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"Do your best, and leave the rest," "This a cheerful maxim; He who works with happy zest Has no doubts to tax him; Not an hour is wasted; Glad of heart and unafraid, Labor's joy he's tasted.

"Do your best, and leave the rest," "Cense your fret and worry. No one asks a surer test, There's no need of hurry; Do your best, and never shrink, Patient be, and willing; That's the only way to work, Then your niche you're filling."

"Do your best, and leave the rest," "Humble though the task, True endeavor makes it blest, 'Tis his o'er with beauty; Greater work shall come to you, Rich rewards shall you see, Seize the present, nobly do Tasks that now await you.

"Do your best, and leave the rest," "If I but knew that somewhere, I Had dried a tear or lessened sorrow's sigh,— Had slaked the thirst of parching fever's lips,— Or led some soul through trial's dark eclipse, Then should I feel life's mission had been true."

"Do your best, and leave the rest," "If I but knew some heart this side the tomb Had by mine act been rescued from the gloom; Or that one life had grown in noble deeds Because somewhere I'd sown some worthy seed,— The thought would drive dark clouds from out life's view."

Author Unknown.

SAM JONES' LETTER.

Atlanta Journal.

I returned home from the Carolinas and Tennessee the first of the week to find my wife down in bed with the shingles, and is still in bed with the shingles. I thought we had tackled everything that flesh was heir to, but this thing called "shingles" never struck us before. Wife knows what "shingles" is. I don't, and I never can know unless I should have it. It is a distressing, tormenting, aggravating, uncapitulating thing. One of our good neighbors says she had it, and it lasted her three weeks. She suffered and cried, and cried and suffered. It seems sort of a suffering and crying disease in its influence, and there is no help for it until it runs its course.

We had Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson as our guest this week, the evening of his lecture in Cartersville. We were all glad to meet him personally. We found him a charming, splendid fellow in the social circle, and very bright and entertaining on the platform. His lecture on "The supremacy of our Navy" is a marvelous lecture. He held his audience for two hours. There was not a smile nor a tear from start to finish, unless perchance they smiled once over his naming of Chinese cities. He is without pathos or humor, but he has good sense and is a fine orator. A good deal like Bryan, not only mentally, but their moral characters are much alike, splendid and clean. Our people were charmed by Captain Hobson and will be glad to see him again.

Charge Fite, of the Cherokee circuit, charged his jury some time ago that the playing of pool, where the loser of the game paid the bill, that such pool playing was gambling, and the supreme court the other day held that where two or more persons played pool, the loser paying for the game, the players are guilty of gambling, and it necessarily follows that the keeper of the tables is guilty of keeping a gambling house.

I am glad of such a decision by the supreme court of Georgia. These pool tables are a thing of the devil. There's many a young man hanging around pool tables, and the very habit itself will make them vagabonds, and to get money to pay for the games that they lose they are sometimes driven to methods not angelic. I had no respect for the pool room gang, and I hope this decision will put them out of business in Georgia, and it will put them out of business, in my candid judgment, for if you take the gambling element out of pool there's no fun in it, as there is no fun in playing cards without a stake or a prize.

Our nice society people have reached the point where they cannot enjoy a social game of cards without a prize being up. Of course, there will be a way found by some to get around the law, but every man who plays pool now can be put on the witness stand, and he has got to swear a lie on the one hand or go to the chaingang on the other, and I'd rather go to the chaingang for playing pool illegally than to walk the streets a free man by reason of the fact that I had perjured my soul and sworn to a lie to keep out of the chaingang, and a witness brought up before the court will have to answer some questions that will make somebody swear a lie or that will convict somebody. Georgia will be infinitely better off with every pool room closed permanently and forever. There's no good in it; there's no character in it; there is no manhood in it, and there's no fun in it from now on, in my candid judgment.

I leave this morning for Macon, Ga. Brother George Stuart has broken down in the meetings at Macon, and I shall go down and take his place until Sunday night. I am told there's a wonderful meeting in progress there, and I am glad always to take a hand wherever God works, and men are being converted to God.

I shall begin meetings at Memphis next Tuesday the 4th. I am so thankful to God that my health is so much better that I can go back into evangelistic work, more or less. It is a source of great joy to me to see that the time of refreshing from the presence of God is come to the earth again. The great work in Wales and London, and in many points in the United States, in the last few weeks, is evidence that God is coming again in reviving power, and saving mercy. Oh! but for his grace and power among men, where would the world drift and how degraded man would become.

I note with pleasure the peace proposals. God knows it is time to end that butchery in Manchuria, and I trust that in the next few weeks, on equitable basis, that war can be stopped, and I hope it is the last instance in which nations will ever again set into butcher each other, and play the bull dog instead of acting the manly man, for to fight is the first thought of the bull dog, and the last resort of a gentleman. I may fight when a fellow slaps me on one cheek, and I turn the other, and he slaps me on that, then there being no further instructions, I may take a hand in a bull dog scuffle, but it's no credit to me or to the man who provoked the fight.

We are all rejoicing over this beautiful weather. A man that don't feel good a day like this, has reason for feeling bad.

Yours truly, SAM P. JONES.

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TEACHERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING.

Great Interest in the Meeting to be Held in Greensboro, June 13, 14, 15, and 16. Dr. W. W. Stetson, State Superintendent of Maine to be Present.

Interest continues to increase in the great meeting of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly which will be held in Greensboro, June 13-16. The Executive Committee is making extensive preparation for the occasion.

The city of Greensboro never does things by halves, and when it was decided that the Assembly should meet in an inland city, Greensboro decided that the meeting should be held there, and that it should be the greatest educational gathering ever held in the State. She put one thousand dollars into the treasury of the Assembly for the meeting, and thus enabled the Executive Committee to begin the large plans which are under way.

The program that is being prepared guarantees a most significant meeting, a meeting that will certainly mean a vast deal to the educational progress of the State. Several men and women from outside the State, who are known throughout the entire nation, will be present to take part in the work. Prominent among these will be Dr. W. W. Stetson, State Superintendent of Maine, who will be present during the entire meeting. Dr. Stetson will work with the Department of County Superintendents in all of their sessions and will address the entire Assembly once or twice. He is a wise man, has most attractive personality, and is an able speaker. He has done great things in his own state.

In his letter to President Foust, accepting the invitation to come to the meeting of the Assembly, he says: "I will come when you want me, and speak upon the subjects that you name, if I can." The Committee is very fortunate in securing such a man. They have been equally fortunate in securing other speakers whose names will be announced within a few days.

An address in regard to the meeting has been mailed to five thousand teachers in North Carolina, and Secretary W. D. Carmichael, of Durham, says that he is receiving numerous responses on every mail from teachers saying that they expect to attend the meeting.

Strange Superstitions About the Hair.

It is said that more fair people than dark ones remain unmarried, and people residing in the country have lighter hair than those who live in towns, owing to the fact that they are more in the sun and fresh air. Black hair was most esteemed by the ancient Jews, while the Greeks and Romans gave the preference to the golden shades. Those with dark hair work best, those with fair hair think the most. Red hair is a sign of passion, jealousy, and ardor; Auburn shades indicate delicacy and refinement of taste; dark brown hair combines strength and susceptibility; while black hair denotes hasty temper, self-will, and revenge. Black haired people are the most liable to consumption; brown haired to rheumatism and heart disease; red haired to pleurisy, pneumonia, ague, and malaria; and fair haired persons to skin diseases. Closely curled hair denotes vivacity and excitability; hair curling in irregular rings on the face indicates good nature and vitality; hair parting naturally down the center and falling over the temples denotes feminine element, and genius of a certain kind; straight hair in cultured persons indicates evenness of character, honesty of purpose, a clear head, and good talents.

Good hair, like good teeth, runs in families, and it is noticeable that mothers with a fine head of hair generally transmit it to their daughters. In some families the hair of the men and the women turns gray at an early age.

As with families, so with races, and good hair may be looked upon as a national characteristic. At all events, a magnificent head of hair, perfectly alike in color and texture, is a sight for "sair een," and next to her eyes, is the theme which poets have delighted in dwelling upon since first they sang their praise of woman.—McCall's Magazine.

Letter to T. R. Forest

Albemarle, N. C.

Dear Sir: The Fair Ground buildings, Cobleskill, N. Y. were painted Devoe last year. Two other-paint agents said the job would take 150 gallons (their price was 15 cents less a gallon). Our agent said not over 125. It took 115. We saved 'em at least \$140 on paint and labor.

The American House, Tannersville, N. Y. was painted two coats last year; not Devoe. Mr. Charles Haner, across the street, put on one coat Devoe. Mr. Wiltze (American House) is sorry he didn't paint Devoe. Haner's one coat was better than Wiltze's two.

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THE WAR.

Charlotte Observer.

The war operations in the Far East during the past week have been of little importance in themselves, and more attention has been given to the alleged prospects of peace than anything else. A few days ago it seemed likely that negotiations for a termination of the war would soon be under way, but the situation has undergone a change which indicates that hostilities may drag on at least for some months yet. It seems certain that feelers regarding possible peace terms have been put out, but little, if anything, accomplished thereby. Russia, it is stated, is sending fresh troops and supplies to the field as fast as possible, and from Japan come reports that fresh levies of troops are being made and continually forwarded to Manchuria.

The Russians now appear to be centered around Gunshu Pass, a railroad station about 50 miles north of Tie Pass and some 175 miles south of Harbin, with the Japanese gradually pressing in on them. Reports from Harbin indicate uneasiness there, as if the Russians were not by any means certain that they can hold that point for any length of time. It is said that women and children have been ordered to leave Vladivostok, indicating that the Russians expect the port to be put under siege soon.

There has been considerable snow in the section now occupied by the armies, and the roads are getting in bad shape, which will doubtless retard activity on any pronounced scale.

In the eyes of the world, as has been the case for months past, Russia is regarded as irretrievably defeated, and it is hard to divine why the Czar should determine to continue a hopeless struggle, with the prospect of indemnity growing daily.

Pointed Paragraphs.

Chicago News.

Now let the cold waves cease to wave.

Men make money and women make them hand it over.

When a woman boards the train for her wedding trip she imagines all her female acquaintances envy her.

If some men were to refrain from telling what they don't know it would be a great surprise to their acquaintances.

Nothing makes a married woman so mad as to have a bachelor give her the laugh when she tells him he really ought to get married.

Marriage is a rank failure when a woman has to play ragtime tunes on a washboard in order to support the alleged man who poses as her husband.

The extent of some people's charity is to attend a charity theatrical performance where there is a chance of getting the worth of their money.

When a society woman can't think of anything more to say at a social function, she moves on and gives the other women a chance to say things about her.

Brain Leaks.

The Commoner.

It takes more than dogma and creed to make a Christian.

We strengthen ourselves by the exercise of lifting up others.

Satan wastes no time scheming to get hold of a heart full of hate.

The happiest man is he who makes the best he can of the worst he gets.

Some of our greatest joys are recalling the sorrows we have outlived.

It is impossible to make a mountain of dollars high enough to reach heaven.

The giving of a kind word often accomplishes more than the gift of much gold.

Some men train their consciences to approve of evil, and then calmly insist that they are doing right.

Wilson—Here's a problem for you, old man: A donkey was tied to a rope six feet long, eighteen feet away there was a bundle of hay, and the donkey wanted to get to the hay. How did he manage it?

Sharp—Oh, I've heard that one before. You want me to say, "I give it up," and you'll say, "So did the other donkey."

"Not at all."

"Then how did he do it?"

"Just walked up to the hay and ate it."

"But you said he was tied to a rope six feet long."

"So he was. But you see the rope wasn't tied to anything. Quite simple, isn't it?"—McCall's Magazine.

About Rheumatism.

There are a few diseases that inflict more torture than rheumatism and there is probably no disease for which such a varied and useless lot of remedies have been suggested. To say that it can be cured is, therefore, a bold statement to make, but Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which enjoys an extensive sale, has met with great success in the treatment of this disease. One application of Pain Balm will relieve the pain, and hundreds of sufferers have testified to permanent cures by its use. Why suffer when Pain Balm affords such quick relief and costs but a trifle? For sale by C. J. Mauney & Co.

Impertinent.

Patience—And so you quarreled? Patrice—Yes; and I returned all his gifts. And what do you suppose he did?

"Can't guess."

"Sent me a dozen boxes of face powder, with a note explaining that he thought he had taken that much home on his coat since he first knew me."—Illustrated Bits.

A MATTER OF HEALTH

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When Alimony Ceases.—Black—Westley seems to be celebrating today. Is he going to be married again?

White—No, His ex-wife is—April Smart Set.

"Dear," said the melancholy wife, "if you die first you will wait for me there on that far shore, won't you?"

"I guess so," replied her husband, wearily. "I've always had to wait for you everywher e I go."—Philadelphia Press.

"It was simply a question of veracity between us," said the oldest inhabitant. "He said I was a liar and I said he was a liar."

"Huh!" said the village postmaster. "That's the first time I ever heard of either of you telling the truth."—Chicago Daily News.

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