

The Fireside. THE BEST WINE AT THE LAST. D. H. RIDDER, JR. [John 2: 10.] Out spake the startled master of the feast...

THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH. While everyone joins in an indignant protest against such injurious results easily traced, there are few who resolutely set their faces against absolute deceit of every kind.

It does not require much sagacity, however, to perceive that all deceit of word and of life is of the same nature and that, unless the lighter and least palatable manifestations of it are seriously frowned down and resisted, there can be no security against other and more clearly hurtful ones.

And besides all our feasting, Mr. Editor, on both temporal and spiritual things, our eyes beheld such beauty, such refinement and culture as are rarely seen, which contributed not little to our enjoyment, and made us feel, think, and speak so much better.

There are untruths and deceptions that are about us, and that we are acquiring the habit not only of true and earnest speaking, but of truthful, honest and sincere living; let them be inspired with a love of reality and a hatred of shams, with a desire not to appear what they ought to be what they would wish to appear.

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SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION. Mt. Olive, Sept. 1, 1886. Editor Messenger:—It is very refreshing for one to step aside from the business stage and turmoils of life, upon a scene where intelligence, refinement and social religious feelings have full sway—thus we are led unconsciously to forget ourselves for awhile at least, and we feel that we are elevated and taken up, as it were, into entirely a different atmosphere; we feel that we have entered into a different state of existence, so lifted up are we for the time being.

Without going into details, I will state that this enterprise of a Sunday-school convention is as yet only in its infancy with us, having only met the second time, it being an annual meeting, but is capable of being of great benefit to our Sunday schools by imparting to and begetting in them new ideas and deeper interest, and thus infusing a new life into this grand and noble christian work of the Church.

The principal speakers were Rev. Dr. Marable, Rev. Colin Shaw, Rev. Mr. Phillips, Rev. Mr. Stanford, Col. Wm. Hill, Mr. Anderson, principal of the high school at Clinton, Mr. J. W. Boney from Duplin Roads, Mr. Thos. McMillan from Teacheyes, Mr. Peter McIntyre principal of high school at Faison, Mr. Isham Faison, and Mr. Willie Shaw assistant teacher in the high school, at Duplin Road. All these gentlemen made most excellent speeches, which will no doubt "bring forth good fruit." Rev. Mr. Harrell, a most excellent Christian gentleman of the Baptist Ministry, from Mount Olive, being present, was unanimously invited to a seat in the convention.

We all enjoyed a regular intellectual and spiritual feast; and besides all this our mortal flesh was largely contributed to by the good things, which the noble women of Faison had prepared for us; and for the cordial hospitality which we enjoyed at the hands of these good people, a resolution of our heartfelt thanks was tendered to them.

And besides all our feasting, Mr. Editor, on both temporal and spiritual things, our eyes beheld such beauty, such refinement and culture as are rarely seen, which contributed not little to our enjoyment, and made us feel, think, and speak so much better. Imagine, Mr. Editor, a world without the fair sex to contribute to the better and nobler part of man, and then think of what would become of the churches, the Sabbath schools, and even of us poor sinners.

May the good people of Faison long wield the scepter of hospitality, &c., for which they are proverbial. On Friday night, our Mr. "Dick Stanford" (who is it that don't know him?) who is now one of our most consecrated ministers of the gospel, preached a most earnest and effecting sermon on the prodigal son; and on Saturday night the Rev. Mr. Phillips, a most promising young man, preached on this text, "In him was life; and the life was the light of men," as found in that famous scripture of the 1st chapter of St. John. This sermon was full of deep, original, and brilliant thought, delivered with great earnestness and vigor, which is so characteristic of the man.

The Rev. Dr. Marable was to preach on Sunday morning, but we know the good people of Faison would be safe in his hands, for we Mount Olive folks think that this distinguished divine has no equal; so we took the 11:30 train on Saturday night for home, feeling that the people of Faison occupied a place in our memory that could never be obliterated.

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