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FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

MET IN THE COURT HOUSE ON TUESDAY OF THIS WEEK.

T. B. Parker, Drs. McLendon and F. L. Stephens, Mrs. Hollowell and Miss Moore Make Excellent Addresses.

The Institute was opened last Tuesday morning at ten o'clock with an address by Mr. T. B. Parker. It abounded with good sense and good advice throughout. The speaker was very interesting even to others than farmers and held the full attention of his auditors, made up of all classes and callings, during the entire time of his remarks. He laid especial emphasis upon the necessity of ploughing deeply. The one horse plow will not do all the time as according to some of the farmers present, the average depth of ploughing in Franklin county is about three inches. Get a two horse plow and plough deep. Next said he, in substance that harrows were a prime necessity on every farm. The soil should be thoroughly pulverized in order that the young plant could thrust out its roots and find a good congenial abiding place. Continuing he referred to the scarcity of labor in this state, and therefore the great need of getting labor saving farm machinery. He in a most interesting way told of the way wheat was harvested in Kansas and said that while such machines were impracticable here, that we could learn a great deal from them. The auditors evinced keen interest and numerous questions were asked and answered. It was noticed that a great many of the county's most intelligent and prosperous farmers were present. Dr. McLendon followed talking in a very practical way and going into detail as to the best means of cultivating corn and cotton.

He told of a plan which he knew from experience to be very successful in getting a good stand of cotton. First plough deep and get all the humus (vegetable matter in process of decay) in the land possible. Then by the use of harrows pulverize the soil. As soon as the ground begins to crack even before the cotton shows itself, take the weeder which he had previously described, and go up and down the rows, thence across and then diagonally across. He said that it might frighten one badly, but the farmer who did so would always find his stand a good one.

Dr. McLendon emphasized the special need of means to reform the present method of picking cotton. He inquired how much cotton the average picker could pick per day in this locality, and was told from 100 to 125 lbs per day. He then said that in the great cotton states of the Southwest, that a machine was in use there, into which the entire boll was thrown and the cotton picked therefrom by machinery before it went to the gin saws. By this means, planters were enabled to gather with one laborer an average of 400 lbs of seed cotton per day. After Dr. McLendon's talk Mr. Parker expressed the gratification of the visiting gentlemen at the large attendance and the good attention paid the proceedings. He then announced a recess until 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Promptly at 2 o'clock the Institute was again called to order by Mr. Parker. Dr. F. L. Stevens of the Faculty of the A. & M. College addressed the audience. He spoke of plant diseases and said they were caused by germs, such as caused typhoid fever, diphtheria and other diseases among animals. He mentioned certain common diseases among plants and especially of fruit trees. The remedy offered was

"Bordeaux Solution" so named from the place of its discovery at Bordeaux France. This is nothing more than ordinary lime and blue-stone in solution and sprayed upon the diseased plants. His definition of germs and bacteria was so plain and simple that all could understand it, and his advice to the farmers how to keep their water supply from being contaminated and what sanitary rules to observe during the prevalence of fever in their homes was timely and valuable.

He discussed briefly also the great importance of selecting seed. Especially as to corn, he said a good plan was to go in the fields and select seed corn from the plants that grew two ears instead of one big ear picked from the crib. He spoke of the heredity of plants as of animals. One illustration. He and C. C. Moore were traveling through a western county and noticed that a certain fine field of corn showed almost all of the stalks to have two ears each and upon investigation found that the seed had been originally taken from a two eared stalk and selections made each year until this standard was achieved. His talk was an able one and intensely interesting. Following Dr. Stevens was Miss Mary C. Moore of the State Audubon Society. She made a fine plea in behalf of our friends the birds and is doing much to mould public sentiment in their favor.

Mrs. Hollowell, was then introduced by Mr. Parker and captured her audience from the very start. In a splendid talk bristling with wit and humor and full of good sense she made a powerful plea for the women of the home. Our county women must be supplied with all the modern improved implements for housework that save the accustomed drudgery. She plead for amusements and recreation for the home, for its beautifying with pictures and every means possible to make it pleasant and attractive. This was something new for Franklin county Institutes but the good women shall not plead in vain, for our men once brought to realize the fact, that their wives and children are something more than slaves will be quick to make the reforms suggested. The Institute was by far the most successful ever held here. The attendance was good, the speakers at their last, every word spoken being of intense interest and of tremendous educational value. It is indeed a great work that the State is doing. In addition to acquainting them with twentieth century methods of farming, these Institutes such as were held here Tuesday are also educating our farmers to a higher standard of culture and refinement in the home life, a feature of great importance to a large number of our rural homes.

At night in the Court House, Dr. Stevens gave an interesting lecture on plant life and the results obtained by the use of different fertilizers. The lecture was illustrated throughout with stereopticon views.

Negro Arrested.

Richard Freeman was arrested on Wednesday afternoon on suspicion, as being the man charged with assault upon Mrs. Scott, of Black Creek township, Wilson county. The parties instrumental in making the arrest were Messrs. D. G. Pearce and E. S. Ford. The negro was said to have run away from Mr. Marcellus Smith's where he had been working, without waiting to ask for his wages, upon finding out that a reward was offered for his capture. Parties identified him as the same man and officers here were sure they had the right man but Chief High is not now so sure after a talk with the Wilson authorities. Full description of the man wanted is in transit. In the meantime prisoner is in jail.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

REV. L. S. MASSEY DELIVERS ABLE SERMON ON SUBJECT.

A Synopsis of His Discourse Last Sunday—His Text was From First Corinthians, 12th, Chapter and 31st, Verse.

Below we give a synopsis of a sermon preached in the Methodist church on last Sunday, by Rev. L. S. Massey, upon the subject of "Christian Education."

"COVET EARNESTLY THE BEST GIFTS."—I COR. 12:31.

The gospel of Christ sets before men a lofty ideal of personal. It is not satisfied with a man until he shall be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. The text therefore is in perfect accord with the spirit of the gospel, when it says: "Covet earnestly the best gifts." They are not to be coveted for the purpose of gaining an advantage over others, but to bring yourself into the possession of the highest and fullest life; and in so far as you attain this end, you will make your contribution to the uplift of your fellowmen. Certainly you can never lift another man to a higher level than that upon which you stand yourself; and every demand for a life of service is first of all a demand for the development of your own capacities. There must be an efficient servant before there can be efficient service.

The apostle therefore would have you to covet earnestly the best gifts. Obstacles are to be brushed aside, difficulties are to be overcome, and the energies of your life are to be concentrated, so that you may rise with the advance of the years to the full development of your powers. And this is what we mean by education. The method by which it is acquired is not the essential thing. The fundamental obligation that is upon you is the development of the capacities with which God has endowed you; and, when this is done, you are in the true sense educated. All of life is a process of education.

But an important part of it falls within the schools. To neglect the advantages which they offer is to incur guilt. This is as true of the primary school as it is of the higher institutions. We are prone to think lightly of advantages at our doors. Every community now has its public school. These furnish the opportunity for laying a good foundation. Nothing is more important. In efficient work here will tell through all the years that are to come. Parents should co-operate with teachers in seeing that their children reap the full benefits which these schools offer.

But I must protest against too great haste in finishing the education of the schools. An element of weakness in our American life is its feverish haste. We are in too great a hurry to make money to take time to make men. We are too impatient to dash into the tasks of life to take sufficient time to develop our capacities and powers for the most efficient accomplishment of those tasks. Do not forget that your highest efficiency for their accomplishment is in proportion to the thoroughness of your preparation, and the only escape from second rate results is to bring yourself to a first class degree of efficiency. Set your goal high, and then make circumstances bend to the accomplishment of your purpose.

The Church cannot be indifferent to this work. Christ is the life of the world, and his Church cannot ignore so important a factor in life as education. It has not done so in the past; it will not do so in the future.

It holds before men the loftiest ideals of education, and urges the strongest motives for the development of our powers. The education-

al impulse receives its strongest incentives from the religious life of men. Infidelity has no right to boast of its culture; it has never furnished the stimulus for intellectual development. The Church going classes of our people furnish our students. They do not come from the non-religious elements among us. Every influence that cripples religious motives and instincts is an indirect threat at the educational development of the race. The Church occupies the highest ground for furnishing a full, well rounded education. The Christian college looks out upon life from the standpoint of Christ, and he is the centre of all truth. Christian education develops the whole man, and it makes its appeal to men upon a saner and broader ground than any other type of education.

The speaker closed his discourse calling special attention to the educational institutions of the Methodist Church within our bounds, and urged our people to patronize them because they are the best.

IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT TRINITY COLLEGE.

In 1892 Trinity College opened its first session in Durham. At that time the plant consisted of eight (8) buildings. Now it consists of twenty-four (24) buildings.

The value of the College property is as follows:

Land	\$ 225,077 00
Buildings	294,754 95
Scientific apparatus	14,357 25
Library equipment	51,838 47
Endowments	540,339 28
Miscellaneous property	58,719 11
Deducted (counted twice)	180,000 00
Total value of property	\$1,055,156 06

The aims of Trinity College are thus definitely stated in the First Article of the Constitution of the College:

"The aims of Trinity College are to assert a faith in the eternal union of knowledge and religion set forth in the teachings and character of Jesus Christ; to advance learning in all lines of truth; to defend scholarship against all false notions and ideas; to develop a Christian love of freedom and truth; to educate a sincere spirit of tolerance; to discourage all partisan and sectarian strife; and to render the largest permanent service to the individual, the State, the Nation, and the Church. Unto these ends shall the affairs of this College always be administered."

The first annual report of the President and Treasurer of the Carnegie Foundation gives the classification of Southern Colleges and Universities according to the admission requirements: Vanderbilt, 14; Trinity, 12.5; University of Texas, 11.9; University of Georgia, 11; University of North Carolina, 11; Charleston College, 10; Wofford College, 8.4; University of Virginia, 6.4. This report, which is based upon a most thorough investigation of American Colleges and Universities, places Trinity College second among Southern Colleges and Universities, and answers the question as to the comparative ranking of Trinity College.

Injunction.

Judge Cooke yesterday heard argument of counsel as to making his temporary injunction a permanent one, restraining the County Commissioners from collecting the tax of one cent on the hundred dollars worth of property and three cents on the poll, said tax being over the constitutional limit for educational purposes. This additional tax is necessary to insure each public school in Franklin county a full four months term. An appeal will, no doubt, be taken from Judge Cooke's decision as the object of the legal action is to have the Supreme Court pass upon the constitutionality of the special tax levy.

THE MOVING PEOPLE.

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

And These Who Come and Go, Some for Pleasure, Some for Business and a Large Number Because They Like It.

A. B. Perry spent Sunday in Henderson.

Miss Mabel Davis is on a visit to relatives in Warren.

G. O. Steffe left Monday for his home to spend his vacation.

Mrs. J. H. Holloway visited relatives in Henderson Sunday.

Mr. W. E. Karp, of Raleigh, visited his brother here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. McKinnis have gone to the Jamestown Exposition.

Mr. Wilbur Cooke of Gastonia is on a visit to Judge and Mrs. Cooke.

Miss Blanche Egerton is spending some time with relatives in Hickory.

Mr. M. K. Pleasants and bride arrived Wednesday to visit his people here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Watson have returned after a visit to northern cities.

Miss Glensie Aycooke returned Wednesday from a visit to friends in Henderson.

Mrs. Wajland Scott (formerly Miss Julia Pleasants) is visiting her mother here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Hicks and Mrs. J. S. Massey, have returned from Panama Springs.

Mr. C. K. Cooke and wife and little son, Charles, will leave today for the Jamestown Exposition.

Mr. W. O. Thompson, wife and little daughter, Essie, are visiting his wife's father, Mr. H. T. Hensley.

S. S. Meadows and family and Mrs. A. W. Wilson left Tuesday to visit friends and relatives in Henderson.

Mrs. Geo. T. Andrews and Miss Alice Camp, of Rocky Mount, are visiting their sister, Mrs. W. B. Cooke.

Mr. Atwood Newell and bride, of Williamston, passed through this week to visit his people at Mapleville.

Mrs. John Allen and Mr. Thurston Allen are at home again after spending some time at Panama Springs.

Supt. R. C. Beck and wife returned Wednesday from an extended visit to their parents at Weldon and Richmond.

S. B. Nash, O. S. Mason, F. W. Hicks, J. R. Collier and little son Will, left this week to take in the Exposition.

Miss Martha Wmston, who has been visiting Miss Margie Mason, returned to her home in Yonkersville this week.

W. T. Puller, after spending some time with his people at Mapleville, returned to his home in Rocky Mount yesterday.

Mrs. C. R. Church left Tuesday for her home in Norfolk. She was accompanied by Miss Lillian High, who will spend some time with Mrs. Norman Guy of that place.

Mrs. J. S. Erwin and Mr. G. W. Ford left Monday to join Mr. Ford's family at Virginia Beach. They will spend awhile at the Beach and take in the Jamestown Exposition.

Misses Dobbie Sherrod, of High Point, and Grace Gaskill, of Salisbury, who have been visiting Miss Eleanor Cooke left Saturday accompanied by Miss Eleanor, to visit friends at Murfreesboro, N. C. and Cape Charles Va. and before returning will visit the Jamestown Exposition.

Lazy men are always talking about some other men who are fools for lack.

Death of Mr. G. N. Hicks.

Mr. G. N. Hicks, a well known citizen, died last Saturday night, in the fiftieth year of his age, after a lingering illness of typhoid fever. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. L. S. Massey, last Sunday, and the remains were interred in the cemetery. There remains a widow and seven children.

A Fine Game of Ball.

A very interesting game of baseball was played Friday afternoon between the younger teams, North and South of the river. The North side came out victorious with a score of 5 to 3. North side: Julian, short stop, Ranger, Hart, pitcher, Weldon, Egerton, first base, Courtney, Egerton, second base, James, Moore, left field, Frank, Spurr, third base. South side: Charles, Strickland, catcher, Ormond, Hale, pitcher, Stanley Cooke, short stop, John, Hensley, first base, Tom, Hutto, second base, Peyton, Brown, third base, Chesley, Mitchell, right field, Joseph, Hutto, center field, and, Raymond, Taylor, left field.

R. N. W.

[The above should have appeared last week.—EDITOR.]

Death of Sister Lizzie Hensley.

On Saturday evening, July 13th, while the golden sun was shining, she fell behind the western hills. She was 51, to take from earth to Heaven the soul of Sister Lizzie Hensley (widow) and she now rests from the sorrows and troubles of this world, in the resting, heavenly resting place of Jesus. She was a member of the first Baptist church (colony) at Louisa having professed faith in Christ in 1894. Since that time she has lived a consistent Christian life. At home and abroad she was loved by all who knew her. She has fought a good fight, kept the faith and having finished her course, leaves a good example for others to pattern after. Her parents and friends need not grieve after her as she is at rest.

ONE WHO LOVES WELL.

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Railroad Surgeons at Jamestown Exposition.

The Association of Surgeons of the Atlantic Coast-Line Railroad will meet in session three days, July 23 has been designated by the Exposition management as their day, and a special program is now being arranged for that date in honor of the Association.

The Association will have its headquarters at the Inside Inn. The meetings will be held in hall number 4. The convention will be formally opened by prayer by Rev. Calvin S. Blackwell. Hon. Henry St. George Tucker, president of the Jamestown Exposition, will deliver the address of welcome, which will be responded to by some member of the Association not yet selected.

This Association numbers among its members many of the leading practicing physicians of the South. Its officers are Dr. D. W. Haddock of Wilmington, N. C., president; Dr. W. P. Adamson, of Tampa, Fla., Dr. P. J. Thomas, of Wilmington, N. C., and Dr. W. W. Bassett, of Albany, Ga., vice-president; Dr. H. M. Monroe Morgan, of Panama City, Va., Secretary and Treasurer; Dr. Southgate Leigh, of Norfolk, Va., a member of the Executive Committee.

Routine business will come before the body, after which a number of papers will be presented dealing with the subject of railroad surgery and other matters of interest to the body. The papers will be discussed by the members of the Association, and by their specially invited guests, men prominent in railroad surgery throughout the country.

Records for snowfall two April were broken.