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A Kind Fate

IT WAS a kind fate that allowed Walter Johnson to achieve on last Friday the dream of his life, but the desired end was not achieved until after black defeat had been paraded before him on two successive occasions. The future must have held out dark prospects for this great athlete after his second defeat on Wednesday by the New York Giants. He got another trial and made good in the last game of the world series between the National and American league baseball teams, the first and perhaps the last world series in which he will participate.

This great pitcher had looked forward to this series from year to year throughout 18 years in professional baseball. Each year until this one, he saw his team lose its chance to contest for world honors. Each year he renewed his hopes. The great opportunity came this year. He was the main stay of his team and twice he went down in defeat. To him however, was given the privilege of pitching the last innings in the last deciding game of the series, and to him goes the honor of winning the game.

An Eight Months' School Term

THE movement for an eight months school term received added emphasis last Saturday night at the Asheville meeting of the Western North Carolina State Teachers Association when that body went on record as favoring an increased school term for every boy and girl in North Carolina. Boys and girls living in the cities and towns of North Carolina now have the privilege of eight and nine months of school, most of them nine months. Those who happen to live in the rural districts of the state, especially in the less wealthy counties, only have six months. In addition to the shorter term, the rural boys and girls suffer enough handicaps in the form of poor equipment and inadequate facilities of all kinds.

The question resolves itself into this: Is there any adequate reason why a boy or girl, who through no volition of his own, happens to live in the rural sections of our state should not have an equal opportunity of attending school with that of the boy or girl who is born in the cities or towns of the state? There is only one answer to the question. The facts must be faced squarely and the problem met. The only possible reason that could be advanced for providing the extended term is lack of money. North Carolina can no longer plead this excuse. The state is plenty able to provide the longer term. The children of the rural districts have a right to expect it.

The hope of the state and the nation largely lies in the hands of the boys and girls who live in the rural sections. They are as bright and keen as the boy or girl who lives in the city. They will become citizens no less of importance than those who have better opportunities. They are just as much a part of the state as are the urban boys and girls. It is an obligation of the state, undisputed, to provide for the education of its people. By no reasoning known to the science of logic can the state avoid this responsibility.

The rural sections are unable to tax themselves and provide the longer term. The populous sections are able to help bear the load of providing for the education of all the boys and girls in the state, regardless of where they live. The populous counties have already conceded this duty in the building of roads. If it is right and just that the rich counties should help bear the burdens of the poorer ones in material things like road building, who can deny the lack of justice in the application of this same principle in the providing of adequate school facilities.

The rural boys and girls cannot be expected to accomplish as much in six months as the city boys and girls do in eight and nine months. They cannot do efficient work in educating themselves by working at the business only six months in the year.

The longer school term, therefore, is a matter of justice to the rural school boys and girls; it is an obligation of the state and the state is plenty able to meet the obligation; it is necessary in order to equip the rural boys and girls so that they can enter the high schools on equal foot-

ings with others. The eight months school term must be provided in the near future. The legislature of 1925 will be asked by the state teachers' assembly to provide for it in 1925. It must and will come.

Equality Of The Sexes

THE purpose of this day is to pay tribute to the man who had the vision to see to it that women should be considered in education," said Dr. J. I. Foust, president of the North Carolina College for Women, in his remarks at Founders Day exercises in Greensboro last Sunday. "We are now reaping the reward of the unselfish effort put forward by Dr. Melver," he continued.

Some of that reward is reflected in the size of the student body at this state supported college for women, there being nearly 1600 girls in attendance this year. Hundreds of others have matriculated in the other colleges of the state and the number admitted to the University from year to year increases. All of this can only mean one thing and that is that the vision of Dr. Melver and others of the last generation is coming true. It means that woman is fast taking her place along side of man in the various spheres of life. For following the gaining of an adequate advanced education will come the power to meet the problems and responsibilities of life in their every form. It means that woman will no longer fail to demand that she be accorded all the opportunities open to man.

The last bit of earth is crumbling under the feet of those who would deny the equality of the sexes.

Sunday School Lesson For October 19, 1924

The Parable of the Sower.

Q.—What is God?
A.—God is a Spirit, Infinite, Eternal, and unchangeable, in His Being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth.

In this parable of the sower is the bearer and dispenser of truth. The seed is the seed of truth. The ground or soil is the heart of hearers of truth. The fruit is the Fruit of the Spirit. We have all seen some of the results of faithful seed sowing by the bearers and dispensers of truth. We have likewise seen some of the results of the seed-sowing of untruths. The lesson that I wish to stress most is that there is need to guard the heart against false teaching as well as need to open the heart to true teaching.

In a certain locality a minister was conducting a funeral service. An evangelical church had recently canvassed the community and had opened a Sabbath school. The minister forgot for a time his appointed service of binding up broken hearts and directing the thinking of his people to the brightness of the beyond to a pre-



(NOTE: Dr. Pierce is president of the Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., to which for 50 years past chronic sufferers have been coming for specialized treatment from all over the U. S. A., Canada and foreign lands.)

Will Undo Much Evil

By Dr. V. M. Pierce
Knowing the vast amount of harm wrought by diseases of the kidneys, and having had opportunity to observe the analyses and the successful methods of treatment in thousands of cases of kidney trouble at the public the latest and perhaps most important of the Dr. Pierce home remedies, "An-uric" (anti-uric-acid) Tablets, which I now recommend to those who suffer with kidney backache, irregularity of urination and the pains and disturbances that come from excess of uric acid in the blood.

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pared person and entered into a trade against the Sabbath school. If the Sabbath school has been the cause of a feeling of relief on the part of parents for the religious training of their children then it ought to be stopped but no genius has yet proved this point satisfactorily.

What seems to me to be more a wholesome seed sowing is to be found in many a parish. Wherever the truths of God have been faithfully sown there has always been some fruit. Results have not been on the surface always but the sturdiness of a community depends to a tremendous extent upon the sowers of the seeds of truth.

The four kinds of soil here spoken of are the four kinds of hearers. I suppose that ever congregation has these four types. That three of them present problems is true but there are hopes for all, even the most hardened sinner. Grace is a great dissolver of doubts.

The first mentioned is the wayside hearer. The wayside hearer is a beaten path trodden by many passers-by. The ground is too hard for the seed to have any covering of earth. But even old roads after years of cultivation awake very good land. They are not to be considered impossible. The seeds falling on an old road are eaten by the birds. So the seeds of truth falling into the heart of a weatherbeaten sinner are eaten by the birds of the underworld. Sufficient floods of grace however, may transform this soil into the most fruitful.

The second is the stony ground hearer. This does not mean ground filled with small rocks but a solid rock covered over with a thin layer of soil. This soil may be rich and the seeds will spring up quickly but having no depth of earth they perish. So is the hearer of truth sometimes. There are great starters of right

movements who fall by the wayside. The early dew of morning has passed away at noon. With a subsoil of stone it is difficult to grow a crop and yet even these rocks may be blasted and enough earth deposited to bring forth fruit. It is never impossible for grace to save.

The third are those who receive the truth among the thorns. The roots of the old man abide. Never would we spend our whole time looking for the roots yet they must have some attention certainly enough to get rid of them. In a newground decayed roots make the best of soil but in the jaw bone of a man the decayed root of a tooth makes poison to weaken the system. A dentist told me not long ago to stand it just a little longer until he could remove a little piece that if left would cause trouble. A man suffering with a bit of gauze left in his side by a doctor will recover now that the gauze has been discovered and removed. A church goer attended the morning worship between the hours of 11 and 12. Between 12 and 1 while eating his dinner he used language that he supposed only his confederate would understand and arranged a game of penny poker for the afternoon. If the preacher preached the truth then it seems that it fell among the roots of the natural man. There are noble characteristics in this man and because he is still young we may look for a useful life in some years.

The fourth class is the trained class. That is the spiritually trained class. Spiritual things are spiritually discerned and the spirit is the great

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trainer. These hearers consider and expectantly depending upon God are lead to act in keeping with His grace. In conclusion let us pray that God will send us always genuine sowers of truth and that our hearts may become more and more soil that will bring forth fruit unto life eternal.

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