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A Model Letter.

The following letter was addressed by General Robert E. Lee to a son at college, and we commend it to all young men as a guide to personal conduct.

"You must study to be frank with the world; frankness is the child of bravery and courage. Say what you mean to do on every occasion. If a friend asks a favor you should grant it, if reasonable; if not, tell him plainly why you can not. You will wrong him and wrong yourself by equivocation of any kind. Never do a wrong thing to make a friend or keep one; the man who requires you to do so is dearly purchased at such a sacrifice. Deal kindly, but firmly with your classmates; you will find the policy that wears best. Above all, do not appear to others what you are not.

"If you have any fault to find with any one, tell him, not others, of what you complain. There is no more dangerous experiment than that of undertaking to be one thing before a man's face and another behind his back. We should live, act and say nothing to the injury of any one. It is not only best as a matter of principle, but it is the path of peace and honor.

"In regard to duty, let me in conclusion to this hasty letter; inform you that nearly a hundred years ago there was a day of remarkable gloom and darkness, still known as 'the dark day,' a day when the light of the sun was slowly extinguished, as if by an eclipse. The Legislature of Connecticut was in session, and its members saw the unaccountable darkness coming on. They shared in the general awe and terror. It was supposed by many that the last day—the day of judgment had come.

"Some one in the consternation of the hour, moved an adjournment. Then there arose an old Puritan legislator, Davenport, of Stamford, and he said that, if the last day had come, he desired to be found at his post, doing his duty, and, therefore, he moved that candles be brought in, so that the house could proceed.

"There was quietness in that man's mind, and quietness of heavenly wisdom and inflexible willingness to obey present duty. Duty, then, is the sublimest word in our language. Do your duty in all things like the old Puritan; you cannot do more; you should never wish to do less.

"Never let me nor your mother wear one gray hair for any lack of duty on your part."

When moving into our present home I found a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm left by a former tenant. On the label I found the advertisement that it was good for cuts and burns. I can testify to the truth of this. Nothing in all my experience has found its equal in treating blisters or burns. F. E. BARRETT, manager Le Sener Sentinel, Le Sueur, Minn. Pain Balm is also a sure cure for rheumatism. For sale by all druggists.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

A United States Senator of great wealth and ability was once the guest of the late Hamilton Fish. The Senator indulged in rather coarse stories interlarded with many irreverent references to Christianity. Mr. Fish listened for a time, his face wearing an expression of astonishment, and disapproval which would have checked a more sensitive nature. In this case it seemed rather to incite to further effort, as though he would compel a laugh from his host. The result was otherwise. Said Mr. Fish: "Senator—, pardon me, but I must request you to desist. I firmly believe in Jesus Christ as the Savior of the world; of His church I am a member, in my house I have tried to honor Him, and in His faith I expect to die; and it is painful to me to hear you speak this way." There were no more vulgar jokes nor anecdotes derogatory to religion told.—Y. P. Lender.

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Life is building. It rises slowly day by day, through the years. Each new lesson we learn lays a block on the edifice which is slowly rising within us. Every experience, every touch of another life on ours, every influence that impresses us, every book we read, every conversation we have, every act of our commonest days add something to the invisible building.—J. R. Miller.

The 14 wealthiest counties in the State are given in the following order, according to property the largest counties being named first: Wake county ten millions, Buncombe ten millions, Mecklenburg nearly ten, New Hanover eight and three fourths, Forsyth eight, Durham and Guilford each nearly five, Wayne and Rowan each seven, Rockingham, Robeson, Granville, Iredell, Johnson each have a little over four millions.

Wilmington Review of the 22nd says that a huge rattlesnake was killed last night about 11 o'clock, on eighth street, between Queen and Wooster. He had a cat under his eye and was charming her. The animal was in perfect terror, unable to move yet yelling with all the power of its lungs. Its screams and the noise made by the snake with its rattles, attracted the attention of persons nearby and the snake was killed.

When President Cleveland described his married life as "one grand, sweet song" there were no babies in his house. There is more than one song now, and when one of them starts in the dead of night, it is apt to be neither grand nor sweet. Ex.

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