbes, State College. Senior honor men are G. P. Lippincott, Marlon, N. J., captain of the college soccer team, who won the highest number of individual awards on scholarship day last week; W. E. Pritchard, Buffalo, N. Y.; and F. W. Kaiser, Williamsport, has been elected valedictorian. He is president of the senior class.

Alumni in larger numbers than for many years past are expected to attend the commencement week exercises and the formal installation of President Ralph D. Hetzel during the graduation exercises on June 14.

**Altoona Races Drawing Near.**

With the announced date of June 1, set for the final closing of entries for the June 11th national championship classic at Altoona, a gradual increase in interest has been noted, particularly within the past week.

Numbered among the most recent entries are those of Pete DePaolo, 1925 national champion, and Tony Gulotta, his one time mechanician. Due to mechanical difficulties resulting in last minute delay, Pete was unable to effect entry in the closing event held in 1926. The disappointment was felt by Pete and his host of followers alike. True to his courageous spirit, however, he hopes for a come-back, and looks to June 11th to prove his worthy claim for competition on the famous Mountain City bowl.

News of his now possessing a new front-drive car, named "Perfect Circle Miller" gives thought to his being well equipped for the coming contest. The new car is the result of years of experience earned by the veteran automotive engineer, Harry Miller, of Los Angeles.

The car in the hands of Tony Gulotta is the same four wheeled chariot that won DePaolo \$40,187.72 for the speedway of the past season.

DePaolo and Gulotta form a great combination, and with the valuable assistance of Harry C. "Cotton" Henning and Fred Blauvelt, their mechanicians, should prove a strong pair of contenders.

**Style Fatal to Ostriches.**

London.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Johannesburg, South Africa, says hundreds of ostriches are being slaughtered daily by ostrich farmers, who have despaired of the revival of the plume market. It is estimated that more than 200,000 ostriches have been killed. If the demand for plumes should revive it could not be met, owing to the destruction of the most valuable breeds of birds. Ostrich-farming is dying out because, after the coming of bobbed hair, large hats, such as formerly were decorated with ostrich plumes, are not being worn.

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