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## A MASTERLY ADDRESS.

The Nature, Aims and Duty of Education and the Teachers' Preparation and Reward.

The Northampton Teachers' Association met in Jackson on the fifteenth. The morning session was devoted to a discussion of "Health in Public Schools," "Teachers' Reading Course," and "Teaching Children to Think." After lunch came the feast of the day.

Supt. P. J. Long, in a few fitting and forceful statements introduced to the large audience of teachers, townspeople and visitors from a distance, Dr. J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. From the opening to the close of his masterly and touching address he held his audience as in a trance. The subject of his communication was "The Nature, Aims and Duty of Education," and "Teacher's Preparation and Reward." The speaker impressed on his hearers at the outset the importance of the child. He did not wonder that the Master chose one from this class about whom to say "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." We can measure the civilization of any nation, country or home by the place the little child holds in it. Teachers and parents have a tremendous obligation and a solemn duty. There lies locked in the right sort of education money, manhood and mastery, the greatest of these being mastery. The education of the child is the most sacred charge of civilization. It is more than a knowledge of books, more than what is contained in the four walls of a school-room. The teacher must organize and direct the agencies in the community that will develop the best in the child. The school should be the educational centre. Teachers need a much broader conception of their work and of the agencies involved in the same. Education should develop that within a man and also that about a man. It should develop all his power of mind, body and soul and at same time connect that power with all that is about him. We would produce a race of idle dreamers if we should create desires without developing power to satisfy them by connecting with the world about man. Man would be as useless as an engine fitted with steam and power, but having no coupling with anything on which to use this power.

There are two ultimate ends of education, (1) To fit man to live. (2) To fit him to make a living. Education is not only life but a preparation for life. Hitherto education has been too much a vocational training, to make the preacher, the lawyer, the doctor, the teacher. The result of this has been overcrowding of the professions and the presence in these of many having no special adaptation to their work. Thus many, finding no open door in the professions for which they have prepared themselves, turn to farming or something else and begin again by "main awkwardness and strength."

Later a change came when we began to broaden our conceptions and to comprehend the idea that universal education was not the same for all sorts of folks but all sorts of education for all sorts of folks. It was then the foundation of democracy—equality of opportunity to all and the greatest good to the greatest number

—began to be laid. To the common man, of whom there are so many, now was given consideration. Up to this time it was the select few who were the beneficiaries in the educational world. Lincoln, the grand democratic spirit, had a large part in furthering this change. He said he thought the reason there were so many common people was because the Lord thought so much of them. Schools must now be made to administer to all and teachers must read the handwriting on the wall and prepare themselves to direct this broader education. Otherwise there may follow a revolution and the work may fall into the hands of those not fitted for it—demagogues or politicians.

In the United States 90 per cent of the people lead an industrial life and less than 10 per cent follow the professions, while in North Carolina 82 per cent follow agricultural pursuits. The rural schools must deal more than ever with the things of rural life. There should be a Farm Life school in every county, well equipped and whose influence would radiate to every school and every farmer in that county. Education must touch the fundamental needs of life, health, food, shelter, and raiment. Domestic Science must be taught. As "Man cannot live by bread alone" neither can he live without bread. The soil, plant and animal life must be studied. Thus will life be made richer, more beautiful and sweeter for country children. Teachers must put something into our preparation for education so that they can show the pupils the glories of the life about them in the trees, birds, plants and flowers and in forest, stream and sky. How many rural children having eyes see not and having ears hear not. It is the rural teachers' duty to help open the eyes to glorious sights and the ears to the harmonies about them. In the country is a museum filled with living specimens of all sorts of life and bounded only by the horizon as wall and the sky as roof. Then our young people would not be so anxious for the artificialities of the city, its moving picture shows and other things. Train them to see and understand God's great moving picture show which begins with the rising of the sun and ends with the setting thereof, and in which the scenes are shifted every hour by the hand of God himself, for the delectation of his people. With Shakespeare they would find "Tongues in trees, books in running brooks, sermons in stones and good in everything."

There is nothing creative about education. There is one creative power only, sitting on the throne above. All teachers can do is to take the child as God has made him and help him to make the most of himself. They can only stimulate, direct and leave him to grow, grow, grow into the likeness of God. It needs much preparation of mind and body and soul to thus direct. Those with this sacred charge must draw from fountains of life day in and day out. If the doctor who has care only of the body, has need of much professional training, how much more have teachers who have the care of body, soul and mind.

The teachers' reward is very important. It is true his financial reward is meager, but if his work is faithfully done he has a greater reward than that of paltry dollars—a consciousness of work well done and of lives helped towards God which is worth more than all the gold of Ophir.

## FROM GEORGE.

Rushing Peanuts to Market—Western People Here for the Winter—Personal Items.

Prof. George W. White and wife of Guilford College, have recently spent a few days with Mr. White's sister, Mrs. Ann Elizabeth Peele, Mrs. White came here direct from Weldon where she had been attending the State Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of which she is Secretary. Mrs. J. A. Mitchener of Edenton is here this week with her mother, Mrs. J. N. Futrell, who is still sick.

Mr. Julian Acre attended court at Windsor, in Bertie county, the past week.

Mr. H. S. Smalley, one of the basket makers in the factory here, left for his home in New Jersey last Saturday. Mr. Smalley had made many friends here and they regretted very much to see him leave.

The Olney teachers, and Miss Beulah Jessup attended the teachers' meeting at Jackson last Saturday.

Mr. C. W. Harvey and wife of Rich Square visited friends here last Friday and Saturday.

Mr. T. C. Peele and family and Mr. T. H. Peele and family of Rich Square, spent Sunday at Mr. A. W. Brown's. Mrs. T. C. Peele has been an invalid for many years and it was very comforting to see her visiting so far from home.

Mr. H. T. Outland Jr. and family dined at Mr. B. P. Brown's Saturday.

Mr. Elisha J. Bye and wife of West Branch, Iowa, who came here about three months ago, have decided to spend the winter here. Mr. Bye is one of those thrifty western farmers, and is a very valuable man to have in our county. Mr. Edwin Heald and wife of Whittier, Iowa, and Mr. David Thomas and wife of Plainfield, Indiana, who came down here to attend the Friends late Yearly Meeting, have so fallen in love with the delightfully mild Southern climate, that they have decided to remain here most of the winter.

Mr. Elisha Bye, who was in Europe a little more than a year ago, visited the school here last Friday afternoon and gave an interesting account of his trip.

Farmers in this section are rushing their peanuts on the market as fast as they can get them picked. They are now selling for 3c per pound.

## Garysburg News.

State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner and County Superintendent P. J. Long, paid a visit to our school last Friday and were very much pleased with the building, and spoke in very complimentary terms of the school and its management.

Miss Alma Robinson of Emporia, Va., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. T. Stephenson, near here.

Miss Alice Butts returned home last Sunday after a week's visit to her sister at Reames, Va.

The Ladies Betterment Society has raised about \$75.00 on the piano fund, we are proud to say; our people are going to work, and are doing their best to have the best and most attractive school in the county.

Prof. Miller and Miss Saunders went to Jackson Saturday to attend the Teachers' Meeting. They report a fine address by State Supt. Joyner.

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## Severn News.

Miss Lillian Johnson of Potocasi came last Saturday to take charge of her work in the Hog-gard school. Since the compulsory law was put into operation there is no doubt that the rural schools will be better patronized and therefore will do better work.

Misses Nita Britt and Fannie Edwards are on the sick list this week. Miss Mabel Woodard, who was sick last week, is convalescent.

Mr. August Hines of Franklin, Va., was a guest in the home of Mr. W. H. Howell Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. W. H. Howell and Ernest Howell with Misses Hazel Gibbs, Rassie Jones and Bettie Starr Howell motored to Lawrenceville, Va., Sunday.

Mr. S. W. Futrell of Suffolk, Va., greeted his many friends here Sunday and spent the afternoon very pleasantly as a guest in the home of Mr. J. J. White.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. White and daughters, Misses Una and Evelyn, and Mr. Geo. H. Tyler motored over to Pendleton Sunday morning to attend services at Robert's Chapel.

Misses Mary Emma and Carrie Belle Long attended the teachers' meeting at Jackson Saturday and visited their friend, Miss Eunice Howell, on Sunday.

Little Miss Erlene Fleetwood was called to Roanoke Rapids Saturday to be at the bedside of her foster-mother, Mrs. Viola Collier, who is critically ill. We trust she may soon be well again.

We understand from a reliable source that a play given by Suffolk, Va., talent will be presented in the auditorium of the school building at an early date. We are glad to encourage good plays to come here as they are means of entertainment as well as a benefit in the school financially.

Messrs. Gordon Pruden, Matt Futrell and several other young men whose names we did not learn attended the recital at Chowan College last Friday night.

Thanksgiving will be observed here on Thursday, November 27, at 7:15 o'clock P. M. by an entertainment consisting of readings, recitations and suitable music. An offering will be taken for the Orphanage at Thomasville. The public is cordially invited.

The teachers, pupils and many of the patrons of the school were disappointed Friday afternoon when Hon. J. Y. Joyner, the State Superintendent of Education, who was scheduled to visit the school, failed to appear. We hope to be more successful next time.

## Methodist B. and P. Class.

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 12, the Woodland Baraca and Philathea Class held its regular business meeting in the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. S. Burgwyn.

It was decided that we meet every first Friday night in each month for our regular monthly business meeting.

Then came the social hour. Games were played, and delightful refreshments were served.

We then bade our charming hostess goodnight, wishing our meeting came more often.

MARTHA LASSITER,  
Reporter.

Be inspired with the belief that life is a great and noble calling; not a mean and grovelling thing that we are to shuffle through as we can, but an elevated and noble destiny. — Gladstone

## WOODLAND ITEMS.

Services for Thanksgiving—Adopted an Infant—Back from Weldon—General News.

Mrs. L. McDan'e, Misses Annie Futrell, Maie Benthall, Hannah Starr and Ethel Futrell and Prof. Whisenant attended the County Teachers' Association at Jackson Saturday.

Mr. J. B. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. S. Burgwyn spent a few days in Norfolk last week and attended the play, "Ben-Hur," given at the academy.

Miss Mabel Bolton left Monday to open school at Dusty Hill.

Mr. Archie Futrell of Scotland Neck spent Sunday here at his home.

Mr. R. Deans Harrell of Scotland Neck spent last Thursday night with his people at the Harrell House.

Misses Jessie Blanchard and Mary Harrell spent Saturday in Jackson, guests of Miss Nancy Moore.

Messrs. H. C. Harrell, Harry Vaughan, Selvin Blanchard, Walter Carter and George Parker attended the recital at Chowan College last Friday evening.

Misses Pauline Mitchell and Georgia Britton of Aulander visited Mrs. W. J. Griffin Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. H. C. Harrell and sister, Miss Mary, spent Sunday in Lewiston.

Miss Hettie Blanchard left last week for Beaufort county to take a position in the school at Washington.

Miss Jessie Blanchard left Tuesday for Suffolk for a few days.

Mrs. W. J. Griffin, in company with her mother, Mrs. Chitty, of Menola, left Tuesday for Norfolk to spend a few days.

Mrs. Walter Grant of Norfolk and Miss Ethel Spivey called on Mrs. W. H. S. Burgwyn Saturday afternoon.

Our popular peanut buyers, Messrs. G. B. Pope and C. B. Pond, have been quite busy for the past 10 days loading cars here.

Mrs. S. J. Copeland, Jr. and Mrs. J. L. Outland attended the W. C. T. U. Convention in Weldon last week. They came home highly animated over both the work of the convention and hospitality of the Weldon people.

Mrs. Charlie Benthall and Miss Beatrice Smith spent Sunday at Milwaukee with Mrs. Donnie Traylor.

Mr. Charlie Benthall and daughter, Miss Vesta, spent from Friday until Monday in Norfolk. While away Mr. Benthall adopted an infant 5 weeks old from the Infants' Home in Richmond, Va. We consider this quite an honorable responsibility that Mr. and Mrs. Benthall have taken on themselves and we are sure they will be indeed a mother and father to it and may the hand of God deal gently with them in raising it to make a man who will be indeed an honor to them and their country.

Thanksgiving services at the Baptist church Thanksgiving evening. A program is being arranged. Everybody invited and don't forget your offering. The writer has not been informed as to whether there will be services at the M. E. church or not.

The life of man upon this fair earth is made up for the most part of little pains and little pleasures. The great wonder flowers bloom but once in a lifetime. — Anonymous.