



EDITORIAL BRIEF MENTION.

THE EDITORS OF THE STATE OF North Carolina have in their hands a large share of the influence that is moulding her fortunes. If the Press is high-toned, far-seeing, judicious, generous, and enterprising it needs no prophet to tell us how the people will be.

ALL THINGS SEEM TO BE ON A colossal scale in this age. Calamities, crimes, national glory or the reverse, enterprises, failures,—all speak of human pride, ambition, influences or wickedness exerted to the utmost. No reader of the current news of the day can fail to receive this impression.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY have determined to give full time and notice for the election of a successor to Dr. Phillips. For the coming collegiate year Professors Graves and Grandy, assisted by Mr. James S. Manning, one of the most scholarly graduates of the University, will take charge of the Mathematical teaching.

IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME since Chapel Hill as a whole did anything for the Orphans over yonder in Oxford. Isn't it time for us to get up a collection and send something or other to strengthen Mr. Mills' hands? It is a pity that our admiration for him and for the fine manly way in which he is doing a great work should evaporate in mere sentiment. An ounce of help is worth a pound of praise.

WE HAVE ALWAYS KNOWN THAT our friend and neighbor Dr. Deems was a most popular and deservedly popular preacher. We love him and believe in him, but we hardly think our faith and love would carry us to hear him preach as we learn from the *Wilmington Morning Star* a party of Kentuckians were carried on one occasion of his preaching in Kentucky. There was the greatest desire to hear him. The trains were crowded and all sorts of vehicles through the country were put in requisition;—one party of gentlemen chartered a *hearse* and proceeded to the meeting in ardent and enthusiastic style.

THE MEETING OF THE PRESS Association in Goldsboro was agreeable, cordial, and we trust, productive of good. Col. Saunders, Secretary of State and President of the Association, delivered the Annual Address. His allusions to the Beaufort storm were touching, and his eulogy of the late Major Engelhard was pathetic and well-drawn. Resolutions of respect for the memory of the late gallant Democratic standard bearer were drawn up. Mr. C. Manly, of the Newbern *Nut-Shell* read the poem written for the meeting. "Dossy Battle of the Tarboro *Southerner*, was elected President for the ensuing twelve months. Messrs. Creecy, London and Furman, Vice-Presidents. Jordan Stone, Secretary. Mrs. M. B. Clarke, Poet. Messrs. Aslie, Yatts, Bruner, Bonitz and Tomlinson, Executive Committee. Col. John D. Cameron delivered the literary address which is spoken of in high terms. Asheville was selected for the next place of meeting.

NARROW ESCAPE

Mr. E. E. Perry, of Beaufort, kindly offered to procure specimens of marine animals for the Museum of the University, whereupon President Battle sent him a lot of jars and alcohol. They were in the Atlantic hotel during the storm. Mr. Perry writes: "It is astonishing how many jars were saved after being tossed to and fro by the breakers and crushed by the hotel. They were found at some distance from the building and everything saved." These specimens will have, besides their intrinsic value, an interest as mementoes of the great storm of 1879.

OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN

We have received from the gentlemen of the School Committee their report for the district. The work would seem to have been thoroughly done, the number of children over the age of six, and under that of twenty-one being much larger than we would have supposed:

Of white boys 132; of white girls 130; total 262. Colored boys 98; colored girls 100; total 198.

Four hundred and sixty children of the two races—the whites having a numerical superiority of sixty-four. The question at present for the white people to decide is this: Shall these two hundred and odd children of ours be as well educated as we can afford? Every father and mother will say "yes" at once. Then what can we afford? The best is not always the cheapest. But here it happens that the best we can do and get will be the cheapest. If we will build and fit up a good school house and start a number one graded school we will find not only our school bills reduced to a minimum, we will find not only that we have the present set of school going children into good hands and on an up grade that will last them all their lives, but we will find also that we have laid an enduring foundation for the free education hereafter of Tommies and Sallies who are toddling round at home or are yet in their cradles. A work well begun is half done. So much we will find we have done for our children. Furthermore we will find that we have benefitted the town and neighborhood—will have drawn good families here to partake the benefits of the number one school, and will have increased with the population, the value of every acre of ground and of every house and lot in this district. Where the schools are good, where there are good churches, where the air is pure, and where living is cheap, there will always be a respectable citizenship. People will gather round such attractions. We have got the churches. We have got the air. We can fare sumptuously on four to ten dollars a month (so the University clubs say). What is lacking is a good public school so controlled, so officered, and so carried on as to benefit, to command the respect, and admiration, and confidence of the President of the University himself—of the whole world and the surrounding countries.

"Shoulder to shoulder" friends and neighbors, and the work is done. Durham is talking of a graded school. Let us not allow Durham to have the start of us. Durham is a good town, but Durham is a mushroom compared to Chapel Hill.

THE SCHOOL BILL.

The Supreme Court has adjourned leaving the School Bill unsettled and unsigned. Some of our exchanges support the Bench in this decision. We do not. The bill as our readers remember, was unanimously adopted by the Legislature, and ought to have been signed by the proper officers at the proper time when all the other bills were signed. But owing to some extraordinary and unaccountable inadvertence, or overlooking on somebody or other's part, this, among the most important to the people of the State of all the acts of the late Legislature was forgotten mislaid, or postponed, and when called for was found without the signatures which alone were lacking to make it a law.

AMERICAN BEAUTY.

An English paper of high rank says that it is doubtful whether any country in the world produces so many pretty girls as America, and it is certain that some of the prettiest in the world are Americans. American girls who go over to Europe on a delightful trip of triumph and pleasure are acknowledged to be pretty in spite of want of culture, want of breeding, want of flesh and blood, and the additional incumbrances of a faded, dingy looking mother and a most objectionable brother; and if the chief end of woman be to be pretty, well-dressed and attractive when young then the little American, they say, has attained it. The critics think however, that the average American girl does not "wear well." What is it Mr. Swinburne says? "Birds quick to fledge and fly at call. Are quick to fall."

The flirting Yankee belles are irresistible so long as they keep their mouths shut, and so long as they keep young.

There is no doubt truth in all this. The average shoddy American girl travelling in Europe very likely does provoke criticism of the above sort. Nevertheless there is some chagrin and some envy mixed with these comments. We are strongly of opinion that the American woman as maid, wife, and mother can hold her own upon the whole, in comparison with any of Eve's daughters. That she fails too soon is due largely to a worrying climate which alternately stimulates and exhausts the nervous energies of men and women alike, and makes us all look old and worn before our time. But for sense, spirit, purity, feeling and religious principle, we believe our American women can beat the world. The beauty is simply an extra.

REV. DR. CHARLES PHILLIPS.

We are pained to chronicle the resignation by Rev. Dr. Chas. Phillips of his Professorship of Mathematics in the University; a step taken by the urgent advice of his physician and most intimate friends as absolutely necessary to the restoration of his health. By this step a tie of more than forty years to the Institution has been severed; with what sensibility to all that is implied in such a change, we need not say.

A member of the Board of Trustees tells us that the Trustees received this resignation with great regret on account of Dr. Phillips' long connection with the University and his eminent abilities, his great acquirements, his profound knowledge of his department, his widespread popularity. A few weeks ago, finding that he would not be able to resume the performance of his duties during the coming collegiate year they offered to allow him to retain the greater part of his salary, having his duties performed by an assistant, but he preferred that the resignation should be unconditional, that no sense of responsibility or anxiety should remain to retard his hoped for progress to entire health.

Thousands of good people all through the South will be pained to learn that Dr. Phillips has been thus forced by disease to leave a post which he has held so long and with such distinguished ability. And they will earnestly hope that rest and freedom from anxiety will prove the means of restoring him to health and usefulness, and to the hard work wherein his soul has long delighted and by which these many years he has sought to serve and honor old North Carolina.

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Would not plain common sense have at once decided the matter to be above a paltry form, and that the officers must agree that an important and greatly needed public measure should not fail through their negligence, but that they must meet and sign it without further ado? The Attorney General of the State being consulted, decided that they were fully qualified to do so. Even had it been a little irregular was it not the proper course to pursue considering that it was the *School Bill* and not an act regulating the existence of a Turnpike? Unfortunately, quibbling prevailed; precedent was invoked, and our character as a "law-abiding people" was declared to be in danger. The School Bill was not to be signed out of school hours. Above all things let us do things decently and in order. Let us wait awhile and ask the law and the prophets as they appear on the Supreme Court Bench what we may do in the premises. The Court has been in session three months. We have been waiting and abiding as usual. The very day that the Bench dissolves we learn that they decline to "concede" Messrs. Moring and Robinson. These gentlemen having neglected their duty in the first instance and having evaded it in the second, may now sit down under the shadow of the Supreme Court Bench with delight and feel that it is owing to their persistence in abiding by the law that the children of the poor men of North Carolina will be for two years shut out from their privileges; that the popular, more in favor of education has been retarded, and the whole State disappointed and disgusted.

Let us have a little less puffing of our public men, and a little stricter understanding with them as to the terms on which we place them in positions of trust and profit, and the expectation we form of the manner in which they are to discharge their duties to the public.

PRESS CONVENTION.

Owing to the unexpected change of the meeting of the Press Convention from Beaufort to Goldsboro, the members of the craft might have been seen at the Gregory House at the latter place on Wednesday morning with "disappointment directed upon every face. But notwithstanding a visit from the "press gang" was unexpected to the denizens of Goldsboro, they "did about" and gave us a characteristic eastern welcome. We were quartered at the Gregory House as the guests of the city. We were entertained like "lords of the realm," and Freeman, mine-host, will always have a place in the hearts of hungry editors.

The Convention far excelled any previous one in interest. There were sixty representatives of the press present, among whom were Dr. Monteiro, of the Manchester, Va., *Courier*, Messrs. Morton, of the *Index and Appeal*, and Wood, of the *Richmond Whig*.

On Wednesday a large number dined with their craftsman, Bonitz, of the Goldsboro *Messenger*.

The inimitable Dossy Battle was chosen President for the ensuing year, and Jordan Stone, Secretary and Treasurer. Asheville was selected as the place for the next meeting.

An invitation was received and accepted from the proprietors of Glen Alpine Springs to repair at once to that point and partake of their hospitalities. An invitation was also received from Wilmington to become the guests of that city and go on an excursion to Smithville and all the points of interest in the vicinity. This invitation could not be accepted of the previous invitation to go to Glen Alpine.

Col. Cameron delivered his address Wednesday night, and as it has already been published in the Raleigh papers where our readers, no doubt, read it, we will only say of it that it was an able effort, replete with wise suggestions to the press of the State.

C. C. Manly's poem, which was read before the Convention on Wednesday, has also been published in the Raleigh *Observer*. It was pregnant with eloquence and sublimity of thought.

On Thursday at 10, a. m., a farewell gathering was had in the drawing rooms of Bro. Bonitz, where Sherry and Catawba brought out sparkling wit and good humor of Dossy Battle, Col. Creecy, Deake, the gentleman from Roan Mountain, Dr. Monteiro, and songs from Wood, the sweet singer of the Old Dominion. We all then boarded the train for Glen Alpine. The press occupied a special car, and at Durham were greeted with the harmonious strains of the Durham band, and at the invitation of W. T. Blackwell & Co. repaired to the hotel where refreshments of every imaginable character were spread before us. Each one was supplied with pipe, tobacco and cigars. Three cheers for the "Durham Bull" were given, after which we sped on our way to the mountains.

At Salisbury we were met by many citizens and band No. 2. We had only time to give three rousing cheers for Salisbury and its musicians.

Four o'clock Friday morning found us at Glen Alpine station 62 miles west of Salisbury, where we took vehicles for the Springs. At nine o'clock we were safely landed at this resort of unearthy beauty, and greeted by the never-to-be-forgotten Gregory. The reception speech was made by Hon. J. G. Bynum, of Morganton, and responded to by Bros. Ward, Monteiro and Creecy. This is the second season at this resort, and it is the grandest spot on earth, surrounded, as it is, by lofty mountains and grand scenery. The view from Glen Alpine Heights is the finest scene ever beheld by human eyes.

On our return, Col. Brown, the well-known proprietor of the Boyden Hotel at Salisbury, entertained the members of the Convention free of charge.

THE UNIVERSITY.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the trustees of the University, held in the Governor's office on Saturday last, the resignation of Rev. Dr. Charles Phillips, Professor of Mathematics, was received and accepted. Dr. Phillips' health has been very precarious for the past two years, and his resignation was in consequence of the urgent advice of his physician as affording the only hope for his recovery. The committee resolved not to fill the vacant chair at present, but to have its duties performed for the coming session by an assistant Professor of Mathematics upon a reduced salary.

James S. Manning, of Pittsboro, who graduated at the last commencement with the highest honors of the University, was, upon the unanimous recommendation of the Faculty, chosen Assistant Professor. Professor Graves was put in temporary charge of the department. The committee adopted unanimously resolutions expressive of their regret for the resignation of

Dr. Phillips and of the necessity which induced it, and also of their esteem for him personally and their sense of the great value he has been to the University and the cause of education in the State.

The finances of the institution did not, in the opinion of the committee, justify them in doing more than tendering to him the free use of the house and lot he occupies as long as he shall need it.

SAYINGS OF WISE MEN.

Sir Philip Sidney says: They are never alone that are accompanied by noble thoughts.

Milton says: Truth is as impossible to be soiled by any outward touch as the sunbeam.

Dr. Sumner says: I have never known any harm come from a great deal of charity towards difference of opinion.

Dr. Arnold says: It is a good thing to doubt our own wisdom, it is a good thing to believe, it is a good thing to admire.

Charles Fox says: The sense of a party is to give up something to your friends, in order not to be obliged to yield much to your adversaries.

Sir Walter Scott says: Everyone must have observed that *coquetry* whether in high or low life, is always founded on intense selfishness, which, as age advances generally displays itself in its true colors, and vanity gives place to avarice.

Sir Humphrey Davy says: I prefer a firm religious belief to every other blessing, for it makes life a discipline of goodness, creates new hopes, throws over the destruction of existence the most gorgeous of all lights, awakens life even in death, and from corruption and decay calls up beauty and divinity.

Leigh Hunt says: If a young reader should ask what is the best way of distinguishing good poets from bad? the answer is, the only and two-fold way: the perusal of the greatest and best poets with close attention and study, and next, the cultivation of that love of truth and beauty which made them what they are.

Painted silk dresses are all the rage—for instance, a white silk strewn with apple blossoms; a pink silk starred with daisies; a light blue with lilies of the valley.

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