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ant associations of the Teachers Assembly. Each will go his own way to perform his appointed work, or chase his favorite phantom, till the evening shadows lengthen, and the night comes down at last.

But there is a land of the living, where life grows to its fullness, into which at last "they who are ready" shall enter, to "see the King in his beauty" and rejoice and gladden and brighten in his presence forever.

"All Hail then to that Summer land
Whose blossoms never wither
Though here we part each other's hand
We'll keep our journey thither."

Demorest Medal Contests.

A contest for one of the highly valuable Demorest Diamond Medals was held in Cincinnati last week by eight declaimers, each from a different state. Miss Minnie Warren, of Illinois was the winner. She had been through a thorough course of training under one of the finest experts of the country. No money or care being spared in fitting her to achieve the victory.

North Carolina was well represented in the contest by Miss Johnsie Gillespie of Greensboro. She had no special training; she prepared herself simply from the knowledge of such matters which she had acquired from instruction at school, and she made a very favorable impression, though by speaking first she was subjected to the annoyance of having a number of people who arrived late to enter while she was declaiming.

The contestents had previously been notified that at the conclusion of the declamations each would be expected to make a two minute speech on her State and in this effort Miss Gillespie, with equal preparation as the others and under precisely similar environments easily eclipsed them all, both in the subject matter of her remarks and in their delivery. She would have been the unqestioned possessor of the elegant medal had its bestoval depended upon that.

We have given several articles on this subject and advocated holding some of these contests in New Berne. Sufficient interest has now developed to give reasonable assurance that several will take place in the city during the coming winter.

It costs nothing to enter, there is absolutely no expense whatever except the purchase of the books which contain the the extracts from which it is required that the declaimers make their own selections. Some of the parties who think of participating have already procured copies of the books. As the most of our readers know the cost of medals is met by drawing from a large sum set aside for the purpose by W. Jennings Demorest of New York a strong prohibition advocate who fixed upon this plan of inculcating temperance instruction throughout the length and breadth of the Union.

There are four grades, the medal in each advancing one being much finer than in the one that precedes it. We have the rules governing the contests. They are short and when sufficient interest is aroused to make it desirable we will publish them.

Incorrect Spelling of Proper Names.

We have received some copies of a circular from our esteemed friend, William H. Oliver, Esq, in which he makes mention of Gen. James Hegin meaning thereby Gen. James Hogun, one of our most deserving North Carolina generals during the Revolutionary war, who won his promotion for gallant conduct on the battlefield, and received it from the Continental Congress, notwithstanding the legislature of North Carolina had recommended the appointment of another line officer to that vacancy.

It is to be regretted that a gentleman so well versed in Colonial matters as Mr. Oliver should be so careless in regard to spelling proper names. But doubtless he understands that the old time folks were not very particular in such matters. Raleigh spelt his name a dozen different ways. Shakespeare was equally indifferent as to his own name. Washington, the father of us all, and who was a very particular man spelt very much according to his fancy. We doubt if Washington would have spelt even the name of our North Carolina Athens—which was very well known to him—the same way twice in succession. So if our friend has made a slip in spelling Gen. Hogun's name, we hope the spirit of the old patriot general will forgive him.—Raleigh News and Observer.

A Blissful Anticipation!

Being very grateful to the people for their past patronage and support, and thinking they would like to know something of my former history, I have concluded to write a short sketch of my life. I do not do this with any self pride or conceit, but hoping that some good may come out of it. Many a poor boy whose circumstances are strained and surroundings are such that the future looks only dark may be encouraged to make an effort hearing what a poor country boy has done. So while this may cost me some considerable effort and loss of sleep, yet I shall spare no pains or time in giving a true history of what my life has been so far. Of course it is useless to mention my name for all know that there is not another man on earth that would attempt so much for his friends, that the same Big Ike whose purchases at 40, 50, and 67½ cents on the dollar bring so much profit and causing so many smiles to the poor of our land.

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