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CONQUERING THE TROPICS

The Most Fertile Section of the Globe to be Civilized—The Mosquito.

By Dr. W. S. Rankin.
In a recent work entitled "Mosquito or Man," Sir Robert Boyce, in the preface, says, "Finally, if results are looked for, it can be said without exaggeration that the tropical world is to-day being steadily and surely conquered. The narration of the numerous campaigns against the mosquito which I have here recorded is signal proof of this. The campaigns show that the three great insect-carried scourges of the tropics—the greatest enemies that mankind has ever had to contend with, namely, Malaria, Yellow Fever, and Sleeping Sickness—are now fully in hand and giving way, and with their conquest disappears the awful and grinding depression which seems to have gripped our forefathers. Now the situation is full of hope. The mosquito is no longer a nightmare; it can be got rid of. The tropical world is unfolding once again to the pioneers of commerce, who do not now dread the unseen hand of death as did of old the Spanish Conquistadores of Columbus and Cortes. The British public has and must always have a paramount interest in this practical conquest, which is destined to add a vast slice of the globe, of undreamt-of productiveness, to their dominions and activities."

Why has the strong northern blood which nature attempts constantly to pour into tropical lands, failed to gain a foothold? Why have the tropics not been civilized? Why has the most fertile section of the globe remained uncivilized? Does the northerner forsake the tropics on account of heat or sickness?

Gorgas in the Canal Zone has demonstrated that the American can live in the tropics with as much safety and do as much work as he can in the United States. It is not heat, but death that drove the French from this region twenty years ago—death from malaria and yellow fever that buried 50,000 of their laborers before they forsook the tropics. The gate to tropical civilization has been locked for centuries by the mosquito and the fly that carries sleeping sickness.

Evidence is accumulating that suggests, and goes a long way toward proving, that the fall of Greece was due principally to tropical diseases imported through their soldiers returning with their prisoners, both infected with malaria and other tropical diseases.

(Health talks on the subject of malaria will follow in a later bulletin.)

Milwaukee Locals.

Miss Katie Askew spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Claud Gatling, of Severn.

Rev. L. A. Parker of Potecasi was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gilliam Saturday night.

Miss Lillie Mann returned to her home near Murfreesboro last Tuesday, accompanied by Master Warner Coggins.

The Quarterly Meeting will be held in the M. E. church here next Saturday and Sunday morning.

SCHOOL GIRLS.

Better a self made man than a machine made politician.—Ex.

Potecasi Locals.

Mr. A. J. Harrell spent a few days last week in Norfolk. He was accompanied by his brother, Dr. G. N. Harrell of Murfreesboro, who returned home with him and spent a few days.

Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Cale of Roxobel came Thursday to be present at the sale of the personal property of her mother, Mrs. Rebecca Futrell.

Mrs. E. C. Parker of Menola was the guest of her parents here Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. L. A. Parker filled the pulpit Saturday and Sunday giving us, as usual, able and full-of-meaning sermons. The few little clouds flying here and there Sunday did not permit of as large attendance as usual.

Miss Euzelia Lassiter spent the week-end in Jackson with her friend, Mrs. W. H. S. Burgwyn. Mrs. E. B. Lassiter visited her mother last Wednesday in Murfreesboro.

Mr. Zeb Baugham and sister Miss Blannic, were the guests of their sister, Miss Maggie Baugham, of Chowan College last Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Britton of Pendleton is visiting her son, Mr. Starkey Britton.

Mr. Jos. P. Parker of near Rich Square was a caller here last Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jenkins of Menola spent awhile Sunday afternoon with her sister, Mrs. R. L. Powell.

Quite a number of our people went out to see Mr. Ernest Jenkins, who is still suffering with a broken limb. He is doing well and his friends soon hope to have him with them again.

The Woman's Missionary Society will meet next Saturday afternoon in the home of Mrs. C. R. Harrell at 3 o'clock. A large attendance of all members is desired.

School closes here in about two weeks and we will have commencement exercises only at night of Tuesday, April the twenty-fifth.

Mr. Tom Smith and family of Boykins spent a few days last week with Mrs. J. W. Futrell.

Mrs. S. N. Parker spent last Tuesday in Woodland with Mrs. W. T. Benthall.

Don't forget that we have prayer meeting every Sunday night. Come out and help create new interest and new life. It will be conducted next Sunday night by Mr. Grady Parker.

Mrs. R. M. Johnson is right sick at this writing.

We are glad to say that all the sick folks are doing nicely now, among them are Messrs. C. R. Harrell and D. M. Beale and Messdames H. T. Griffin and Rebecca Futrell.

Mrs. W. E. Spivey of Rich Square spent Monday afternoon with Mr. D. M. Beale.

Mrs. Bettie Jenkins, who has been suffering with a severe attack of Lagrippe, is slowly improving.

On the Branch Line.

Stranger—But, hang it, man, if you don't know whether there'll be another train today, who in thunder does?

Native—Ye might try ole Hank Henders over yonder. They do say he's a kind o' fortune teller.—Life.

Notice.

All people are hereby notified not to hunt with gun or dogs on the lands of the late S. A. Norfleet

W. P. NORFLEET,
Roxobel, N. C.
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SEVERN NEWS.

Supt. Judd of Wake County Schools to Speak at Commencement—General News.

Rev. B. H. Black filled his regular appointment at Providence M. E. church Sunday morning. Rev. W. B. Waff preached at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon and evening.

Miss Hattie Garriss of Conway is visiting her brother, Mr. Fred Garriss.

Mr. Gordon Pruden of Essex is spending a few days this week with her parents here.

Messrs. J. W. Hoggard, P. M. Fleetwood and Morton DeBerry went to Jackson last Tuesday to attend a meeting of the Mason's lodge of that place.

Dr. R. H. Garv of Murfreesboro was seen on our streets one day last week.

Messrs. Vernon Parker, Joe Edwards and Roger Davis of Pendleton were callers in our village Sunday afternoon.

Chills seem to be right prevalent here now. Mrs. G. W. Pruden, Mr. S. W. Futrell, little Clements Stephenson and Mr. George Tyler having suffered attacks of them.

Little Foy Max Fleetwood, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Fleetwood, is very ill with pneumonia. We trust the little one may be spared to his loved ones.

Miss Bernice Howell, who has been teaching at Whortles' Mill, has returned home for the summer.

Mr. J. B. Stephenson spent several days of last week in Jackson in attendance upon the Board of Education and courts.

The commencement exercises of Severn High School will take place on the 26th and 27th of April. On Wednesday evening at 7:45 o'clock a concert of vocal and instrumental music, recitations, drills etc. will be given by the school. At 10:00 A. M. Thursday morning representatives of the two Societies will recite and declaim for medals. Following the presentation of the medals at 11:00 o'clock Supt. J. V. Judd of Raleigh will deliver the commencement address. Mr. Judd, as Supt. of Public Instruction of Wake county, for a number of years, has attracted state-wide attention by his zeal and energy in behalf of the public schools. At 7:45 in the evening the closing exercises will be held. The main feature of this will be a play, "When a Man's Single," a rural society comedy, rendered by eight of the pupils. After the close of the program refreshments will be served.

Sunday School Institute at Rehoboth

Following is the program for the Sunday School Institute to be held at Rehoboth, April 22d, and 23rd, for the Northampton and Rich Square circuits:
SATURDAY 10 A. M.
The Sunday School—its relation to the church—J. E. Underwood.
10:30 A. M.—How may we enlist our people in the work of the Sunday School—C. W. Britton.
11:00 A. M.—The teacher's opportunity and responsibility—Rev. D. L. Earnhardt.
11:30 A. M.—The Sunday School as an evangelizing agency—Rev. W. B. North.
12:30—Intermission.
1:15 P. M.—Quarterly Conference.
2:00 P. M.—The Sunday School as a Missionary force—J. T. Flythe.
2:30 P. M.—The Home Department—Dr. M. Bolton.
3:00 P. M.—The Cradle Roll—J. J. Taylor.

SUNDAY 9:45 A. M. Sunday School.
11:00 A. M.—Preaching.
J. E. UNDERWOOD, P. E.

Miss Sarah Harrell.

Miss Sarah Harrell was born in February, 1832, and died Feb. 2nd, 1911, at the ripe age of 72 years. At the age of 15 years, when a mere girl, she was taken as an orphan girl to live with Rev. Wm. Grant, and was reared by him in his family and lived with the family to the time of her death, spending the last four years of her life with Mrs. Sue Tennille and Mr. J. M. Grant, daughter and son of the late Rev. Wm. Grant. She professed faith in Christ at an early age and joined Rehoboth Methodist Church of which she was a consistent and faithful member at the time of her death. She lived a pure, noble, consecrated, Christian life as each member of the family with whom she was reared bear testimony. She was ever ready to serve others in need, and was always gentle, kind and considerate of others. Her disposition was to help. For the last several years of her life she was sorely afflicted and suffered much, but bore her afflictions with patience and christian bravery. All was done for her comfort that loving friends could do, but the hand of death could not be stayed. She was not afraid to die, but patiently waited the summons, and on Feb. 2, 1911, it came and she quietly and peacefully passed away only to begin life anew in the Beautiful City of the Glorified Saints, where sufferings, sorrow, sickness and death are unknown. She was laid to rest in the church cemetery at Rehoboth Church.
Hers was a life of usefulness, lived in the spirit of humility.
A FRIEND.

In Memoriam.

On March 20th., 1911, at her home in Potecasi, when all nature seemed wrapped in slumber, death, the golden key unlocked the gate of eternity and the spirit of Mrs. Thomas H. Hart, nee, Miss Georgie Gilliam, winged its flight to the heavenly city and the God that gave it.

Mrs. Hart was born March 7th., 1863. She spent the greater part of her life in Potecasi, where she was happily married in 1891 to Mr. Thomas H. Hart, who with four children, one brother, Mr. John Gilliam, of Milwaukee, and a large number of relatives still survive her.

Gentle in disposition, firm in Christian character and true to her friends, Mrs. Hart was loved by all who knew her. In her death there has passed away one whose life left its benediction, the sorrow of friends and relatives being mitigated by the remembrance of her exemplary life. A kind neighbor, a loving and dutiful mother, she was known best by those who lived daily near her. A joy to the home, a cheerful and earnest worker, she will be sorely missed, but God who loved her best, wanted one so pure and sweet in His heavenly home.

But for those of us, who so deeply realize the loss of this kind friend and devoted mother, may the ties of love grow stronger for Him who gave and has taken away, and may our lives be made happier in knowing that

"Not now, but in the coming years, It may be in the better land, We'll read the meaning of our tears, And there, sometime we'll understand"

E. H. L.

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FLOOR OF THE OCEAN.

Vast Undulating Plains Lie Two or Three Miles Beneath the Waves

Sir John Murray, in Harper's.
The ocean has been sounded in nearly all directions with modern appliances, and these soundings show that the floor of the ocean consists of vast undulating plains lying at an average depth of about 2 1/2 miles beneath the surface of the waves. In some places huge ridges and cones rise from these submerged plains to within a few hundred fathoms of the sea surface, or they may rise above the surface volcanic islands and coral atolls. The greatest depth hitherto recorded is in the Challenger (or Nero) Deep in the north Pacific, 5,269 fathoms. If Mount Everest was placed in this deep, 2,600 feet of water would roll over the peak of this, the highest mountain in the world. The greatest depth in the Atlantic is in the Nares Deep, between the West Indies and Bermuda—4,662 fathoms. The greatest depth the Indian Ocean is 3,828 fathoms, in the Wharton Deep, between Christmas Island and the coast of Java. We now know 56 of these deeps where the depth exceeds 3 geographical miles, ten places where the depth exceeds 4 miles, and four places where it exceeds 5 miles.

The sea, as all the world knows, is salt. It is salted where strong dry winds blow across the surface, as, for instance, in the trade-wind regions and in the Mediterranean and the Red Sea. It is less salt toward the poles and in the deeper layers of the ocean. It has long been known that the very salt water of the Mediterranean flows as an under-current outward through the Strait of Gibraltar, and thus affects the salinity of the deeper waters of the Atlantic over a wide area. Although the amount of salt in sea water varies, the composition of sea salt remains very constant; slight differences have, however, been noticed along the continental coasts, in the polar regions, and in the water in direct contact with deep-sea deposits.

The temperature of ocean water varies at the surface from 28 degrees Fahrenheit at the poles to over 80 degrees Fahrenheit in the tropics. The cold water toward the poles has an annual variation of less than 10 degrees Fahrenheit at any one spot and the warm water of the tropics also has an annual variation of less than 10 degrees Fahrenheit in a band that nearly encircles the earth; this is the region of coral reefs and atolls. Between these regions of small annual variation there are two bands surrounding the earth where the annual variation is greater, and may exceed in certain regions 40 degrees Fahrenheit at any one spot.

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Debtors will please pay promptly.
This April 12th, 1911.
MOLLIE S. TAYLOR,
Administratrix of Lucius L. Taylor
Gay & Midyette, Attys.