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WHEN IS A MAN OLD? Age is a State of the Spirit Rather Than a Number of Years.

(The Christian Work and Evangelist.)
When is a man old? Not necessarily when he has reached the age of seventy or eighty. Mr. Gladstone was never an old man, for he did as much work, and as good work, at eighty as he did at forty. Oliver Wendell Holmes was never an old man, for there was as much buoyancy of spirit in his latter days as in his youth. Edward Everett Hale never knew old age, for on his eightieth birthday he was preaching and lecturing four or five times a week, and was prophetic in his outlook upon life as he had been in the prime of manhood. Albert K. Smiley never appeared any older at eighty than he did at forty, except that his hair had beautifully silvered. No one ever thinks of Mr. Carnegie as an old man, for he is touching life at more points to-day than he has ever done, and is the inspiration of many of the most enthusiastic reform movements in our time. Hardly any one will believe that James Bryce is eighty, because he is writing as great books this year as those he wrote at middle age, and is journeying up and down the world establishing good relations between governments. Such men as these and many others convince us that years and age have no necessary connection, that age is a state of the spirit rather than a number of years.

When is a man old? When he has lost the inquiring mind, the eager soul and the expectant heart. When a man has lost interest in the growing world, does not arise each morning eager to see what new thing the world is undertaking, or when he has lost the habit of expecting that God will speak some new truth each day to his people, and does not await it with expectant heart—then he is old, whether he be forty or ninety. But the man who keeps his mind open to the last great word of truth, as revealed either in human experience, national evolution or perhaps from science—for God speaks thru all these channels—and welcomes it with boyish glee and glad satisfaction, makes it his own, perhaps speaks it to those who have not yet heard it—what impress can years make upon this man? We had the rare privilege of knowing Theodore T. Munger well—that eager prophet of God's new truth. In those years between the seventies and the eighties the new books from Europe—poetry, science, theology—were on his desk before hardly anyone else in America had heard of them, and the sermons from his pen were as full of prophetic freshness as those sermons of the splendid forties and fifties of his life—which were twenty years ahead of his day. We have seen him cut the new book with hands trembling, as a boy's hand trembles when he unwraps a new toy, so eager was he.

When is a man old? When he has lost the enthusiasm of humanity, the zest and zeal of life. When a man has lost touch with his age, and segregated himself in some chimney corner, with cane and slippers, and has let the world go by him. While he lives in a day that is gone, and thinks the thoughts of a past generation—he is old. When a man ceases to greet the morning with a shout, and feels no pas-

sionate impulse to identify himself with the world's present work, perhaps distrusts its present method and tendency a little, perchance even bemoans its ways—he is old. When a man fails to see the great religious and social movements of his time, fails to recognize them as the redemptive breath of the Spirit or the very march of God toward some long awaited consummation, fails to identify himself with them—he becomes old. And there are many such pitifully old at forty. Their real life is done. But when a man believes that God is in his world to-day, that he is redeeming it, and that these great movements toward religious, ethical, social and political righteousness are methods of his working, and throws himself into them at eighty (as every man mentioned above has done) with the same eagerness and prophetic leadership he exercised at forty—there is no such thing as age in his life. Age comes not to those who keep in the vanguard with God and his eager co-laborers for men. Who ever called General William Booth old?

When is a man old? When he no longer feels at home with youth. There are men of eighty who when they get into a group of young men—young men are radical, impatient of old things, revolutionists by nature, demanding a new order—are ill at ease, out of place, almost fearful, and retreat to look askance. These men are old. We belong to a little club which is composed largely of young men. It meets once a month at lunch to discuss some religious or social subject. Dr. Robert W. Collyer was always there, over in the eighties. There was something very beautiful in the joy he took in the midst of those young men. He loved to get them around him; he was one of them; he was thinking in the same terms as they; he was as much an enthusiast for the new social order, the establishing of justice, the union of the religions, the reign of international peace as the youngest there. Who ever thought of Dr. Collyer as old?

Severn News.

Mr. H. C. Rogers spent last week in Norfolk a guest of his brothers, Messrs. E. M. and Joe Rogers.

Mr. G. H. Tyler made a business trip to Norfolk last Thursday.

Mrs. R. B. White of High Point was the guest of Mr. J. J. White's family from Sunday until Tuesday.

Among those from here who attended Class Day exercises at Chowan College Saturday afternoon may be mentioned, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. White, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stephenson, Mrs. J. W. Hoggard, Misses Bernice and Bettie Starr Howell and Carrie Belle Long; Messrs. Charlie Long, Matt Futrell, John E. Britte and Gordon Pruden.

Misses Lillie Pruden, Ila Britte and Bettie Starr Howell have returned from a visit to relatives at Seaboard.

Miss Nita Britte and brother, Mr. Sam P. Britte attended the commencement at Margarettsville last Tuesday. They report a very pleasant time and highly enjoyable commencement exercises.

Mr. G. W. Pruden went to Norfolk, Monday on a business trip connected with his saw-mill work.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of Boykins, Va., visited their daughter, Mrs. W. E. Glover, Sunday.

SEABOARD LOCALS. Barns and Team Burned—Crops Late—Progressive Teachers—General News.

Miss Mary Stephenson, after a week's visit in the pleasant home of her aunt, Mrs. Mollie I. Stephenson, left for her home, Pea-dleton, last Thursday.

Mr. Vernon Crocker, accompanied by Miss Luche, Franklin, Va.; paid a visit, between trains, to his sister, Mrs. W. T. Jones, last Sunday.

Mr. Bailey Maddrey left on early train Monday morning for Murfreesboro where he will be entertained in the home of Mr. Walter Barrett and also attend Chowan College commencement this week.

Prof. and Mrs. J. R. Ware left last Wednesday afternoon for their home, Berkley Springs, W. Va. So sad was the parting between these much beloved teachers and their pupils and assembled friends that a passenger at the depot inquired "who was dead." The sadness occasioned by the separation was mutual. Prof. and Mrs. Ware were very fond as well as proud of their pupils and they in turn appreciate and reciprocated their affection and deep interest in them.

Mr. Ware has labored as few teachers do for Seaboard State High School. His heart is in his work, he teaches because he loves to teach and not alone for the meagre salary received. We could not boast of the present handsome school building we possess but for his zeal. He talked school until our people were convinced they could build a suitable house; he gave as liberally as any patron and has since been giving both time and money to equip it with essentials. We are going to publish soon a summary of what he has obtained for the school, especially the past session. Everybody is ready to admit he is a born teacher, a superior disciplinarian and a Christian gentleman. Mrs. Ware cannot be excelled in her line of work. The faultless training of her "little folks," speaks louder than words for her department. We parted from them very reluctantly and still hope they will reconsider their decision and agree to return to us in the fall.

Seaboard was well represented at Margarettsville commencement last Tuesday. The work of Miss Elma Peele, the principal, has been of a very high order and her patrons are charmed with her. The exercises were well arranged, faultlessly executed and highly enjoyed.

Miss Ida S. Gay arrived last week and is spending her vacation in the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary E. Gay. Miss Ida has been teaching in Currituck for the past two years. As an earnest of how popular she is with her patrons, she has never taught a school that she was not urged to return for next term.

After spending the past Sunday here with his mother, Mrs. Anna Long, Mr. Ben Long left for his position in Portsmouth Monday morning.

Rev. Lloyd A. Parker filled his monthly appointments with his Seaboard Baptist church the past Saturday and Sunday. His sermons are generally good, but his Sunday evening effort was pronounced by many to be the best he has ever delivered here.

Mrs. H. Carlton Maddrey is spending this week in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Buffalo, Jackson.

Mrs. M. R. Stephenson is on a visit to her nephew, Mr. Lloyd Crocker, Wilmington.

Mesdames Green F. Gay and R. M. Maddrey will attend the Alumnae Banquet, given by their Alma Mater, Tuesday afternoon, May 20 Chowan College. Many tender memories will be no doubt revived in this meeting. School friends, from whom we have been separated twenty-eight years will again clasp hands and tales of happiness and sorrow will be exchanged.

The much needed showers came last week. The quantity while sufficient for some sections is not enough to get the crops up in this immediate vicinity. Planting was early enough, but there has not been sufficient moisture to germinate the seed. Warm weather and sufficient rain to bring up a stand of cotton and peanuts are the conditions most desired at present.

We have been requested to say that Miss Mamie Powell, the celebrated vocalist, Potecasi, will give a song recital in the auditorium of Jackson High School on the evening of May 24. Admission 15 and 25 cents. A rare treat is in store for all who are fortunate enough to attend. To hear Miss Powell once only increases your desire to hear her cultivated voice again.

Quite a number of our young people will attend Boykins commencement next Thursday and witness also a matched game of baseball between Seaboard and Boykins team.

We have to chronicle again a loss in our vicinity by fire. Mr. W. H. Long had the misfortune last Thursday night to have his barn and contents, two horses and his vehicles consumed by fire. A very severe electrical storm passed over here that night so it is supposed the blaze was started by lightning. The loss falls very heavily upon Mr. Long and he has the sympathy of the entire community. We hear that Mr. Jno. G. Stancell had his barn on his river farm burned same night and three mules were cremated, besides a large quantity of feed and fertilizer. This makes six team and three barns that have been burned near town in less than three weeks. Messrs. Jno. D. Pope and W. H. Long carried no insurance, but have been informed that Mr. J. G. Stancell was more fortunate.

Jackson Locals.

Miss Sadie Underwood of Goldsboro is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. A. Worrell.

Miss Annie Jerome, who has been in charge of the Primary Department of the Jackson Graduate School the past session, left last Thursday for Louisville to attend commencement at Louisville College.

Miss Lister and Mrs. Wise are guests in the home Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Lister.

Messrs. G. P. Burgwyn and E. H. Picard attended the Episcopal Convention in Tarboro last week.

Miss Josephine Bowen who has been teaching in Lincolnton, N. C., arrived last Thursday to spend several weeks at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Norfleet Webb of Hillsboro visited Judge R. B. Peebles from Thursday until Sunday.

The Sweet Thing.

Fair Visitor—Oh, don't trouble to see me to the door.
Hostess—No trouble at all, dear. It's a pleasure.—New York Mail.

LASKER NEWS. General and Personal News Gathered From About Town and Vicinity Briefly Told.

Mr. A. J. Draper of Boykins, Va., was here Friday on business.

Miss Lina Maie Gray spent the past week-end in Boykins, returning Monday.

Mr. C. G. Vaughan of Jackson was a guest Sunday of his feeble mother, Mrs. Z. Vaughan.

Miss Ethel Spivey and Mr. Henry Jessups of Rich Square were guests Sunday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. B. Harvey Parker. Mr. C. Deloatch was in Norfolk a part of last week on business.

Heavy rains fell here last Friday and Saturday. Rain was needed in this section and our farmers are now taking advantage of the fine condition of the land as a result of the rains.

The Lasker Epworth League held its regular service at the Methodist church Sunday evening. The address of the evening was delivered by Mr. J. T. Flythe of Jackson, the theme of which was "The Higher Life." It was an excellent address and was delivered in an effective manner. A large audience was present. There is no doubt but what Mr. Flythe's visit will be productive of much good.

There will be a call meeting of the Lasker Camp, M. W. of A. on Thursday evening of this week in the hall of the Lasker Real Estate Co. All members are earnestly requested to be present. Time of meeting, 8 o'clock. Rev. W. B. North, Pnd., filled his regular appointments in the M. E. churches here Sunday. The subject of his morning sermon was "Obedience" and in the afternoon he preached on the significance of The Lord's Supper. Large and appreciative audiences heard these strong sermons.

Mr. C. E. Brewer, foreman of R. H. Stanford, contractor, has completed the work on J. J. Parker's large storehouse and left Wednesday for Greensboro to join Mr. Stanford. Mr. Stanford says Mr. Parker's building is the best one he has erected. Its floor space exceeds 15,000 square feet and is modern in every particular.

Mr. W. H. Evans of Farm Demonstration work, accompanied by Mr. T. E. Browne, District Agent, were in our vicinity last week. They stated that the growing crops here were in fine condition and land that has not yet been planted was unusually well prepared. More interest in farm work is being shown among our farmers this year than ever before.

Special Meeting of County Board of Education.

A special meeting of the county Board of Education will be held at Jackson on second Monday in June, 1913. All parties desiring to present items of business before this Board will please note that the June meeting will be held on second Monday instead of first Monday, as usual.

Respectfully,
P. J. LONG,
Sec. Board of Education.

County Convention.
The County Convention of the Farmers Union will meet at Jackson June 3rd at 10:00 o'clock for transaction of such business as may come before the Union.
P. J. LONG, Pres.
C. W. MARTIN, Secy.