

HEALTH TALKS

BY THE
VANCE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

NO. 1.—FRIEND OR ENEMY?

A few people know a great deal about loss of life that is due to diseases that could be prevented. Probably the majority of people do not know about this waste of human life for they have not thought about it. Many of them cannot be made to think about until they have lost a loved one.

The question, "is a health officer a friend or an enemy?" is one of importance. Let us ask a few questions in order to find out just what he is: Is he a policeman? No. Is it his business to stir up strife and have people arrested? No. Is he an inspector of back yards? No. Well then what is he? First of all he is a teacher. And right here let me say that until the people as a whole are taught that human life is worth saving, and until we get the people to practice the thing they are taught, and practice those things voluntarily, we will not get very far in public health work.

Oh yes, sometimes the health officer is compelled to ask the aid of the police to enforce certain laws, but the idea I am trying to convey is that when the people themselves realize the importance of these things they will seldom need more than a suggestion that certain improvements are needed.

Now, is it a friend or an enemy that gives Typhoid serum to three thousand people in Vance county in one year, and thus saves perhaps a hundred people from that disease? Is it a friend or an enemy that points out the 56 deaths we had in our county last year from Tuberculosis, and is endeavoring now to teach every person who has the disease how not to give it to others? Is it a friend or an enemy that puts warning signs on homes where there are contagious diseases so that other people may avoid those diseases? Is it a friend or an enemy that notifies people of stagnant water that breeds mosquitoes to spread Malaria? Is it a friend or an enemy that requires stables to be kept clean in order that flies may not be allowed to breed and spread Typhoid and Dysentery? Is it—Oh well, why multiply. If you are willing to help we will have a healthy town and county; and if you are not willing to do your part we won't be able to accomplish very much.

Two Classes Confirmed.

A class of seventeen was confirmed at the Church of the Holy Innocents last Sunday morning. Bishop J. B. Cheshire officiating. The second class of fifteen was confirmed at St. John's Mission Chapel Sunday evening by Bishop Cheshire.

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BAPTISTS HAD RALLY AT SOUTH HENDERSON

Contests, Essays, a Lecture, and Presentations of Prizes at Sunday School.

(Special Correspondence.)

A splendid program was rendered by the Junior and Senior choirs of South Henderson Baptist church Sunday. The two choirs had a very interesting and well balanced contest. The judges rendered their decision two to one in favor of the senior choir, which received a beautiful desk for the Philathea Class Room. This prize was given by the Baraca Class. Some of the girls read essays on the life of Washington, which would be a credit to any school girl of equal age anywhere in the State.

There were 257 present at Sunday school besides the visitors, which made the attendance nearly 400. Each one was given a small card containing the stars and bars and a Geo. Washington hatchet in memory of Washington's Birthday.

After the choirs had finished their contest the audience was addressed by Dr. D. C. Absher, who made a very fitting talk on sanitation. Dr. Absher emphasized how important it was to keep down the spread of disease in the thickly settled districts. His remarks seemed to be well taken by all who heard him. The last thing on the program was the awarding of the prize, which was done in a very fitting manner by Mr. W. W. Parker.

All those present seemed to enjoy themselves to the fullest extent, and many said that it was one of the great days in the history of the Church.

Wake Forest Baptists Call Georgia Pastor.

Wake Forest, Feb. 22.—The Wake Forest Baptist church yesterday unanimously extended a call to Dr. E. C. Dargan, pastor of the First Baptist church of Macon, Ga., since 1907.

Dr. Dargan is a native of South Carolina, born in Darlington county. He is a graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the holder of degrees from Furman University, Washington and Lee and Baylor University of Texas. He has served as a pastor of churches in several different States, including North Carolina, Virginia, South Carolina, California and Georgia. From 1888 to 1892 he was a professor in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, and he served as president of the Southern Baptist Convention in the years 1911 and 1912.

THIRD LYCEUM LECTURE THURSDAY EVENING

At Central Grade School.—Dr. L. A. Williams, of State University, Will Give Evening With Riley—Musical Program Also.

The third of the series of Lyceum lectures will be given in the auditorium of the Central graded school building on Thursday evening of this week.

The speaker is Dr. L. A. Williams, professor of school administration in the University of North Carolina. His subject is "An Evening With James Whitcomb Riley." The following musical program will be rendered:

Vocal solo, Mrs. N. P. Straus with accompaniment by Miss Willie Gilkerson; Glow Worm, Intermezzo by Paul Lincke, by orchestra; harp by Frank Nicolai, violin by Joe Nicolai, violin by Mrs. F. L. Walker, mandolin by Mrs. S. P. Coper, vocal Mr. Perry Rose, Mr. James Cooper, Miss Gilkerson.

Health Department Meet Tomorrow

The Health Department of the Woman's Club will meet tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the high school building. Plans for Baby Week will be completed, the date having been set for the week including March 6, on which night Miss Grandall, of the National Public Health Work, will be present and give a lecture. Everybody is invited to attend the meeting tomorrow.

Baptist Ladies Met Yesterday.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist church met with Mrs. S. L. Morgan yesterday afternoon. The program was in charge of Mrs. T. T. Hicks, and after it was rendered, Miss Taggart, a returned missionary from North China, made an address. Refreshments were served by the hostess, and a large attendance was present.

ENTIRE COMPANY OF THE WELSH CLERGYMEN PARADE

(By the Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 22.—An entire company composed of Welsh clergymen and theological students has just had its first parade at Rhyd. It has 240 members and is attached to the Royal Army Medical Corps. All denominations are represented—Episcopalians, Methodists, Baptists, Congregationalists, Roman Catholics and a student for a Jewish rabbinship. The company, after the parade, left for Sheffield for training.



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SECRETARY LANSING RECALLS RECORD OF SECRETARY ROOT

Washington, Feb. 22.—Senator Stone, after conference with Secretary Lansing, has discovered that while former Secretary Root argued passionately that the United States failed signally in its duty by not protesting against the violation of the neutrality of Belgium, his own record as secretary of state under Roosevelt is not a bit clear.

When a special commissioner from Korea, Min Yangi Tehan, called on Secretary Root in December, 1905, and appealed to him to protest in the name of a treaty which

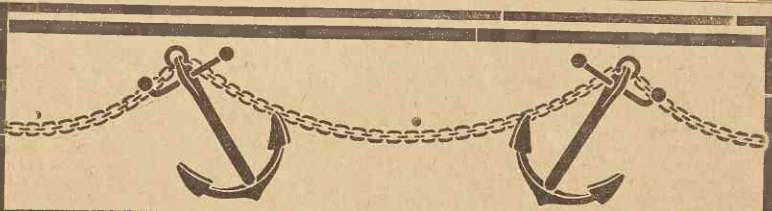
existed between the United States and Korea against the aggression of Japan, the then American secretary turned a deaf ear. America, Mr. Root now argues, should have protested against the violation of Belgium's neutrality under The Hague convention—though not a single other neutral national did, but, irrespective of the doubtful construction of the convention, it would seem to have been manifestly more the duty of the United States to help Korea under a specific treaty of unequivocal language. Mr. Root, however, playing the expediencies of far eastern politics and supported by Mr. Roosevelt in his course, deliberately rejected the appeal of Korea.

The all-important document addressed by Secretary Root to the special envoy from Korea, which is to be one of the points in the Wilson administration's answer to the political speech of the ex-senator from New York, is now in the hands of Senator Stone.

Mrs. R. H. Duke has returned home from a visit to her sisters, Mrs. A. B. Curran, at Fuquay Springs, and Miss Essie Daniel at Meredith College at Raleigh.

DAIRYING, BETTER STOCK AND CATTLE INTERESTING TO FARMERS OF CALDWELL.

Lenoir, Feb. 22.—The farmers of Caldwell county are becoming more interested each year in dairying and better stock and cattle for their farms. At a meeting held this week at Oak Hill school, a few miles east of Lenoir, a large crowd was present to hear addresses by representatives from the state department of agriculture on dairying, care of the milk and the feeding of the cattle in order that the best results may be obtained at a minimum cost. For several years past G. M. Go-forth, former county farm demonstrator, succeeded in interesting the farmers in better stock cattle and dairying, and his successor, Mr. Proffitt, is still carrying on the good work, begun by his predecessor. In discussing the various breeds of dairy cattle the speakers showed pictures of the best types of cattle best suited to this section of the country. The interest continues to grow and in a few years Caldwell will be slated with other dairy producing counties of North Carolina.



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