

Social and Personal

(By ADDIE WILLIAMS CALDWELL)

THE UNFINISHED STORY.

You have told me, oh preacher, the story sweet— How the prodigal son, bereft of pride, Left the far country, with way worn feet. And returned to his father's house to abide.

WOMEN WASTE TIME

The lost motion and the lost time in doing little things are great enough to keep many a man and many a woman from carrying out the pet project of their lives.

LIBRARY NOTES.

(Written for the Sunday Social Page by Miss Mary Palmer, Librarian.)

"If all the crowns of all the kingdoms of Europe were laid down at my feet in exchange for my books and my love for reading, I would spurn them all."—Fenelon.

The Care of Borrowed Books.

Handle a book gently. It strains the binding of a book to throw it or let it fall, lay it face down, strap it tightly, pick it up by one lid, lean on it when it is open or use it as a portfolio to carry notes in.

Do not lay a book in a hot place, as on a radiator or near a stove. Heat dries and makes the gulle more likely to crack, and warps the covers. It also causes leather bindings to rot and paper to become brittle.

Keep a book dry. Do not handle it with moist hands nor leave it in a damp place.

Keep it clean. Handle it with clean hands only. Do not mark it with pencil or pen nor make notes in it.

Handle the leaves at their outer edges only, to avoid tears. Do not crack the paper by folding the leaves or turning the corners down.

If a book borrowed from the public library gets damaged, do not try to mend it. Amateur mending is likely to make the trouble worse; for to mend a book properly usually requires some experience and skill, and sometimes the services of a professional book-binder.

Always remember that the person who comes after you enjoys using a clean fresh copy as much as you do. Moreover, library books are city property, and it is the duty of a citizen to protect them.

Early North Carolina.

An addition to the collection of North Carolinians at the library is "Narratives of Early Carolina," by S. S. Salley. It is a source book of North and South Carolina history from 1650-1708, the papers it contains covering a wider field than the present limits of the two states.

Tree Books.

The lecture at the library on the care of trees, by Mr. Z. P. Metcalf, assistant state entomologist, has aroused much interest on the subject. Below is given a selected list of books in the library on trees:

Fernow—Care of trees in lawn, street and park. Keeler—Our native trees and how to identify them. Matthews—Familiar trees and their leaves. Pythian—Trees in nature, myth and art. For children, we may select: Rogers—Trees every child should know. Stokes—Ten common trees.

New Fiction.

Among the books of fiction added to the library during the past week are: Barclay—Wheels of time. Harrison—Queed. Montgomery—Anne of Green Gables.

TWO WEEKS ON THE BOARD WALK. Leaving tonight for Atlantic City are Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Dodd and Mr. W. B. Shockley. They will be absent two weeks.

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MUSIC.

Dispatches from Paris announce that Gatti-Casazza of the Metropolitan opera house has engaged Tetrazzini for the coming season. He has also engaged Sturani as a conductor to replace Pedestri.

The Metropolitan will give the first performance of Poffi Ferrar's "Donne Curiose" and Ferrar will superintend the rehearsals.

One of the interesting announcements made by Mr. J. C. Williamson, the Australian theatrical manager, who is here on one of his many trips around the world in search of attractions, is that Mme. Melba, who has been singing at Covent Garden, London, will soon leave for her old home in Australia to head a grand opera company, says the New York Herald.

Part of her company has already started and Melba will leave London in a short time. Her Australian season will open on September 3, in Sydney, and after eight weeks there Melbourne will have the Australian prima donna and her company for an equal length of time.

It has long been a cherished idea of Mme. Melba to head a grand opera company in her native land, and now her wishes are to be realized. She has sung there in concert frequently, but never in opera. In fact, Australians never have heard an artist of Mme. Melba's rank in opera.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. F. Kelly go to Waynesville tomorrow for two weeks.

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HISTORICAL

Napoleon's Bed Gift to France. Mr. Edward Tuck, formerly of New York, but now a resident of Paris, following in the footsteps of Mr. J. P. Morgan, has presented France Napoleon's first camp bed, says the New York World. It was used at St. Helena. The gift was accompanied by letters showing its authenticity.

Fountains of Wine. The practice of running the fountains and conduits with wine on coronation day was abandoned after the reign of Queen Elizabeth, says the London Chronicle, but another old custom was observed up to the coronation of George IV. After the king and the company had departed from the banquet in Westminster hall the pipes were thrown open and the people rushed in and cleared the tables of everything—victuals, cloths, plates, dishes, etc., etc., all vanished in a few minutes. And, as Sir Walter Scott tells us, the nobility were not above taking away the saltcellars and spoons. And at the present coronation they are to have the chairs on which they sit in the Abbey.

RETURN TOMORROW. Mr. Robert L. Erwin, vice-president of the Charlotte Hardware Co., his wife and son, John, after spending two weeks at the Haywood White Sulphur Springs, will return home Monday.

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THE PICTURE.

By Newell A. Warner, on the birthday of a friend. A robin's call—then remembrance; And there upon the threshold, smiling, Dear ones await with birthday greetings, And gifts to pledge the day's returning.

And then remembrance \* \* \* And I muse: Why am I here? What means this day? With pleasant greetings, gifts and smiles And words of kindly banter? Is The hour more vital than the day Agone, and would the greetings ring Less potent at the coming dawn?

A pretty custom this; and yet My fancy tells me of a sense More deep and sacred than the thought Of one year less of life to live.

Our lives are but the living scroll And handwork of an Artist Mind Which traces only what He wills; Our daily thoughts and deeds their hues And pigments, we ourselves the brush, Our span of years the canvas. So, From dawn to eve, the work goes on, While once each year the Artist views With us, the scroll.

This is His day; I await His Judgment unafraid. —By Henry Edward Warner.

BID ON FAMOUS TEPES-TRIES. Unless an effort is made to retain them in this country it seems probable that the famous Mortlake tapestries, after Raphael's cartoons, belonging to the Duke of Rutland, will cross the Atlantic, says a London cable in the New York Tribune. The seven pieces were made at the Mortlake factory for King Charles I, and after his death were sold to Lord Haddon.

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Enjoyable Banquet

Presenting the scene of a rich banquet hall, the large room in the American Trust Company's building used as a stockholders assembly room, was the scene of a notable event in the company's history last night: the celebration of first decade of the company's existence.

The Captains of Industry composing the trust company, and special friends, sat at a festive board in honor of the ten years—ripe, successful years—that are recorded in the volume of Time.

Beautiful indeed was the banquet hall! Three long tables extended the length of the room, each a duplicate of the other in ornamentation and appointments.

There were no women, but there was the suggestion of women—flowers, Carnations furnished the floral embellishment.

There were 60 covers, and as richly laden a table as the greatest Epicure could desire.

Caterer J. M. Jones, of the Gem Dining Room, to whose skillful hands the anniversary dinner was entrusted, showed taste, as well as skill in the dainty dressing of his dishes, each being served in Sherry or Delmonico style. The menu was as follows:

- Sliced tomatoes iced
Queen Olives
Deviled Crabs
Spring chicken fried home style
Cold roast larded leg of veal with bacon
Chicken salad mayonnaise dressing
Ice cream and cakes
Key West Cortez, assorted Cigaretts.

Mr. George Stephens, president of the company, presided. He sat at the head of the center table, and opposite him, his co-worker, Mr. W. H. Wood, secretary and treasurer of the company.

The seats of honor at the other tables were filled by Mr. W. S. Lee, vice president and general manager of the Southern Power Company, also vice president of the American Trust Company; Mr. Clarence Kuester, president of the Greater Charlotte Club, Mr. Arthur J. Draper, Mr. J. S. Myers and Dr. I. W. Falson.

Mr. Stephens made a short but appropriate address, giving briefly the history and growth of the American Trust Company. He stated that bankers were popularly supposed to be a cold-blooded and unemotional lot, and that since they had to deal mostly with the dull, prosaic facts of life, it would be permissible, perhaps, if they now and then indulged a little sentiment.

He said he would call enthusiasm a sentiment and all would agree that a little enthusiasm would be pardonable in a celebration such as those assembled were engaged in.

Mr. Stephens said he was forcefully reminded that there was a difference in the condition of the institution on the close of the first day's business of the bank, July 15, 1901, and the close of the business day ten years later, July 15, 1911. At the close of the first day's business there were assets amounting to \$30,000. At the close of business ten years later there were assets of a little over two million dollars.

He remarked further that he was glad to welcome such a body of men as that he faced and would presently give some of them a chance to express themselves.

Mr. Stephens said that Charlotte was a young man's town and principally for the reason that its foremost citizens, even though advanced in years, were young in spirit. As a fine type of the young men referred to, he introduced as the first speaker of the occasion

Mr. J. H. Weddington. Mr. Weddington said he would not have been ready to accept the invitation had he known he would have been called upon for a speech. Mr. Weddington said that Charlotte was dependent upon young men and reckoned the young men of the American Trust Company and others like them as the city's most valuable asset.

The opportunity to make Charlotte a great city and to do great good for yourselves and your fellowmen is yours, if you will but embrace it," said Mr. Weddington.

Mr. Stephens, introducing the second speaker, Mr. Clarence O. Kuester, said: "The Queen City has capitalized his enthusiasm and made it a great municipal asset, which was known to the public as the Greater Charlotte Club. Mr. Kuester spoke of confidence as the keynote of the banking business and pointed out that confidence permitted cooperation, without which no banking system could be successfully carried on and which was necessary to the growth of any city. He took the opportunity to say that such institutions as the American Trust Company were the bulwark and support of a Greater Charlotte. He urged that the capitalists there use their influence and cooperate to attract manufactures and other industries to Charlotte.

Mr. W. F. Harding was the next speaker called upon by Toastmaster Stephens and responded in a very happy style. He paid a handsome compliment to the business acumen and foresightedness that had brought the American Trust Company to its present stage of development. He said the banking business was the heart of the industrial body and that money was the blood which that heart pumped into the industrial body making it healthy and vital.

Dr. I. W. Falson was introduced by Mr. Stephens as a very close friend of the bank and one to whom the bank was glad to be a friend. He made an interesting talk congratulating the officers, stockholders and the city on the progress made by the institution and the evidence it afforded of the city's solid prosperity.

Mr. Paul A. Whitlock, whose addition to the institution's force in the capacity of trust officer, has recently been announced, was the next speaker and made an appropriate talk, referring especially to the field that offered the extension of the trust feature of a bank.

Mr. W. S. Lee of the Southern Power Company, was next introduced by Mr. Stephens and made a very interesting address. Mr. Lee referred to the fact that when he arrived in Char-

lotte in the interest of the Southern Power Company several years ago the American Trust Company was the first Charlotte institution to extend the glad hand to the young enterprise which has now the prospect of opening a great interurban system in this section.

Messrs. E. R. Preston, A. J. Draper, Ward H. Wood, M. B. Snider and Dr. A. D. Glasscock also were called upon by Mr. Stephens and responded in happy vein. Mr. Wood being the secretary and treasurer of the American Trust Company and Dr. Glasscock being newly elected to a position with the company also.

The occasion was a most enjoyable one and enjoyed by every guest.

Drainage Commission to meet again

The Mecklenburg County Drainage Commission after being in recess practically all day yesterday with the representatives of three drainage engineering companies and Mr. C. W. Mengel, expert engineer of the United States government adjourned to meet again next Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

The commissioners spent most of the day visiting sites where drainage work is contemplated, looking over the situation carefully with Engineer Mengel, and in examining into the merits of drainage machinery offered by the representatives of each company.

They will probably give the contract to a representative of one of the companies to forward the plans, dredges and shovels to Charlotte in order that the drainage work may begin at once. Mr. J. Frank Wilkes and Mr. Will D. Alexander, both engineers and machinists of the city, sat with the board in an advisory capacity and assisting the commission in selecting the best machinery.

Mr. Mengel, the government's representative who came here to look over the situation with the drainage commission of the county is positive in his opinion that the drainage project for Mecklenburg county is very feasible. He not only gave a very sturdy to the topography of Little Sugar creek, which was visited yesterday and which is marked for drainage, but he confirmed his opinion made on a previous visit that the proposition for extensive drainage in the county is very practicable.

Mr. Mengel is connected with the agricultural department of the government and his duty is mainly connected with the draining of lands for agricultural purposes. His preliminary report, made some months ago, was to the effect that the small area that could be reclaimed for agricultural purposes in Mecklenburg county would not justify the government in making a survey for that purpose alone, but that from a sanitary standpoint it would pay abundantly and that fact combined with the value of reclaimed territory would vastly compensate all the expense of a survey and a carrying out of the drainage plans. In other words the value of lands reclaimed for agriculture would be negligible, because there is very little swamp or marsh land in the county; but from a sanitary standpoint, combined with the improvement in agricultural results even in small degree, it would be a very paying proposition. Mr. Mengel is confident that the drainage project can be completed with very little expense and is sure it will be done.

The commission is evincing a firmness of purpose in carrying out the purpose of the commission that is meeting with the commendation of the public at large.

Mr. Alexander Died In Seversville

Mr. J. Frank Alexander died at his home at Seversville yesterday afternoon at 6:05 o'clock following an illness of considerable duration from tuberculosis, his condition having become serious last May.

He is survived by his wife and child, master Howard Wilson Alexander, and the following brothers and sisters: Messrs. Robert M. Herrett, C. John O. Alexander; Misses Myrtle Ola and Annie Alexander and Mrs. James C. Rose, of Waynesville.

Mr. Alexander was 50 years of age and of the last three years was to Miss Mamie Walker, of Berryhill township. He was for a number of years in the government civil service. He was a man of the highest type of character and enjoyed the confidence and respect of all who knew him.

The funeral will be conducted from Seversville Presbyterian church tomorrow afternoon by the pastor, Rev. Mr. West, assisted by Rev. J. E. Berryhill, pastor of Paw Creek Presbyterian church.

Assessed Valuation May Reach \$18,000,000

Mr. D. Baxter Henderson, county assessor, and his assistants, made at earnest effort to complete their work last night, but did not succeed in doing so.

They begin early in the morning on the round-up of computation, after they must make their report to the county board of equalization, which meets tomorrow.

It is variously surmised that the assessment for this year will run anywhere between \$17,000,000 and \$18,000,000 for Charlotte township. The assessed value of real estate was personal property four years ago was \$16,638,508 for Charlotte township.

A new assessment was ordered for this year. It is the fourth year since the last assessment was made. The list-takers—or assistant assessors—begin work May 1, and have been steadily engaged in their work.

Mr. Ely's Father Died Yesterday

Mr. Ben Ely, the well known travel agent in Baltimore, arrived here yesterday morning. Last night a telegram came to him announcing the death of his father in Baltimore. Mr. Ely left for Baltimore on the 10 o'clock train.