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THE DIVORCE EVIL.

On the Increase—Desertion Commonest Cause—America Seems to Hold the World's Record.

Washington Dispatch, Nov. 27.

The divorce rate appears to be much higher in the United States than in any of the foreign countries for which statistics relating to the subject have been obtained, not less than one marriage in twelve in this country ultimately terminating in divorce. This fact has been ascertained by the census which has just completed a compilation of statistics of marriage and divorce covering the twenty years from 1887 to 1906 inclusive. Similar statistics for the previous twenty years were gathered some years ago.

The figures show that at the end of the forty-year period divorces were increasing about three times as fast as the population, while in the first decade of the period they increased only about two and two-thirds as fast. In the six years from 1900 to 1906 population increased 10 per cent. and divorces 29.3 per cent. The divorce rate increased per 100,000 of population from 29 in 1870 to 82 in 1905, there being one divorce for every 3,441 persons in the former year while in the latter there was one for every 1,218 persons.

During the twenty years from 1887 to 1906 the total number of recorded marriages was 12,832,044, while the number of divorces granted during this period was 945,625. For the previous twenty years the number of divorces was 328,716. At the beginning of the forty-year period divorces occurred at the rate of 10,000 a year, while at the end of the period the annual number was about 66,000.

A more significant divorce rate is that which is based, not on total population, but on the total married population, since it is only married people who can become divorced. These statistics show that in 1870 the divorce rate per 100,000 married population was 81 while in 1900 it was 200. This shows that divorce is at present two and a half times as common, compared with the married population, as it was forty years ago.

Only two States in the Union, according to the statistics, show a decrease in the divorce rate between the years 1880 and 1900. These are Utah and Connecticut. In the former the rate dropped per 100,000 of population from 114 in 1830 to 92 in 1900, while in Connecticut it dropped from 71 to 50.

Six cases were discovered in which the husband obtained a divorce from his wife on the ground of "neglect to provide."

Two-thirds of the total number of divorces granted in the twenty years covered by the investigation were granted to the wife. Desertion is shown to be the most common cause of divorce, 38.09 per cent. of the total being for this cause, almost half of the cases in which the divorce was granted to the husband being for this cause, while about one-third of these granted to the wife for the same cause. Of divorces granted to husbands 28.8 per cent. were for adultery, while only 10 per cent. of those granted to wives were for this cause. More than one-fourth of the divorces to wives were for cruelty and about 10 per cent. of those to husbands.

Drunkenness was the ground for divorce in about 5 per cent. of the cases in which the wife brought suit and in about 1 per cent. of those in which the husband brought suit.

Only 15 per cent. of the divorces were returned as contested. Alimony was demanded in 18 per cent. of the divorces granted to the wife and granted in 12.7 per cent. The proportion of husbands who asked for alimony was 2.8 per cent. and 2 per cent. obtained it.

The average duration of marriages terminated by divorce is about ten years, 60 per cent. of them being less than ten years. The number of years from marriages to separation was ascertained in the cases of 7,770,020 divorce couples. Of these 98,460 or 12.8 per cent. separated in the first year of married life, and 14.2 per cent. in the second year. The surprising fact was revealed that 3.1 per cent. of the total number of separated and became divorced after more than 25 years of married life.

Children were reported in 39.8 per cent. of the total number of divorced cases, children being present in 46.8 per cent. of the cases granted to the wife, and in 26 per cent. of those granted to the husband.

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An occasion of unusual interest and a success in every sense of the word was a school exercise and box supper at Ten Mile last Thursday evening, Thanksgiving. The exercises and supper were gotten up by the teachers of the Ten Mile school, Misses Flora McNeill and Alma Pate, and the ladies of the church. The object of the occasion was to raise money for the new church, which is soon to be erected at Ten Mile.

The exercises began at 7 o'clock with a song by the school, after which Miss Cora Britt recited a piece entitled, "The First Thanksgiving Day." Then twelve little boys and girls lined themselves up before the audience, each having a piece of cardboard hung about the neck with a letter on one side of it. As they walked out the blank side of the card was turned to the audience, then as each one said his or her little piece the card was turned over and when all had finished they had the word "Thanksgiving." The next thing on the programme was a recitation by Miss Ethel Powers, entitled "Thanksgiving Wooing," after which eight little girls stepped out to play the part of "Puritans," and Master Jesse Britt recited a piece and was followed by Miss Fonnie Britt, who sang a solo. Then Miss Polly Malone recited "The Story of the Pilgrim," immediately after which the school sang the "Carpenter's Song," and Miss Fonnie Britt recited a story of Thanksgiving in 1621. Then Prof. R. E. Sentelle, of Lumberton, made a lively speech of about twenty-five minutes, which was greatly enjoyed. The school sang a song, "The Reaper," and the singing, speech-making and reciting were over.

The exercises having ended the time was at hand for raising money. So it was, and The Robesonian man had to get busy, as he had been commanded to sell to the men of money a supper, and that for all he could get. But just before the auctioneering act the four girls who recited were given a little box each and sent out through the audience to be voted on as to who recited best, each vote being five cents. The four girls got something over $4, Miss Fonnie Britt getting the most votes. The next scheme to raise money was voting on the most popular lady, which was also five cents a vote, and Miss Fonnie Britt was again the successful one. By this time the appetites of those present were pretty well tuned up for supper, the cries for bids were quickly answered and many of the boxes sold for fancy prices.

The ladies managing the arrangements for this occasion, being of strong charitable impulse, decided that it might be well to give some expression of their concern for any creature who might have been absent when Nature called 'round to touch up the forgotten spots in the features of man, so they had a large pumpkin for the ugliest man. For some time it looked as though The Robesonian man's cry for votes on some hard-favored being would be in vain, but Alas! to the surprise of the recipient and amusement of the entire audience, five votes were cast for The Robesonian man! But times were equally interesting when ten votes were called out for Prof. Sentelle, and then the poles closed.

So ended the amusement of an altogether lively occasion.

The proceeds amounted to about $50.

Frank H. Hitchcock to be Postmaster General.

Frank H. Hitchcock, chairman of the Republican national committee, has been offered and has accepted the position of Postmaster General in the Taft Cabinet that is to be. This is President-elect Taft's first Cabinet selection, but the official announcement will probably not be made until Mr. Taft has completed his Cabinet. Mr. Hitchcock has had much experience as First Assistant and Acting Postmaster General.

Perry Ussery, of Barnwell, S. C., was shot in the back of the head and instantly killed by an unknown assassin at a carnival in Barnwell Saturday night while talking to a friend. The murderer escaped.

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MT. ELIAM MATTERS.

Orrum a Coming Town—Union Services at Antioch—Fruit Supper at Orrum—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Mr. I. V. Britt went to Lumberton Saturday on business.—Mr. J. Z. Stone went to Boardman Friday on business.—Mr. Richard Stone went to Boardman Sunday night. He is attending a courting over that way and Old No. 1 has learned the bridges.—Mr. Leonard Britt went to Orrum Tursday on business.—Miss Mary Anderson, of Orrum, is visiting friends here this week.

Wonder what has become of "Sarah Jane." We all miss her newsy letters very much.

Orrum is a coming town; or if there ever is any town it has got to come from now. We heard of a little child going with his father to Orrum and when he got there he asked his father where was Orrum. When told he was in Orrum he said. "Where is the town?" Mr. Forest Stone asked one of the boys at Orrum where they would rather live, in town or in the country. He said he'd rather live in town, and Mr. Stone asked why he did not move to some town. He said he was living in town (so he is.)

The writer attended the union at Antioch Saturday and enjoyed it very well, although anyone who is used to staying in a large town like Orrum is lonely when he goes out into the country That's what an Orrum boy said one time. There was a very large crowd present. The sermon by Mr. Durham was fine, also the talks on home missions and other subjects, and of course we enjoyed the dinner, which was there for you if you were there to get it.

The fruit supper here Thursday night was a great success. We were disappointed in the speaking, as Mr. McLeod was not present. There was a large crowd and the young folks and widowers enjoyed it very much. A basket of fruit was sold for the prettiest girl. Miss Cleo Purvis got the fruit, thirteen dollars was what it brought. They cleared $18.50 on the fruit. Much credit goes to our charming teacher. Miss Cashwell, for the success. Miss Cashwell is one of our best teachers and the school is progressing very nicely.

Among those who attended the union Saturday were Messrs. Grover Britt, Thaddeus Stone, T. Y. Stone, John Stone, Rowland Stone, Okey Stephens and Misses Ethel Cashwell, Katie Stone, Nora Stone, Dolar Stephens, Esther and Beulah Branch.

Mr. J. C. Atkinson, of Oakton, was in this burg Sunday afternoon.

It is almost warm enough to plant corn here at present.

Happy Jack.

Mt. Eliam, N. C., Nov. 30, 1908.

Thanksgiving Entertainment at Back Swamp Academy—Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

The school at Back Swamp Academy, which is being taught by Misses Flora K. Register and Jennette MacNeill, gave an entertainment Thanksgiving night. It was witnessed by a large crowd and greatly enjoyed by all. The programme consisted of dialogues, recitations, tableaux; and each one performed his part well. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school.

Miss Lois Thompson, of MacDonald, is visiting her cousin, Miss Sallie Thompson.

Mr. J. K. Singletary conducted services at the church Thanksgiving Day.

Miss Emma Prevatt continues very sick.

Mr. Earle Thompson, of Lumberton, spent Thanksgiving with his parents.

Prof. W. T. Jenerette and Mr. Claud Bullock, of Fairmont, spent Thanksgiving in this community.

Misses Cora Howell and Lizzie Boone and Mr. Henry Howell attended the entertainment at Orrum last Weduesday night.

Miss Mabel Clark, of Clarkton, Miss Helen Stainback, of Raleigh, and Messrs. Petty and Raymond Thompson, of Lumberton, spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thompson.

Back Swamp, N. C., Nov. 30, 1908.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system.—They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address:

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To the Editor of The Robesonian:

A law in Robeson county compelling indifferent parents to send their children to school, I do earnestly believe, would be the greatest blessing that could be brought about for the rising generation. The Bible teaches that charity begins at home, therefore there is a great mission work now should be done in Robeson among the illiterate of the county. It is this class that is so careless in regard to sending their children to school, therefore I deem it highly important a law should be passed at once compelling this class of people in Robeson county to send their children to the public schools of the county four months in each and every year, from 6 to 21 years old, which will remove this ignorance from our midst. Ignorance is the greatest drawback to a nation of any one known cause today. What class of people fills our jails, penitentiaries, chaingangs and pauper list? It is the class of people who will not send to school and who never had any training themselves. It was stated as facts in the Teachers' Institute in Lumberton last Saturday that there are now in Robeson county some 1,000 or 1,500 children who do not attend school at all, growing up in benighted ignorance. Go to the chain-gang of Robeson county and see who are on it; go to the jail and see who are in the cells, also to the State penitentiary and see who are there from the banner old county of the State; go to the criminal docket of Robeson county and see who are charged with murder. Now trace up the training of this class and you will find to a great extent that they have had scarcely any advantage in school or in their homes.

God says, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it;" God says "the strong shall bear the infirmities of the weak." Now I earnestly believe that it is the Christian duty of our lawmakers to enact such laws as will remove this shameful ignorance from among the class of people of Robeson county that will not send their children to the public schools. I conscientiously ask our Senator, Mr. D. P. Shaw, and our Representatives, Messrs. Shepherd and McLeod, to take this urgent matter in hand when the next General Assembly of North Carolina meets in January next and see to the enactment of such laws as will compel such parents of Robeson county to send their children to the public schools of the county four months in each year. If they fail to do this they should be prosecuted as though they had stolen a horse. When they withhold their children from school, what is it but stealing? God says "thou shalt not steal." When we as parents positively refuse to send our children to school and work them like dumb brutes and cause them to grow up in shame and disgrace, what is it but stealing their rights and their privileges? Why is not this the same sin in God's sight as stealing anything else? Stealing is stealing; there is no little sin with God; they are all big sins; and I fear many of us as parents, unless we repent and send to school, will go to the hot country. There are so many of this class of people who, when they pretend to send to school, send so infrequently that it does not do much good. Sending to school is like a chain—it takes all the links to make a perfect chain; so it is with sending to school—it takes every day to accomplish the aim in view. Three months every day is worth more to the child than six, as many send.

The school room opens jail doors, closes court house doors, reduces the pauper list, lessens the criminal docket and puts our people on higher plains of life to enter upon the bosom of the busy world.

Geo. Warwick.

Orrum, N. C., Nov. 28, 1908.

Timothy L. Woodruff, chairman of the New York State Republican committee, has eliminated himself from the race for United States Senator in favor of Secretary of State Elihu Root.

Two boys who live near Waverly, Tenn,, were taken to the woods and given a severe whipping Thursday night by "night-riders," the reason given being that the boys would not work, and another who was told that he had been talking too much was whipped and forced to run up and down a half-mile lane until exhausted.

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