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## Sneeze on Monday,

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Sneeze on Tuesday, Kiss a stranger; Sneeze on Wednesday, Receive aletter;
Sneeze on Thursday, Something better; Sneeze on Friday, Expect sorrow; Sneeze on Saturday, Joy to-morrow.

## BITS.

Fifteen new residences and butiness houses are going up in Reidsville.

Oak Ridge, N. C., Institute opened with 100 students.
There are only 25 springs at Saratoga, brother.

One hundred and six divopce cases are docketed for the September term of Philadelphia court. How is that for progressive civilization ?

Preparations are being made for the inauguration of Gov. Knott, of Ky., at Frankfort.

On last Tuesday night the train ran over and killed a negro boy about 17 years old, at Jamestown, N. C.

Durham's Graded School opens on Monday.

Over two-thirds of a million pounds of tobacco sold in Durham last week, that averaged over \$22.50 per hundred.
A third of a mile a day is the way work is progressing on the Cape Fear \& Yadkin Valley Railroad.

The State fair will be held at Raleigh, six days, beginning Monday. October 15th. Over six thousand dollars in premiums is offered. The rail roads will issue excursion tickets, at the rates of two cents a mile and transport articles for exhibition free of charge, under the usual conditions.

The Absence of Presibents. -A careful collection of the facts in regathl to the absence of preshdents from the seat of government during their respective terms of office shows that Jeffersoniwas the champion absentee. He scored 796 days in eight years. Next came Monroe, 708 days in eight years, followed by Madison, 637 days in eight years: John Quincy, Adams, 222 days in four yēars; Washington, 18 I days in eight years. The presidents who virtually took no vacations were: Jackson, 37 days; Pierce and Buchannan, 57 days each, and Lincoln, who can hardily be said to have left the capital during all those bloody four years.

A NEw cave has been fistonlar ed, in North Carolina. It is lqcated on the Tennessee riyenijr Swain couthty, near the mouth of the Nantihala. A blast was put in the mouth of it and a way opened for effrance. One large room, bearing beautiful stalactites, was explored and a small aperture leading to another room was found but for want of proper lights the exploring party went no further. The railroad runs immediately by it on the river. The land is owned by Maj. J. W. Wilson, about the largest landholder in North Carolina. The cave is in the great marble belt of the west, which crops at Marble gap on Valleyriver mountain.

A Pittsburg widow has adopted a new and successful way to collett old debts. The Beaver Savings Bank of Pittsburg failed a few days ago: the widow had on deposit seven thousand dollars. Going to the president she drew a revolver, and demanded the amount in full, giving him his choice between a settlement or death. He demerred at first, but seeing that she was in earnest, paid her, dollar for dollar, the entire amount.

## The riub siandard.

When Samuel, the prophet, was sent to anvint one of the sons of Jesse king, in the room of Saul, the stalwart Eliab was ushered into his presence. Saul was so impressed with his appearance, that he cried out: "Surely the Lord's anointed is before him." But God quietly corrected his, mistake. "The Lord," he said to Samuel, "seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh upon the outward appearance; but, the Lord looketh upon the heart." It was not the strong Eliab, nor the handsome Shammah, he had chosen; but the ruddy little David, out on the hills tending his sheep:

Men oftentimes make Samuel's mistake-the mistake of judging men by their outward appearance, What we need to learn is, that the meatif is the true standard by which to measure men. A true, noble heart-a heart fortified by reason and disciplined for trial is the source and gauge of all true greatness. It is not money or clothes, or position, which makes poeple noble. True nobility lies deeper than that-in the real self-hood of the man.
Young people, would you be great in the eyes of God, and all discerning men? See to it that you have pure and strong hearts.

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