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THE LOVE OF COUNTRY.

Three Powerful Groups of Men Who Are the Real Enemies of the Nation.

(Christian Work and Evangelist.)

Whatever else we may associate with Memorial Day, the one great thought is that we shall honor those who loved their country. They happened to be called to die for it. It is unlikely that that call will ever come to us; but the possibility of manifesting love remains the same. And the best honor we can show the fathers who died for the nation is to highly resolve to love it as fervidly and as practically as did they. For many years now we have been urging this truth in general terms on Memorial Day and have tried to show the great channels in which that love might be manifested. This year we should like to go into detail a little and call attention to some ways in which love of country can be manifested very practically and very humbly.

One of the best ways of loving your country is to take a personal interest in securing the best schools possible in your community and supporting them with all your power. The future of America depends upon the boys and girls now in its schools. There are great crowds of these boys and girls who need not only the education your boys and girls need, but who, having come from other countries whose ideals and institutions differ greatly from ours, need the added instruction in American ideals, ethical standards and constitutional government. We need the best schools possible if we are going to have a safe and unified America in the next generation. Why, there are places in our cities where swarms of children are even being taught anarchy by special teachers. (Dr. Hillis has recently given one of their catechisms to the public, and he estimates that 12,000 children are being taught that there is no such thing as government or God.) Many of these children come from parts of Italy where ignorance is beyond our imagining and where the only ethics commonly held by the people is to get what one can regardless of how you get it. (It is in this respect that our big corporations and the immigrant from Sicily and some parts of lower Italy hold exactly the same philosophy of life, and both ought to be taught the same lessons.) These children can only be reached by our public schools. The Protestant Church cannot reach many; the Roman Catholic Church does not. They do not go to church yet. The school must make them good citizens and teach them our ideals. Here is a great opportunity to love your country. We always distrust the patriotism of the man who grumbles at the school tax or wants to cut down the teacher's salary. Make the public school in your town the best that can be made regardless of expense, and you will be serving your country much more effectively than by marching in patriotic parades or shouting for national defense. The only enemies this country has are within its own borders, and they will be overcome, not by a cannon ball, but by a school book.

Another way of evincing your patriotism is by supporting the church in your community with all your strength and means. This fact of the local church as a national asset is not sufficiently dwelt upon. There are three

great and powerful groups of men in this country who are the real, though perhaps unconscious enemies of the nation. They are those who set aside both the moral and statute law in their greed for money and their ruthless competition; those who are actively and outspokenly engaged in warfare against the country's good—liquor dealers, brewers, gamblers at races, and keepers of pool rooms, traffickers in women's virtue, grafters in business and politics, buyers of legislators and votes, printers of lewd books and indecent newspapers; and then those who live only for themselves. These three groups are very powerful and are exerting a terrific influence in our modern life. They are more rampant and centralized in our great cities than in the country towns. But our great cities draw both their increase and the vitality largely from the annual immigration of boys from the country towns. The character of these boys will determine the character of the great cities during the next two generations. It is easy to see, then, that the character of our great cities depends largely on the efficiency of the country church. If the country church cannot reach these boys who are going to New York, Buffalo, Pittsburg, Minneapolis, Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco and all the rest, what will eventually be the make-up of these cities? Thus the country church becomes a national asset. It is the university for the city builders and the leaders of the nation's life. America rests on the school and the church. If you want to make a verile, upright, honorable America, make the church in your town so efficient that it can train every boy who is going off to college or the city to be a lad of honor that the city cannot touch, and of such character that his coming shall be a real contribution to the higher life of the city and the nation. We say it without meaning any offense that the man who is not actively supporting the church in his community is making it easy for the enemy to take it. The only enemies this country need fear will enter by the unguarded fortresses of the schoolhouse and the church. Support your church. Make it the wall against which greed, and lust, and corruption in politics and business, and the love of the world, may come to grief. Support your home missionary society with all your resource and interest, and plant a church and Christian school in every hamlet and outpost of America. Cover it with these fortresses and it will be secure. We have given here two ways by which any reader can begin to show his love of his country at once.

Hadn't Lost Temperature.

An old darkey was taken ill and called in a physician of his own race. After a time, as there were no signs of improvement, he asked for a white doctor.

Soon after arriving, Dr. — felt the old man's pulse, and then examined his tongue. "Did your doctor take your temperature?" he asked. "I don't know, boss," replied the sick negro, "I hain't missed nothing but my watch as yit."—Exchange.

"Each of those 10 boils is worth \$15, said the physician, essaying the roll of a Job comforter.

"To you or to me, Doc?" anxiously asked the afflicted man.—Buffalo Express.

SEABOARD LOCALS.

The Condition of the Crops—What the People of the Town and Vicinity are Doing.

Mrs. A. T. Vick, after spending the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. E. M. Boyd, left Sunday afternoon for her home, Franklin, Va.

Miss Jessie Fleetwood, Jackson, is spending some days with her friend, Miss Eunice Howell.

Mr. L. G. Vick, Woodland, spent the past Saturday night and Sunday in the home of his sister, Mrs. E. M. Boyd.

The frequent showers of last week gave our farmers an undesired respite from work, but the warm sunshine at the close of the week put the land in good condition and Monday found every farmer as busy as could be. Good stands of cotton are reported, but peanuts are coming up badly. Some oats were cut last week. The crop is far from an average one.

Miss Willie Stephenson leaves this week for her usual summer visit to her cousin, Mr. Jno T. Maddrey, Norfolk, Va.

Seaboard 2nd. nine defeated Branchville team on the latter's diamond last Wednesday. The score stood 39 to 5. A happier set of juveniles would be hard to find.

Miss Marguerite Maddrey returned Monday from Franklin, Va., where she attended the commencement and also paid a visit to her uncle, Mr. Grover T. Stephenson.

Seaboard Sunbeam Society met at the usual hour in Seaboard Baptist church last Sunday morning. Miss Rayner Long is President and presides with much ease and grace. The enrollment is larger than ever before, the children more interested, so greater results will naturally follow.

Misses Lillian and Julia Jones attended Franklin commencement last week and are still away visiting in the homes of their uncle, Mr. Joe Crocker and aunt, Mrs. Marvin Harris.

Seaboard first nine accepted a challenge from the Franklin nine to play a game of ball last Friday afternoon. The game had to be discontinued at the close of the second inning on account of a storm. We hear they will repeat their effort Friday of this week. We have faith in our boys and feel they will come home bearing palms of victory.

Rev. Paul Hartwell, a young Wake Forest ministerial student, preached for Seaboard Baptist church the past Sunday evening. His utterances commanded the respectful attention of every thoughtful hearer, especially those interested in their future estate. We predict for him a bright future and hope if he ever passes this way again he will give us another good sermon.

Miss Lottie Stephenson arrived last week from the Southern College, Petersburg, Va., and is spending a well earned vacation in the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. R. Stephenson.

Messrs. Dean Crocker and Kindred Long, accompanied by Misses Florence Leake and Mary Pruden, attended services at St. Andrews' church, Greenville Co., Va., the past Sabbath and spent the remainder of the day with Miss Ruth Taylor.

Ignorance of the law does not prevent the losing lawyer from collecting his bill.—Puck.

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George News.

Mr. Wm. Dilks is in New Jersey this week on business.

Mrs. J. A. Mitchiner, of Edenton is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Futrell.

Miss Luella Brown, who has been very sick for more than a week, is slowly improving. Mrs. Emily Copeland and Mrs. Isabella Parker are also on the sick list.

Mr. W. Jordan Brown, Miss Anna E. Copeland and Mrs. Margaret F. Parker attended the Friends Quarterly meeting in Wayne County last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. D. H. Brown attended the commencement at Guilford College the past week.

Mr. Claude Bradley and family of Norfolk, Va., arrived here Monday to make this their home. Mr. Bradley has a position in the basket factory here.

The writer was at the basket factory some days ago, and watched the baskets manufactured from the gum log into the finished truck basket which we often see in the city markets full of tomatoes and potatoes. At the Editor's request, I will tell in detail something about how these baskets are made. In the first place the gum logs are sawed into blocks about 4 ft. long, this being done by machinery, and then they are rolled into a large steam vat which is air tight. In here they are allowed to remain for about 24 hours, during which time they have become wet throughout. The logs are now taken out of the vat and the bark is readily taken off, and they are swung into a giant like machine which begins revolving and at the same time peeling off the wood. This machine cuts the staves the proper shape and length. At another machine the bands which go around the top and bottom of the basket are being cut. Over a little further one may see a little circular saw going, and it does not take long to see that it is cutting out the bottoms for these baskets. It cuts about 3 or 4 hundred an hour. These bottoms are cut from pine boards 10 inches wide and 3-4 in thick. All this time one has been hearing the hammers of the basket makers, but not until now have we actually arrived at the scene of action, for after all, this is the whole show. It is really amazing to see how rapidly some of these fellows can drive nails, faster than an ordinary person can count. There are at present about 18 hands working in the factory, ten of these being makers. A good quick fellow can make from 250 to 300 baskets a day after he learns. They are paid by the hundred, receiving \$1.00 per hundred for all they can make. I have in mind a certain fellow who began working a few days ago and he made 100 baskets the first day. He is a Woodland fellow too. I am also thinking of a gentleman who came here from New Jersey, who is making 275 a day, said he only made 25 the first day he began making. So we can easily see it is not altogether impossible for some of our Southern fellows to get that quick motion which one is bound to have if he makes 200 to 300 of these baskets a day. We understand that the firm, Dilks & Brown, is very much encouraged with the rapid progress which has been made. They have up to the present time made about 50,000 baskets in a little more than a month. These baskets are sold to the wholesale dealers in Philadelphia, where they are able to dispose of all they can make at a fairly profitable price.

ROXOBEL NEWS.

The Roanoke-Chowan Bank Organized --Two Marriages--Home From School--General News.

Weather could not be more suitable for growing crops and the farmers are making fine use of their time.

Miss Mattie Liverman left last week on a visit to her sister, Mrs. A. V. Cobb, of near Windsor.

Messrs. Junius and Jack Powell arrived home from school last week to spend their summer vacation. They attended school at Warrenton.

Mr. Marion Liverman, who is taking civil engineering course at the A. & M. College, Raleigh, is home for the summer vacation.

Mr. E. R. Tyler, who is reading law at the University of North Carolina, arrived home a few days ago.

Mr. Edgar Norfleet, who is studying medicine at a Medical College in Richmond, Va., is home for his vacation.

Miss Eliza Capehart has reached home from the Normal College, Greensboro, where she has been the past session.

The Roanoke-Chowan Bank was organized Saturday, the 31st, with Dr. J. M. Jacobs, President; Jno. E. Peele, Vice President; and S. J. Fore, Cashier. The bank will begin business not later than Sept. 1st, 1913.

Mr. Lee Brewer and Miss Sallie Castelloe were quietly married at the home of the bride here last Wednesday evening. Only a few friends and relatives witnessed the tying of the nuptial knot. Rev. J. F. Cale officiated.

It is announced that Mr. J. T. Burkett of Roxobel and Miss Mary Lawrence of Summertown, Va., will be married on Wednesday, June 4th., at the home of Miss Lawrence. Mr. Burkett is a promising young farmer of Roxobel and Miss Lawrence is a popular young lady, having visited here on several occasions.

Mr. C. T. Peele is in South Carolina and Georgia this week in the interest of the Peele Peanut Co.

ROXY.

Desirable Farms.

Wilmington Star.

If a farmer wants to buy a farm he will pay more for one on a good road. This shows that he knows that a farm on a good road is worth more than one on a bad road. It proves conclusively and absolutely that he is satisfied that a good road adds to the value of land. Therefore, according to the logicians, a farmer is going back on his horse sense when he votes against building improved highways. Every good road is a value-maker and all of us recognize it when we prefer to have a farm on the very best "good roads" in the country. Hence no man can make a mistake when he votes for improved roads and the rural development that is brought about as a consequence. We leave the subject right here in this nutshell and defy anybody to crack it.

No Benefits.

An old citizen in a country village being asked for a subscription toward repairing the fence of the graveyard, declined saying:

"I subscribed toward improving that burying ground nigh on to forty years ago and my family hain't had no benefit from it yet.—Chicago Record-Herald.