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A WORTHY CAUSE

So dull of perception are we as we rush along our daily affairs, so little do we really understand the deeper things around us, that we may rob elbows every day with a hero and not recognize that fact until something happens to bring us up short with a punch that opens our eyes.

"Sweet are the uses of adversity, which, like the toad, ugly and venomous, wears yet a precious jewel in its head."

That precious jewel was found last week by Rev. J. H. Hayswood, colored, who has been doing a noble work among the colored people of this county for the past twelve years and whose school building and residence, containing all his belongings, were burned down, with loss of everything, Thursday.

Hayswood has been teaching boys and girls useful things and those who have been in touch with his work speak in highest terms of it. He teaches girls and boys, for instance, how to clean a room properly, how to cook and make baskets, and put bottoms in chairs—any number of useful things; and he teaches his pupils always to be self-respecting and polite to everybody.

Now if you want to help put this man on his feet again, want to help him continue this work, you have the privilege of doing so. He lost all his personal effects in the fire. Money or books or foodstuffs would be thankfully received.

Hayswood does not ask The Robesonian to make this appeal. But we want to do it because it is a privilege to help such a work as he is doing. And we believe that some readers of this paper who have not been called upon personally will be glad to help.

THE COUNTY ROAD LAW

Contemplating one of the many aggregating situations to which the present road law has given rise the Maxton Scottish Chief is moved to submit the following remarks:

"Maxton township, so far as roads are concerned, has suffered by the change from the district to the township unit. Maxton, Smiths and Pembroke townships were grouped under the district unit and the district money was spent in a system of roads adopted, in Smiths and Pembroke townships, the plan contemplating coming to Maxton township when the roads in these townships were completed. But the politicians got busy and changed the road law to the township unit, and Smiths and Pembroke refused to give up their proportion of the new fund to Maxton, whose part had been spent in these townships under the district law. In the meantime, a traction road machine had been bought by the Maxton trustees, but under the change they have had no money to work the roads nor to pay for the machine and a notice of sale of same is carried in the Scottish Chief this week. The township is bankrupt because of the petty game of politics that has made a football of public roads in Robeson county. This demagoguery should be frowned upon by the people. We will never have proper roads until the county unit is permanently adopted and funds provided through a sufficient bond issue. In the meantime Maxton township is the goat and the people are footing the bill."

The Chief puts his finger on the trouble when it mentions "the petty game of politics that has made a football of public roads in Robeson." But it is treason to talk about using road funds for effective road work. Maybe some day the people will decide to see to it that the money raised by taxation for the purpose of maintaining roads is put to better use.

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VALUE OF PREPAREDNESS

Representative Claude Kitchin, Democratic majority leader in the House of Congress, after a conference with President Wilson at the White House recently announced that he could not support the President's plan for national preparedness. He says that he will give his reasons in a speech on the floor of the House and that his opposition will be merely personal and not as majority leader. In opposing the program for national preparedness that will be submitted to Congress Mr. Kitchin puts his opinion against the opinion of experts who have studied the subject exhaustively, and he himself believes that he will be in the minority.

Recognizing the fact that the question of national defense no doubt will be the leading question before the coming session of Congress, the Baltimore Sun is publishing a series of articles by experts, engaged especially for the purpose, men who have studied the subject of national defense and are recognized authorities thereon. From the first article of this series is taken the following, which illustrates forcibly the value of preparedness:

"And to speak of the Civil War always recalls the fact that the United States was, at the end of that struggle, at the very zenith of its power as a fighting nation. Though burdened with debt and with half of its area a waste, this country was nevertheless able to enforce its demands against the most powerful nations in the world.

"France had, while the war between the States was on, overturned the government of Mexico and set up Maximilian as its Emperor. Great Britain had at the same time given material assistance to Confederate privateers, particularly to the commerce destroyer Alabama. Though incensed over these unfriendly acts, the United States made no move against them until Lee had surrendered. Then, conscious of the fact that we had the only iron-navy on the seas and a veteran army unequalled in the world, we issued unequal demands that France get out of Mexico. France got out of Mexico with amazing swiftness. Thereupon we turned to Great Britain with an equally peremptory demand that the Alabama claims be settled. They were settled and were settled upon our terms without one day's unnecessary delay.

"These two circumstances illustrate the value of preparedness as do no other in all American history. And they are a conclusive answer to the erroneous argument that a powerful army and navy invite instead of prevent war. It is doubtful if either France or Great Britain would have taken our demonstrations seriously had we been too weak to back them up. And what was true then is no less true now and will be just as true of the future, if human experience counts for anything.

"The present war in Europe after all has given the world the most eloquent example of preparedness versus unpreparedness. Germany, with a mighty fighting machine, organized and equipped for instant service, has proven well-nigh irresistible. That empire and its allies are fighting simultaneously on four fronts, each remote from the other, and fighting with a success that has astonished the world. England, on the other hand, unprepared and unarmed, has failed miserably in her effort to drive the conquering German out of either Belgium or France. Only the overwhelming strength of her navy has prevented an invasion of the British Isles themselves.

"Nobody in the United States dreams of the time when this country will have or want such an army as that of Germany. It is not needed and may never be needed. This nation is not surrounded by hostile neighbors and is not now threatened from abroad by powerful enemies. It is too much to hope that we will not some day find ourselves in conflict with such an enemy and that diplomacy will fail us as it failed Europe 16 months ago. And in such a situation the American people will find that the Atlantic Ocean is not so much of a protecting barrier as was a mountain range 50 years ago."

THIS IS IMPORTANT

Never forget, when you phone in an alarm to the fire station, that the thing to do is to give as near as possible the exact location of the fire. Give the street, by all means. If that had been done last Thursday when the colored school building was burning it might have been possible for the fire company to save something. As it was whoever phoned in gave the very indefinite information that the fire was near where a certain person lived. Some members of the fire company happened to know where that person formerly lived and they made for that place with all speed, only to find that that was not where the fire was at all; and so precious time was lost in hunting the fire. It cannot fail to be obvious to any one that giving the street location is absolutely necessary. It is best to turn in the alarm from a box whenever that is possible.

Do a bloodhound do his duty or is he a bloomin' fraud? According as you honor or revile this most misunderstood of canines will you be disposed to contribute to a fund to purchase one of that breed to serve on the police force of Robeson or to scoff at the idea. For a fund has been started to purchase one of these here same animals for the county. There are good men who will stand up and tell you bold like, just like they knew what they were talking about, that your bloodhound is a delusion and a snare, a bluffer and a sonuvagun, not worth shucks in trail over a criminal; that he is just as innocent as upon the guilty, and that if he happens by any lucky chance to stumble upon the criminal when no one is in sight as at as not he will make friends with the

criminal and go on away with him. Others there are who stand up stoutly for his worth, praising him to the skies as the embodiment of all the virtues a man-chaser should possess, delighting to track down a criminal under impossible circumstances, unrelenting in the chase, fierce to the point of blood-thirstiness when the quarry is found. If you believe a blood-hound is a gentleman and a good dog and true who performs his duty according to his lights, you may contribute to a fund to help purchase one; if you believe he is a loafer and a fraud, you most probably will do nothing of the kind. But let us hasten to add that this is not written to prejudice anybody against the bloodhound. You may search us. We don't know. We have merely stated the case briefly for and against. You may take your choice—which you are going to do anyway.

APPEAL FOR COLORED SCHOOL

Burning of School Buildings Where Rev. J. H. Hayswood Taught Colored Youth Useful Occupations a Great Calamity for Lumberton—Contributions May be Sent to R. C. Lawrence or to The Robesonian. To the Editor of The Robesonian:

On last Thursday morning the school house and other buildings on the campus of Red Stone Academy burned to the ground before the fire department could reach the scene and render effective aid. Every building on the campus was soon consumed, together with all the school furniture and all the personal property of Rev. J. H. Hayswood, the principal, and his wife. The nearly 200 students of all ages were thus rendered almost homeless especially so with the boarding students and faculty.

This unexpected blow as suddenly as a thunderbolt out of a sky, for a time utterly prostrated the wife, while the brave and devoted principal continued to struggle with the crowd who assembled there to render what aid they could. We have the idea strongly in our mind that the calamity struck the hearts of the good people of the community in a manner we have never seen before which is shown in the action taken by the good townspeople and the Chamber of Commerce.

This body met in the court house and after many good things were said by them they passed resolutions of confidence in Hayswood, and recommended that the same be forwarded to the home office at Pittsburg, Pa., urging the immediate rebuilding of Red Stone Academy because of the good work done by the school for the youth of the race and the good influence this work is having on the race and on the town as well.

Thus far over \$225 has been raised by the good people of the town and other things were promised as are needed to continue the work. The church was thrown open for the school and other houses near by were rented for the time being and the work is to be continued until better quarters can be provided.

This school is teaching, besides the literary branches, sewing, cooking, mat-making, basketry, chairbottoming, house work and general home making, for future usefulness of the young people. This school also is preparing many of its pupils for higher institutions and as teachers of the race in this and other counties. The school therefore is doing a work which cannot be done in the public school; and as such, the good people of Lumberton feel that this school cannot be spared from its good work among the colored people.

This has been clearly shown by the liberal contributions given almost wholly by the best white people of the town, and we simply take this method of making an appeal not to the town's people only but to all Robeson and surrounding counties whose young people even now are knocking for admittance and many of whom for years have attended.

We ask the contributions of all people of all races for the rebuilding and in some degree relieving the losses sustained by this fire.

We know, from past experiences that the good people of Robeson only need to be informed in order to render what aid they can to a good cause. Small sums from hundreds of people will soon enable Hayswood to again begin his good work.

The writer of this appeal is an old citizen and teacher of the colored race for over 43 years here and is known by every man and woman of prominence in this part of the State—and he only now makes this appeal because he has laid down the book, the birch, the chalk and the bell for younger hands. But while he lays these aside his heart is as much in the work as ever and he still holds the confidence of both races and truly hopes that this appeal will not pass unnoticed.

Yours ever,
D. P. ALLEN.
P. S.—Contributions may be sent to Mr. R. C. Lawrence and The Robesonian.

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CENSUS REPORT SHOWS 8,777,794 BALES GINNED

Washington Dispatch, 22d. The fifth cotton ginning report of the season, compiled from reports and agents throughout the cotton belt and issued today, announced that 8,777,794 bales of cotton counting round as half bales, of the growth of 1915 has been ginned prior to November 14. That compares with 11,668,240 bales or 73 per cent of the entire crop, ginned prior to November 14 last year, 10,444,329 bales, or 74.7 per cent in 1913 and 10,299,646 bales, or 76.4 per cent in 1912. The average quantity of cotton ginned prior to November 14 in the last ten years was 9,257,817 bales or 73.0 per cent of the crop.

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