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THE LETTER OF THE SUPER-INTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Which our readers will find published on our first page, appears to have been suggested by comments in THE CITIZEN on that "bill of abominations" the Blair bill, leading up to the exposure of the educational wants of North Carolina. For the supply of these, Major Finger, as well as everyone else who knows us, we have always manifested the sincerest concern. It is not a debatable question, that between the perpetuity of ignorance, and the diffusion of education, common sense, common humanity, common interest, promptly enlist themselves on the side of the latter. But as a means of perpetuating the "civil and religious liberties" to which Major Finger refers, and which are proposed to be secured by the enactment of the Blair bill, in what attitude, in relation to those liberties, would such bill place us? Civil liberties secured by the enactment of unconstitutional measures; religious liberties by debauching the moral sense of the people by making them mean dependents on the bounty of the government and recipients of a fund accumulated by partial favors extended to special interests, by rapacity and by injustice. Now, we are not disposed to accept any part of this fund as condonation for the wrong incidental in its accumulation. Honest, fair, economical, national policy would forbid its being in the treasury. Its existence there is constant temptation in its use for sinister purposes under the plausible pretext of generous regard for universal good. The very plausibility of the purpose to aid education constitutes the danger. It is insidious and deceptive in its movement. The people are attacked on their weak side. They feel the necessities of education; and they believe that ignorance is to be enlightened by liberal application of money, and that money not to come out of their own resources. It is very tempting; but the money does come out of their own pockets. They are robbed without knowing it, and are asked to be grateful when the robbers propose to share with them some of the ill gotten spoil.

Major Finger certainly does not present a very flattering picture of the relation of educational effort in North Carolina in comparison with that of some other States. As he is Superintendent of Public Instruction, we accept his statement. The fault is not with the people; it is with legislation. The people are eager for enlarged educational facilities; they are able to extend them; they would gladly, we believe, authorize the increase of the school tax to double or treble its present limit. Such taxation would not be left as a burden. If there is any return in money raised by taxation, it surely is in that which repays a thousand fold in the substitution of general intelligence for intellectual darkness. But every one knows the hue and cry raised by the demagogue when the question of taxation comes up.

Answering here a question propounded by Major Finger, "Do you mean to say that the Democratic press is a unit for public education in a more liberal sense than the present system indicates?" we say that with the details of the present system we can have nothing to do, since they are defined by laws which legislative power alone can affect, and that therefore we can make no present practical suggestion for "public education in a more liberal sense." We have no reason to complain of the system so far as we know it, and so far as it goes. It is insufficiently liberal in its branches for all practical purposes. We would find an education practically a useless one that would give all pupils the learning college graduates are assumed to acquire. If there be fault in instruction, that is a fault that money will not amend unless the breed of college professors be enormously multiplied and they work at the low rates of German teachers.

There would seem to be schools enough in the country to teach all the children to whom they are accessible. The trouble is the short terms of the schools, made dependent on an inadequate school fund. And we answer another of Major Finger's questions in regard to the increase of such fund by emphatically saying "yes." That is the true solution of the question, prompt, manly, independent. It would be to mistake the character of the North Carolinian to believe that he has lost the traits of his forefathers, who, amid the confusion of war, provided for the wants of education; and who would in time of peace and prosperity neglect it, or had so far lost their ancestral spirit of independence as to receive as a boon provision for the education of their children at the hands of others.

Relief for the situation lies with the people themselves, lies with their earnest interest in education, lies in their readiness to make some sacrifices to provide for it, and must come through large addition to the school tax. And we are glad Major Finger has shown them the meagerness of their present contribution. The State is now rich enough to do infinitely better than that, or else on questions of progress and increase of wealth she should be silent and ever after hold her peace.

A tip on winning the human race—Lift your hat to the ladies.

Our astute friend of the Hendersonville Times complains that we gave no proof to sustain the charge that "the party now known as the Republican is the direct inheritor of the principles of Federalism," etc. We do not propose in current writing to stop to make affidavits of the accuracy of assertion like the above too plain for contradiction or controversy. Federalism in the course of descent has changed names as many times as a Chicago belle in going through her successive divorce courts. It would be as profitless a labor to trace the genealogy of that party as it would be to trace up the pedigree of a Maltese Jack to fix the identity of species. The long ears and the resonant bay will always proclaim from what stock he came. Now, we do not mean to disparage the Republican party by the illustration; for abstractly, we respect it as the exponent of the early divergence of public thought and constitutional construction in the early days of the republic. We do not admire the principles the early Republicans took under another name. They had a lingering affection for monarchy, or for a strong government, and one splendidly to illustrate the power and grandeur of the new nation. Failing in that, they adopted as a compromise course, a very latitudinarian construction of the constitution under which they might do anything that was desirable. This is precisely the position of the present Republican party, with a frequent overcropping of the old idea of a consolidated, central, strong, if not monarchical, government.

We cannot foresee the outcome of the trial of the Lexington lynchers. We do not anticipate the conviction of a single offender. But we would not argue from that that the people of Davidson approve of the crime of lynching *per se*. We would infer that it was the natural expression of sympathy with friends unwisely, perhaps unwarily drawn under the influence of a sentiment not altogether criminal into the commission of an offense for which the law has no indulgence, and which the best judgment sternly condemns. But if there be no conviction in any of these cases, immense good is done by the presentation of the machinery of the law, not always to be used without effect. The fact is demonstrated that lynching will not be tolerated as a popular amusement, that men cannot frivolously take human life into their hands to make sport of it; that they cannot contemptuously set aside the solemn forms of law, and mete out justice after their conception of it. They will pause when they are taught that the end to them may be the gloomy experience of the prison, the fearful ordeal of the trial, the stern severity of the judge; and not improbable, the hideous spectre of the gallows.

With such alternatives presented, lynching will hardly be resorted to heedlessly and hastily, when justice can be executed through its regular channels.

In connection with our comments on the letter of Hon. J. L. M. Curry on the Blair bill, we find an editorial in the Nashville American of the 28th which takes substantially the same position as ours. We quote only that portion of the editorial which asserts, as we have done, the ability, and also the duty of the several States of the South to take care of themselves and supply their own educational wants.

The American says:
 In conclusion we will venture to suggest to Mr. Curry that the Southern States are not poor enough either in purse or in spirit to go begging for money to support their domestic institutions. The South has risen from the ruins of war by its own unaided efforts, in spite of all that calumny and hostile legislation could do to prevent it. This is one of the proudest chapters in its history. And now when its progress is the universal theme, and when prosperity is knocking at its door, cranks and demagogues would have itully this proud record by becoming a burglar or a mendicant. No, thank you, Mr. Curry.

He Loved His Dog.
 Philadelphia Enquirer.
 I see, said a well known actor last night in the Girard house cafe, that the Chinese theatre was closed last week because the leading actor had lost his cat and couldn't stop his search for it long enough to appear upon the boards. That reminds me of the early days in San Francisco, when Walt Fossell, a local favorite in heroic roles, lost his magnificent water spaniel. The animal was his only companion, and he lavished his affection upon it. One day the dog disappeared, and no one could find a trace of it. Gossnell was then in high favor, and he drew crowded houses, although he never had any reputation outside of that city. He started out in the afternoon to find the animal, and, finding a clew, followed it up, and by eight o'clock, when he should have been ready to go on the stage, he was nine miles from the theatre, and the manager was tearing his hair in desperation at his non-appearance.
 A substitute was put on, but he was hissed off the stage, and the theatre was closed at the end of the second act. Meanwhile Walt had found his dog dead at a cabin outside the city limits, where it had been taken by its captor and killed because it showed a vicious disposition. Walt never appeared on the stage again.

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STATION.	No. 51 Daily.	No. 53 Daily.
LY. Knoxville (90th mer.)	12:25 pm	8:10 am
Asheville	9:41 pm	3:54 pm
Ar. Salisbury	4:20 am	6:43 am
" Danville	9:32 am	10:20 pm
" Richmond	3:30 pm	8:15 am
" Raleigh	1:05 pm	7:30 am
" Goldsboro		