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THE TRUE POLICY.

This sentence from the recent message of the Governor of North Carolina must be kept going in North Carolina:

There is but one way only to serve the people well, and that is to do the right thing, trusting them as they may ever be trusted, to approve the things which count for the betterment of the State.

It must be kept ringing in the ears of the people until the time-server, the ring politician and the exponent of expediency have folded their tents and fled from our borders. He who spoke it and who stands for it must be vindicated for an example and a memorial to the effect that Right shall never again be crucified upon false pretences in the name of Wisdom.

It is a platitude, you may say, but it is a new one in North Carolina. Even now the halls of State resound with the alarming notes of the company of Liquor Lobbyists, who, wanting in other arguments, who daring not to name the name of the State or the People, who daring not to invoke the Spirit of Right or of Reason, are crying out, "It will ruin the Party!"

This was ever a coward's cry. There is not a moral note in it. It is the whisper of the minion of Satan to the weak of heart or the cry of the coward to the cowardly candidate for the people's suffrage. How clear and true rings that declaration from the Governor, "There is but one way to serve the people well, and that is to do the right thing"—in this hour amid the confused and terror-stricken cries of the men who seek to shield their own despised and outlawed business, now by threats and again by invocations in "the Party's" name! There is in it that sun-clear quality that goes with Truth and Right and drives before it the shadows even as the morning sun.

There are two sorts of politicians. They sail in the same ship, but they have separate ports and their pilots have different compasses. Until now in North Carolina they have sailed together in such desperate storm that no port whatever has been reached and they themselves have not recognized their differences. But now the sky clears and an open sea invites; and we may mark them plain and true. One sort works silently for the most part; they work by organization; their appeal is to party loyalty, not to principles; their trust is in the machine, and their goal is office. This class has had a great run in North Carolina, and it is well represented in the present Assembly. There are two Senators at least whom the people have right and reason to despise, but who have for years been dominant in their counties. Their power is not popular power. It is the power of the schemer. They get the nomination and then force the people to vote for them in their party's name. Their policy is to do nothing good that they have not to do; their rule is to exchange legislation for votes, if not for money; Right is no consideration. Fear is their master; and Expediency their governing motive. The message from the Governor sounds strange in these men's ears. They laugh at it; they defy it; they recognize it as either a sentence of political death to them or a mere platitude not seriously meant and not to be seriously taken. In either case they despise it. They do not know what is going on in North Carolina, and Heaven grant that they shall remain complacent until a great tide rolls in and sweeps them forever from the public arena. For we do not want to hear such a sentiment from their hypocritical lips. Like Satan they will quote it, if no other way of getting into office will avail.

The other class of public leaders believes in the

people—not in the mind of the people necessarily; but in the conscience of the people. They believe that if they do Right even though the people oppose them, that the people will trust them still. They prefer to lose office and retire for a time or for all time to doing wrong. Their motive is the Betterment of the State, their guide is a good Conscience. Their wisdom is the true wisdom. They cannot control machines; the office-seekers and the township "whoopers-up" hate them; but they are popular leaders. Great uprisings thrust them into office, and the machines embrace them in order to be saved from overwhelming destruction. Such a man is he who uttered the sentence that we have quoted. His power is wholly in the people. The machine men cling to him because they fear not to. But if the people should turn their backs, the machine would grind him to dust.

The people have a voice. They have more power than they think. Let them insist upon the leadership of men who hold that "There is but one way to serve the people well, and that is to do the right thing." Let this be made the true policy in North Carolina. The party that seeks to save itself, let it perish, as it deserves. The politician who seeks to save himself, mark him for your opposition. And the man and the party that seek to do Right, whether you think so or not, whether they run over you or not, stand by them. There is safety in no other course.

TO HENRY JEROME STOCKARD.

Pure as a maiden's heart thy word, thy thought,
Serene amid the clash of traffic's wars,
Thou stand'st with face upturned toward the
gleaming stars.

Poet we name thee, name full fraught
With meaning beautiful wherein is caught
The music of far spheres blent with bars
From tender human melodies, nor Discord mars
Their perfect harmony since all's Love-taught.

Sing on, and men o'er weary with the strife,
A while will cease from toil and hark to thee,
Till nerves are soothed, and heart is calm, and
Life

Takes on a fairer look while memory
Awakes forgotten faiths of days gone by
Till God once more is real and Heaven nigh!

MRS. F. L. TOWNSEND.

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DR. JOHN CLIFFORD TO THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS.

Westbourne Park Chapel, Porchester Road, W.
January 1, 1903.

Dear Sir:—I am deeply indebted to the State Convention for the resolution passed and forwarded in reference to the education controversy now going on in England. It is a grave emergency we have to face. We are fighting for principles we thought perfectly secure from attack. We are beaten, for the moment; but only for the moment. We shall fight on, and God will give us the victory. It greatly encourages us to know that we have the sympathy and prayers of our brethren in North Carolina.

I am gratefully and fraternally yours,

J. CLIFFORD.

Rev. Livingston Johnson.

THE LIMIT OF KNOWLEDGE.

Elder Griffith knows as much about the approach of the millenium as a hog knows about the shooting of comets—that's nothing!—Baptist Union, Colored.

RECOMMENDATION OF SUPERINTENDENT JOYNER TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

1. To insure the erection of better school houses, require all new houses to be constructed in accordance with plans adopted by the County Board of Education, and approved by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

2. Authorize County Boards of Education to set aside for building, improving and equipping school houses as much as twenty-five per cent of the total school fund annually before apportioning the same.

3. Amend section 31 of the School Law so as to allow the condemnation of more than one acre of land for school sites, and require all sites for new houses to be approved by the County Superintendent and County Board of Education.

4. Authorize the State Board of Education to use, under such rules and regulations as they may adopt, the funds now in their hands from the sale of State lands, etc., to aid in building and improving school houses in districts and counties that are least able to build and improve houses for themselves.

5. Amend section 26 of the School Law so as to allow an appropriation of not more than two hundred dollars by one county for a Teachers' Institute or summer school for teachers, to continue for four weeks or more.

6. Increase the facilities for the improvement of the rural public school teachers.

7. Consolidate the seven colored normal schools into three strong ones, and introduce into each of these manual, industrial and agricultural training.

8. Continue the special appropriation of two hundred thousand dollars for a four months school term in every school district, or so much thereof as may be necessary to be used for this purpose.

9. Empower the County Board of Education of every county to employ a competent man for all his time as County Superintendent, at a salary of not less than \$500.

10. Provide for the employment of at least five Deputy State Superintendents to aid in the work of State supervision, at an annual salary of \$1,250 and expenses, to be appointed by the Governor or elected by the State Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

11. Require County Boards of Education to pay out of the general school fund the railroad fare of County Superintendents attending the annual meeting of the State Association of County Superintendents.

12. Enact a law prohibiting the employment in cotton mills or factories of any sort, of children under twelve years of age, and of children under fourteen years of age who can not read and write.

13. Continue the special appropriation of five thousand dollars for the establishment of rural libraries, and make a reasonable additional appropriation for the maintenance and enlargement of those heretofore established.

WHICH SHALL IT BE?

And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some

To Everlasting Life,

and some

To Everlasting Contempt.

And they that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars

For ever and ever.

—Daniel 12:3.