

The Home Maker

The following editorial from the Statesville Landmark is reproduced by THE INDEX because it contains so much of common sense. It is the kind of doctrine that needs to be preached in every household:

"In an address at the graded school at Wadesboro Mr. Bickett is quoted by the Ansonian as saying that if he were a Carnegie, he would have a Legislature of his own and the first law passed would be one establishing a cooking school in every township. The next would require every girl to graduate from that school before license could be issued for the marriage. 'The girls looked serious and the boys laughed out,' says the Ansonian. There was certainly no cause for merriment in these remarks. Mr. Bickett's idea is an eminently sensible one and if it could be carried out the health and happiness of the people of this country would be vastly increased.—Charlotte Chronicle.

"This sort of talk isn't popular, but every individual of sense knows it is practical common sense, and it should be emphasized again and again until it takes hold of the minds and hearts of parents especially. In this connection it is gratifying to note that Dr. C. M. Richards, of Davidson, in his annual sermon before Young Women's Christian Association of Statesville Female College, discussing the character of Ruth, the Moabitess, gave her first distinction for industry and called attention to the fact that industry is the chief virtue ascribed to the virtuous woman described in the Book of Proverbs. And then Dr. Richards stated plainly, and with emphasis, that it is a discredit to a woman in any position to be an idler; that it is a distinct discredit to her not to know how to work, no matter what position, and it is to her shame to be unwilling to work when necessary.

"This sort of talk, we repeat, is not popular. When a girl is told that she should know how to cook and keep house she is more than likely to answer that cooks can be hired, with further sarcastic remarks to the effect that a man who wants a woman for the work she can do, as a slave, a drudge, etc., has very low ideas of married life. That is all very fine, but it possibly might occur to the daughters of Eve who entertain these high-flown notions, that the woman who marries with the idea of getting a man to support her, and who is willing to let her husband slave and wear his life out in the struggle to provide for her, without doing all in her power to assist in making the mutual partnership a success, hasn't a very elevated conception of married state.

"But modern society, in which extravagance—and extravagance that involves more or less of dishonesty—is a national vice, modern education and the silly ideas of foolish parents are responsible for this condition of affairs; and the idea is more or less prevalent among some women that it is a sort of distinction to profess to know absolutely nothing about the management of household affairs. This kind of course to be pitied for not knowing any better than to think that what is really to their discredit is meritorious, but the parents and modern education, as has been said, are to blame.

"Nearly every woman expects to marry and of course keep a house, but how many are educated or trained in any way for the important duties of home-making? It is amazing that so many mothers take of themselves the various drudges to save their daughters from house-work; they not only do not train them to housework but distinctly avoid training them, offering as an excuse that they want the girls to 'have a better time' than they had. By and by the girl marries and she has to learn, under unfavorable conditions, what her mother should have taught her or she should have been taught at school. Entirely ignorant of managing a home, she not only has a hard time, but the husband has a hard time and it is thus that dissatisfaction and unhappiness begins that may make the married state anything but what it should be. It is the crown and the glory of a woman to make a home and on the home everything—government, morality, religion, pure living and higher living, social, educational and material progress—is based. The home is the foundation of all that is good and home is a woman—usually a wife and mother. There can be no home without her. And yet for lack of training these home-makers, on whom rests practically all that is good in this life

or in that which is to come, no provision is made in the schools and little or no attention is given the training in too many homes.

"It is all right that girls should be taught music and painting and other accomplishments. All these help to adorn and make attractive the home. But the practical side cannot be neglected. The material things—what we shall eat and drink and wherewithal shall we be clothed—are absolutely necessary. In towns especially women usually do the buying for the family. Dr. Knapp, in an address before the State Legislature at its recent session, said that the ignorance of the women in not knowing how to buy and what to buy cost the nation at least two billion dollars annually; that few women know how to select the proper kind of food and that many a baby has died prematurely because its mother did not know how to take care of it.

"There are three things, says Dr. Knapp—and The Landmark wants Mr. Bickett to include them in his cooking school law—this, a girl ought to know and she isn't fit for marriage until she does know them. They are: (1) What food to purchase and how to cook it; (2) how to make her own clothes and those of the family; (3) how to nurse and doctor the family. These are necessary accomplishments for the home-maker. If the husband is able to hire the cooking done, the clothes made, hire a nurse and governess (and few of our people are able to provide all these or can get efficient help if able), all well and good, but it is necessary for the home-manager to know how the work should be done, that she may see to it that it is done satisfactorily and economically.

"There is one class of women and one only who are in some measure excusable for lack of knowledge of home duties. These are the young women who, as soon as they can be equipped as bread-earners, go out as teachers, stenographers and the like. These may lack knowledge of house-work but it is usually for lack of opportunity; and if they are industrious enough to go bravely and early into the field as bread-earners, they will make good home-makers, for they would soon acquire the knowledge necessary. In fact experience as a teacher or a business woman usually makes such an one more appreciative of what a home is and what it should be, so that if opportunity comes they will, while possibly lacking practical experience, make the better home-makers for their other experience.

All honor to the apostles of this crusade—such as Messrs. Bickett and Richards—who have the courage to talk common sense. May their tribe increase.

LARGEST ATTENDANCE YET.

Interesting News Notes from Buie's Creek Academy.

Correspondence of The Index.

The Buie's Creek Summer School opened May 24 with the largest attendance in its history. It is composed:

1. Of those who desire to review the public school branches preparatory to standing the county examinations.
2. Those who lack preparation on some subject for college preparation, such as Latin, English, Mathematics.
3. Those who desire to take a Business Course.
4. Those who desire to take Art.

It is an earnest crowd who assemble daily for study and larger preparation. Buie's Creek last year had more than 75 students in higher institutions—29 at Wake Forest, 23 at the University of North Carolina, etc. At Wake Forest it had seven men in the graduating class, six of them being preachers.

Buie's Creek, May 29

Space Grant.

Newspaper men, as a rule, have but two things to sell—space and subscription—and it would be just as consistent to ask your grocer for a dozen oranges "just to fill up" as to ask the editor for a dozen lines in his paper just to boost your business with the idea you are doing a kindness in helping to "fill up" space. Try getting a free dinner at the hotel just to make a show of business for the house.—Kushaylva (O.) Record.

HARNETT COUNTY NEWS

Work of Court—Lillington Bridge Passable this Week—Duke Bridge Begun.

Last week's session of court at Lillington sent Mr. J. L. Motley to jail for one year for blind tiger business and Charlie Thaggard and Rufe Jernigan, both colored, to the roads. Judge Lyon and Solicitor Armistead Jones did a good week's work.

The approaches to the Lillington steel bridge will be finished next week and people can again cross the great Cape Fear.

Prof. J. A. Bizzell, Cornell, has been here for two weeks visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Bizzell. He has returned to his work at Ithaca, N. Y.

Mr. John A. McKay, of the John A. McKay Manufacturing Company, has returned from Cincinnati, Ohio, where he attended the convention of the laundrymen.

Dr. W. B. Cullom, of Wake Forest, has arrived to begin a two week's series of meetings at the Missionary Baptist church.

Memorial exercises will be held at the old Johnson buryingground, near Pleasant Union church on Sunday, June 6th, p. m., conducted by Rev. J. D. Wicker, pastor of Pleasant Union Christian church. An oration will be delivered on this occasion by Col. Dan Hugh McLean, of Lillington. This will be a most interesting event. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The Burlington bridge force began work on the Duke bridge this week.

Mr. Noel Bullock, of Angier, died May 14; age, about 85 years. He leaves a wife and five children.

to mourn their loss. Dunn Guide.—The fact that the County Commissioners of Harnett county were able to secure a loan of fifteen thousand dollars to pay for building one of the bridges without going out of the county's a compliment to our financial institutions. The loan was secured from the Bank of Harnett at Duke. This institution was glad to accommodate the county. It has for its purpose, first and last, to foster and build up and to aid home industries. It is strong financially, and consistently liberal with its customers and home people. It was quite a compliment to the Bank of Harnett that it was able to take care of this large loan, and we are sure our home people appreciate it.

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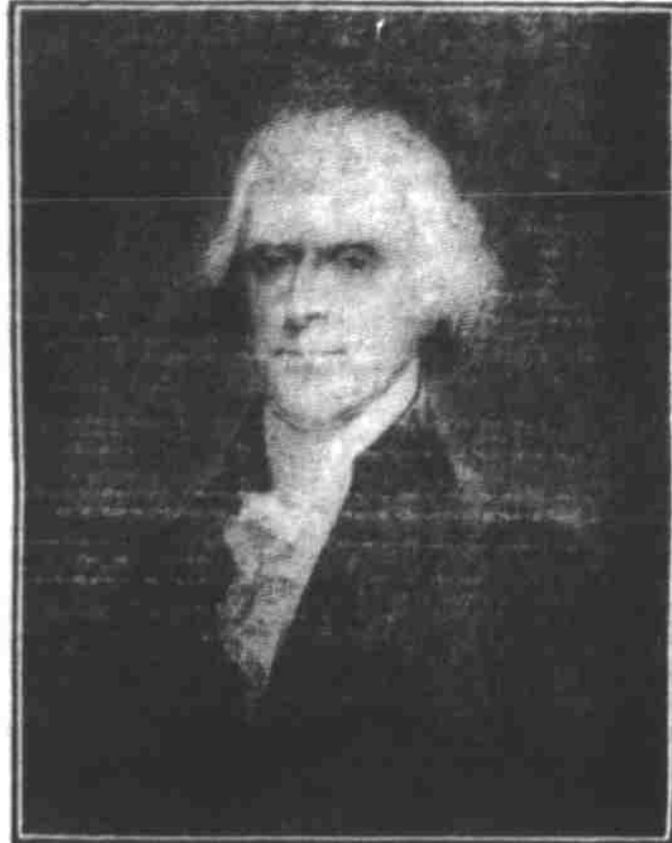
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