

**HEALTH AND HYGIENE:**  
**HOOKWORMS ON THE RUN.**

**One Person in Seven Has Been Examined and One Person in 20 Has Been Treated for Hookworms — Great Health Work on Knotts Island.**

Bulletin State Board of Health. In reviewing the achievements of 1913 in North Carolina, a matter that is of much interest to a large number of people is the work of the Hookworm Commission of the State Board of Health. Dr. C. L. Pridgen, who is at the head of the commission in this State, gives us the following facts from the report he has just compiled for the Rockefeller Commission at Washington.

Ninety-nine of the one hundred counties in North Carolina have appropriated a proportionate amount of their own funds for a hookworm campaign, and the campaigns have been conducted in 94 of these counties. A number of counties have also made a second appropriation and asked to have a second campaign carried on in behalf of the health and energy of their people.

In the execution of this work the following figures give an idea of the popularity and growth of the work, money actually put into circulation in our State. Prior to 1913, 59 counties had co-operated in this work, and a sum of \$66,773.64 was spent in carrying it on. During 1913, 41 counties took up the proposition, and a sum of \$32,158.37 was spent. Thus in the 94 counties that have already had campaigns there has been a total of \$98,932.01 put into the general circulation. This is an average of \$1,052.47 per county.

To show what has been accomplished by the expenditure of this large amount of money, Dr. Pridgen gives us the following statement, which is very interesting: Prior to 1913 there were 217,033 people examined for hookworm, and 88,119 were found infected and treated, or 40.6 per cent. During 1913 there were 107,887 people examined, and 23,553 found infected, or 21.8 per cent, showing the effect of the former immense amount of work in educating and treating the people. These figures do not include the work of the private physicians, which will be given later, but the field work of Dr. Pridgen's staff only. This shows a total of 324,920 people, whose names and addresses are on record in Dr. Pridgen's office, have been examined, and 111,672 treated up to January, 1914. This means that one out of every seven people of North Carolina have been examined, and one out of every 20 has been found infected and treated. In addition to the hookworm findings, there were an immense number of other parasites found, such as eelworms, tapeworm, threadworm, etc., all of which were treated free of charge. Cases of hookworm were found that required more than the usual amount of treatment consequently there were a total of 191,241 treatments dispensed free of charge.

Of the 1,847 doctors in the State, 1,060 have reported regularly to Dr. Pridgen's office their private work in hookworm disease. Prior to 1913 they had treated 40,568 cases, and during 1913 they treated 11,905 cases, a total of 52,473 cases, which are not included in the figures given above. If these are added, it shows a total of 164,145 cases on record as treated in North Carolina. One thousand and eighty-nine lectures have been given on hookworm and sanitation and other health subjects to 91,434 people. This does not include the daily illustrated lectures and school addresses given by Dr. Pridgen's staff, which run up into the hundreds of thousands. All the teachers, doctors, superintendents of schools, editors, and others engaged in educating the public were visited and thousands of letters and illustrated pamphlets sent to them, urging their co-operation, which was freely given. 840,261 illustrated pamphlets on hookworm and sanitation and other diseases have been distributed among the people and have caused a wonderful awakening along the lines of public health and sanitation in the State. The members of Dr. Pridgen's staff have traveled all over the 94 counties in which they have worked, inspecting sanitation on a scientific basis, advising with the people on health matters, and seeking to better conditions in every way possible.

To those who doubt the co-operation of the public in carrying to completion the theories of the State health authorities, one phase of Dr. Pridgen's work in 1913 is worthy of attention. He selected Knotts Island, Currituck County, as the field of operation. Dr. G. F. Leonard, of his staff was detailed for this special work, who, with the earnest co-operation and untiring assistance of Dr. J. H. Leonard, the local health officer, has accomplished a magnificent piece of work in this locality. By examination, treatment and re-examination by microscope, malaria, hookworm and some minor troubles

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have been practically eradicated from that district. All but seven of the inhabitants have been examined by microscope, and these, though clinically negative, will be examined soon. The microscope examinations for malaria were made by Dr. R. H. von Ezdorf, of the U. S. Public Health Service, who it will be remembered was recently sent by the Government to North Carolina to make examinations regarding malaria. Dr. von Ezdorf accompanied Dr. Pridgen to Knotts Island, became enthusiastic over the progress of the problem there and volunteered the assistance of his laboratory at Mobile, Ala. In addition to the eradication of hookworm and malaria from this community, a form of sanitary privy has been worked out by Dr. Pridgen and Dr. Leonard, an dthese with the assistance of Dr. Maynard, will be installed at every home on the Island.

So far as we know this is the first time in the history of any State that such a piece of work has been accomplished, and it will undoubtedly lead to similar work in other counties of the State, since this is such a splendid demonstration of its possibility.

**New Opportunities For the Country Boy.**

With the coming of agricultural co-operation, new opportunities for the country boy will do much to check the present "drift to the city." The farmer boy will no longer feel that he must live his own row his whole life long unaided by his fellows, buy his own tools, solve all his problems, and live and work to himself with no opportunities beyond the boundary lines of his own farm. In the new organization of farm life, he will not only work with his neighbors in making crops and marketing them, in getting credit, in buying machinery and equipment but he will recognize the fact that if he shows business ability, all sorts of opportunities for managing co-operative enterprise, all sorts of opportunities in the commercial business side of farming will open to him; and if he succeeds notably with a neighborhood or township enterprise, there will be county enterprises for him to manage, and for the man who has shown himself abundantly capable in managing a county enterprise, district or State direction of certain co-operative business will be open. The demand for leaders is unlimited.

**College Men in the White House.**

Biblical Recorder. Of the 27 Presidents of the United States it is said that all but eight of them were college men—a fact that greatly emphasizes the value of collegiate training. It is further stated that 16 of the 19 college men who have occupied the White House were trained in Christian colleges—a fact which speaks volumes for the colleges which have wrought under the religious impulse.

Early Thursday morning the body of a well dressed white man was found close to the Atlantic Coast Line tracks at Adecock's Crossing, near Luccama. From papers in his pocket he was identified as Robert Morgan, a well-to-do stockman and farmer of Benson, in Johnson county. Coroner C. L. Swindell, of Wilson, was notified and empaneled a jury. The verdict stated that Mr. Morgan came to his death by walking from the train of his own volition. Mr. Morgan was on route home after a trip to Richmond where he purchased a car of mules. The bill for the mules was found in his coat pocket.

The residence of Mr. Lonnie Lloyd near Louisburg, was burned and the family barely escaped with their lives, all being badly burned, a 16-year-old girl perhaps fatally, as a result of Mr. Lloyd using a bottle of gasoline, which he thought was kerosene, to build a fire the other day.

Aroused early Friday by a fire that was destroying his barn, Henry Fultz, a farmer living near Barbourville, Ky., rushed out of his home accompanied by his family, only to be met by a volley of bullets that killed Fultz instantly and injured several of the others. The motive for the shooting is unknown.

The fourth annual National orange show displaying 3,000,000 oranges and lemons which opened at San Bernardino Cal., on the 18th, represents this year's production of 43,000 carloads of fruit worth \$35,000,000.

In men whom men condemn as ill I find so much of goodness still; In men whom men pronounce divine I find so much of sin and blot I hesitate to draw a line Between the two, where God has not.—Joaquin Miller.

**The Fall of Paganism Before the Scripture.**

Its lines breathing life, order and freedom, would inspire John Bunyan's dream, Algernon Sydney's fatal republicanism, and Puffendorf's judicature. With them William Penn would meet the Indians of the forest, and Fenelon, the philosopher, in his meditative solitude. Locke and Newton and Leibnitz would carry it with them in pathless fields of speculation while Peter the Great was smiting an arrogant priest in Russia and William was ascending the English throne. From its poetry Cowper, Wordsworth, Tennyson and Browning would catch the divine afflatus; from its statesmanship Burke, Romilly and Bright would learn how to create and redeem institutions; from its melodies Handel, Bach, Mendelssohn and Beethoven would write oratorios masses and symphonies; from its declaration of divine sympathy Wilberforce, Howard and Florence Nightingale were to emancipate slaves, reform prisons and mitigate the cruelties of war; from its prophecies Dante's hope of a United Italy was to be realized by Cavour, Garibaldi and Victor Emmanuel. Looking upon the family Bible as he was dying, Andrew Jackson said: "That book, sir, is the rock upon which the republic rests;" and with her hand upon that book, Victoria, England's Queen, was to sum up her history as a power amid the nations of the earth, when replying to the question of an Ambassador: "What is the secret of England's superiority among nations?" she would say: "Go tell your prince that this is the secret of England's political greatness."

When spurious liberalism, with all her literature, produces such a roll-call as this; when out of her pages I may see coming a nobler set of forces for the making of mankind, then, and only then will I give up my Bible; then, and only then, will I cease to pray and labor that it may be given to all the world.

**Wake Forest Robeson County Alumni Association to be Organized.**

To the Robeson County Alumni and Former Students of Wake Forest College:

On Friday, March 6th, 1914, at 8 o'clock p. m. at the opera house at Lumberton, N. C., the Wake Forest Glee Club will give a concert. After the performance the Robeson County Alumni and former students of Wake Forest will repair to the Sunday school room of the First Baptist church, where a banquet will be spread and a Robeson county Alumni Association will be formed.

All alumni and former students of the college, now resident in Robeson county are not only cordially invited to attend, but are earnestly urged to do so, as it is desired to have a full attendance and transact business of importance. All friends of the college will be welcome.  
R. C. LAWRENCE,  
Chairman Com. of Arrangements.  
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**Powder House at Whitney Blown Up.**

Wadesboro Ansonian, 18h. The people of Wadesboro felt what was supposed to be earthquake shocks last night at about 7:15. Many questions were asked about the matter until this morning, when news came that a powder house at Whitney had blown up at about the same time the shocks were felt here. The house belonged to Rhinehart & Bennett and was on the Montgomery side of the river. It was at first reported that 40 people were dead as a result, but later news says that not a single person was injured. The house contained between 20 and 30 cases of powder, and it is thought that an oil stove used in the heating room caused the explosion.

The shock produced a small sensation here, and it is said that one good lady of the town fearing it was the forerunner of serious earthquake disturbances, changed her mind and went to the revival meeting now in progress.

Make it a point to do something every day that you don't want to do. This is the golden rule for acquiring the habit of doing your duty without pain.—Mark Twain.

Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson, wife of the famous novelist, died of apoplexy at her home at Montecito, Cal., on the 17th.

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**A HOUSE BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD.**

There are hermit souls that live withdrawn  
In the place of their self-content;  
There are souls like stars, that dwell apart  
In a fellowless firmament;  
There are pioneer souls that blaze their path  
Where highways never ran;  
But let me live by the side of the road  
And be a friend to man.

Let me live in a house by the side of the road,  
Where the race of men go by,  
The men who are good, and the men who are bad,  
As good and as bad as I;  
I would not sit in the scorner's seat,  
Nor hurl the cynic's ban;  
Let me live in a house by the side of the road  
And be a friend to man.

I see from my home by the side of the road,  
By the side of the highway of life,  
The men who press on with ardor of hope,  
The men who are faint with the strife;  
But I turn not away from their smiles or their tears,  
Both part of an infinite plan;  
Let me live in a house by the side of the road  
And be a friend to man.

I know there are brook-gladdened meadows ahead  
And mountains of wearisome height,  
And the road passes on through the long afternoon  
And stretches away to the night;  
But I still rejoice when the travelers rejoice,  
And weep with the strangers that mourn,  
Nor live in my house by the side of the road  
As one who dwells alone.

Let me live in my house by the side of the road,  
Where the race of men go by;  
They are good, they are bad, they are weak, they are strong,  
Wise, foolish, and so am I.  
Then why should I sit in the scorner's seat,  
Or hurl the cynic's ban?  
Let me live in the house by the side of the road  
And be a friend to man.  
—Sam Walters Foss.

**The Wounds of a Brother.**

Baltimore Sun. All of us have had occasion to wish to be delivered from our friends, but but Congressman Hobson may well wish to be saved from his brother. This fraternal relative promises, if allowed to go at large much longer, to destroy any chance Mr. Hobson may have had of getting the Democratic Senatorial nomination in Alabama, and in addition to make him the laughing stock of the whole country. Here are two paragraphs from a letter which this deadly brother, S. A. Hobson by name, has written in the Montgomery Advance:

Despite the dastardly insinuations of certain jackals . . . I only speak the living truth when I say that since the death of Christ no man has lived who had or has greater purity of character. And of the truth of this he calls Heaven to witness in the following language:

I enjoy the phenomena and sensations of this life; but I deliberately say: If this is not true, I trust my life may be blasted before these lines are printed. I believe in the immortality of the soul, and I weigh every word when I say, with all reverence, that if a single line, word, syllable or letter is untrue, may God Almighty damn my soul through eternity.

We have had fools from time to time since Dogberry who have written themselves down large in the book of asses, but we recall no recent competitor who has come anywhere near the brother of our naval hero as a candidate for the highest honors in combined irreverence and folly. We do not think, however, that it is fair to damn Congressman Hobson because of the imbecility of his brother. He has enough to answer for politically himself without hanging this fraternal millstone around his neck.

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**HAMMER NOMINATED.**

President Sends His Name to Senate for District Attorney—Former Governor Glenn Appointed on International Boundary Commission. Washington Special, 20th, to Wilmington Star.

The President sent to the Senate today the nomination of W. C. Hammer, of Asheboro, to be district attorney for the western district of North Carolina. The nomination will have to go to the Senate judiciary committee and will be confirmed by the Senate within the next week unless some one prefers charges against the Asheboro man. This is not expected by those in touch with the situation. In nominating Mr. Hammer, the President disregarded the advice and judgment of Attorney General McReynolds, who advised the President not to appoint Mr. Hammer. Senator Overman is acting chairman of the Senate judiciary committee. He said today that he would listen to any charges if they were presented to the committee.

Former Governor Robert B. Glenn was rewarded today with a large slice of "pie" when the President appointed him a member of the International Boundary Commission, commonly known as the "lame duck's roost." The job pays \$7,500 per year and a liberal expense account. The former Governor is here conferring with friends. He will get on the pay roll March 1st.

"Suffered day and night the torment of itching piles. Nothing helped me until I used Doan's Ointment. The result was lasting."—Hon. John R. Garrett, Mayor, Girard, Ala.

At their home in Cabarrus county Friday the 18-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Mabery was accidentally shot and instantly killed by their 5-year old son. The children were alone in the house when the boy tried to pull a loaded shotgun from under the bed. The gun was discharged, the load striking the little girl and killing her instantly.

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**School Teachers Should be Given Homes and Farms.**

A novel scheme for procuring better country school teachers by providing them with suitable homes and ample acreage for farming purposes was introduced for Philander C. Claxton, United States Commissioner of Education at the meeting of the Louisiana State Association of District Superintendents at New Orleans last week.

"This farm of 20 or 30 acres," said Mr. Claxton ought to become a kind of model farm, if properly operated by the teacher and a center of agricultural and social life in the community.

"We will never get better teachers," he said, "until we make the teacher's position more respectable. No one who moves about from town to town and from school to school constantly and keep his self respect. Therefore it is necessary to make the teachers' position permanent, as it is in Switzerland. This can be done by providing him with a home and a farm."

"This transforming of the teacher into a power in the community must be accompanied by a consolidation of the whole country school system. It would be possible to divide States into districts with the school building and the model farm centrally located."

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The date for the formal inauguration of Dr. S. B. Turrentine as president of the Greensboro College for Women has been fixed for March 18.

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