

FIRMNESS OF CHARACTER.

Young men and women, the middle aged and old, are one by one rapidly passing off the stage of action, and upon you will soon have to rest the future hopes of the country. It becomes your duty then to arm yourselves well before assuming that great responsibility.

In this "wide, wide world the daily habits of every boy and girl are materials with which they are building up their characters, and every exhibition strengthens them for good or for evil. We are all by nature self-conceited, and the first step towards improvement, whether intellectual or moral, is to learn humility.

Justice, benevolence, honor, integrity and self-control are no ephemeral blossoms, that a day's sunshine can call into being, and a night's frost can wither and kill, as evidenced by the recent cold snap of the present season.

They grow slowly and develop gradually, but once rooted firmly in the heart and trained by constant exercise they will prove sturdy, healthful, long-lived plants that will bear rich and abundant fruit.

It is not enough for you to know what is right, but you should accustom yourselves to love its atmosphere. So with self-culture. If you would become noble and virtuous, you should habituate yourselves to the constant exercise of pure thoughts, generous affections, noble and disinterested deeds.

Many young people think that an idle life must be a pleasant one. But this is a sad mistake, as they would soon find out if they made a trial of the life they think so agreeable. One who is never busy can never enjoy rest, for rest implies a relief from previous labor; and if our whole time were spent amusing ourselves, we should find it more wearisome than the hardest day's work. Recreation is only valuable as it unbinds us, the idle can know nothing of it.

Many people leave off business and settle down to a life of enjoyment; but they generally find that they are not really so happy as they were before, and they are often glad to return to the occupations to escape the misery.

Young men should not only learn to work, but they should also learn and study the principles and laws that govern trade. They must know that certain perishable products must find immediate market, or there will be loss to producer, but the great staple crops may safely be held when there is good reason for holding and no pressing reason for selling.

The wisdom of this advice, of course depends upon prospective demand,—upon the old stock on hand at home and abroad, when the new crop goes into market, and upon the amount of new crop as compared with that of previous years.

The crop reports to the Department of Agriculture, by commercial reports to the papers is most generally taken as evidence, though not always reliable, for it is often the best interest of the commercial community to mislead and delude the minds of the producer.

A much safer method of keeping posted upon this subject, might be afforded by a more complete organization of farmers which would facilitate the obtaining this information. It is by steady toil and unyielding purpose you must hope for success and that success must be the product of calculation, and careful, assiduous toil.

Man must mould his own future, and make for himself a noble character and unspotted reputation, over which the golden lines of beauty may linger through life. This must be your own work, no one can do it for you. The determination and energy with which you labor will be a sure omen of complete triumph.

If you would adorn the world in which you live, then seek to carve out for yourselves, a bright, undying status of a high and noble character.

Howell Grange 168, Company Shops, N. C., May 25th, 1875.

FIRING THE FATAL SHOT.

How Bishop Leonidas Polk was Killed.

To the Editor of the Herald:—In your review of "Sherman's Memoirs" what purports to be a statement of the manner in which General Polk was killed is given, from which it appears that Sherman called General Howard's attention to a group of officers on Pine Mountain, and "ordered him to compel it to keep under cover." Will you permit me who was attached to General Howard's headquarters, and who was by his side daily on the Atlanta campaign—one who, with Howard and other officers, sat our horses beside the Fifth Indiana battery, that fired the fatal shot—to give the true story from my notes made that morning and published in a Western daily a few weeks afterward? There certainly is a grievous error either in your review or in Sherman's description of the tragedy, General Sherman was not there and could not have seen the shot fired. General Sherman may have, however, as he rode to the rear, where he met Howard, called his attention to what he (Howard) would see when our party reached General David Stanley's front. The facts—in which I am sure I will be sustained in the main by Generals Howard and Stanley and the staff officers present—are these:—

On June 14 General Howard and staff left their headquarters for the front, where Stanley's division of Howard's (Fourth) corps had broken camp and were awaiting the order to attack Pine Mountain. It was just after sunrise. A mile or two in rear of the advance Howard met Sherman, but the conversation between them I did not hear, as the two Generals conversed aside. Howard and staff joined Stanley and his staff on the road, in full view of Pine Mountain, and as we drew rein and exchanged greetings Stanley exclaimed:—

"Howard, do you see that group up there on the crest of the mountain? I wonder who they are."

We all brought our field glasses to bear upon the point indicated and could plainly see three persons standing in front of a line of breastworks and a larger group in the background. We could not tell whether they were officers or privates, but as it was evident that they were watching our movements Stanley suggested that a few shots be fired to drive them under cover. Howard, who had suggested that perhaps Bishop Polk was of the party made no objection, when Stanley turned to Captain Simonson, his chief of artillery, with the remark:—

"Simonson, can you unlimber, put a shot into the group and give the Bishop a morning salutation?"

"I'll try!" was Simonson's laconic reply. And away he galloped to the rear. A few minutes later a section of the Fifth Indiana battery (Simonson's) was unlimbered within twenty feet of us. The Lieutenant sighted the gun and the shot exploded over and to the right of the group. Here my memory fails me, but my impression is a second shot was sighted and fired by the Lieutenant with no better effect. Simonson, when the gun had been reloaded, dismounted and said, "Here, Lieutenant, let me try it." He took the range and the messenger of death sped on its mission. Our glasses were bent upon the group and we observed a commotion as the shot took effect in the group that scattered to the rear. While Simonson was upon his knees sighting the gun for another discharge, Captain Leonard, chief of Howard's Signal corps, sitting on his horse beside me, read the Confederate signal code that our officers had interrupted at Lookout Mountain and caught the words:—

"General Polk is killed!" With a look of amazement Leonard turned to Howard and Stanley and exclaimed:—"Bishop Polk is killed!" "What?" exclaimed Howard; "have you interpreted the signal correctly?" "Yes, General; Simonson's last shot killed him. They are signalling it along the line."

The young men of the staff who were cracking jokes instantly ceased, and for a moment none spoke. Then Howard said:—"Well, a Christian has fallen. Such is war." Just then Simonson caught the words, "Bishop Polk is killed!" He was sighting the gun, and, lifting his eyes, that glared fearfully he exclaimed:—"What is that Leonard?" "Bishop Polk is killed! Your last shot did it. They are signalling it over the mountain," I replied.

Simonson's head dropped upon the "vent," where it rested a moment. Then, raising his eyes, he exclaimed:—"Thank God! Yesterday they killed my dear brother; I have killed a lieutenant general and am avenged!"

Without discharging the piece Simonson arose, remounted and joined the staff. Silently he repaired to his regular duties, and, the line being formed, we advanced slowly against the mountain, every one of us feeling that we would have rejoiced had some other

(than Louisiana's fighting Bishop) gone down before Simonson's first and only shot. The enemy was so demoralized that he evacuated the mountain, and half an hour afterward we stood upon the spot where Polk fell and saw the ground stained with his blood. A day or two after poor Simonson, the only one of us rejoiced at the Bishop's death, fell, shot on the skirmish line in Ackworth woods.

Then was the Confederacy avenged. It is possible that General Sherman had been to the front that morning, and, seeing the group referred to, ordered Howard to disperse it; but certain it is that he was nowhere near Howard when Simonson's shot fell for the heart of Leonidas Polk the fighting Bishop. New York May 18, 1875. J. D.

TWO LOVERS CAST ASHORE ON A DESERT ISLE.—An English newspaper publishes a singular deposition made by one Austin Gray, an Englishman, and the son of a clergyman. The deposition sets forth that Gray and a young lady named Flora Locke, daughter of an India regiment, took passage for India in a sailing vessel, named the "Glen," commanded by Captain Gark. During the voyage the Captain's admiration for his fair passenger increased daily, and he was continually proposing to marry, while she with equal perseverance, was declining his offers. The voyage might have terminated happily, with nothing to mar the pleasing monotony of offer and rejection, but for the discovery of Captain Gark that Miss Locke loved Austin Gray.

The skipper offered to marry her once more, but receiving the usual reply, ordered the lovers to be ironed. Next day, by some nautical geographical mischance, they sighted land, which was a barren island. The passengers were put ashore and ironed to the rocks, like a double edition of Andromeda and Perseus. Gark left them his blessing and two days' provisions, upon which, after freeing themselves from their fetters, they subsisted for five days, when "the good ship Albatross" conveniently took them off to India, "where we arrived safely and were married immediately." It was a romantic and uncomfortable adventure, and if true, Capt. Gark ought to be spoken to seriously about it.

The editor of the Providence, R. I. Press, after a tour of several months through the Southern States, gives the following candid and gratifying corroboration of the testimony of Judge Kelley:—"Mr. Kelley is right and can afford to be cursed by party friends. We have seen for ourselves; have mixed and conversed with all shades and kinds of people South—negroes, whites, officials, ex-rebels, military civil, non-partisans and partisans, Republicans and white Leaguers, and for weeks have examined into the whole status of the South, civil, political and financial, and our note book and memory fully corroborate all that Mr. Kelley or any other intelligent or fairminded man has or must say, in truth, of the South and its present position. It is time this humbug and folly of coercing a now loyal people ceased. It is time that swindlers and knaves were turned out of Southern Federal offices, and honest men put in their places; it is time that a reign of justice was inaugurated and the reign of corruption and oppression ceased. If the leaders of the Republican party are either wise or shrewd, they will acknowledge their errors and commence and immediate reform of the Southern service."

QUERIES.—What holds all the snuff in the world? No one nose. How did Queen Elizabeth take her pills? In cider. When is music like oysters? When there is a quart eat. At what time was Adam born? A short time before Eve. What relation is the door to the door mat? A step farther. What is it that the poor man has and a rich man wants? Nothing.

THE DIFFERENCE.—When a lady slips on the sidewalk she gracefully sits down and that's the end of it. A man, however, always tries to catch himself on the other foot drops all his bundles and uses his arms for a balancing pole, struggles desperately for about ten seconds in a vain endeavor to recover his equilibrium and finally goes sprawling like a collapsed windmill; then he swears.

In a Fort street car the other day a woman noticed an old man gazing at her very attentively. During a ride of a mile or more he kept his eyes fastened on her face, and he must at least have seen by his manner that she was annoyed, as he bent over and said:—"Excuse me, madam, but I can't help looking at you. You put me in mind of my dead wife; her nose turned off sideways just exactly like yours does!"

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Plaintiffs,

For Relief,

Against NORA LEA, Defendant.

Special Proceedings.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

To the Sheriff of Alamance County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Nora Lea, the defendant above named if she be found within your County to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of Alamance within twenty-six days after the service of this summons on her exclusive of the day of service, and answer the complaint which will be deposited in the office of said Clerk within ten days from the date of this summons; and let said defendant take notice that if she fail to answer the complaint within that time the plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint. Herein fail not and of this summons make due return.— Given under my hand and seal of said Court, This 1st day of May, 1875.

W. A. ALBRIGHT,

Clerk of the Superior Court

Alamance County.

JAMES E. BOYD,

Attorney for Plaintiffs.

In the above entitled action it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the defendant is a non-resident of this State; It is ordered that service of summons be had upon her by publication in the ALAMANCE GLEANER a newspaper published weekly in this County, once a week for six successive weeks.

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