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MAY DAY IN KENTUCKY.

Pretty Custom in the Blue Grass State—
A Day of Fun and Good Cheer.

It was, and may be yet, an English custom to celebrate the first day of May every year. The custom was handed down from sire to son, and from dame to daughter until it eventually reached the New World, and in time Kentucky, where, as far as I know, this anniversary is still celebrated. The first of May is looked upon as a day of holiday and enjoyment. The ceremonies are as follows:

The young men of a town go a short distance in the country and disguise themselves and represent well known characters. After the disguise is complete and each is assigned a character to represent they mount fancily decked horses and ride into town commanded by a captain, who, like the rest, is disguised. When the company reaches the most public place they are halted and drawn up into line. The captain then calls the name of a well known citizen and one of the disguised men representing the same rides to the front so all can see. The captain then asks him pointed humorous questions and the disguised representative replies in a like humorous strain. The same performance is continued until a dozen or more citizens are represented. Permit me to give one illustration. Take yourself for instance, Mr. Barrier. You are known to be an editor. Your name would be called and your representative would ride to the front dressed, say in cotton cloth of the National colors—red, white and blue—with an immense quill behind his ear, ink on his hands and clothes, and what not. Appropriate questions and answers would be given local matters, etc., which are most amusing and appropriate, and all given and taken just as intended—for fun. After this performance was concluded all would adjourn to a nearby Kentucky blue grass woodland pasture where a crowd of young ladies awaited. One of these young ladies would be crowned "Queen of May," with appropriate speeches. After this ceremony the young men and maidens would adjourn to another part of the ground where the May Pole had been planted. At the top of this pole, before it was put into the ground, was fastened by tacks, many ribbons all of different color. Each of the young men and maidens would take an end of the ribbon in their hand, and to the sound of sweet music dance around this pole, going in and out, in and out, and in this way would wind the ribbons around the May Pole, when at the conclusion of the

dance it would be a "thing of beauty" to look at.

How well I remember the May Days of my own happy youth, with no care on my mind, no thought of the future, but only of the days when

"The sun shone bright on my old Kentucky home
In the summer when the darkies were gay,
When the corn tops were ripe and the meadows were in bloom
And the birds made sweet music all the day."

It has been said that "Life is Only a Dream at the Best," but then, Mr. Editor, ah! then my "May Days" were so sweet, so happy that I at least asked for no more.

Trusting that this may find a place in The Standard and that "May Day" may be celebrated in Concord in the future I am

Yours very truly,
JNO. F. BEATTY.

TROUBLE AT CLEMSON COLLEGE.

Sophomores Leave in a Body Espousing the Cause of Cadet Thornwell—Juniors Take a Hand.

Clemson College is having a very unfortunate disturbance. It seems to have arisen from the removal by Cadet Thornwell of some chemical appliances which had been forbidden. It does not seem to have been done with criminal intent, but in the pursuance of his studies and the same was frequently done though it was an evil that it was desired to correct. The young man was suspended and the whole sophomore class plead for his restoration and, being denied, withdrew in a body. The Junior class now has taken a hand and have demanded of the board the removal of several professors.

Mr. Neal Alexander Dead.

Mr. Neal Alexander died at the home of his mother on Mill street this morning, of consumption, at the age of 22 years.

Mr. Alexander was a young man who commanded the esteem of those with whom he came in contact and we are sorry that a noble young life should be cut off and a widowed mother deprived of a stay and a comfort by his death.

The remains will be buried in the city cemetery on Friday.

Dr. Leith Will Die.

It will be a source of profound sorrow to his many friends, not only in Salisbury but all over North Carolina to know that Rev. Dr. W H Leith, who is at the Whitehead Stokes sanatorium is afflicted with an incurable malady. It is believed that he cannot survive many days longer. He is fully conscious of the approaching end. Mrs. Leith has been at the doctor's bedside since he was brought to Salisbury.—Salisbury Sun of April 30.

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MEETING OF SYNOD

N. C. E. Lutherans Meet in 99th Annual Session at St. James Church.

The further proceeding of the afternoon session on Wednesday fixed the hours of meeting at 9 to 12 a. m. and 2 to 5 p. m. with preaching at 8 o'clock at night.

The following were chosen as delegates to the United Synod, which convenes in Charleston May 7th:

Clerical delegates—AG Voight, D. D.; R C Holland, D. D.; Chas. B King, G D Bernheim, D. D.; C B Miller, Geo. H Cox, L E Busby, J Q Wertz, V R Stickley. Alternates—V Y Boozer, C L T Fisher, J A Linn, C A Brown, H A Trexler, J P Miller, A M Brown, C W Kegley.

Lay delegates—Jno. A Cline, A D Wessell, J D Heilig, C H Duls, B E Umberger, Prof. R G Kizer, A C Mitchell, L H Rothrock, J A Thom Alternates—J C Lingle, M G M Fisher, Prof. Edgar Bowers, C G Heilig, J H Rheder, J L Miller, A C Workman, G W Dry, J C Deaton.

The executive committee made its report, which is very gratifying. The obligations of the past year for the theological students and for home missions has been met in full save \$25 for the latter. The sum obligated for beneficiary education was \$500 and that to home missions \$675, total \$1,175.

The president of the board of N. C. College made his annual report. The Synod desired a financial report in connection with this and the members of that board present, in called meeting, requested the treasurer by phone to present a complete statement of all the finances bearing on the interests of the institution. The Synod will await this report before taking action on the College.

PANIC CAUSES DEATH.

Eight Lose Their Lives in Mad Rush From Supposed Danger in Philadelphia

A most unfortunate panic occurred in Philadelphia on the 30th ult. From some accident that called for help the operatives in a tobacco factory got excited and rushed out of the building. For want of anything to cause fright the cry of fire was given and a terrible panic followed and eight girls and young women were crushed to death or were lost in falling. Many others were hurt.

It is a five-story building and 1200 hands were employed, nearly all being girls and women. There was not the least cause for the alarm.

On account commencement exercises of A. & M. College, Raleigh, N. C., May 25 to 28. Tickets on sale May 24 to 27, with final limit 28th. Fare for round trip \$5.90.

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