

By Expansion, we mean Extension—Extension of territory, extension of real estate, extension of jurisdiction, extension of power, extension of responsibility. Broadening out, puffing up, Expansion is kindred to bursting. The Spring frog, whose ambition led him to imitate the deep basso of a venerable bull frog outside the spring in which the ambitious contraalto singer dwelt, finally burst into a catastrophe by his expansive aspirations. The lesson of analogy is that a small man should never imitate the expansiveness of a large one and a large man should never aspire to the dimensions of a larger man.

So, with nations as with individuals. The disposition to expansion is a natural one, and is found throughout the works of Creation and Providence. As to nations, Great Britain spring from the savage tribes of Piets and Saxons.

Its first step in expansion was a good one—the combination of the Norman and the Saxon. Then the lust of expansion grew. It annexed France and it cost seas of blood and countless treasure to sustain the expansion, and finally had to abandon it. But the lust of expansion was not exhausted. It went on till the English drum beat was heard around the world. But expansion has never been a satisfaction to Great Britain, tho it has been the Great exemplar in that line of progress. To-day, Great Britain, is more troubled by its expansive policy than anything else.

Her vast Asiatic possessions have added a new diadem to the crown of her Imperial Princess, but we think it has been at the expense of vast trouble and treasure.

The proud title of mistress of the sea is one to swell the English heart, but the treasure expended in maintaining the title, had it been expended in surrounding the sea girt isle with a cordon of forts and warships for its defence and protection of its commerce, and devoted its energies and treasure to its commercial progress, it would now be the greatest wonder of the world.

Beware of expansion. Look down the long vista of history and you'll find, in the history of expansion the doom of disaster. England reads the disaster of expansion, in the United States, in India, in China, in Egypt, Rome aspired to the mastery of the world and carried its arms to the ultima Thule, and Gibbon wrote the history of the "Decline and Fall" of the Roman Empire. Columbus discovered America gave to Ferdinand and Isabella the sovereignty of a Continent and laid the foundation of Spain's decline and fall at the hands of a people who will not read the lessons of her disaster.

Read an opposite lesson. The little Republic of Switzerland has existed for thousands of years, and has been content with its "little farm well tilled," while other nations around it have grown great, until their "vaulting ambition has overlapped itself" and left them poor indeed. Beware of avarice and expansion.

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AN ADDRESS

DELIVERED BY REV. DR. JOHNSTON OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

At the Union Thanksgiving Services, Held in the Baptist Church in Elizabeth City Nov. 24th, 1898.

(Published by request.)

"Awake psaltry and harp, myself will awake early. I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people; and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations."—Ps. cviii: 2, 3.

Thus King David leading the way himself with harp and song, encouraged his own heart, and the heart of the people in the olden time, in thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God.

The harp of David has never been muted in the Church of God because occasion for thanksgiving has never been wanting. That harp is in our hands to-day, and we are invited by our President and Governor, and the Mayor of the city, to touch its strings. There may be resonant with music of the skies, and vocal with divine praise.

Behind the President's proclamation, and justifying it fully, stand the wonderful dealings of God with the American people within the year—the marvels of His goodness, the forth-puttings of His power, and the distinct intimations of greater things to come.

Every day in the year calls for personal thanksgiving, for individual mercies, for family blessings; but this day of all the year is the nation's thanksgiving, which as an annual custom, is a distinctly American institution. Now, as at all times, it is an annual national festival is observed among the other people of the earth. It is unique, even as our civil institutions of self-government are unique among the nations; as the widely diffused intelligence of the citizens of this country is peculiar to it; and, especially, as our Christian religious liberty, so broad, and rich, distinguishes this land above all others. It is fitting that among such notable characteristics, we should have a notable thanksgiving day, as expressive of the religious feeling and life of our people.

Every year in our history as a nation has supplied manifold evidences of God's love and blessing to His people. The American people have prospered and advanced along all the lines of a healthy progress, notwithstanding the echoes of "hard times," and the act of depression in business interests brought about by various individual and political, and financial nature. We have enlarged our borders, and lengthened our coasts, until from western as well as eastern shores, we look across the great expanse upon the old world on both sides.

We have safely passed through the most critical periods of a nation's life; and out of bloody internecine war, we came out a more compact, a stronger, a wiser people, welded together as one, the like of which history presents no parallel; and so we come to the present year of grace—and it seems to us that in the events of this year, a new chord on the harp of our thanksgiving and praise, in addition to all the others. Simply stated it is this: Praise to God that in the swift and almost bloodless victories which He granted to our arms taken in the interest of the oppressed and suffering at our very doors against the oppressor. He set the seal of unqualified approval upon that act of the nation; and enlightened the hearts of the people, and made it clear that He is going to use us as a nation in ways we did not foresee, and which many of us perhaps do not desire. For His own purpose, He has opened doors to us, and has caused us to open doors and become the channel of conveyance to other peoples of the earth, who neither know nor enjoy them of the blessings of civil and religious institutions, which are chiefly the product of Christ's gospel, and which are the great pillars which support the gospel of man's redemption, and the temple of true liberty, which is man's God-given heritage.

As God through a chosen and prepared people opened the way for the coming of the Saviour of the world and the spiritual freedom of men, so, preparing a people, He has been sending the happiest of environments and through the marvelous ways of Providence; by whom He will eventually bring to all others the enjoyment of enlightened Christian liberty, civil as well as religious, political as well as spiritual.

That this nation has, as an unforeseen consequence of the hundred day's war with Spain, probably taken a position among the nations of the earth, which means great things for herself, and for others for good, or for evil—there can be no question. This is God's doing. We believe God has ordered it for good and not for evil, and has put this honor upon this nation, to extend, namely, the base of true human liberty, that others beside her may rejoice in its light and enjoy its blessings—that the dream of ancient sages, and bards, and statesmen and the traditions that have come down from the hoary centuries may be realized, when "liberty will lead forth her illuminated procession with palm branches, amid hymns of praise."

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glory to attend the last and eternal funeral of civil and religious despotism, and the sword of conquest and oppression shall perish forever. We may look to our statesmen and political leaders to sound the alarm, touching the integrity of this Republic and the time-honored and conservative policies under which its destiny has been so far safely guided, and to exploit the dangers that may attend any strange and unusual departures therefrom—as that of entering upon a new career of territorial expansion and of imperialism so-called. Let it be observed that there is an innate imperialism in truth and righteousness and liberty that is destined by slow steps it may be, but sure nevertheless to obtain undisputed supremacy all over this world. The "eternal years of God" are theirs. This supremacy must attach also to those institutions among men which embody these principles; and by the same logic to the people also and the race that believe in and profess these principles and institutions, which stand not for the oppression of mankind, but for their enfranchisement, their uplifting, and their material and moral good.

They are imperial in their nature and destiny—these institutions of civil and religious liberty—because God is in them, and working by them, and because, therefore, man's best hopes and glorious future are enshrined therein.

The day is coming, tho' this generation, nor the next, may not live to see it, when before their imperialism, all absolutism and oppression, all arbitrary ownership of press, school, and religion, all great trusts, all great navies shall pass away in their stormy flight forever. These institutions of true liberty, and the people whose peculiar heritage and trust they are on this broad continent, are in danger of everything that tends to their overthrow or to impair their beneficent energy. The manhood begotten of them will surely refuse to surrender the important trust to aliens not yet fitted to be trusted with power, but the guardianship of constitutional liberty; who are nevertheless welcome to all the benefits of citizenship, and to a position where, if they will, they may obtain the best and freest development of mind and character, and enjoyment of life, the great things after all for man implied in true liberty.

But whatever may be the influence of the issues of the late war upon our relations to other nations, races, and peoples and races, and in shaping the destiny of this great republic as a member of the great family of nations—matters which are yet to be decided by the people of the United States, we have great cause to glory for the wonderfulness of the victory given us in the cause of oppressed humanity. The guns of our fleets at opposite ends of the earth have proclaimed in tones that never be heard, that sooner or later all the world must be free.

It is a striking coincidence that on this day, the 24th of November, 1898—393 years ago—our English ancestors celebrated the victory of their fleet, and the storm which God sent, over the Spanish Armada. "On that day," says the chronicler, (Knight's England) "there were given in every church in the land (Queen Elizabeth and her Court attending in the great State and ceremony at St. Paul's in London) public and general thanks unto God with all devotion and affection of heart and humbleness, for His gracious favor extended towards the nation, our deliverance and defence, in our deliverance and destruction shewn by His mighty hand on our malicious enemies, the Spaniards, who had thought to invade and make a conquest of the land."

To-day we, their descendants, celebrate a victory over the same, less mighty now but not less proud and cruel, and oppressive power, in wrenching his mailed hand off the throat of his own misgoverned and suffering subjects, and driving from off this fair continent, the home of the free, the baneful shadow of his sceptre—forever. And to-day the flag ship of Spain's strongest war-fleet, the broken wreck upon the very island which first came into the eye of that intrepid navigator who brought Spain's flag to the shores of a new and unknown world, over 400 years ago—solemn, an even pathetic memorial of the fate which has overtaken the folly, the pride, the greed, and the tyranny of a once great world—power; a power that abused a great opportunity, and proved false to a great trust.

David encouraged his heart when he poured it forth in grateful song, with psaltery and harp. Let us do the same, and take courage to prove ourselves worthy citizens of so divinely favored a land. We have gained a republic as this, the grandest commonwealth in the world. True liberty holds to no moral superiority but that of virtue in her children. Righteousness in the conduct of all public affairs, whether national or local and municipal, is that alone which exalts a nation. Greece had intelligence and education but no virtue, and Greece was lost. Rome had mighty armies, and magnificent systems of law and government, but these could not save her after public virtue died.

The Phenicians were the great commercial and colonizing people of the world before the Christian era, infusing something of their adventurous spirit into the Spaniard who is in some degree the colonial descendant of ancient Tyre and Carthage; but commercial and mercantile prosperity did not save either Phenician or Spaniard—and the reason is the same. But public virtue is the resultant of private virtue in the citizens, especially in such a government as ours, which is of the people, and by the people, and for the people; virtue not alone in the responsible magistrate, but virtue in the sovereign elector—the private citizen who votes. In a nation where the voters are the sovereign, and the magistrate is the servant to carry out the will of the sovereign constitutionally declared, the character of the body of citizens will be reflected in the administration of the government—like people, like government.

Worthy citizenship implies first of all, intelligent, honest, conscientious use of the ballot. The greatest danger to the stability of our institutions lies in the abuse of the ballot, in buying and selling it, in prostituting it to mere partisan ends, and selfish objects, and perhaps as much in the neglect to use it by many voters who are otherwise good citizens. Recent experiences in our dear Old North State might teach us the danger, but may come from not voting. Let us not forget that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." The institutions handed down to us from our fathers at great cost to them, are our solemn charge and trust, as well as our inheritance; and we are in our turn to convey them intact, unswayed, without reproach to the generations to come.

"Be just, and fear not. Let all the ends thou aim'st at: thy country's, Thy God's, and truth's: then if thou fail'st, O Cromwell, Thou failest a blessed Martyr."

NEWS FROM THE COUNTIES

Interesting Items from Various Parts of the District.

Hatteras Items.

Mrs. S. M. S. Rollinson, of Elizabeth City, paid us a short visit last week. "Sammy" is a Hatteras boy of whom we all feel especially proud, and numerous friends wish him the most abundant success in his new home.

Mrs. A. J. Stowe left for Elizabeth City last Friday to visit her daughter, Miss Lucy, who is attending the Atlantic Collegiate Institute.

Miss Oma Gaskins, of Kinnakeet, after a pleasant visit of two weeks with friends and relatives here, left for home yesterday.

Rev. L. H. Joyner, pastor of the Methodist church here, left for Elizabeth City Friday to attend the session of the Annual Methodist Conference.

A delightful oyster supper was given on Tuesday night by the ladies of the Methodist church. The supper was largely attended, and a goodly sum was realized, which will be used in defraying the regular church expenses for the year.

Game is very plentiful at Hatteras now, and there is no trouble in killing all the wild fowl one wishes. Those in position to know, say the fowl are more plentiful than ever before known so early in the season.

The yearly run of blue fish is now on. The entire stretch of ocean from Cape Hatteras to New Inlet was reported to be alive with them yesterday, and our boats are all out to-day in search of them.

Our usual severe storm, which comes in October or November, has missed us this year; in fact we have had no storm of any consequence since last April. This is remarkable, indeed, for Hatteras. We are perfectly willing that Hatteras should lose its record along that line.

Our new mail route from Mantoe to Hatteras went into effect this week. We trust it will be an improvement on the old route. The mails now arrive and leave on the same day—Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

S. L. D.

Elisha Doings.

The fishermen at this place have shut down until the Spring.

The farmers are about through housing their crops for this year.

Miss Clara P. Weeks, of Elizabeth City, has opened the public school at this place.

Dr. Lister, of South Mills, spent a few days here last week visiting his parents.

Mr. C. L. Lister, our hustling merchant, is getting in his Christmas goods.

Rev. W. E. Hocutt delivered his last sermon for the Conference year at Union M. E. Church Sunday morning to a large and attentive audience, we all hope for his return.

A SUBSCRIBER.

From Waterlily. The "Social Club," of this place had a Thanksgiving supper at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Hall. Many of the invited guests were present, one among whom was Mr. Loden Baxter, of Washington, D. C. Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves, with many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Hall.

Our gunners are doing some excellent gunning this season, but the prices are so low that it does not pay much at present, but it is turning cooler and we hope that they will improve.

Fishermen are doing almost nothing at this writing.

Miss Minnie Saunders and Miss Annie Barco, both of this place, are spending the week in E. City.

Mr. Arthur Aomory's steam yacht arrived at this place on Monday, then proceeded to L. H. Club. Some of the sportsmen have returned to their home in Boston.

TO CURE A GOLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 35c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

From Southern Pines during the past season there were shipped by express 2543 crates of blackberries, 12,203 crates of peaches and 7,565 of grapes.

Selig has just received a new and handsome line of Diamond rings.

Notice the display of Eastman Kodak in Seligs window this week.

Thanksgiving, Zoeller will make you 16 Cabinet Photos for \$1.

Do you drink good coffee? These order a lb of Rollinson, Stevens & Co's. select Mocha and Java.

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Try the Racket Store First.

for if you go elsewhere you might be persuaded into paying higher prices than you would have to pay at this Popular Low Price Store.

North Carolina was awarded two gold medals for exhibits it made at the Omaha Exposition. One medal was for the best collective exhibit of fertilizers; the other for the best exhibit of tobacco.

Gov. Russell has appointed Julius Cesar Logan Harris aide-de-camp on his staff, with the rank of colonel.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury. As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces, such articles should never be used except on the prescriptions from reputable physicians as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can purify derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and is made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonial free.

Robeson county negroes who voted the Democratic ticket are being made to resign as church officers.

The Greenville Reflector has a new dress of type and is much improved in appearance.

Constant Coughing

Constant coughing is not only very annoying, but the continuous hacking and irritation will soon attack and injure the delicate lining of the throat and air passages. A simple cough is bad enough; but a chronic cough is really dangerous. Take advice and use the celebrated Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup at once and be cured.

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Notice of Administration.

Having qualified as administrator of the late Miss Mary E. LaBoyetaux, I hereby give notice to all persons indebted to her estate to come forward and make immediate settlement, and those holding claims against the same to present them for payment within 12 months from the date of this notice, or it will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

G. M. SCOTT, Nov. 23, 1898

Not how much we can get, but how little we can take is the principle on which we gain patronage everyday.—Racket Store.

Notice the grand display of Silverware in Seligs window this week.

NORTH CAROLINA—Gates County

In the Superior Court. W. B. Piland, H. T. Piland, W. J. Daughtie and wife Sallie A. Daughtie and M. L. Piland.

vs. Joshua Piland, R. S. Piland, Geo. A. Piland, Columbus Holland and wife Lucy Holland, Isaac Piland, Harriet N. Piland, Alice R. Piland, Chas. A. Piland and Harriett A. Piland and Mary E. Piland.

NOTICE.

The defendants, Joshua Piland, R. S. Piland, Geo. A. Piland, Columbus Holland and wife Lucy Holland, and Harriet A. Piland and Mary E. Piland, above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Gates county, for the purpose of selling certain real estate situate in Gatesville township, Gates county, for the partition among the heirs of Geo. Piland, deceased; and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Gates county on the 9th day of January, 1899, and answer or demurr to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This 24th day of November, 1898.

W. T. CROSS, Clerk Superior Court.

L. L. Smith, attorney for plaintiffs.

NORTH CAROLINA—Camden County

In the Superior Court. W. R. Dozier, Adm'r of Wm. Overton, deceased, vs. Chloe White, heir-at-law.

NOTICE OF SALE.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court in this cause, dated the 28th day of October, 1898, ordering a sale of a certain tract of land for assets, I will sell on Monday, the 19th day of December, 1898, at 12 m. o'clock, at Camden Courthouse, N. C., the following described lands, at public auction, upon the following terms: One-third cash, balance one and two years with 6 per cent. interest from date of sale, or all cash at the election of the purchaser.

A tract of land adjoining the lands of Evan Overton, Enoch Etheridge and others, containing twenty acres (20) more or less, the above described tract being situated in Camden county, North Carolina.

E. F. LAMB, Commissioner

Wanted.

A first-class solicitor to represent the Prudential Insurance Company and the Union Casualty & Surety Company in the counties of Gates, Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck to canvass for life and accident insurance.

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