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THE RICH AND THE POOR.

What is wealth? Wealth is what ever men can realize from nature for their sustenance and enjoyment. Labor is what realizes it. Prudence saves from it, and the savings become capital, which helps to extend and multiply the operations of labor, and thus creates more capital. The wealthy are composed of those who have inherited property from others, those who have acquired it accidentally, and those who have realized it for themselves. The poor in like manner, are composed of those who have inherited poverty from others, those who have become poor through accident and those who have brought poverty upon themselves. The most familiar mode of producing poverty is by idleness. A man will not work; he realizes no wealth; he is of course poor. Or he squanders in some absurd manner the earnings which he does realize, and thus remains equally poor as if he did not work. The poverty arising from idleness will only be curable, as it has ever been since the beginning of the world, by industry. That which comes from wastefulness will only be cured by economy.

ALMOST in every paper we read we find a horrible account of the ruin of some respectable woman by some fiend in human shape. The crime of rape is becoming too common in North Carolina, and should be met with swift punishment. Although, by our law, the penalty is death, it seems to have no tendency to lessen the number of cases. We are, and all good citizens should be, opposed to lynch law, but the time is drawing nigh, when, unless the villains do stop their hellish assaults upon the virtue of the land, they will be hung up on trees or shot down like dogs. You can insult a man and trample on him as much as you please, provided he will allow it, but in the name of all that is good we beg you to touch not our wives and daughters. We will protect them at any cost.

We clip the following notices of Mr. Battle, the beloved President of the University, who has been in Raleigh attending a meeting of the Board of Education, an account of which will be seen elsewhere.

The Observer says:
"Kemp P. Battle, the distinguished President of the University, and who has driven it to a success that we believe would have been beyond the reach of any other man in the State, is stopping a few days in the city."

The News says:
"Hon. Kemp P. Battle, President of the State University, one of the leaders of the great work of education, is in the city, and honored the News with a call yesterday."

Gov. WADE HAMPTON'S leg was amputated on Tuesday last. His friends claim that he will speedily recover. On the same day he was elected, almost unanimously, to the United States Senate by the Legislature of South Carolina.

The press of North Carolina are calling on the Legislature to establish the whipping post.

GOOD RESOLUTIONS AND HOW TO KEEP THEM.

It is customary, with people generally, to form new resolutions with the ending of every old year, or at the beginning of every new year. It is often fitly expressed as "turning over a new leaf." People are always hoping that the future will be brighter than the past, and that on the new leaves pleasanter and better things will be written, than have been written on the old ones.

And it is well, especially at the ending of an old year, to form new resolutions. The difficulty is in keeping them. Merely resolving, unless performance follows the resolve, avails but little. In some respects, the forming of resolutions only to break them works a positive injury; for a person who undertakes to do something, and utterly fails in it from infirmity of purpose, must necessarily lose somewhat of his own self-respect in consequence.

It is well, therefore, to use deliberation in determining what one will undertake. Think, beforehand, of all the difficulties that will attend upon what you resolve to do: then you will be the better prepared to overcome them. Remember, too, that with every triumph in well-doing the victory becomes more and more easy. The force of habit is not exaggerated when it is said to be "second nature."

On the other hand, do not allow yourself to be discouraged by a single omission, or even, if unfortunately they should occur, by repeated omissions, to perform all that you have resolved on. Renew your good resolutions, and brace up your purposes more firmly. As the Bible says, "Be not weary in well-doing."

To young persons, more particularly, is this habit for forming and executing good resolutions all-important. A little change in everyday habits; a little increase of industry; a little more time given, regularly, to study; to the young, such improvements to affect the whole future of their lives, are of incalculable value.

RECKLESSNESS IN ASSAILING CHARACTER.

It is an alarming evidence of the demoralization of public sentiment, at the present day, that men's characters are constantly assailed, in public and private, and it does not appear to be exempted of the libellers and slanderers that they shall bring forward any proofs whatever in support of their charges.

We regard character as a more valuable possession than property; and we consider that a person who attacks the reputation of another, without solid facts on which to base his accusations, deserves to be punished more severely than a thief.

It was a barbarous custom that held men bound to accept a challenge from a party whom they had maligned; no circumstances can justify the un-Christian practice of duelling; and yet, when that prevailed, it did make men more careful about slandering their neighbors.

We trust that the day will come when a more Christian and refined public sentiment will exert the same salutary influence. Words which will injure another should be well weighed, and never uttered lightly and thoughtlessly.

PARENTS ought to know that every successful effort to make home bright is so much accomplished toward foiling the Evil One. Never frown on innocent enjoyment among children. It is as natural to their age as your arm-chair and slippers are to yours, and it is just as proper too. Let children enjoy their youth in all its innocent gayety; their future may be dark enough to need the memory of a happy childhood to make it endurable.

CONGRESS convened on Monday, Dec. 2. Both houses are working hard, and seem determined to push matters forward. The tobacco tax question has been called up by Senator Withers, of Virginia. Prompt action should be taken in this matter, and the bill should be passed or voted down at once.

WE return thanks to Hon. Jos. J. Davis for public documents.

UNIVERSITY ITEMS.

BY R. L. B.

Bring along your wood! It's nice to have about in cold weather.

When will the boys begin to burn the leaves on the Campus? Ho! for some fun!

When you are standing examination, success is a good thing to have about you.

Pres. Battle, who left for Raleigh on Monday last, will return the last of the week.

Let the gates be closed, so that the cows may not get into the Campus, and straggle up to some Professor's recitation room or get on top of some building.

Hickory-nut cracking has taken the place of all other amusements. Seven-eighths of the students have their left thumbs tied up. You see, they hold the hammer in the right hand.

A good many of the students will spend their Christmas holidays at their homes, while many others will remain here and hunt rabbits in the fields near by. What else they will do, we do not know—neither do they.

Great excitement prevails concerning the coming election, which will determine who shall "sway the rod of empire" at our next Commencement. The elections will be held the first of January. May the Societies, as they have done, elect men who will be a credit to themselves and the University.

The Agricultural Control Station is in full blast. The business is conducted by the prominent Chemists Dr. Ledoux and Prof. Warnecke and Phillips. The correspondence is directed by James C. Taylor, B. S. May they smell rotten fertilizer, until they can fully appreciate the farmer who has to handle it.

Our Campus is called beautiful in Springtime, and it is true; but we think that its beauty at this season of the year surpasses that of any season. The oaks which stand thick, and which are the fruit of a century's growth, hold out their bare arms as if to embrace a century of future prosperity to the University. May they long stand to the protection of a free Institution.

The season of examinations is now in its "mellow glory." These examinations are unusually hard, which speaks well for the University. One of two things is true—either the Faculty is the smartest in the State or the boys are not the smartest in the State. We don't know, but we believe that if the boys of State do not get smarter, the Faculty will have to be "taken down a button hole or two."

[N. Y. Herald, 3rd.]

THE BRIDE OF DEATH.

A sadder death has not recently been chronicled than that of Miss Mar. W. Underhill, of Oyster Bay, L. I. The young lady—who came of an old and much-respected family of that place—was an orphan, and had recently inherited a fortune estimated at \$300,000. She was betrothed to Mr. Solomon Townsend, Jr., son of ex-Congressman Townsend, who was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1846. Many invitations had been issued for the marriage, which was to have occurred in this city on Thursday, Dec. 12. A week ago today Miss Underhill took a ride in Central Park—on Wednesday she was well enough to address two hundred invitations to the wedding, but on Thursday—Thanksgiving Day—was taken ill and died. Dr. Howard Crosby, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Vanderwater, of Oyster Bay. Miss Underhill had a large circle of friends and admirers, and Mr. Townsend has wide-spread sympathy and bereavement.

Dr. W. A. Woollen, of Union Factory, Randolph county, says the Greensboro Patriot, is the premium turpentine cultivator. One of his samples sent, measured six inches in circumference and weighs over ten pounds. He planted two-thirds of an acre which yields him over 240 bushels.

Wednesday was Newbern's birthday. One hundred and sixty-eight years old.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Hillsboro Recorder: We observe that the new Baptist church at Durham is finished, and the new Methodist church is approaching completion. The tall steeple is lifting itself heavenward, and is a graceful and imposing finish to an other-wise handsome building. We notice also the continued erection of new dwellings and Durham is daily expanding its proportions. The population now is not far from 4,000.

Charlotte Observer: The U. S. court meets in Charlotte Monday. Judge Dick presiding. It is expected that Judge Bond, of the United States Circuit Court, will also be present during a part of the session probably arriving about the last of the first week. Although this will be the first term of this court ever held in this city, the dockets will be full—sufficient to occupy the entire session. The civil docket is larger than at any other point where the court is held in this State. One of the most important cases to come up at this term is that of the Spartanburg & Asheville Railroad, in reference to the appointment of a receiver.

Wilmington Sun: Saturday morning a negro man walking along North Water street stepped on a match in front of Messrs. Wilard Bros. & Mebane's storehouse. The match head flew off into a bale of cotton and one of the heaviest fires Wilmington has had this year, was the result. The negro on seeing the cotton ignited, ran to the back end of the store and told what had happened, but before they could get to the door, the bale began to blaze and communicate the flames to the cotton next to it. There were eighty bales in the building, and it was not ten minutes before everything on the first floor was on fire and the flames were leaping up the stairway where they seized on another lot of cotton. The total loss is about \$8000, all covered by insurance.

Newbern Nat Shell: We are in the midst of a series of the most shocking atrocities ever heard of among a civilized people. The Raleigh Observer's Bertie correspondent recites the following as the facts of a recent most atrocious case of child-murder at Windsor. A negro woman acting as cook for Mr. Andrew Craige, living near Windsor, was taken sick and during the absence of one of her fellow servants from the room, gave birth to a child, which she immediately buried in the ashes upon the hearth. The odor of burning flesh was perceived, and search in the ashes revealed the horrid spectacle of a new-born babe with the upper and lower limbs and the middle part of the body only remaining. The verdict of the jury of inquest was in accordance with the above facts. Sick as this inhuman mother was, she managed to make her escape and her whereabouts have not been ascertained.

Wilmington Sun: The little town of Laurinburg, on the Carolina Central Railroad, has been thrown into a commotion by the occurrences of last Saturday night. The first and most serious in the catalogue, was the attempt of a negro man to burn the town by setting fire to a house in the most thickly settled portion. The weather boarding of the house was saturated with kerosene and the fire was applied to this. Fortunately it was discovered in time to prevent its making any headway, and the incendiary was captured a short time thereafter. The next was an attempt on the part of the prisoner to kill the deputy sheriff which, however, proved to be a failure. Just after this a white man was arrested for stealing a horse. The whole trio were taken to Wadesboro Monday morning and confined in the jail at that place to await their trials.

Raleigh News: On Monday night last the bell clanged out the fire alarm, and in a few moments the red reflection of the flames was visible. They were found to proceed from the one-story frame dwelling of B. Y. Rogers, Esq. Mr. Rogers was in the house, lying dangerously ill in a room in the rear. By his side was a watcher. The attention of the latter was attracted, by the peculiar crackling noise of fire and running to the front of the house he found it in flames. These appeared to have originated in the parlor, in which was a coal fire and two kerosene lamps. The neighbors were aroused, and some carried the sick man to a place of safety across the street, while others went to work to save what property they could. A good deal was carried out, but despite the heavy rain the building burned like tinder. The Chemical engine was the first at the scene, followed by the Bucket Company. The fire did no damage to other buildings.

Innocence is like incense from heaven. It is a full-blown flower among thorns and brambles; it is the lily of the valley which refreshes and gladdens the sight.

[From the Raleigh News, Dec. 11.] MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Board of Education met yesterday morning. Present, Governor Vance, Auditor Love, Superintendent Scarborough and Treasurer Worth.

President Battle of the University was present by invitation to submit his report of the operations of the University Normal School of 1878; and also his accounts of the Treasurer of the Public Fund and of the money advanced by the Agent, Rev. Dr. Sears, out of the Peabody Fund, for the purpose of aiding teachers to attend the schools.

The report, and that of Secretary Dugger, showing all the details of the operations of the school, were read and ordered to be printed. The accounts of the receipts and disbursements of the fund were referred for examination to Treasurer Worth and Superintendent Scarborough.

After the adjournment of the Board, Messrs. Worth and Scarborough made such examination and found all correct. The Board of Education express themselves much gratified at the showing the report of President Battle makes in regard to the school. The number of students enrolled was 402. The average daily attendance 329.

The number of instructors, including President Battle, who although not a teacher, gave constant attention to the school, was 13. The number of counties represented was 59, representing all parts of the State, from Ashe and Clay to Pamlico and Hyde. Some forty or fifty educators who did not enroll their names as students, visited the University for the purpose of observing the instructions, etc. So that about four hundred and fifty teachers of the State had direct contact with the school.

Before adjourning, the students of their own accord prepared and signed a memorial, strongly expressing their sense of the value of the Normal School and requesting the General Assembly to make it permanent. A State Teachers' Association was also formed, to advance the interest of education, with provision for county associations. This body appointed a committee to memorialize the General Assembly on the subject of amendments to the school law. The committee are now investigating the subject and will be ready to report by the time the Assembly meets.

[Raleigh Observer, Dec. 8th.] CO-OPERATIVE NORMAL SCHOOLS.

Yesterday Governor Vance received a letter from H. T. Morton, of Greenville, South Carolina, proposing a co-operative Normal Institute between the States of North Carolina, Georgia and South Carolina.

The Governor referred the letter to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Mr. Scarborough. Mr. Morton proposes:

- 1st. That each of the States named, etc. an equal number of Regents, say twelve, who shall have the charge and direction of an Institute Normal School.
- 2d. That each State contribute or appropriate \$3,000 towards the maintenance of said school.
- 3d. That the Regents apply to the Peabody Commission for aid to the amount of \$6,000 per annum to enable them the better to furnish all necessary apparatus, maps, library &c., for the school.
- 4th. That each State be allowed, free of tuition one hundred students in this institution, or as many as each State may be disposed to send, contributing at the rate of \$30 per annum for each student.
- 5th. That students from these or other States may, on the payment of \$20 per annum, be entitled to all the privileges of said institution.
- 6th. That contributions toward the complete endowment of said institution be solicited by the Regent, and also the founding of scholarships, which may be awarded to those meriting their benefits, as shown by competitive examinations before the State Board of Education.
- 7th. That the school shall be located in the city or town presenting the strongest claims, and providing the best buildings for its use.

This plan will soon be laid before the South Carolina Legislature. Though the plan, in the main, may be good, it is hardly probable that it will meet with favor at the hands of our authorities, on account of the patent impracticability of some of its leading features.

Wilmington Star: Talking about big potatoes, Mr. W. T. Moore, of Marion county, S. C., writes to a friend in this city, as said friend informed us yesterday, that he has a potato raised on his farm which turns the scales at the enormous weight of thirty-six pounds, and it was not a good day for "digging taters," either, when that was brought to the surface. That is what may be called a combination of a whole patch in one huge potato.

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