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EDUCATIONAL MEETING.

MASS MEETING AT ZION CHURCH AND ABLE ADDRESSES BY PROF. CRAWFORD AND REV. J. M. RHODES.

On Tuesday the 19th day of July, 1894, there was quite a large crowd assembled at Zion church, Meherin circuit, in the interest of education. Rev. A. J. Parker, the live and popular pastor, is to be congratulated in making the appointment and in getting together so many of his people to hear of the work and need of education, which is second only to one work, the salvation of the soul. The singing was good and inspiring. It always helps to put good music into everything that we have to do. After singing a few pieces and prayer, Prof. L. W. Crawford, of Trinity College, N. C., was introduced by the preacher in charge and for one hour and a half, held the close attention of the audience.

The address was instructive, impressive and beautiful. I shall not attempt to give the speech in full, only in substance.

Prof. Crawford said: The great question is what are we to contribute to the future and what are we to do for the coming generation!

Our children must be educated. The children of the State, they must have a liberal education. This is not the case in all communities. Some people have a low conception of education, of its need and its worth. The folly of many is to put the money into material things and not into the minds of the children. This is a great wrong and an injustice. One reason why this is true, is that ignorance is a source of weakness. Men are powerless, and doomed to hard work and poor pay for the lack of education. Ignorance is the mother of vice. Superstition and strong notions have a powerful sway. Samson in his blindness, feeling his way in the dark, is an illustration of ignorance. He who educates has no conception of what he has done for the future. He puts a light in his home, in the state and in the church.

Another reason why we should educate is, the good of the state demands it; we should have state pride. A man may be right at heart and wrong in mind; we have to pay for the mistakes that are made through ignorance. The Bible says, "Look ye out an able man," that is, one who knows what to do. North Carolina is one of the greatest states in the union, great in resources and possibilities, but is at the bottom in illiteracy, this is the reason or secret why we are not developed. The Indians had control of this country for hundreds of years, yet there was no improvement. Babylon in outward splendor and wealth at one time surpassed any nation in the world. It numbered its philosophers by the hundred, its cities by the thousand and its population by the million. Babylon has long ago perished and we are studying its ruins. Why? because she valued things more than men and put the wealth into the material instead of the mind.

Greece valued men more than things. She deposited her wealth in the minds of her children. She has become immortal. Let North Carolina learn a lesson from these two nations and deposit her wealth in the minds of her children. If we value things more than men we will plod on and on. Our State demands education: man is to himself the measure of the universe, he only takes in what he sees. The uneducated man is like one down in a pit, he can see only one star and so the universe is very small to him, and the educated man is out on the top of the mountain, and takes in the broad expanse of the universe. Christian education is the only hope

of our country. Secular education fits us for this life and the life which is to come, and makes us not only creatures of earth but creatures of heaven. It is to reproduce the life of Christ in humanity. Ordinary education lets a man be satisfied with the things of the earth, and Christian education lift him to things above the earth.

At two and a half o'clock after a good dinner for every body the audience reassembled and Rev. J. M. Rhodes, president of Littleton Female College was introduced, and made an excellent speech that will do good for years to come. Bro. Rhodes said: That it was the duty of the church to educate; it must educate or lose by it. There is a difference between secular and religious education. Education without religion is like enriching the soil without cultivation. It bears the weeds and grass. But to produce a crop that will be useful requires cultivation. The church ought to educate and cannot afford to neglect or even slight this great work. To eliminate education from strong religious influences is a dangerous policy. The State should educate. More money should go into State education. Our public school system and our public schools should both be improved. We do not see how this can be done without more money. We should have five months of good and efficient public school work in every district each year, and this cannot be done without more money. Some plans should therefore be made by which more money should go into our public schools. Our educational work should be and can be done by both state and church and without friction. There are too many boys and girls in North Carolina and the work of educating them is too great to allow any waste of force by competition or friction of any kind.

Thus closed a very pleasant and profitable day's work for the community and surrounding country.

G. B. PERRY.

List of Delegates.

At the county convention of the Democratic party held in Jackson first Monday in July the following delegates were elected to the Judicial and Congressional conventions.

JUDICIAL CONVENTION.

J. H. Crew, N. D. Wilkins, J. R. Carstarphen, F. R. Harris, S. J. Calvert, G. G. Peebles, W. P. Sykes, G. T. Fleetwood, R. J. Ricks, W. H. Joyner, B. S. Sykes, T. J. Harding, Wm. Grant, E. B. Lassiter, J. M. Grant, P. W. Edwards, E. P. Outland, W. P. Vick, Dr. R. H. Stancell, Sr., Kinchen Taylor, M. F. Stancell, M. R. Stephenson, W. E. Harrie, B. S. Gay, J. N. Ramsay, R. B. Peebles, D. B. Zollicoffer, C. R. Harrell.

CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION.

D. B. Zollicoffer, E. S. Rook, J. R. Carstarphen, H. W. Lewis, G. P. Burgwyn, J. S. Grant, J. O. Flythe, A. J. Britton, R. E. Reiley, F. S. Faison, W. D. Ellis, J. S. Moore, Wm. Grant, D. M. Reale, E. B. Lassiter, R. H. Stancell, Sr., W. P. Vick, Jno. D. Bottoms, R. W. Edwards, H. L. Joyner, J. N. Whitehead, N. W. Britton, Isaac Carter, Capt A. J. Rountree, Dr. A. J. Ellis, E. J. Gay, S. J. Calvert, J. W. Buxton, W. P. Sykes.

Prof. McIver at Roxobel.

Dr. Charles D. McIver made a most excellent address at the Bertie Teachers' Association last week. Subject: "Education." It was by far one of the finest addresses we have ever heard. Showing the full meaning of the word Education, its advantages and discussing why the Common schools should be better attended, and why a great deal more interest should be shown by the people. He argued the necessity of a better a higher education of both sexes, and showed why the State should take part in the advancement of her people by appropriating to her Institutions.—Aulander Dispatch.

On Roanoke Island. No. 1.

[For the Patron and Gleaner.]

Thinking that the readers of the PATRON AND GLEANER might be interested in this section of the old North State, and that a description of a month's sojourn upon historic Roanoke Island might prove something new, I will try to give you a short journal of my summer trip.

Having heard much and read more of Roanoke Island and Dare county, Nags Head and the Sounds, I found myself equipped with gun and fishing tackle fairly upon the way, as soon as the business of nominating our county officers was off. I found that the first point of interest about this section was its inaccessibility from all parts of North Carolina. So to Norfolk and from Norfolk to Elizabeth City I wended my way; nothing of interest presenting itself except the beautiful crops which made me think sadly of Northampton's stunted cornfields. As to Elizabeth City itself it is well worth a visit. As all your readers no doubt know it is the county seat of Pasquotank and one of the leading towns in Eastern North Carolina. Situated upon the Pasquotank river some fifteen miles above the sound, it contains about five thousand inhabitants. It is a fishing town and a shipping point for numberless small towns further East. It contains numbers of lumber mills which get their logs floated out by tug boats and so are run cheaply. The streets are wide and regular and lined with large elms; the buildings vary much in style from the old moss grown bank building now abandoned, to the new court house which is a model one; from the old stone mansion with its Doric columns and square roof to the residence of the wealthy lumber merchant with no end of cupolas, gables and loud ornamentation; there is every gradation. This ends my railway journey and I take occasion to stroll about the town and note the above mentioned characteristics. After returning to the hotel and partaking of supper I was engaged in conversation with the landlord who after sundry delicately put questions concerning my parentage, education, business and destination, brought the talk around to politics and asked, "How many third parties have you in your county?" "None," said I, "they are all gone to the Republicans." "Well" he said, "how are your people on the Senatorial question; are they for Ransom or against him?" I told him I didn't know but that I rather suspected that they were—. At this point our conversation was interrupted by an alarm of fire and I went off to see the volunteer company put it out, which they presently did, leaving me to retire.

Next afternoon I boarded the steamer "Neuse" and after a run of fifty miles down the Pasquotank and Albemarle Sound reached Roanoke dock at ten p. m. Here I found a trap with a fiery little Banker pony awaiting my coming and after a three mile drive across the Island arrived in Manteo, the county seat of Dare, where I retired to rest. It is a neat little town of some three hundred inhabitants most of whom live by fishing. It is situated on a bay which comes in from the Sound, and commands a view of Nags Head which lies three miles off across the sound. Backed up by the high hills of shifting sand which separate the ocean from Albemarle the little cluster of houses looks very insignificant. I shall make an expedition in that direction soon and will try to give you a description of Nags Head in my next.

R. H. S., JR.

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