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WOMAN AND EDUCATION.

The Uncrowned Queen of America Must be Fitted for Her Exalted Station.

The following extracts are from an address delivered at Nashville, Tenn., sometime last year by Mrs. Elizabeth Burgess Buford, President of the Clarksville, Tenn. Academy:

Woman, the crowning manifestation of creative power, has appeared a mighty factor in the problem of existence, in all ages and in all countries. Upon the dark background of antiquity she is seen in bold relief, the slave to father, husband, son. Even with highly favored Israel, cultured Greece, or aggressive Rome, her condition was little improved, though in exceptional instances she seized the reins of government, commanded mighty armies, and burst forth in triumphal odes. In thefulness of time, through Eastern civilization, Grecian culture, Hebrew revelation, and Roman conquest, the gates of war were closed, and the Prince of Peace came—the seed of the woman to bruise the serpent's head. 'Last at the Cross and first at the Tomb,' woman has become to the world a ministering angel and the messenger of salvation. With the advent of Christianity began the enfranchisement of woman, and with its progress she has continued to unfold and ascend until to-day, through Christendom her power for good is limited only by opportunity and self-culture. The Caucasian, the Aryan, the Indo-European, the Anglo-Saxon—moving Westward, conquering and to conquer, and finally seeking refuge in the wilds of an unknown land—woman ever true to the impulse of heart and brain, accompanied him, his faithful companion, laboring beside him in every enterprise and industry, every means of education and development, every effort looking to a higher civilization.

The uncrowned Queen of America, in art, science, literature, almost every avocation of life, success has rewarded her efforts, till no danger daunts her and no foe withstands. Turning to woman in ante-bellum days, as the outgrowth of a genial Southern climate, of Southern chivalry, and Southern institutions, physically, mentally, morally, and socially, she was recognized at home and abroad as the highest exponent of Christian womanhood. But the mighty conflict came, this cultured daughter of wealth, aristocracy, and indolence, bereft of all that had rendered life lovely, thrown upon her own resources, became the comfort and support of overpowered, down-trodden manhood. Under these changed conditions there arose the demand for a broader, more practical culture. Startling facts and exigencies arise at the very threshold of this inquiry, and not the least important is the distressing physical weakness of Southern girls. What shall be done? Society and fashion are sapping the health and strength of Southern womanhood, till something must be done, and done quickly, to bring rescue. This young creature is exquisitely strung, she is quick, she is refined; but she is too nervous, too wiry, too sensitive; she burns away too fast; only the easiest of circumstances, the most watchful care and nursing can keep her within the limits of comfortable health.

Education must be for life, intellectual training should be for utility, for enduring permanency more than for temporary brilliancy, and for matronly activities rather than for matrimonial success. The culture demanded for the broad sphere of Southern womanhood is that which will give resources that will endure as long as life endures; habits that time will ameliorate, not destroy; occupations that will render sickness tolerable, solitaire pleasant, age venerable, life more dignified and useful, and therefore death less terrible. More thorough education and less graduation, should be the watchword of Southern schools. The moral nature should be uplifted, the feelings disciplined, the passions restrained; true and worthy motives inspired, profound religious sentiment instilled, and pure morality inculcated under all circumstances. Woman is not undeveloped man, but diverse, so her training should differ as widely from that of her brother as does her nature. Not law, but expediency, should fix her occupation, and the one great object of her

creation should be kept ever present, from infancy to womanhood, by parent and teacher.

While the boy should be educated as the prospective breadwinner, neglect not the more important education of the girl. Beginning with the all-important kindergarten, offer every opportunity for the highest and noblest culture. Establish the very best schools, colleges, conservatories, and universities for her, in her own Southland, and then when she comes forth the glorious expression of her honored alma mater, may she still remember her mission, and be reflected in the uplifting of future generations.

It is vain to fight against God and nature, but, working in harmony with His great laws, brings success and happiness.

Wife! Mother! The chief education of woman is that which fits her for the duties and responsibilities of these relations, which God has ordained in His infinite wisdom and goodness. Any education, however thorough and polished it may be in science, art, and literature, that overlooks or ignores this distinctive work, is defective and is to be deplored. Woman's sphere is distinct from that of man, and is chiefly and of necessity in the home.

From the true home, created by woman, must radiate that power and influence that will reach all classes of society, enter every station of life and every department of business. The true wife and mother, in her fidelity to God and the home, does more for our common humanity and to save souls than she could possibly do in any other way. Educate woman to fill her God-appointed place, 'not at the head, not at the foot of man, but by his side, as his equal and companion, as his second and better self, his image and his glory, the divider of his sorrows and the multiplier of his joys, his partner in learning, his messmate in the bivouac of life, and his fellow-soldier in the warfare for a crown and kingdom in Heaven.'

In this great educational movement of Christian Protestantism for the uplifting of humanity there is evident the advance thought and sentiment of this enlightened, progressive age. Christ is the light of the world and His Word has proven the motive power of emancipation. The nineteenth century has been aptly termed the missionary century, but the heathen are at our door, and ignorance and superstition are rampant in the land.

Governor Aycock's Remarks.

Governor Aycock, who is one of the most earnest leaders in the new educational movement in the State, spoke at the recent meeting of the Teachers' Assembly at Wrightsville. Below we give some extracts from his speech:

"I am very glad to have this opportunity extended to me by your committee to be with you to-night. It is a pleasure to meet with you who are doing more than any others for the upbuilding of the State. It is a great and self-sacrificing work that you have chosen. It is inadequately rewarded and now is the time for all the people to say a word of cheer to the teachers.

"This is an opportune year to assure you that the hearts of all the good people of North Carolina are with you.

"There has been times when men combatted the idea that education was necessary, but that was before the day of constitutional growth and constitutional changes.

"The declaration of every citizen and every voter in the State declares through the Constitution that education shall be forever encouraged.

"We have determined, at last, after a long time, to educate every child in the State.

"I make that declaration now, and I make it backed by all the good people of North Carolina. It is the declaration of every man in the State who honored me with his ballot, and with that declaration there arises a new purpose.

"It has been clearly demonstrated that no people can be a rich people until they know something, for knowledge is power. We have a great State and it is capable of great development. This assembly is meeting on historic ground. In this place were heroes produced, than whom no greater has the world ever seen—the Waddells, Ashes, Harnetts.

"They fought the first battle in behalf of freedom and won the first victory against British oppression.

They were first to adopt a declaration of independence. They were first at Bethel and at Appomattox they laid down more arms than any other State.

"They loved liberty. No finer soldier has even been produced in all the world than the North Carolina soldier. We must now train our men for the life they have to lead.

"We must train him for the good of the man himself until he feels a new power in him, for his happiness and for the good of the State and while we are training them we are moving North Carolina up in the list of States.

"I believe in the light and I am glad when our friends come down and aid us in our fight against darkness, but we must learn to do it ourselves and then go out and help others. North Carolinians have determined to rise on the stepping stones of their dead selves to higher things and those higher things will be devotion to duty and service. We must make public opinion so strong in the State that it will hold every man in North Carolina responsible for his child, for his development and opportunity.

"You teachers have every agency on your side, the church, politicians and the press. All are working in one common cause for the upbuilding of the State and to educate its men and women for they are what make a State.

"With this educated people you will leave the greatest State that the sun shines upon.

"Why is it that we are so poor and Massachusetts so rich? Because when the Pilgrim fathers landed on Plymouth rock they built a church and nearby a school house.

"What I propose is that we learn how to make our own living and keep it at home, that we grow rich, not to have riches, but to use riches for upbuilding of the State and the glory of God. Now is the time ripe, for the education of our children, their uplifting and their development.

"This is the duty set before you, it is your privilege and your manifest destiny."

The Battle of Moore's Creek.

BY ELSE GREGORY.

(Paper read at the closing exercises of Henderson Graded School May 17, 1901.)

There is no State in the Union whose early history is marked by greater patriotism, more unsullied devotion to liberty, or more indomitable opposition to every form of tyranny than North Carolina.

Yet how little of that early history has been given to the world!

While Virginia, on one side, has had the labors of her Jefferson, whose intellect shed a lustre on every subject it touched; and a Marshall, who was as illustrious as Chief Justice of the highest tribunal of our land as his character was pure in all the relations of life; and the classic genius of her Wirt, Stith, Campbell, Howe, and many others devoted to her history, and to the biography of her distinguished sons. While South Carolina, on the other, has employed the "philosophic pen" of her Ramsey, Drayton, Simms, and others; North Carolina, earlier colonized, in point of history, full of glorious examples of patriotism and chivalric daring, has been neglected by her own sons and others.

Among the glorious specimens of patriots manifested in our dear old State was the struggle at the bridge of Moore's Creek, in New Hanover county, near where it joins South River. Our fearless patriots, under the command of Caswell and Lillington, had met and entrenched themselves on the east, or farther side of the creek, which, though narrow, was deep and muddy. With keen insight they removed the planks from the rude bridge and greased the sleepers—round, smooth pine logs from which the bark had peeled—with tallow and soft soap to make them still more slippery. They numbered about eleven hundred and were full of enthusiasm. Those from Craven wore silver crescents in their hats with "Liberty or Death" inscribed on them, and their determination was to rid themselves of the harsh hands of England or to die.

The enemy, commanded by General McDonald, had crossed South River on the banks of which Caswell and Lillington were encamped, and here they also encamped for the night, determined to attack the patriots on the morrow.

This night the small stream of South River only separated the belligerent camps, the watch fires of both were plainly visible to each other. Like on the famed

and bloody field of Agincourt, "From camp to camp, through the foul womb of night, The hum of either army stillly sounds, That the fixed sentinels almost receive The secret whispers of each other's watch. Fire answers fire, and each successive shout Give dreadful note of preparation."

By the dawn of day, February 27th, 1776, the royal forces were in motion, the shrill notes of their pibroch were heard summoning their belted chiefs with their clans to battle. Our troops were ready to receive them and active and brisk fire commenced on both sides of the stream which for a moment was severe and fatal, when the Scottish leader, Colonel McLeod, in attempting a gallant charge across the bridge, was killed. His troops were confused by the loss of their leader, and the unexpected absence of the planks on the bridge. Availing themselves of these advantages, our troops charged in turn with great animation across the stream and engaged the whole force of the enemy. After a gallant resistance the royal troops were routed and their general, McDonald, taken prisoner.

It was an overwhelming victory and most important in its effects. Had it not been for this defeat of the Tories, they would have effected a union with Clinton and his troops from abroad, and then the whole country would have been at their mercy. There was only one of our men killed in this battle. His name was Grady, from Duplin county. When he was buried the captain of his company, James Love, took off his own sword, wrapped a silk handkerchief round it and laid it on his dead friend's breast. His is among the too many unknown or unmarked graves of our lost heroes.

This defeat of the Tories placed North Carolina in her proper place among the foremost on the side of liberty; it inspired her patriots with fresh confidence; it taught the Tories a lesson; and, above all, it saved the State from a threatened invasion by Lord Cornwallis.

The day after the battle Colonel Caswell sent his report of it to the State council. The ardor excited by such glorious news was so great that in less than a fortnight full ten thousand men were in arms and enrolled, ready to march to Wilmington.

Salust informs us that Scipio and Maximus, when beholding the statues of their illustrious countrymen, became violently agitated. "It could not," he says, "be the inanimate marble which possessed this mighty power. It was the recollections of noble actions which kindled this generous flame in their bosoms, only to be quenched when they, too, by their achievements and merits had acquired equal reputation."

And so, by the light of our forefathers, let every gallant youth with ardor move to do brave deeds and follow in their patriotic footsteps.—Henderson Gold Leaf.

CANCER

Sufferers from this horrible malady nearly always inherit it—not necessarily from the parents, but may be from some remote ancestor, for Cancer often runs through several generations. This deadly poison may lay dormant in the blood for years, or until you reach middle life, then the first little sore or ulcer makes its appearance—or a swollen gland in the breast, or some other part of the body, gives the first warning.

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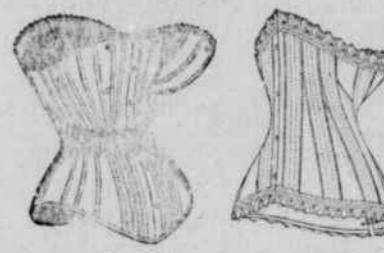
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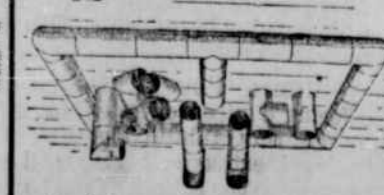
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