

Our Blowing Rock correspondent, Civis, calls our attention to our position on the silver question, and asks us to explain. We judge that our intelligent correspondent is a Cleveland and Carlisle gold bug, but he is not to be hung for it, for there are a great many able men who advocate gold against silver as the standard money. We desire to ask Civis, the question why not Congress restore silver coinage to its former position with gold as it was before 1873? If the republican Congress had power to destroy silver coinage in 1873, would not Congress have power to restore silver coinage in 1895-6? Silver stood side by side with gold as redemption money before the act of 1873. By that act it lost its power as redemption money equal with gold. Now gold has all the burden as to redemption or primary money, and there is not enough of it with which to do our business. We believe that if silver was restored to its former coinage it would be able to take care of its self along with gold at the old ratio 16 to 1. But we are told by Civis that silver is now only worth 32 to 1. If so, here lies the great wrong emanating from the republican Congress of 1873. Give silver a chance to do its full duty again. It has never failed the people since the world commenced its use until it was crippled and maimed, and the life almost crushed out of it by 'honest' John Sherman and his radical Congress in 1873. We do not believe that unlimited coinage would be necessary, but we think it should be regulated in its coinage as the occasion demands, and restricted to our own production if necessary, but both gold and silver should be coined free and at the old ratio 16 to 1. This is, in short, our silver idea, and unless we are otherwise convinced that we are wrong, we shall stick to it, but if we are wrong, we will change, as we wish to be right. We do not desire to kick those who are opposed to our views, for we take it that none of us know too much about this vexed question. Why should the democrats get up their backs and call each other hard names because there is an honest difference of opinion?

And now some astronomer at Washington has announced that he has found on our sister planet, Mars, Hebrew letters for the Hebrew word God. We are inclined to believe a remark a friend once made to us: "I don't believe what these astonishers say, no how"

A horse kicked H. S. Shafer, of Freemyer House, Middleburg, N. Y., on the knee, which laid him up in bed and caused the knee joint to become stiff. A friend recommended him to use Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which he did, and in two days was able to be around. Mr. Shafer recommended it to others and says it is excellent for any kind of bruise or sprain. The same remedy is also famous for its cures of rheumatism. For sale by all druggists.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

A Word to the Young Men, Editor Democrat:

If it will not abuse your patience and intrude too much upon your space, I would like to say a word to the young men of Watauga.

What I wish to say is not from long experience or hearsay, but from a scanty observation. Located as we are in this mountain county, where the breezes are abundant, the air pure and bracing, the water clear and sweet, and the natural surroundings so very favorable for happiness and longevity, we should be grateful to our God for our existence and the many blessings that have been handed down from His bounteous hand. This being true, it behooves us to make the most of our lives, and it is our imperative duty to do all the good we can in this fleeting life. To reach the highest excellence we must lay a broad foundation, or the edifice we erect will soon totter and fall. In my opinion the best and safest foundation is to become a Christian and live a pious, godly life. Our influence will then be for good, and our lives will be a blessing to the rising generation.

A young man in the prime of life with an exemplary character, leading the wayward people in the paths of righteousness and peace is a very high specimen of humanity. After laying the foundation, we must put up our building. Suppose we have education for our corner stone, for upon this depends the future prosperity and happiness of our people. A young man without knowledge and a disciplined mind, will work against many odds in the coming years. But an education is in the reach of every energetic, thoughtful young man. In whatever field you work, wherever your lot is cast, you should be intelligent. The day has passed where a mere idea of "figures" should complete your education. A scholar must know language, history, literature, science, and should have studied the Bible carefully. We must study astronomy that we may learn the worlds above us. We should read botany to be able to see and enjoy the many beauties around us. We must not be ignorant of geology that we may know of the earth below us. Young man, don't fail to get an education. It will aid you in almost every shade of life.

Going to the second corner can we find a more suitable material than character? Every young person, as well as the older ones, need a high moral character. It is commendable under all circumstances, for a man of influence to live a pure life; his steps should be carefully made; he should have an irreproachable reputation, and be most stand firm on what he believes to be right and just, even if popular tide be against him. If you grow in knowledge until you become a sage and a philosopher, unless you have a good name your good influence will be scanty. Many a good man has failed in life because he was found drunk, or unthoughtedly found in bad company. In fact, our company is a good index to our lives and characters. We are not prone to seek the friendship of those whose lives and dispositions are not congenial to ours. We are no better than the company we keep.

How would determination go for the third corner? Is it not very essential to success? Unless we are determined to succeed, failure is almost sure. One of the greatest hindrances of the modern age is the lack of determination. Physiology teaches us that smoking, chewing, and dram-drinking, together with late hours, retard the will power, and destroy manhood. All these nuisances can well be spared. It takes great forces to destroy the will power, but when once lost it is very hard indeed to regain. Protect your body, think pure thoughts, read good literature, sleep eight hours at night and note the effect.

Our last corner should be made of stickability to hold the building together. Be very slow to take the advice of those who have signally failed in the world. Our greatest trouble is our fickleness. Jumping from one extreme to another has been the ruin of many a youth, with good hopes and fine prospects in the world.

Many farmers fail because they imagine that they could rise to eminence as lawyers. The merchant becomes dissatisfied because he dreams that his work is unpleasant, dealing with so many people. The teacher soon becomes old because he foolishly thinks that of all people his work is the hardest. Many prosperous people have ruined themselves by leaving the country and going to the town or city, hoping of course, that many blessings awaited them. In every branch of industry unrest and uneasiness have marked discontentment, and failure. "Keep your shop and your shop will keep you," is an old adage, but is as true as it is old. Almost any pursuit, well followed, will bring a living, and many times a profit if industriously followed. Be contented with little things at the start. Do your work well, and you are then fast proving yourself worthy of greater things and higher honors.

For our covering let us use various articles. Honesty should be stamped indelibly in the life of every one. Try to be fully as good as you pretend, for of all people the hypocrite is the most detestable in the sight of God and man.

Again, human kindness is a jewel, and the essence of good breeding. With this you can reach the sympathy of the most wicked heart. Be kind to all people and watch your influence. Courtesy should never be lacking. Old people deserve to be treated with marked respect. A youngster who fails to show courtesy to ladies proves himself to be not a man. A noble, pure woman is the best friend you ever had.

lowing the precepts laid down in God's Word.

Last June Dick Crawford brought his twelve-months old child, suffering from infantile diarrhoea, to me. It had been weaned at 4 months old and had always been sickly. I gave it the usual treatment in such cases but without benefit. The child kept growing thinner until it weighed but little more than when born, or perhaps ten pounds. I then started the father to giving Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Before one bottle of the 25 cent size had been used a marked improvement was seen and its continued use cured the child. Its weakness and puny constitution disappeared and its father and myself believe the child's life was saved by this remedy. J. T. Marlow, M. D., Famaroe, Ill. For sale by all druggists.

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NOTICE. Having qualified as Administrator of G. W. Dugger, dec'd, late of Watauga county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the first day of April 1896, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 1st day of April 1895. E. C. DUGGER, Admr.

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