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BOOK-MAKING IN NORTH CAROLINA

Only Practical Historical Society Ever Organized—Attitude of Some Papers—Touch of Humor and Pathos.

(By W. J. Peele.)

Book-making in this State has some mildly humorous phases which the appreciative public would hardly forgive a novice for enjoying all to himself. It also has a business side of which I will speak briefly first.

Perhaps the North Carolina Publishing Society is the only practical historical society ever organized in the State; for every member is required, as one of the conditions precedent to membership, to contribute at least one hundred dollars toward its general purpose. The State's history and literature cannot be collected and preserved or published and circulated without money. Organization alone will not do. Calling meetings, making speeches and passing resolutions are valuable only as adjuncts. The main work is to collect and prepare for publication in a permanent form the best the State has done, and then to use such business methods as will put the appreciative public in touch with the work. The lawyers are the most interested; not less than fifty per cent of them may be counted on to give practical encouragement to any serious undertaking. Of the other professions, in the aggregate, perhaps fifteen per cent is a fair estimate, but their interest will increase as it is stimulated. Teachers, with a few notable exceptions, are as yet far behind. The cause they themselves must explain. Of course, I am judging by my own short experience.

What many people doubted however, may now be affirmed with business certainty, that any carefully written or carefully edited North Carolina book can be made to pay the cost of publication provided there is sufficient capital behind it to give it a fair chance. Of course no book, not even a work of genius, could succeed in forma pauperis.

The prizes lately offered by the Society, and awarded to a North Carolina boy and girl, were given, in fact, to develop a situation. It was shrewdly suspected that North Carolina history and literature was little taught in her schools. The contestants themselves, nearly all of whom were going to school furnished the evidence which confirmed the suspicion. Nearly one hundred of them dropped out of the contest after they had essayed to enter; the most common reason was lack of knowledge of our State history. Some said they were too busy with their ordinary studies. What studies they had of more importance than the history of our State did not appear. Some said they were not studying North Carolina history at all. Few were encouraged by their teachers. Nearly all betrayed a lack of previous reading about our own celebrities which certainly would not be duplicated in Virginia, and I hope not in any other State. Some few wanted the Society to give the book, which contained the subjects of the contests, free to the contestants, as well as the prizes. A few older persons, with eyes on the dollar rather than literature, thought they saw in it only a scheme to advertise a private business, and these successfully resisted the pious efforts of the Society to hy-

perdermatically inject into their corporosities knowledge which their intellectual stomachs would not assimilate. For example, the editor of the Huckleberry Index published at Pine Lap, N. C., declined to allow his subscribers to know anything of the contest because he thought the notice might benefit others beside the students of the huckleberry quotations. The consequence was that there was no contestant from that vicinity of Pine Lap—and that is a very large community.

The leading newspapers however appreciate every serious effort to make a home literature and can be counted on to give aid and practical encouragement. Certainly I have no cause of complaint and these will enjoy with

me a little light railery at the expense of their obtuser brethren who failed to catch on to what we were trying to do.

I have already published the letter of the Cabbage Seed Advertiser from Swampville, N. C., in the Journal of Education, and the genial editor of the last named paper (one of our best friends) held up the letter for some time for fear possibly that it was personal. But I try to be as kind hearted as he is and would not have published a private letter without the consent of the writer. Besides, I have since learned that the inhabitants of Swampville, also a very large community, took sides, for the most part with their editor, and could see nothing in the book containing the sketches but a purely private enterprise and an attempt to speculate in the memories of our distinguished dead! The Society does not so much resent the reflection on their patriotism as on their business intelligence, as if any combination of men would, with the light then before them, have undertaken to publish a distinctively North Carolina book solely for money; and especially in view of the influence of such papers as the two above mentioned, and the Mountain Dew published at Red Eye, N. C. The Red Eye editor I like better than either of the other two because he is a born fighter and time is an eternal country Saturday evening with him. He was one of those three thousand North Carolinians who were on the wrong side of the War Between the States, and his patrons are the others. He is allied to the trusts, not because he is in favor of them, but it gives him a side to fight on and an office to fight for. He is the bottom rail of the alien influences which disorganize public sentiment and plunder the State. He has more moral life in him, however, and more chances of eternal salvation (as far as I can judge), than they who betray their State through sloth or indifference. He has deep hunger to excuse his rascality, while they who fly guard on duty and will not tell what they think and dare not think what they believe, bespew us with their torpid patriotism.

The Patriotic Speculator, published at Suburbs, N. C., illustrates the error of a small class, and without examination hastily supposed that the book under took to set forth the lives of all our distinguished dead, and he was therefore offended because the first page did not contain the portrait and autograph of Vance. Inquiry however disclosed the fact that he had not even purchased Vance's Life, by Dowd—a whole book very recently devoted to him.

Geographically North Carolina is unfavorably located for the cultivation of State pride—our neighbor States to the North and South of us have already largely monopolized this virtue. This State too has three distinct zones subject to three distinct foreign influences, none of which tend to unite us at home in sentiment or politics. Her long strip of territory is bisected at three vital points by influences too powerful to be disregarded in any attempt to organize her and yet having alien interests hard to assimilate. With no large city in the center she is not strong enough at the heart to throw blood well to her extremities, and her great arteries of trade are made drains to her vitality. Vance is the only one of her statesmen holding a high official position who, in late years, had lived long in the public eye and maintained himself without the aid of one of these three great corporations. This anomalous state of affairs renders the State easy game for powerful combinations which it cannot or does not control. Centralization likewise ultimately annihilates local literature and the taste for it and makes all efforts to uraise it seem puny and ridiculous.

The spirit of the age tends to make us in politics the province of a party, in history, the corner of a section, in literature, the pander only of what we can import. I like the idea of singing Gas-

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THE DABBLER

In Ability to Stick to One thing Until it is Accomplished a Fatal Weakness of Character.

It is a trite saying, but one that cannot well be repeated too often, that most of the successes achieved in life come to those who identify themselves resolutely with one line of endeavor and follow it patiently, day in and day out. How many a brilliant youth has failed to accomplish the great things expected of him because he has never been able to stick to one purpose! How often a man of fine education, bright intellect, and engaging manners reach the end of his mundane existence without having made even a comfortable living!

We all know the dabbler. The dabbler is the man or woman who is always forming magnificent plans without clinging to any one of them long enough to carry it to its conclusion. Owen Meredith has well described this familiar species in verse, saying of one of his characters that:

"With a resolute figure he knocked at each one.

Of the doorway of life, but abided at none."

It is the quality of patience that is, after all, the most essential to human achievement. Without this quality, all the intelligence and education in the world will go for nothing so far as practical and substantial results are concerned. The dabbler usually has sense enough to know, in a general way, that there is no royal road to knowledge. He can run the epigram off for you as glibly as you wish. Nevertheless, he acts all his life as if there were such a road, just as many of us do with regard to the mystery of death. We all know that death is certain, and yet few actually realize that they are going to die. Some witty philosopher has observed that no human being really believes that he will ever pass away. Just so your dabbler: He never imagines that he is committing the fault that he would be so quick to censure in others.

The mere fact of inability to stick to one thing until it is accomplished shows an inherent weakness of character that will be fatal in any walk of life. There are those who sneer when warned against the dissipation of their forces in visionary schemes. They sententiously remark that the material things of existence are by no means all of it, and affect to have a supreme contempt for the practical being who look first to action and achievement. As a rule, it will be found that those who affect this indifference are well provided for by the fruit of the industry of others. They are generally persons of fortune, whose dignified leisure is disturbed by no apprehensions with regard to the source of the next day's food.

We may theorize as much as we will and we may indulge in philosophical generalities to our hearts' content, but it remains true that our first and greatest need is that of making a living, and the education of our children and the development of their character, so far as we are able to shape them, should be always undertaken primarily with regard to this necessity. If our children are to earn their bread, they must be able to fix their attention upon one thing and keep it there long enough to understand it. The man who attempts little and does it is far superior to him who undertakes all sorts of great tasks and flits from one to the other so rapidly that he leaves them all unfinished. The dabbler's inability to conceive of a multitude of magnificent enterprises is his curse. Though a man possesses all the learning of the ages, it is as nothing if he has not also the quality of steadfastness.—Norfolk Landmark.

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Why Young Men Fail.

Samuel Sloan, President of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, is one of the foremost figures in the commercial life of New York. Far advanced in years, he is still as active as any young man in his employ, and is to be found at his desk every working day in the years. Mr. Sloan has been an observer of the rise of many young men from obscure places to positions of honor in the railroad world, and a mournful spectator of many failures. His views as to the root of failure have an added value, coming as they do from one whose career is coeval with the advancement of the business of transportation. Says Mr. Sloan: Failure springs from the indifference of young men to the detail of their work and their desire to grasp success before they have earned the right to its possession. Success may be explained in a few words; failure is so complex and has so many causes that its definition is difficult.

Dishonesty spells failure for any young man. Intemperance means disgrace and ultimate poverty for the most promising youth. Lack of industry leads to every kind of non success and is twin brother to most evils known in the spheres of commerce. No one wants a lazy horse or an uncertain engine; how much less should any employer want a lazy man. Men who do their work indifferently are a drug in the market, and always will be.

The youth who weaves for himself a garland in which are entwined the cardinal business virtues integrity, sobriety, cheerfulness and industry—will find himself wearing a crown of gold in mature manhood. The prizes of life are for the real participants in the great arena of business. The onlookers must be content with very small rewards, if any. Nature has wisely decreed that none but the fittest shall survive in the physical world and in the world of work.—The Saturday Evening Post.

Beware of Misjudging.

Perhaps it were better for most of us to complain less of being misunderstood and to take more care that we do not misunderstand other people. It ought to give us pause at a time to remember that each one has a stock of cut and dry judgments on his neighbors, and that the chances are that most of them are quite erroneous. What our neighbor really is we may never know, but we may be pretty certain that he is not what we have imagined, and that many things we have thought of him are quite beside the mark. What he does we have seen, but have no idea what may have been his thoughts and intentions. The mere surface of his character may be exposed, but of complexity within we have not the faintest idea. People crammed with self-consciousness and self conceit are often praised as numble, while shy and reserved people are judged to be proud. Some whose whole life is one subtle, studied selfishness get the name of self sacrifice, and other silent, heroic souls are condemned for want of humanity.—Ian MacLaren, in the "Potter's Wheel."

Essential to Prosperity.

General education is essential to prosperity; it is a condition to industrial progress; it has the highest economical value; it is the grand means for developing or increasing natural resources; it is the producer of wealth. Agriculture, manufacturing, mechanic arts, all internal improvements, are the creations of intelligence. Contributions to human welfare have come from knowledge. Brute force is wasteful, unproductive. Cultivated mind subsidizes the force of nature, changes crude materials into useful fabrics creates those arts which sustain and comfort and embellish human life.—J. L. M. Curry.

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Virtues of hot Water.
Hot water has far more medicinal virtues than many believe or know. Because it is so easily procured thousands think it valueless. The uses of hot water are, however, many. For example, there is nothing that so promptly cuts short congestion of the lungs, sore throat, or rheumatism as hot water when applied promptly and thoroughly. Headache almost always yields to the simultaneous application of hot water to the feet and back of the neck.

A towel folded several times and dipped in hot water, and quickly wrung out and applied over the painful part in toothache or neuralgia, will generally afford relief. A strip of flannel or napkin folded lengthwise and dipped in hot water and wrung out and applied around the neck of a child that has the croup will sometimes bring relief in ten minutes. Hot water taken freely half an hour before bed time is helpful in case of constipation, while it has a most soothing effect upon the stomach and bowels. A goblet of hot water taken just after rising, before breakfast, has cured indigestion, and no simple remedy is more widely recommended by physicians to dyspeptics. Very hot water will stop dangerous bleeding.—From National Farmer.

Pointed Paragraphs.

The mustache is merely a bang of the lip.
The lawyer helps those who are able to help him.
Children who cry for the moon want the earth later on.
Every man believes in the total depravity of some other man.
A man isn't always cool when he shivers in the hour of danger.
Fame is so short-lived that it's really not worth striving for.
Two-thirds of the stealing done nowadays goes under another name.
Lots of people are poor because they buy too many things they don't need.
It's a pity the self-made man isn't permitted to select his own material.

The man who thinks he knows it all doesn't know what other people think of him.

By the time a man succeeds in reaching the top of the ladder he is too old to enjoy the scenery.

A woman's idea of a minute's rest is to lean over the back fence

and gossip with a neighboring woman for an hour.

To a woman marriage is something between sentiment and a situation; to a man it is something between a sensation and a sacrifice.—Ex.

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