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The Ideal Woman

One would infer from what Wilfred Swann Blunt says in the current Speaker that the "ideal woman" belongs to pagan, not to Christian times.

He declares that with the exception of Malory's fair heroines, whose characters were traditionally Celtic, and of those sweet, pathetic figures which come down to us in our ancient ballad poetry from half-pagan times, the ideal woman is almost absent from earlier literature; that women are everywhere roughly handled even by Chaucer, while "Shakespeare's stage ladies have nothing at all in them of the ideal."

Coming down to later times, Mr. Blunt finds lower degeneracy still in the women of Smollet and Richardson, while even those of Walter Scott are by no means ideal, for Scott "invariably lost his presence of mind when confronted with the problem of a pretty woman's heart. Recent writers in his opinion, have done no better, and with a wail Mr. Blunt laments that the noble fair woman of traditional romance is to-day an ideal lost to us.

Is the case so bad as all that? Where is heavenly Una? Her career was ideally romantic enough to redeem from prosaic reality the entire age in which she came to light. What Celtic pagan surges in romantic idealism "the lovely lady wedded to the Moor?" Or, if as Mr. Blunt asserts, Desdemona and Juliet were borrowed from Bantello's Italian originals, what ideal grace, what romantic charm has been added to these that they have become immortal, while the originals are known only to the dry-as-dusts of literature?

Who before Mr. Blunt ever questioned Sir Walter's marvelous power of transfiguration? What if he did lose his head when confronted with the problem of a pretty woman's heart—the very fact is evidence of the romantic situation, a woman idealized and as such weaving a magic spell that even her creator could not resist.

Mr. Blunt does not make quite clear what he means by the phrase "ideal woman." If he means to imply that pagan chivalry, as originating among the early Teutons is due the sublimated ideas that tended to enthroned a woman and make of her "a thing enskied" his outlook is narrow. Christianity as well as chivalry exalted women finding in her the benign qualities which pre-eminently characterized the virgin. And the ideal woman created both by chivalry and by Christianity still lives, especially in British song, poetry, and fiction. She has not died out, nor is she dying.

The ideal woman, however, may and does take on new forms from age to age. Shakespeare's romantic ideals are not those of to-day, but ours are no less romantic and no less ideal. In America the real woman may be no better, no fairer than women of earlier times or other countries, but in the hearts and minds of practical American men she is idealized and seen chiefly through the bright colors of romanticism.

If Mr. Blunt will read his Browning, or turn the pages of George Meredith he will find "ideal women" of the more modern type, or if he believes she no longer exists let him mark the attitude of American men toward American women, and he will find that the ideal woman still exists somewhere, if only in the imagination of the American man.

Many a girl fails to catch on because she does all the angling.

Killed Wife and Suicided.

Kernersville, Sept. 26—This morning about 7 o'clock Lewis Carmichael, a carpenter living here, killed his wife, attempted to kill his 12-year-old daughter and fatally shot himself through the brain, after cutting his throat with a razor. There were no eye-witnesses to the dreadful scene.

Neighbors were attracted to the house by screams. While running to the house they met Mrs. Carmichael staggering away from the house, a few steps out in the yard. She was partially dressed and soon fell dead in a pool of her own blood. At this juncture shots fired from inside the house diverted the minds of the speechless and horrified neighbors to fearful anticipations of something else tragic, which was found to be that Carmichael had shot and cut himself as above stated. The daughter is the only witness to the affair and her condition at present does not permit your correspondent to ascertain the details from her any further than has been stated.

The place of the tragedy is a cottage near the station and at the time of the tragedy, a crowd of Women's Christian Temperance Union delegates to the State Convention, which met here, were waiting for the train. Some of these noble women viewed the sad spectacle of the mangled body of the poor woman in her room while the body of her husband was lying in the other room. The daughter will receive the body.

Food Advice to Farmers.

It seems to be the day of the farmer, and he is disposed to make the most of it; he is keeping posted in a general way, and in cotton in particular.

An Observer man had a talk yesterday with one of the leading cotton growers of the State, and got from him a splendid idea, and some interesting facts. This man has proved himself thoroughly practical by his success; he is nothing of a dreamer. He has over 500 acres in cotton this year, and his crop will be 20 per cent less than it was last year.

In answer to the question: "What do you think of the cotton situation?" "The cotton crop now being harvested can be made the most valuable crop ever gathered, if the farmers will act in concert and on similar lines, in every State, county and community.

"There is now no question of the crop being a moderate, if not a very small one, compared to what was expected two, yes one month ago. The whole spinning world is depleted of cotton; must have cotton, no matter what the cost. The present crop can be made to average 12 cents, if not 15 cents per pound to the grower, if the growers will gin and sell cautiously. If only half the cotton picked each week is placed on the market and the other half held back, either stored in bonded warehouse, when money must be obtained, or stored on the farms either ginned and baled or in the seed; there would be no glutting the market for October, November, December, which is the very condition the speculators want, in order that they may be able to buy what will be in active demand the world over, at much higher prices after January first.

"What is true of cotton is also true of cotton seed. The oil mills are entering the 'crushing' season with cotton seed oil ten cents per gallon lower than last year or for the last five years, and consequently the mills cannot pay by \$5 per ton as much as they paid all through the past season for seed.

"We have almost identically the same condition in all crops affecting cotton oil as existed for the season 1892-1893 when cotton oil went to 65 cents per gallon in February 1893. We have a very short crop of wheat this year, as compared with the crop for several years past. There is no old wheat to be had at any price, and the present price for wheat is 35 per cent higher than last year.—Charlotte Observer.

ST PAULS ITEMS.

Miss Lucie Javis, of the Willis Creek community, and Miss Janie McGoogan, from near Shannon, are among the newly enrolled pupils of the St. Paul's Academy.

Miss Nora Johnson left last week for the Baptist University at Raleigh.

Miss Irene King, of the Tolareville community, visited Miss Gertrude Howard last week.

Rev. T. J. Baker preached to a large congregation at Great Marsh church, last Sunday.

Misses Ella Johnson and Gertrude Howard left last Tuesday for Greensboro, where they will enter the Normal and Industrial College.

Mrs. Bivins and sister, Miss Ella Crawford, of Donaldsville, Ga., who had been on an extended visit to relatives in this community left for their home last week.

Mr. Neill Jones of the King Hiram community, was a visitor here last Sunday.

Mr. B. H. Johnson, principal of the Lumber Bridge Academy, spent last Saturday and Sunday at his home near here.

Miss Mollie Britt and brother, Mr. Willie, were at Great Marsh church last Sunday.

Miss Maggie McGoogan, of the Antioch section, spent last week with the family of Mr. D. A. McGoogan.

Several of our people took communion at Lumber Bridge last Sunday.

Mr. James Gillis, of Parkton, was here last Monday.

Miss Eunice Patterson, of Bladen county, has been elected principal of the school at Rex.

Miss Elmo Johnson, of Lumber Bridge, spent last Saturday and Sunday with relatives and friends in this community.

The Great Marsh church on last Sunday extended a unanimous invitation to Rev. T. J. Baker, who has been serving the church for two years.

Preaching in the St. Paul's church next Sunday.

Mr. A. R. McEachern is supplying a long-felt want in this community by keeping a large and well selected stock of buggies and wagons.

Messrs. Shaw & Johnson are to be congratulated on having secured as book-keeper Mr. J. C. Blanchard, of Chowan county.

A Pennsylvania man has offered \$25 for the return of his wife, and a Massachusetts woman has sold her husband for 30 cents. Husbands and wives are getting pretty cheap at this rate. As these things occur in Republican states it is in order for the Republican party to explain why it is, as they lay claim to everything good—all prosperity; and charge the Democrats with every thing that goes wrong.—Durham Sun.

The Washington Post wants to know why Crumpacker is not heard from anent the driving from an Indiana town of a dozen or so of negroes by a mob of white men. The Owensboro, Ky., Messenger answers that all his spare time is taken up in waiting for news of the resignation of Senator Fairbanks. Now just suppose the Indiana Senator should wake on the morning of November 9th and find that there is no necessity for his resignation, what will Crumpacker do then, poor thing? He will have to seek consolation in the drafting of a few more bills looking to the reduction of representation of the States of the Solid South.—Wilmington Messenger.

Both President Roosevelt and Judge Parker, in the intervals between their speeches and their letters of acceptance, have gained in clearness, confidence, and force. The difference is that this increasing vigor has carried Mr. Roosevelt into reckless swashbuckling, while it has taken Mr. Parker just far enough to free him from the charge of undue caution and leave him standing firmly on a sane, courageous, and honest public policy.—New York World.

The man who chases a street car gets a run for his money.

Robeson County R. F. D. Carriers.

Mr. C. B. Campbell, Sec. Robeson county, writes to the editor of the Progressive Farmer that The Rural Letters Carrier's Association of Robeson County met in Lumberton Saturday, August 27th. The meeting was called to order by President Smith, after which a general discussion was taken up of these things which effect every carrier so much, viz., good roads, horses and their care, and the best arrangement of boxes. The old wooden box received a black eye; it is the hope and aim of the society to drive it out of service as soon as possible.

The following program was then arranged for the next meeting: "Good Roads and How to Work Them," by Messrs. Cromatis, of Clarkton, and Meares, of Lumberton; "Care and Attention of Horses," by Messrs. McHargue, of Lumberton, and Hayes, of Ashpole; "Mules versus Horses for Driving," by Messrs. Meares, of Clarkton, and Floyd, of Lumberton; "The Benefits of Thorough Organization," by Messrs. Howard, of Lumber Bridge, and McRae, of Maxton; "Are Uniforms Beneficial to the Service?" by Mr. Williamson, of Parkton. Committee on Resolutions: Murray, of Barnesville; Baldwin, of Clarkton, and Ratley, of Ashpole.

Next meeting to be held in Red Springs on Thanksgiving Day.

We had a fine attendance, considering the weather. No one's presence was more appreciated than that of the Clarkton carriers; we only regret that Bladen County could not furnish us three more as gentlemanly and intelligent members. Our Association now numbers nineteen members and we hope to enroll some more at our next meeting. Ours is a large county and we want to put it in the forefront of the counties of our State.

An Albany, Ga., special sent out on the 27th, concerning sensational charges against Chief Westbrook preferred by Dr. Broughton, says: "The trial of Chief of Police Westbrook on the sensational charges first preferred by Rev. Broughton, of Atlanta, in a sermon here three months ago, and following which the preacher was cowbird by the chief, was concluded late this afternoon. Of the seven specific charges preferred the chief is found guilty of two, viz: drinking while on duty, and in uniform; visiting bar rooms while on duty and loitering in such places. The commission imposed a fine of \$25 for each of these offenses and exonerated him on all other charges. Of the charge of assault on the minister the commissioners said: "We find Chief Westbrook guilty of this charge, but in our opinion the peculiar circumstances justified him as a man in pursuing the course he did."

FROM EXCHANGES.

Wonder what Mr. Roosevelt now thinks he knows about the common law of the United States?—Wilmington Messenger.

What has poor West Virginia done that 50 Republican orators are to be let loose upon her? The Repubs must be powerfully scared in that State.—Durham Sun.

Someone wants to know what Mr. Roosevelt has left for his inauguration address. It was not necessary to leave anything. He will have no use for it.—Durham Sun.

Capt. R. B. Glenn, the Democratic nominee for Governor, is in the Republican woods and from what the correspondents say about him he is pouring a hot fire into the enemy's camp. If Capt. Glenn can't make it warm for his political enemies no man in the State need try.—Wilmington Dispatch.

Never judge a man by his looks; judge him by the looks of his wife.

Democratic Speaking

The following gentlemen will address the people at the times and places given below.

Hon. R. D. Gilmer, Democratic Candidate for Attorney General, Lumberton, N. C., October 1st, at night.

Col. N. A. McLean, Kingsdale, Britts Township, Tuesday, Oct. 4th; Starlings Township, Old Mill Wednesday, Oct. 5th.

Hon. G. B. Patterson, Democratic Candidate for Congress, Sixth District, and Honorable H. L. Godwin, Democratic Candidate for Elector, for the Sixth District, at Rogers Store, White House, Thursday Oct. 6th., Ashpole, Oct. 7th, Friday; Saturday Oct. 8th, at Rowland, at 2 p. m. Hon. H. L. Godwin, Democratic Candidate for Elector, at Red Springs, Oct. 10th, St. Pauls, Tuesday, October 11th.

Hon. A. L. Shaw, Democratic Candidate for State Senate, and Hon. E. J. Britt and G. C. Fisher, Democratic Nominees for House of Representatives, together with the candidates for the various other County officers, as follows: Back Swamp, Monday, Oct. 10. Atfordville, Tuesday, Oct. 11. Thompsons, (Rowland) Wednesday, Oct. 12.

Thompsons, (Rayham) Thursday, Oct. 13.

Red Springs, Friday, Oct. 14.

Saddle Tree, Monday, Oct. 17.

St. Pauls, Tuesday, Oct. 18.

Lumber Bridge, Wednesday, Oct. 19.

Blue Springs, (McBryde's Store) Thursday, Oct. 20.

Red Springs, Friday, Oct. 21.

Burnt Swamp (Bute) Saturday, Oct. 22.

Howellsville, Monday, Oct. 24.

Wisharts, Tuesday, Oct. 25.

Maxton, Wednesday, Oct. 26.

Smiths (Wakulla) Thursday, Oct. 27.

Other appointments will be announced later. Where no time is specified as to the hour of speaking, the hour will be 11 o'clock a. m., unless the Township Executive Committee or the candidates shall decide otherwise.

In Memoriam.

Barnes: Mrs. Nettie Pitman Barnes was born Feb. 29th, 1868. She joined the M. E. church South in girlhood as a seeker of religion; she was happily converted to God at Olivet church in the summer of 1888. She was happily married to Mr. K. M. Barnes Jan. 29th 1890. From this marriage three children were born, one boy and two girls. She died Sept 23rd, 1904, happy in the faith of Jesus. We buried the mortal remains from Spring Hill Baptist church Sept. 24 1904. The above are the facts and dates about which crystallize one of the richest and best christian lives I have ever seen my privilege to know.

Sister Barnes was not simply nominal inthianyng that she engaged in. Activity was the dominant characteristic in her life every where. When she joined the church as a seeker her purpose was not simply to get her name on the church roll, but to seek till she found pardon in Jesus. In pursuance of this purpose she was always at the altar for prayer when opportunity was given till she realized the blessedness of a redeemed and regenerated nature in a most powerful conversion. Such was her experience at that time that she never questioned the genuineness of her conversion. From that time on she was just as active in trying to lead others to Christ as she had been in seeking him for herself. Her life was a consecrated one.

She took great interest in the salvation of those about her. In the last conversation I had with her, she named several persons, whom she was anxious to see converted. In meetings she was an

active worker in the congregation with sinners and at the altar with penitents.

Her religious experience was full and satisfying. While she made no great profession of perfect holiness or sanctification in empty words her life constantly manifested the spirit of Christ. She could truly say, "to me, to live is Christ, but to die is gain." "To do good and glorify God was her supreme object in life.

Her faith patience and resignation in her long sickness was simply beautiful. Whatever was God's will was hers without murmur. Her Bible and her Savior were her constant companions. No wonder that her faith was strong and unshaken to the end. She gave her three children a parting blessing, told them to meet her in glory, and bade them good bye. Then with a few parting words to her husband, brothers and sisters her spirit went back to God and she is not for God took her. She leaves an aged mother a husband and three children, six sisters, three brothers and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss. It is their loss, but her eternal gain. They mourn not as they that have no hope have left the sure testimony as to her whereabouts. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." God bless the bereaved ones.

J. M. ASHBY.

ASHPOLE.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

The news of the death of Mrs. Nettie Barnes, of Barnesville, was received with great regret by her many friends here who had known and loved her in her girlhood days.

The remains of Mr. Henry Braswell, who was killed in an explosion at Dukes, were brought here for burial last Thursday. His mother, who is in feeble health, has the sympathy of all.

Rev. J. L. Shinn, of Salemburg, N. C., spent last Monday night in town and preached a most acceptable sermon in the Baptist church. He was on his way home from Conway, S. C.

The wife of Mr. Haywood Faulk died Monday after being in ill health for months. She was a good woman, well loved by all and will be much missed by neighbors and friends as well as by husband and children.

Mrs. J. P. Brown and Hal returned from a pleasant visit to Maxton last Monday.

Another teacher is needed in the school and will be installed at once. Our school is now giving great satisfaction.

The many friends of Miss Kate Saunders are glad to welcome her back to J. E. and G. W. Thompson's millinery department.

We are sorry to give up Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Carter and little Miss Frances, who have moved back to Rayham.

We are glad to welcome the family of Mr. C. L. Willis, of Bingham, S. C., who have moved into their building on Main street.

Rev. J. M. Ashby will begin a series of meetings in the Methodist church on the second Sunday in October.

Quite a crowd came over from Boardman Monday night for the purpose of getting instructions from the officers of this Masonic Lodge in order to organize one in their own town.

Mrs. Boyd Hays and children have returned from a delightful visit to Mrs. Hays' brother, Mr. Walter Mitchell, a former Robesonian, who now lives in the mountains of West Virginia.

The millinery opening of Mrs. Fannie Peterson which began yesterday morning, is one of beauty and reflects great credit on those who have this department in charge. One hundred pattern hats are on exhibition, which for beauty and excellent taste have never been surpassed in our town.

Twenty-five marriage licenses were issued during the past week.