

THE HOME CIRCLE.

A Column Devoted To Tired Mothers As They Join The Home Circle At Evening Tide.

"They talk about a woman's sphere, As though it had a limit; There's not a place in earth or heaven, There's not a task to mankind given, There's not a blessing or a woe, There's not a whisper, Yes or No, There's not a life, a death or birth, That has a feather's weight, Without a woman in it."

NOTHING permanent was ever gained in business, friendship or love by insincerity of word or act.

Not infrequently we see mothers who mentally and physically antagonize their daughters, but there is a Spiritual law, as well as the law of good taste, which should compel a daughter to be respectful and polite to her mother, even if she cannot give her love or admiration.

As king over the stalwart oak and lofty pine, the fig-tree would have been a dead failure, and as much out of place as some of our politicians are in congress; but for bearing figs the oak and pine are its inferiors. Bearing figs is the grandest thing in the world for a fig tree. It shines in its own sphere; but, stripped of its fig-bearing power, it has no excuse for existence. Sometimes a mother, who reigns as a majestic queen in her own household, forsakes her quiet sweetness of home rule for a noisy, rough, public career, for which she has not the slightest qualification. Of course there are no such mothers who are readers of this paper, but we have seen them and so have you.

SOME of us, especially the strictly orthodox christians are likely to meet with great surprise in the world to come. Each soul like each railroad engine must follow its own headlight. There are many tracks, but the Great Station awaits us all if we follow the headlight of our conscience and live close to the Golden Rule.

MARRIAGE is only beautiful, moral or holy while love rivets two hearts and peace and harmony broods over the hearthstone.

THE best trained teachers can never relieve the parent of the grave responsibility and God-given privileges of being the spiritual guide of the child.

We wonder how many parents realize that their child is a book of blank paper in which shall be recorded the record of their own lives. Be careful therefore what you have written there for the world will read it. All your secret thoughts the child will try to write.

So long as men travel there will always be a sale and demand for guide books. We want to know the best road to the country we have not yet seen and all the particulars pertaining to it. The Bible is a safe guide book that tells of an unseen country and how best to reach it. There would be more business integrity and truer success if our young men would carry in their pockets and study the book of Proverbs. "He becometh poor that dealth with a slack hand, but the hand of the diligent maketh rich." "A false balance is abomination to the Lord, but a just weight is his delight."

THE proper education of our girls is one of the important questions of the present century. It is some thing more than a social problem and is deserving of our best thoughts. It is a

GOOD ROADS INCREASE THE VALUATION

Of Farm Products And Other Property— Only Most Skillful Men Should Be Employed In Their Construction.

Good roads are the best possible investment in any community. There is not an interest that is not benefitted by such improvements. It makes all sorts of farm products more valuable by making markets more accessible. Land located on good roads obviously becomes more valuable as residence property, for it may be more easily and pleasantly reached.

Considering the importance of good roads, it is of vital moment that object-lessons in their building should be well taught. For this reason none but the most skillful engineers and the most conscientious contractors should be employed in building model roads. If the improvement proves good and permanent, it will soon convince the tax-payers that more such road is desirable, and development in that line will follow. Should the model road prove defective, it would be a serious setback to the cause.

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civil and political, a moral and religious problem. The presence of woman constitutes one of the chief charms and benefits of society. It is she who far more than man gives character to society. Into her care have been entrusted the nation's future statesmen, those who soon are to be clothed with authority and to make laws for the greatest nation on the globe, as her education becomes a civil and political problem. Her gentle presence as she bends over the cradle at the silent influence of her daily life are shaping the entire moral character of the coming generation, and thus her education becomes a moral problem. No one is more fond of music than the writer, but life is too short for our daughters to spend years at the music table and then after all their culture be discounted by the ordinary canary bird. Every girl should be given a good practical education, a home education, but that does not mean how to use the dustpan and broom. It means more than the daily routine of housekeeping. The whole mind must be expanded and disciplined by the study of Nature and her laws.

MOTHERS can find rest and recreation for themselves and make lasting impressions upon their children by taking them out in the twilight sultry summer evenings and show them a sky bespangled with stars. By what inconceivable power does that aged star, which is sinking, fatigued and burning in the shades of the evening, reappear at the same instant fresh and humid with the rosy dew of the morning? Go out beneath the arched heavens at night and say if you can "There is no God." Pronounce that dreadful blasphemy and each star above you will approach the unbroken darkness of your intellect; every voice that floats upon the night winds will bewail your utter hopelessness. That there is a God all nature declares in a language so plain to be misapprehended. It is written over the face of the whole creation. You see it in the tender blade just starting from the earth in the early spring and in the sturdy oak that has withstood the blasts of four severe winters. The purling riverlet meandering through downy meadows and verdant glens and Niagara's tremendous torrent leaping over its awful chasm unite in telling us of a God. Show these beautiful arched heavens to your children and explain to them these poets while their young minds are so tender and easily impressed.

WHY TEACHERS SALARIES ARE LIMITED

County Sup't Of Education Justice Explains The Salary Question—Salaries Fixed By County Education Board For Various Districts.

Editor 'News' Will you give me space in your paper to say that in as much as there seems some difficulty in understanding why the salaries of first grade teachers are limited to \$29 per month, I wish to try to make it plain:

Where any county is dependent on the state appropriation for any part of the second one hundred dollars to give a four months school, the state will not allow anything to a district where the salary of the teacher in that district exceeds the AVERAGE SALARY OF A FIRST GRADE TEACHER, TAKE THE STATE AT LARGE.

The average salary of first grade teachers in the state is \$29.05 for 1904 and 1905 as per Supt. Joyner's report. To illustrate: If the committee of a district contracts with a teacher for \$40 per month and another contracts to pay \$29, and in making the apportionment of county funds it is found that there is only enough of the county funds to pay for a three months term in every district, then the district paying \$40 salary will not be allowed anything from the second \$100,000 appropriation, while the district paying \$29 will get enough to make a four months school.

However, in a school where the enrollment reaches 70 names or more, provisions can be made for an assistant teacher, and of course, the payment of assistant salary will be provided for.

I submit herewith a statement of salaries for the various districts of the county as fixed by the County Board of Education:

Table with 2 columns: District No. and Salary. Includes rows for White and Colored districts.

It will be observed that several districts are allowed \$29 per month, and where the enrollment reaches 70 names the question of an assistant teacher will be considered, and, of course, an increase of salary will necessarily follow.

The salary fixed for Dist. No. 1 is \$47, but should the enrollment fall short of 70 then nothing can be had from the State and the school term must be shortened to whatever length of term the county funds will make the other schools of the county apart from the State aid. No appropriation appears for No. 32 as their fund will be used in building a new school house. Dist. No. 33 being composed of parts of Rutherford and Polk counties, this county will pay half of salary at \$22.50 per month. Colored district No. 10 being largely composed of Rutherford county pupils, Polk county will pay only one fourth of a salary of \$20 per month.

Local taxation and a mild compulsory law will, in my opinion, solve the question of salaries and place the county on an independent footing. We are more and more learning to depend on State aid, and as long as this condition exists just that long is the tendency to destroy or check the growth of the manhood and independence of the people going to grow, until finally we will decide that the State will do all. We need to realize that ALL depends on our own efforts and that after we have exhausted every resource then we can consistently ask aid from the State. W. M. JUSTICE, County Supt.

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Legal Notices. LAND ENTERED. Chero Martin entered 50 acres of land more or less in Columbus township on waters of ... creek in Polk county, N. C.

NOTICE OF LAND ENTERED. J. W. B. Steadman entered 50 acres of land, more or less, in Greens Creek township on waters of White Oak creek and Greens Creek, adjoining lands of Simpson, known as the Price land, Jackson Walker, Henry Isles and J. W. B. Steadman. Also Joe Williams, known as the Miller land and others West of Plat No 1041; East of Plat No 1013, North of Plat No 1038, South of White Oak creek. Entered on the 23rd day of Oct. 1905.

THE HICKS ALMANAC FOR 1906. The Rev. Irl R. Hicks Almanac will not be published for 1906, but his Monthly Journal, Word And Works, has been changed into a large and costly Magazine, and it will contain his storm and weather forecasts and other astronomical features complete. November number, now ready, contains the forecasts from January to June 1906. The January number, ready December 20th, will contain the forecasts from July to December, 1906.

RAILROAD MEETING. W. A. SMITH, J. WILLIAMS, J. W. WOFFORD of Hendersonville will address the citizens of the townships that are to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 14th, upon the question of subscription of stock to the Appalachian Interurban Railroad Company, at the following times and places.

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