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THE BEST PREACHING:—Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven—Matthew 5:16.

WALTER HINES PAGE MEMORIAL

A movement has been launched to place a memorial portrait of the late Walter Hines Page in the Hall of History at Raleigh. The portrait which it is proposed for the Literary and Historical association of North Carolina to present to the State, through voluntary contributions of citizens who would like to have a part in providing a fitting tribute to this distinguished editor, publicist, diplomat and patriot, is a replica of the portrait of Mr. Page by the eminent artist Laszlo, now in the American embassy in London.

Mr. Page began his career as a newspaper editor in this State at an early age. He became editor of the Atlantic Monthly and then of the World's Work, two of the best magazines published in America. It was while editor of the World's Work that he was called by President Wilson to become ambassador to Great Britain, in which capacity he rendered distinctive service during a crisis in world affairs.

The Memorial committee, feeling that a large number of North Carolinians should have a part in this proposed memorial, is asking for not more than \$20 from each contributor. The committee is composed of Dr. Frederick M. Hanes, chairman, and Henry E. Fries, of Winston-Salem; Dr. Jas. Sprunt of Wilmington, and Mrs. Jos. R. Chamberlain of Raleigh. Mr. Page's distinguished career reflects honor upon his native State and no doubt many North Carolinians will be glad of the opportunity to have a part in a memorial in his honor.

A HARD-WORKING OFFICER.

Recent court criticism of Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, has served to rally to his defense a number of people who appreciate the work he is doing. It seems rather astonishing that a grand jury would accept scattering complaints upon the part of two or three prisoners as indicating that a public officer is not doing his duty. As a matter of fact, it has been shown that Dr. Hardin's average of visits to jail and chain gang is greater than the average for the State, and if he is to be criticised for not doing what no man can do without proper cooperation on the part of other officials, what about the other county health officers in the State? Dr. Hardin has proven himself a most efficient and hard-working officer, and it is no wonder that criticism of him for not doing what no man can do has aroused considerable resentment among his friends.

The whole matter can be remedied, as has been suggested, by requiring other officials to make reports on prisoners to Dr. Hardin. Judge Sinclair is thoroughly convinced, too, that Dr. Hardin needs an assistant, and has recommended to the State Board of Health that he be given an assistant. Robeson is a large county

and the county health officer has to cover a lot of territory. No doubt two men could find plenty to do.

In last Monday's Robesonian was published a sketch of Christian McMillan, and in this issue will be found an account of "The Battle of Raft Swamp and Minor Engagements in the Vicinity", both by Mr. A. W. McLean. Both these sketches are of wide-spread interest. Mr. McLean thinks that the site of the Battle of Raft Swamp should be marked by a permanent granite marker under the provisions of the legislative act providing for the marking of historical spots in North Carolina, and it would certainly seem that this should be done. Mr. McLean has a number of sketches of early Scotch settlers and a number of other articles which he has prepared during the past few years for his forthcoming book,

"Highland Scots in North Carolina", and The Robesonian hopes to be able to publish others of these in the near future.

Don't lose sight of the community Christmas tree the Woman's club of Lumberton is going to put on Christmas. It ought to make this one of the most joyous Christmases Lumberton has ever known.

Bud Lewis, 43 years old, was accidentally killed by his 16-year-old cousin Rogers West while hunting in Sampson county Thursday. They were walking a log across a swamp when the gun went off, blowing away the back of the boy's head.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Blanchard and children spent Thanksgiving here at the home of Mrs. Blanchard's father, Mr. C. M. Fuller, returning Friday to their home at Hamlet.

Mr. J. M. Walters of Barnesville was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.

E. J. McRacken Was Highly Esteemed Citizen.

Mention was made in Thursday's Robesonian of the death of Mr. E. J. McRacken of Whiteville, father of Mrs. Wade Wishart of Lumberton. The following is taken from last week's Whiteville News Reporter: "When members of his family went to awaken him at about six o'clock yesterday morning, it was discovered that Mr. E. J. McRacken, one of the

most respected citizens of South Whiteville township, had died some time during the night.

"Mr. McRacken was seventy-three years of age and was highly esteemed and greatly beloved in his own community and in Whiteville where he was just as well known. He spent much time here with his son, Mr. W. R. McRacken and had a wide acquaintance all over the county. He was a faithful member of the White-

ville Methodist church.

"Surviving him are four sons and two daughters, Messrs. W. R. McRacken of Whiteville; Walter and Edward at the home, Bennet McRacken of Wilmington; Mrs. Wade Wishart of Lumberton and Mrs. Maggie McRacken at the home. One other daughter, Mrs. W. H. Sellers, died about three years ago. His wife also died about three years ago."



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