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Right Thinking Is The Foundation of Moral Character

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Thought and self-control are the two most important factors in life's achievement. On these two aspects depend our power of concentration and they must be maintained by those who wish to make life worth while. It lies within our power to create a world of thought which will enable us to withstand the great storms of mental tension. For sorrow and disappointment pass no one by and suffering is the loom in which character is made. What is thought? A product of the mind, a mental vibration and therefore a force which penetrates even into the physical body and the worldly affairs of mankind. On the other hand, it is simply our manner of thinking. If our manner of thinking is inspired by high ideals and nourished by the practice of virtue and honesty, and is submissive to will power, it will be directed to its highest end; it will achieve moral, intellectual and even material results as surely as sound seeds planted in good soil will come up, blossom and bear fruit following its natural law of growth. Through the same process evil follows evil and sordid lines of thought. And hence we must beware of harboring all sorts of thoughts, especially unworthy sentiments, for every bad mental habit lowers the ideal and weakens the moral nature and our power of resistance. If thought is not

and will spend itself in idle dreaming. From another point of view, thought is a creative force, a fact we must always keep in mind. The creative power of thought resides in every human being for it was given to man to aid him in attaining his full development and consequent happiness. The degree to which it can be taken depends upon individual efforts and true faith in oneself. And, too, thought slowly and unerringly builds up or tears down the whole moral fabric of our being. Consciously or unconsciously, it acts upon every one with whom you have near or remote contact. The great discoveries of science, the mechanical inventions, and the masterpieces in music and art, are but the results of concentrated thought.

If there is any faculty of the human compound of greater importance than thought, that one must be the will, for it is the divine part of man and every one of us possesses, in a greater or less degree, this faculty as an essential constituent of our individuality. When the human will is directed by truth, honesty, and confidence we are guarded by an unerring vision of right. We may think but we cannot tell by a person who possesses all that life has to offer, who seems calm and prosperous, that he is happy, for he may be in a turmoil of interior unrest and dissatisfaction. While his outer life may appear well ordered, inwardly he can be unforgiving, grasping, and self-seeking. No matter how great his suffering, he can possess moral strength and clearness of vision unknown to his prosperous brother that he has mental peace that gives contentment, even in suffering. His life is in a world of pure thought and into such a life the whole world can gaze.

Thoughts are more important than words. Many people are careful about what they say because they realize the disastrous or beneficent consequences

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START WORK ON NEW BUILDINGS AT N. C. COLLEGE

Appropriation of \$145,000 is Available at Once; Building Committee Instructed to Secure Services of Architect.

Work on the proposed new buildings for North Carolina College for Negroes is scheduled to begin just as soon as architect's plans are completed, it was announced yesterday following a meeting of the board of trustees.

The lump sum of \$145,000 appropriated by the legislature for a new dormitory and a dining hall and kitchen plant is available at once, and plans for these two structures will be prepared without further delay, it was stated.

A building committee composed of Dr. Frank C. Brown, J. B. Mason, Luther Carlton and Dr. J. E. Shepard, president of the college, was appointed yesterday to see the building project through to a successful completion. It is planned to have the dining hall and kitchen plant ready for occupancy at the beginning of the fall term. The dormitory will be ready for occupancy by December 1, it is believed.

The new dormitory will cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000 and will provide rooms for 100 girls. The dining hall and kitchen will be ample enough to care for the institution's future expansion.

A new administration and classroom building, now under construction, will be completed during July, it was announced yesterday, and will be

September.

DR. F. S. COFFIN SPOKE TO STUDENTS AND FACULTY OF N. C. COLLEGE

Dr. H. S. Coffin, President of Union Theological Seminary of New York, delivered to the students of the North Carolina College for Negroes, a very interesting address on "Spirituality." Taking from the Bible four characters of spiritual natures, he gave a very helpful and enjoyable lecture. We are glad to welcome such visitors in our midst.

Dr. Coffin is now delivering a series of addresses at Duke University.

OUR DUTY TO BE HAPPY

BY HENRY VANDIKE

"You talk," said I, "as if you thought it was a man's duty to be happy." "I do," he answered firmly. "That is precisely and definitely what I think. It is not his first duty nor his only duty, nor his duty all the time, but a normal man is not intended to go through this world without knowing what happiness means. If he does so he missed something that he needs to complete his nature.

"Especially it is a poor plant that cannot endure the wind and the rain and the winter's cold, but it is a good plant that will not respond to the quickening touch of spring and send out its sweet odors into the embraced warmth of the summer nights.

"Suppose that you have made a house for a child and given him a corner of the garden to keep and set him lessons and tacts and provided him with teachers and masters, would you be satisfied with that child, however diligent and obedient, if you found that the child was never happy, never enjoyed a holiday, never said to himself and to you, what a good place this is and how glad I am to live here?"

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EAGLES WIN OVER VIRGINIA CHAMPS

N. C. College, Led by Vinson, Reaps Revenge for Old Defeats by 9-8 Win.

Wreaking vengeance sweet upon their last year rivals, N. C. College Eagles handed a trimming to the fast Virginia State collegiate nine of Petersburg yesterday, the score being 9-8. Runners-up in the race for title last year, the Eagles closed their season then by losing to Virginia, and 'twas with visions of sweet revenge that they looked forward to Easter Monday's game.

Vinson, veteran pitcher for the Eagles, carried the fight into the enemy camp, winning his own game by striking out eight, and lambasting the horsehide for two triples and a home run.

The fireworks started in the second inning, when Thompson singled, Caldwell did likewise, and Vinson the same, Thompson and Caldwell scoring on Walker's single, giving N. C. first blood and two markers.

Virginia opened up in the third, when doubles by Corprew and Powell enabled the former to chalk up one.

Not to be outdone, N. C., in their half of the third registered two more on a single by Grimes, one by Strowd and ditto by Thompson, Grimes and Strowd completing the trip to the home plate.

N. C. scored again in the 4th, when Vinson clouted the ball for a circuit run.

In the fifth, both teams turned on the bats, and Virginia getting

ell, who were given bases on balls, and Williams who singled. Medley gave his team mates a chance to score by a triple.

Thereafter, N. C. quit. But not Virginia. In a vain but valiant attempt to rally, the Cavaliers scored two in the seventh and two more in the eighth frames.

Thus our tale is ended, and a good game has passed into the records of colored intercollegiate baseball.

Score by innings: R. H. E. Virginia001 030 220—8 7 3 N. C.022 140 000—9 16 2

Batteries: Virginia: Rowe, Brown and Williams. N. C. State: Vinson, Thompson.

Extra base hits: N. C.: Home runs: Vinson; three base hits: Vinson, 2; Walker. Two base hits: Strowd, 2; Walker. Virginia: three base hits: Medley. Two base hits: Corprew, Powell. Struck out: by Vinson 8; Rowe 2; Brown 4. Base on balls: off Vinson 5; off Rowe 1. Umpire: Hargraves, Shaw.

THE DRUG HABIT

The state hospital records show there is a higher percentage habitues per capita in the South than in most of the Northern states. In 1912 the records stated that the proportion of drug-takers admitted to the hospitals for the insane, in the South, was from five to forty times greater than in New York state.

It was assumed that the large Negro population of the South was responsible for this striking difference in conditions, but the assumption was not sustained by hospital records. "In Georgia state hospital where the proportion of Negro patients to white is about three to four there were only four cases of drug intoxication among the Negroes, while the number of white patients was twenty-six." A

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THE COUNTEE CULLEN LITERARY SOCIETY

The second of a series of stories of Negro life was read by Miss Pauline Newton, professor of English. This story was "Mammoth's Daughters."

February 11 was observed as Frederick Douglas Day. Frederick Douglas was born a slave but in spite of this condition and the difficulties through which he went he gained national fame. He held responsible positions, such as: United States Marshal for the District of Columbia, recorder of deeds there, and United States minister to Haiti.

Douglas, with Booker T. Washington, is one of the few Negroes who has done such meritorious work that will be a monument to him. Like Washington, Douglas assumed a name and worked towards the uplift of the Negro.

Douglas was a literary figure and also an orator. His "July 4" is his best oration. He was editor of *Frederick Douglas Paper*, a weekly abolition paper.

On February 25 the program was rendered by the Sophomore Class. The program consisted of a short story, short talks, and vocal selections. "Creation" and "Go Down Death" by James Weldon Johnson and "Lil' Brown Baby" by Paul Lawrence Dunbar were presented in a manner that captured the attention of those present.

Boost the Countee Cullen Society and help it grow!

Visitors are welcome always and you will find the Countee Cullen Society inspiring and uplifting.

COMMERCIAL CLUB

B. McLaurin, Reporter

The Commercial Club is making wonderful progress under its president, Mr. William Moore. Two very interesting programs were rendered at the last two meetings. One program was composed entirely of music. The members of the club were fortunate in having Prof. C. C. Smith appear on the program as soloist and reader and Miss E. H. Sanders as pianist. It seems that the Commercial Club has developed a love for music. Mr. Wiley Gray also gave a very interesting discourse on "The Negro in Business."

At the next meeting, which was held Wednesday, March 20, the club had for its speaker Prof. Dyer. The musical part of the program was conducted by the members of the Freshman Commercial Class.

Miss Alice Smith has received several typewriting awards—given for speed and accuracy. The Gold Pin and the Advanced Certificate of Proficiency awarded by the Royal Typewriter Company have both been awarded her. The School of Commerce is indeed fortunate in having such an expert typist. Other awards have been won by Miss Josephine Thomas, Olivia Dixon, Thelma Gordon and Margarette Jones from the Underwood, Royal and L. C. Smith Typewriter Companies.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings.

VIRGINIA CLUB

J. W. GRIMES, President

This is a small club composed of members who reside in Virginia. The aim of the club is that the students who reside in Virginia may be able to keep in close touch with each other. They meet twice a month.

The club has a drive on now to raise money to get the *Journal of Negro History* for the library.

"Triumph"

A STORY

H. ESTELLE CHRESFIE

Fay awoke with a start on wright after she had fallen she had been sure she would she went to bed worrying. was unable to sleep, she rested on her knees and gathering her slender arms, set out with determination to solve her problem "die in the attempt".

In the first place, the next was to play in a recital, which would have at one time a sensitive nature to sink into despair, but of this she had no fear, for an enthusiast had so successfully instilled love of music, that her great was to use her talent, so recovered, for the enjoyment of people. So it was not the she feared, but the nature of as never before had she been piece interpreting fairies. Fay had given her the piece, that, with all her grace, render it more effectively of the other pupils. For he to know that Fay even as : been too practical, despite fairy like appearance, to be Airy Creatures? So now play "Puck" by Philip, which her teacher had discovered was entirely unable to render grace it required; her touch having disappeared. had heard the fairy story, called upon to use her imagination in all earnestness she had

Tempes and Misadventure Dream" in hope that Shakespeare's "Ariel" and "P awake some spark of imagination to come to the sad conclusion imagination was not this she had once thought, but of which she had been slight God of birth. Why should been denied this one gr which she so longed and w speare, Phillip, her teacher many others had possessed : Hearing the town-clock hour and being too lazy strokes, Fay turned on h and found it to be ex o'clock, that time when sh ghosts, fairies, witches, earthly beings come forth plish their nightly tasks, pected to believe in the re beings.

Still wide awake, she room smiling as she remembered some of her friends had fairyland—it was not fair Presently her eyes rested full pair of bronze book she had received a few n on her sixteenth birthday ticed for the first time th creatures they represented With a frown on her us countenance, she snapped and settled down to thi perturbed by the fact t proof that another per coveted gift.

Never for long able to malignant thoughts, I smiled happily as she realized was only one of the n music. Why should sh this one piece? Had st proved her ability to p every other type? A li smiling, she felt her softly into a deep, dark

Slowly it grew lig found herself in the t

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