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## DR. THEODORE L. NORTHROP FALLS UPON SLEEP.

Prominent Physician and Business Man of St. Pauls Died in Charlotte Hospital Early Monday Morning—Was Born and Reared in Laurinburg—Funeral Tuesday.

Although not unexpected, the announcement of the passing of Dr. Theodore L. Northrop, which occurred in a Charlotte hospital Monday morning at 4 o'clock, brought with it a great weight of sorrow to all Laurinburg and community.

For several years he had suffered from Bright's disease, and more than a year ago was compelled to give up his work as a practicing physician. He sought relief in numerous hospitals and received treatment from the most skilled specialists, but without any lasting benefits.

Two weeks ago his condition grew so serious that he was carried from his home at St. Pauls to the Charlotte Sanatorium. He continued to grow weaker and weaker each day, and it was evident to all for some days past that the end was but a little way off.

Dr. Northrop was 48 years old, was born and reared in Laurinburg. He received his preparatory education under the late Prof. W. G. Quakenbush. After finishing his literary education at the University of North Carolina, he studied medicine at the University of Maryland and when he finished this preparation for his life's work, graduating in 1897, he secured his license to practice and located at St. Pauls in Robeson county.

From the first he was recognized as a physician of unusual ability and enjoyed a wide and select practice. He was not only a good physician, but was a progressive and successful business man and had accumulated an attractive little fortune. He lived not for himself alone, but because of his fine character, culture and ability, his good deeds and kindly disposition he had won an enviable place in the hearts of the people he chose to live among. He held many positions of trust and honor in his community, being president of the Bank of St. Pauls, a director in the St. Pauls Cotton Mills. He was a Mason of high rank, a loyal member and deacon of the St. Pauls Presbyterian church, and was a large land owner and extensive planter.

The body was carried to St. Pauls Monday night. The funeral was held from the Presbyterian church Tuesday morning and the burial was made with Masonic honors.

Dr. Northrop is survived by his wife (Miss Bettie McGeechy before marriage) and six children. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Laura Northrop Ritch, of this city.

### STRUCK WITH BRICK.

George Rich, Colored, in Dangerous Condition—Will Smith in Jail.

Late Saturday afternoon George Rich, colored, who is employed as a stable boy by J. T. Bostick & Bro., was struck in the head with a brick which was hurled at him by Will Smith, also colored, and an employe of Stubbs' Stables. Rich is at his home in a precarious condition and Smith is in jail.

The trouble grew out of the fact that Rich slapped a brother of Smith's, and he, Smith, had gone to Bostick Stables to see Rich about the matter. They had some words, and Rich securing a whip ran Smith away from the stables. As they ran away, Rich struck him several times with the whip. Smarting under the lashing he was getting he stopped and gathering a nearby brick hurled it at his pursuer. Rich attempted to dodge, but only managed to get the side of his head turned right for a dangerous blow. The brick struck him just above the ear and knocked him unconscious. A physician was called and restoratives administered. The injured man was carried to his home, and because of the uncertainty of his condition, Smith was refused the advantage of bond and is in jail awaiting the outcome of the injuries, which may prove fatal.

### Were Pleased.

Dunn, March 8.—Monday a delegation from Laurinburg, consisting of several prominent Methodists, came over here to inspect the new Methodist church. The Laurinburg people are contemplating building a new church. After looking over the plans of the church here, they expressed themselves as very favorably impressed with the church and with Dunn in general.

## THINGS PERTAINING TO LIFE.

By Harry M. North.

### SOME ELEMENTS OF MANHOOD.—TRUTHFULNESS AND OBEDIENCE.

There are only a few elements in the natural world, and all the many other things that we see are made up of combinations of two or more of these original elements. They do not grow old, but manifest themselves today in flower and fruit, in air and water with as much beauty and vigor as they did in the beginning. And besides this, all the useful and beautiful things of the future must be formed out of these same elements. Now some of them are very modest and homely, but they appear glorious when they are made into a rose or the light of the human body.

Likewise there are certain elements that go to the making of a man. These are not new but are as old as human life, yet they are as valuable in this time as they were when they appeared in the characters of the first men who walked the earth. The world wonders when they come out in their perfection in value in this time as they were now being revealed for the first time, and I am sure that no age will come when they can be left out in the building of manhood.

I notice truthfulness as one of those essential characteristics. Can any life be made strong that has not truth at the bottom of it? I have had to deal with many classes of people, and it seems to me that the least hopeful of them all is the man who will lie. The false man is diseased to the very core of his being. Nearly any wrong even to the point of crime is possible to him who will tell you a deliberate untruth. On the other hand he that speaks the truth in his heart has in him a certain soundness upon which you may build the loftiest structure and know that it will stand. Such a man always keeps faith with himself and with you, but the man who lies will not keep faith with anybody. What is in him will soon show itself in look and word and manner. You strike him and he rings hollow.

It is said that the belt wherewith God girds himself is truth, and the throne of God is founded upon truth. So that which guards that Holy Life and the thing which upholds His everlasting kingdom, is this same eternal element. There is nothing more dear to God than the truth, and I suppose that we are most like Him when we live and speak it.

Again the spirit of obedience must be a large factor in the formation of character. No life can be symmetrical that has not learned to yield allegiance to all right authority. Some men have the idea that they will lose the respect of others and in some way forfeit their own self-respect if they obey anything. It is true that if they obey low things their life will become correspondingly base. But a man finds his true self nowhere so surely as he does in a loyal obedience to some great law or truth or person. Only in this way can he be enabled and made free. Can you give me in a sentence, why the old generation of negroes are better than the new? The answer lies in one thing that they were taught to obey. It was a hard school in which they learned, but in a very real sense all of us must bear the yoke in our youth or suffer for it later.

Parents with mistaken ideas of kindness often fail to require their children to obey. As a result the child will be hampered all its life. He will not make an acceptable employe because he has never learned to obey, and his employer will not long bear with him. He will not be successful as a man of business with men under him, for no man is able to control others until he himself has learned to obey. Soon he finds that he does not fit life at any point. So after awhile he must be broken upon the great harsh unsympathetic world because he finds nothing within him that yields to outside authority.

Do not think that you can enter any large field of endeavor or of happiness unless you are willing to obey the laws that govern in that realm. Men are constantly trying to evade this. One will seek to be rich without obeying the law of honesty. Another will try to become learned and yet refuse to keep the law of patient drill and hard study. Another thinks that he can make and hold friends without obeying the law of kindness.

Saint Paul urged the children to obey their parents, and the only reason he gave was that it was right. He knew they would learn the "why"

of the matter later on. Paul said that he was himself the equal of other men of his time. It was not for him to pay allegiance to them. But when Jesus stood before him in all the grandeur of his matchless life, he said, "I bow my knee to Him." It is a great thing to be able to recognize the supreme authority when it appears. It is still nobler for the soul to yield the utmost obedience to the things that claim its loyalty. Thus by respect to the eternal laws without and by obeying the highest laws of your own inner life, we come after a while to that enviable estate of self-mastery, or self-control.

### COLORED CIVIC LEAGUE.

Negro Organization to Hold Week of Special Exercises.

The Negro Civic League, an organization composed of the colored people of the town and community, will have a week of interesting exercises beginning next Monday night.

They have arranged a program, which we publish below, that will be of unusual interest to both the white and colored citizens of the community. They have enlisted the co-operation of a number of the leading white people of Laurinburg in their efforts to arouse a more sincere interest in the physical, spiritual and moral welfare of the race, and it is sure to result in great good to them.

Special arrangements have been made to provide for the comfort of the white people who will attend upon the exercises.

There will be special music each night.

The program follows:

- Monday Night.**  
1. President's Annual Address.  
2. Address, Mr. R. G. Stone.  
3. Address, Dr. E. A. Erwin.  
4. Sermon, Rev. R. P. Bumpas.
- Tuesday Night.**  
1. Address, Dr. J. L. Gibson.  
2. Address, Dr. Peter McLean.  
3. Sermon, Rev. J. B. Thompson.
- Wednesday Night.**  
1. Address, Judge E. H. Gibson.  
2. Address, Dr. H. Hewett Brown, colored.  
3. Address by a Representative of North Carolina Sanatorium, Sanatorium, N. C.
- Thursday Night.**  
1. Address, Ruby Hamn, colored.  
2. Address, Rev. J. A. Laughlin, colored.  
3. Address, Dr. N. E. Jackson, colored.  
4. Address, Attorney G. H. Russell.
- Friday Night.**  
1. Address, Attorney M. L. John.  
2. Address, Rev. Henry D. Tillman, colored.  
3. Sermon, Rev. James Long.
- Sunday Night, March 26th, Special Session.**  
1. Address, R. L. Wall, colored.  
2. Address, Mr. A. D. Currie.  
3. Address, Rev. M. G. Crumpler, colored.  
4. Sermon, Rev. C. S. Crumpler, colored.

### Attention.

The undersigned committee was appointed by the Scotland Chapter of the U. D. C., to make arrangements if possible, to have a full observance of Memorial Day, which is May the 10th, throughout the county. It is the purpose of the chapter to have the graves of all the Confederate veterans in the county decorated that day.

It is earnestly urged that those throughout the county who are interested in this undertaking will meet with the undersigned committee at the court house in Laurinburg Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

If you are interested and can not attend this meeting, please write Mrs. E. Buchanan, Laurinburg, or before that date indicating that you will assist in carrying out these plans in your neighborhood.

Mrs. E. Buchanan.  
Mrs. J. T. John.  
Mrs. Dougald Stewart.

### Go to Portsmouth.

Rev. E. G. Kendrick, for years pastor of the Forest Avenue Baptist church Greensboro, has resigned his pastorate and has accepted that of Fair View Baptist church, Portsmouth, Va. The call was extended to him some weeks ago, but his action was not definitely taken until Wednesday night, when the church accepted his resignation reluctantly.

## JAMES P. McRAE ANSWERS THE CALL OF DEATH.

Prominent Laurinburg Citizen Died at His Asheville Home Yesterday Morning—Had Been Ill for Some Time—Body Brought Here—Funeral Today.

### REV. SAM W. SMALL, D. D.

Evangelist, Orator, National Anti-Slavery League Speaker Who Will Address a Great National Prohibition Rally in Our City Sunday Night.

Rev. Sam W. Small, the famous Southern Evangelist, Editor and Lecturer, is called "A Prince of the Platform."

He is a man of exceptional attainments. He was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, in the city founded by his family forbears; graduated with high honors from Emory and Henry College in Virginia, and after admission to the bar in Tennessee became pri-



vate secretary to ex-President Andrew Johnson and followed that statesman's political fortunes to the United States senate. He holds the literary degrees of A. B. and A. M. from his Alma Mater; Ph. D. from Taylor University, and D. D. from the Ohio Northern University. He is a trained journalist, many years editor of leading Southern newspapers, principally the noted "Atlanta Constitution." He is the author of several books. By appointment of President Hayes he served as secretary of the American Commission in Paris in 1878, and as a delegate from this country to the International Literary Congress of that year. He has served in many notable national conventions of political, commercial and reformatory character. While in the United States Army in Cuba in 1898 he was Military Supervisor of Public Instruction, engaging in the reorganization of the public schools of the island.

A Soldier of the Country and the Cross. In 1885 Mr. Small, then a prominent editor and public official, was converted through the preaching of Rev. Sam Jones, the great Georgia evangelist, and joined with him in holding evangelistic services in all the greater cities of the United States and Canada. Those were the most famous and successful religious meetings ever held in this or any other country. Dr. Small has led campaigns resulting in the closing of more than 10,000 drink shops, and is recognized in all quarters of the nation as one of the foremost apostles of Prohibition.

### Laurel Hill Items.

Mrs. D. A. Watkins expects to move into her new store this week. She has changed the name of the store, and it will be known as the Cash Bargain Store.

Mrs. Luther Stubbs spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Coffin Stubbs.

Mr. Duncan McPherson, of South Carolina, is visiting his mother this week. His mother has been very ill but is some better at this writing.

Mr. J. L. Hargrove and family visited Mr. Hargrove's brother at Roberdel Sunday afternoon.

In the absence of Rev. I. N. Clegg, Prof. O. C. Williamson will preach at Ida Mill Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

The young people of Ida Mill church organized a Christian Endeavor Society two weeks ago enrolling sixteen members. The society met again last Sunday night and had a most interesting meeting enrolling sixteen new members.

The people gave the Methodist minister and family a regular old time pounding Tuesday night.

Mr. James P. McRae died yesterday March 15th, at his Asheville home at four o'clock in the morning. For ten years his health has been failing, and he has alternated in living between his home here and at Asheville. He kept up with his usual work until last July, when he resigned as president of the three cotton mills here. For a number of years he had been a member of the Town Council, and of the Graded School Board of Trustees, but two or three years ago, on account of his health, he resigned these positions. For many years he was a member of the State Board of Agriculture, resigning from that when his health made the traveling required too great a burden to him.

Mr. McRae was born April 2, 1859, on his father's farm four miles in the country, a son of the Hon. Peter McRae and wife Mrs. Jennette M. McRae, and was named for his grandfather, James Patterson. He attended the Caledonia school until prepared for the State University, where he studied two years. He then took up farming as his life work, and was most successful, living at Stewartville, in an elegant home, which has been burned since he left the farm. January 6th, 1886, he was married to Miss Kate McIver, of Carthage, a daughter of Judge James D. McIver. To this union was born one daughter, who died in infancy, to be followed May 7, 1890, by the mother. For several years after this he lived on the farm, alone, but for the servants, where he dispensed open hospitality to all his unmarried friends, and occasionally with the aid of his sisters would entertain his friends generally. In 1890 he was happily married to Miss Lillian Covington, daughter of Mr. R. R. Covington and wife, Mrs. Hattie W. Covington, of this city. To this union were born three children, one girl which died in infancy. He is survived by his wife and two sons James P. McRae, Jr., and Roderick McRae, and one sister Miss Effie McRae and one brother, Mr. D. K. McRae.

After the building of Scotland Cotton Mill Mr. McRae and others joined in a movement to build Dickson Cotton Mill, there being a large number of stockholders. Mr. McRae was elected to the Board of Directors, and soon demonstrated that his ability to manufacture cotton was as good as his skill in growing it, and he became a leader in the work for this mill and was soon made president of it. His ability in this work soon brought to him the presidency of Scotland Cotton Mill, and shortly afterwards when the Waverly Cotton Mill was projected, he was unanimously chosen president of that. He lived in the country for some years after taking up the mill business, but found it necessary to come to town, and built his elegant home here in 1903, where he resided since, though alternating with Asheville for the past ten years.

Mr. McRae was wholehearted and intensely interested in whatever he had in hand to do, and in his friends. He made many friends, and was warm in all his friendships. His character shone in every undertaking, and the public had confidence in him as in but few others. He was a good mixer and made friends among all classes of people, and will be greatly missed by the whole community.

### The Funeral.

The body will arrive from Asheville this (Thursday) morning. The funeral will be conducted from the Presbyterian church, of which the deceased was a member, this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The interment will be made at the city cemetery. The funeral services will be conducted by Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D.

### Honor Roll.

Following is the honor roll for Caledonia school:  
Second Grade—Rachel Norton, Harriet McCormick.  
Third Grade—Emma Neal McQueen, Anna Smith, Crawford Webb.  
Fourth Grade—Robert McKenna, Porter Norton, Will McKenna.  
Fifth Grade—Lullie Norton, Ethel Smith.  
Sixth Grade—Bessie McQueen, Ethel McCormick.  
Seventh Grade—Agnes Jones, Leon Webb.