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The Advantages To Be Derived from One—Concord Should Have One—Its Advantages Manifold.

We live in three worlds at once, or rather we exercise a threefold existence in one world. We have a physical being, an intellectual being and a moral being. Food, clothing, air, exercise, are necessary to our physical being. The church, the Sunday school, the Bible contribute to our moral being.

Our intellectual being is apt to be neglected. The mind, in order to be vigorous and healthy, demands food and experience as well as does the body.

Concord ought to have a good public library. There is no one thing that can be made to add so much to the morals and intelligence of a community as can good books. Every town should have a public library. It should be centrally located and be accessible every day and evening six days in the week.

In this library should be found the best standard literature, books of reference, and the leading magazines.

But few people can afford to buy cyclopedias nor to subscribe for all the magazines, but in the public library everybody could have access to them and at very small expense to any one.

In connection with this library should be a public reading room.

Churches and schools are good. Lectures and newspapers are good. But you can go to the public library and get information for yourself and thus be twice blessed. The man who starts a new factory in the city and thus furnishes employment to many hands and support to many families is a benefactor and is deserving of the honor and respect of all. But we can't afford to let our material interests outrun our literary and religious institutions. Intelligence is of more importance than fine streets, fine buildings and electric lights. Without intelligence factories cannot stand and churches have but little effect.

A good public library, if properly managed, is of more value to a city or community than an additional church or school. It can be made to reach and to benefit all classes. Young people are especially benefitted by it. They get new ideas, new life, new inspiration from the books they read.

Benjamin Franklin, Andrew Carnegie and Chauncey M. Depew all got their early inspiration and aspiration from a public library. Horace Mann did likewise, and he afterwards said that if he was able he would sow libraries over the land as the farmer sows his wheat.

It is about as much of a disgrace for a town to be without a library as to be without a school. What is it that gives visitors a good impression of a town?

Clean streets, well painted houses and nicely kept lawns are all right and proper, but the thoughtful person looks for the public library, substantial school buildings, neat churches and a good town hall.

The human mind is so constructed that it will think. You can't catch yourself for a moment not thinking. The library is designed to give it something to think about. The shelves of the library furnish food for the mind just as the shelves of the pantry furnish food for the body.

The reading habit gives a greater amount of pleasure at small expense than parties, dinners, receptions, theatres or any other like thing that has ever been devised.

Good books elevate the mind, they create a contempt for gossip, they furnish high ideas of

life, they destroy prejudice, they inspire the young, they are a comfort to the old and a blessing to all.

The public library is needed to supplement the work of schools, it is needed for those who can not attend schools, it is needed to give the mechanic opportunity to read what is doing in the world and what will benefit him; it is needed by the business men; it is needed by the pastors, the lawyers, the doctors and the teachers of the town; it is needed by the clubs and reading circles; it is needed by weary mother who wants to catch a glimpse of something that will take her away from herself and from the cares of the day; it is needed by the young ladies of the city to enable them to keep the mind well cultivated so that they can be helpful to the churches and Sunday schools and to society at large; it is needed by the young men who are in college and return to spend the months of vacation at home; it is needed especially by the children who are just forming character and who have more time now than they will ever have again for reading and self-improvement.

Public libraries, like public streets, waterworks and court houses, may be built from funds raised by taxes if need be, but every community has among its citizens those who are well able of themselves to build and equip public libraries.

It is the highest work of the man, too, to do this while the giver is yet living.

Andrew Carnegie, realizing this fact, has given to the city of Pittsburg \$5,000 in public libraries, and still other millions for libraries in other cities than his own. Baltimore would not be the city it is today if it had not been for Enoch Pratt, George Peabody and Johns Hopkins.

Enoch Pratt gave millions for founding public libraries in Baltimore and he took care to see that they were in good running order before his death.

The city honored him and generations yet to be will rise up to call him blessed.

C. S. COLER.

Still More Conversions.

Since copying an article from the Morning Star of Wilmington, as to the success attained by Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, of this place, during his meeting there we are reliably informed that eighty conversions have been made at this meeting and that much interest is being taken, so much so that over 100 more seats have been added to the seating capacity. It is feared that the impression made by Rev. Hoge in Wilmington may prove a loss to Concord, though probably not, as one of the churches there has extended him a call.

A New Church to Be Built.

From Rev. C. B. Miller, of this place, who attended a meeting of the executive committee of the Lutheran Synod in Salisbury some days ago, we learn that a new church will soon be built at Chestnut Hill in Salisbury and Rev. Wm. A. Julian, of Florida, has been secured as the pastor. The establishment of this church will be a part of the mission work of the Synod. Rev. Julian will commence in his new field at once.

Statement Incorrect.

The statement that we have changed our prices of shaves and hair cuts is false. Our prices are for hair cut 20 cents; for shave 10 cents.

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A LONG SIEGE.

Fourteen Games In Succession For Our Baseball Boys—They Are Broken Down But Will Not Rest.

It hardly seems so, but is nevertheless true that our baseball team has been playing ball incessantly for fourteen games with but one exception, counting the ending of this week. This is entirely too much for any team but our boys longed for games regardless of victory or no victory and they have been amply satisfied if they are not hurt by it.

Here is the resume of the games as played: Greensboro three games, Charlotte one, Cheraw two, Kings Mountain two, Union three, together with the last two games at Kings Mountain, and the one with Charlotte on Saturday. In connection with their playing it must be remembered that they have part of the time been traveling from one place to another. The Statesville game is not included in this.

The Junior Teams Tugging.

The "Rough Riders," of Charlotte, and our "Wheeler's Cavalry," found an appropriate battlefield this afternoon and met each other face to face but the cavalymen dismounted and they used balls and bats as their weapons and went into each other determined not to be hit the back. The following squads with their positions took part:

Rough Riders—Asbury 2b, Springs c, Creitzberg p, Pegram ss, Withers 3b, Maffitt rf, Gray lf, Withers cf, Ross 1b, Vebe Asbury coacher.

Wheeler's Cavalry—Montgomery 2b, Alexander 3b, Hoover cf, Gibson, W. ss, Brown 1b, Fink rf, Smith c, Gibson, R lf, Correll p.

Kings Mountain Wins.

At a late hour in the afternoon Thursday our baseball team arrived at Kings Mountain from Union, S. C., and went on the diamond against the Mountaineers. It seems to have been a good game and good playing was done on both sides, but the Kings Mountain team proved too much for our boys, resulting in a score of 4 to 1.

That afternoon Manager Miller received a telegram from Mr. Robert Keesler, who is manager of the boys while on the road containing the following: "Boys all broken down and won't rest."

They play at Kings Mountain today, and tomorrow they will cross bats with the Charlotte boys at Latta Park.

They'll Be Here Next Week.

The Kings Mountain boys are coming, so get ready. The boys from the mountains put a defeat on us yesterday but look out for them here next week. Arrangements were made this afternoon and the Kings Mountain team will be on our diamond next Tuesday and Wednesday. This will give our boys a rest over Monday and they will be in better trim for them than they were yesterday afternoon.

Lawyers Challenge Doctors.

We notice in the Statesville Mascot that the lawyers of that place come out in the paper over their own signatures and challenge the medical and dental doctors for a game of baseball. We notice among the list of attorneys the names of Messrs. L. C. Caldwell and B. F. Long. This will no doubt prove to be an interesting game.

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Rev. Moose and Family Here.

Rev. J. R. Moose and family, formerly of Asheville, together with Photographer W. J. Moose and family, arrived here Thursday to spend several days. Rev. Moose and family will, about the first of next month, sail from San Francisco to Korea, where he will work as a missionary.

Lutheran Conference at Rimer.

On Saturday night, the 22nd, at Rimer the ladies will serve creams, cakes, sherbets, etc. The Lutheran conference will be in session there then and will continue over Sunday.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Mr. Ernest Graves is expected here tonight from Chapel Hill, to again join the boys on the diamond. If he comes he will assist the boys in the Charlotte game tomorrow.

—Misses Lillie and Nannie Keesler, who are visiting for some time at Capt. Alexander's, went to Mecklenburg this morning to spend a few days with their friend, Miss Parks.

—Misses Beulah Thom, Minnie Gorrell, and Grace Brown, accompanied by Mr. Frank Eldridge, came down from Chiric Grove this morning and spent the day at Mr. R. A. Brown's.

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