

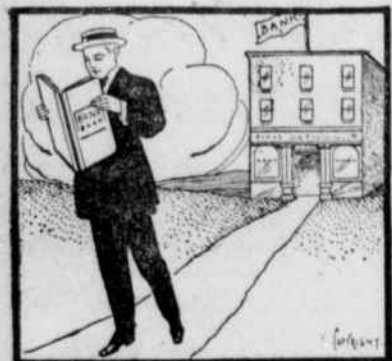
The Church's Opportunity in the South.

Mr. Clarence H. Poe, the talented young editor of the Progressive Farmer, recently spent several weeks in Europe studying conditions in the old country. While on the return voyage thinking of what he had seen and learned, and then of the South's possibilities and opportunity, he wrote a very interesting article on "How the South May Win Leadership." From this article, published in his paper of October 15, we make the following extract:

"It must also be to our advantage that more largely perhaps in the Cotton States than in any other of the world today is the Book of Books accepted as the unquestioned moral and spiritual criterion. Much more strongly Puritan now than even New England itself, the South is learning what New England did not learn in time—how to combine the sterling uprightness of Puritanism with the warmth and beauty of modern culture. To keep the stronger virtues of Puritanism and yet hold on to tolerance and hospitality and joyfulness—this is the character which, it seems to me, the South should set itself to develop as typical of the Southerner; and the qualities are in us for the making of this product, if only they are properly handled. That we have the qualities of generosity, geniality, and hospitality is unquestioned; and that an unusual religious instinct is also ours it takes but a little observation in other sections to prove.

I have traveled from the Atlantic to the Pacific in America, and now in the most of the European countries, and nowhere have I found Sunday observed as it is in the South, the church in such favor, or religion so much a part of the people's lives. It will be well indeed if the church with us shall recognize its great opportunity, shall lend itself to the occasion, and make itself the mightiest factor in the production of that ideal character of which I have been writing—the character which will combine the unswerving uprightness of the Puritan with the warmth and geniality for which the Southern man is already noted. In Europe religion has been reduced in most countries to fable and form: it is a mixture of mediaeval traditions and of ecclesiastical calisthenics, dead formalism that does not lay hold upon the lives of the people; and in France especially the intolerance and formalism of the church is largely responsible for the spread of atheism.

"I mention this matter at some length because the church has an opportunity in the South such as it has hardly anywhere else in the world, and because upon its use of this opportunity depends in a large measure the future rank of our section. It is not sentimentalism, is not a mere pious generalization, but it is the truth of history that no people can achieve and maintain greatness except by adherence to rigid moral standards. When the old Psalmist said centuries ago, "Happy is the people whose God is the Lord," he was preaching as good politics as religion."



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Educational Department

Conducted by J. P. CANADAY  
County Supt. of Public Schools.

County Teachers' Association Called Saturday, December 5, 1908.

According to the adjournment of the last meeting of the Johnston County Teachers' Association the next meeting of said Association was to be called by the County Superintendent of Schools. I therefore hereby call a meeting of all our teachers to meet at Smithfield on Saturday, December 5, 1908 at 10 o'clock a. m.

Program: Hill's Young People's History of North Carolina. Nature of Exercises—Memory Testing.

Let every teacher come prepared to make at least a short answer to every question laid down in the fifty chapters of the book. This meeting may be called a History Bee-Match-Race, or a—what not. No time will be given to pedagogics, and all contested points will be decided at once by the umpire and all appeals as to questions of fact will be heard after the book is gone through with and settled by popular vote. The maximum time for the contest will be two hours. Each teacher, or contestant will have an equal chance at the questions, and the test will be as to who can answer correctly the most questions in Hill's North Carolina History. The following are appointed to ask the questions:

First ten chapters—Prof. L. T. Royall, Principal Benson Public High School.

Second ten chapters—Prof. S. G. Rollings, Principal Kenly Public High School.

Third ten chapters—Prof. J. E. Purcell, Principal Wilson's Mills Public High School.

Fourth ten chapters—Prof. B. H. Carraway, Principal Clayton High School.

Fifth ten chapters—Prof. B. F. Hassell, Principal Selma Graded School.

Ex-Superintendent Turlington is to umpire the contest and all of the other teachers of the County—teachers in the high schools, graded schools and country public schools—the County Superintendent of schools, pupils, citizens and whosoever will in Johnston County are to be contestants. Prizes may be announced later.

It may be asked, why have such a meeting as this? The answer is chiefly from the following reasons:

(1) For several years until recently no particular text in North Carolina History has been adopted for use in the schools. This has resulted in loss of interest to the extent that the teachers' final reports from all the schools last year showed that only 80 pupils in the County studied North Carolina History whereas more than 800 of our 9,000 white pupils should have studied that branch.

(2) Dr. Hill has written a concise, simple and inspiring history of our State. It is criminal to allow our youth to grow up ignorant of our State's history. A general preparation and testing of the teachers will result in more historical knowledge for all the people.

Let all our teachers remember the day and get ready for the most profitable association meeting that we have ever had. The meeting is made late so that there will be ample time to study the new book.

J. P. CANADAY,  
County Supt.

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