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COLDSBORO, N. C.

FRIDAY EVENING, Dec. 9th 1897. THE LENGTH OF THE SCHOOL DAY.

The Western laborer demands that his days work be limited to a certain number of hours, and his demand is complied with. The employer may reluctantly pay for eight hours' work as Not only the man who works in the railroad shops of the West, not only the North has a certain number of hours | 1 can make. to work, but even the teacher of the South has a certain number of hours to work. The teacher is required by law to work six hours a day. His duty is then done, so far as the State North Carolina. is concerned. Is this in all cases sufficient? Can he perform his duty to time!

The old Roman taught from daylight until dark; our forefathers in this country remained in the school room nearly the entire day. The times have changed, however; and now the teacher can enjoy those pleasures which were denied the good old people of the long ago.

In those schools where the children are pretty well advanced, it may be well to talk of the six hours' system. They are expected to prepare the recitations before coming to the school house, and the teacher is expected to have them recite, and they have buished after these things have been explained to them which they did not understand.

Let us remember that there are a great many children that expect to study their lesson in the school room. For such six hours are not sufficient. In reality under the above system they are not required to study even six and are dismissed at 3, in the meantime having one hour for recreation, leaving only five hours for study. It is a mistake to say that this is sufficient. Torios from enting in the common schools of the country. large school to attend to, in reality shirks his duty because he has the sanction of the law.

as if he were paid as well as any official in the State.

DOWN WITH THE PISTOL!

Can not the pistol be divorced from A sheep, the meekest, the most liquor drinking? or is public sentiment timid and gentle of animals, the least Can not the pistol be divorced from as stronly in favor of the use of one as of the other, so that an attempt to suppress or prohibit by law the indiswould be futile! Has the public be- one should be harmed. come so hardened to the daily occur-ences of shooting affrays, "accidental" | The bird gwint battle will turn and meet the wolf; the ant will turn on the of the ignorant or careless use of pis-Many beasts are fierce and wild, and ligent and decent and order-loving this is maternal love. part of our population contented with challenge. Argument is unnecessary. | earth! Our readers know the terrible evil of promiscuous pistol selling and pistol change, all other hearts may grow cold, carrying-will they not join us in the cry against it, that the ever ready pis- It is akin to that love with which God tol must go!

DEBT.

Debt is the most miserable and tydened of all the victims of misfortune. fill up. He takes possesion of the young, the the alturements and deceptive entires to the grave.

ments and brings them ruin, disgrace and the grave. The arch fiend of all the devils that allure but to damage, that entice but to cause grief, that tempts but to destroy! The great sorrows and ruins that beset us in life

and haunt us in our dying hour! Cruel, heartless, oppressor! Obdurate, merciless tyrant! The enslaver of the Entered at the Post Office as second-cass liberal and generous, the destroyer of the innocent and guiltless, the most crushing of all annihilating influences der the wrong of having some favorupon the minds and conscience!

APPEAL FOR CHRISTMAS. 1887

FRIENDS OF ORPHANS:

a full day, yet he is compelled to do it. I carnestly request your contributions in aid of the Christmas Festivities at the Oxford Orphan Asylum, for 1887. and beg you will forward them early in the woman who toils in the factories of December that I may know what outlay

I have more children to provide for this year than ever before, and therefore specially appeal to your liberality. I would rejoice to receive at least one

Do not lay this appeal down until you have forwarded your contributions, for your Christmas will be mode happier the patrons and children in this short and brighter by the conciousness of having aided this bentiful custom.

Mark all contributions "For Christford, N. C. Yours affectionately,

KEIS KRINGLE. The above appeal should touch the hearts of every man and woman in the old North State that has a heart to touch and we carnestly hope oid Kris' appeal will not be in vain. The money could not be given for a more charitable purpose. Let all cheerfully respond thereto either in money or something that will contribute to the comfort and pleasure of North Carolina's little Or-phans,

A ROTHER'S LOVE. [Republished by Request.]

A mother's love! how sweet the name! What is a mother's love?

A noble, pure and tender flame, Eakledfed from above. To bless a heart of sauthly mould; The warmest heart than CAN grow cold : Tills is a mother's love."

Would you know what maternal love

is?-Listen and we will tell you hours. They commence at 9 o'clock hours, and not observe a token of jay and happiness in its eyes? The other hen seems delighted to see her desa pres up the grain which she reck, or behold the shole brood nestle That teacher who clings to the above beneath her wing? If you have, you prayed in regrets. Let us an think system, and who has the wants of a may know something of a mother's

Did you ever see a cat play with her kitten? How full of love and joy way, and then we would realize how she looks; how she will fondle and much happier kindness and love shown The teacher may say that his pay very small, therefore five or six hours as much as he ought to devote to se work. In answer to this we would sports, and yet not harm it in the least. Have you not seen her take it up in her mouth and carry it gently and with what trembling cantion would the plea after he has accepted a position and should work as difficently she take it up, in fear that she might to make any say that his pay caress it; how she will fondle and us well as felt would make both them as well as felt would make both them and ourselves. This life is to short for an unkind act. While we forget to often, we should remember that all the world of circumstances is ruled by seeming trifles and that one word from our hps may be pregnant with weal or and with what trembling cantion would should work as difficently she take it up, in fear that she might is very small, therefore five or six hours | tease, and tire, and worry her in its | and ourselves. This life is to short is as much as he ought to devote to wild sports, and yet not harm it in for an unkind act. While we forget the work. In answer to this we would it up in her mouth and carry it gently the world of circumstances is ruled by say, that no teacher should make any away, that it should not be injured? seeming trifles and that one word from such plea after he has accepted a po- and with what trembling cantion would our lips may be pregnant with weal or sition, and should work as diffigently she take it up, in fear that she might wee for others yet unborn - Fagetleville

Did you ever see a bird building its nest! Day by day and hour by hour, it labors at its work, and all merrily then it lines it with soft feathers, and will even pluck its own rather than its young should suffer.

sound will startle, the least noise will make it flee; but when it has a lamb by its side, it will turn upon the fiercest dog, and dare the combat with criminate snapping of loaded revolvers him; it will ran between its lamb and by careless boys or liquor heated men danger, and rather die than its young tion of Gen T. M. Logan to the posi-

The bird will battle with the sermurders, and deliberate murders, to worm, and the bee will sheath its sting say nothing of the miscellaneous cases in any intruder that dares to molest its

tols, whereby life is constantly enof beasts-the tiger, the hyenn, the ences as mere items of current news? lion, the bear—all love their young: Is it utterly vain to appeal to the commonsense of the community with re- utterly cruel. The snake opens her gard to this matter! Are the intel-her bosom when they are in danger:

If, then, the beasts and reptiles of the situation? Are they satisfied that the earth, are so full of love for their it is right for excitable young men, and provide for them, even boys to go about the streets with provide for them, die for them-how loaded revolvers in their hip pockets, of a mother for her child! Greater and to flourish them in the home-cir- than these, be assured; my, far greater, cle to the terror of mothers and sisters? for the mother looks forward to the We have challenged attention to this time when the child shall become like subject before, and we shall repeat the love is the most powerful thing on

All other things are subject to all other things may be lost or forgotten-but a mother's love lasts forever! toves his creatures and it never fails. Love thy mother, then my little child. Reader, when thy mother is gone, there is no eye that can brighten upon thee, no heart that can melt for the like hers; then wilt thou find a void. ranical of masters. His subjects are a vacancy, a loss that all the wealth the most miserable and heavily bur- and grandeur of the world can never

Your mother may grow old, but her talented and the promising and crushes love decays not she may grow sear at their hopes, annihilates their aspirations and destroys their ambition. He love towards you will be green. Think, curable and beyond all hope—suffering fastens his insiduous hold upon the then, in the time of her decline, of dreaded mouster Consumption-have been largely increased, and it is our determiddle aged, despoils them of their what she has suffered, felt and done been cured by Dr. King's New Discovtreasured rewards for toil, robs them for you; think of her devotion, her ery for Consumption the only remedy of their homes, and sends them addift cares, her anxieties, her hopes, her that does positively cure all throat and standard of newspaper excellence. upon the merciless sea of adversity and fears-think and do not aught that lung deseases, Coughs, Colds, Asthma. want. He entraps the aged by his sub- may bring her gray hairs with sorrow and Bronchitis. Trail botte free at

The Charge of Plagiarism.

It is sometimes said that plagiarism is the worst form of theft; that the man cause of most of the disappointments, who will deliberately appropriate the results of another's brain work and claim merit for it as his own is as vile as the highwayman or the pirate. Such assertions have been written, doudtite thought or expression stolen. They All along the shores of business in are perhaps too strong. Beyond quesevery town and state, there are wreck- tion, a man of conscientious honesty firms: gone down under the depression will not steal the product of anothet's of debt. It demoralizes business, de-stroys confidence and devours with in-serves to be branded as a wrong-doer satiable greed the best and bravest .- who will speak, as his own thoughts, that he has not coined from his own brain who seeks pay and praise for a book which he has not compossed. Wrong as it is to do these, however, men and women do them who are not, at the time of perpetration, conscious of doing and all Discuses sense of vileness which one must experience when robbing a drawer of inva-ding an enclosure. Writers and speakers do show off themselves in borrowed plumes who are not mean in other things, and who are not humiliated by a consciousness of doing a meanness even in this. In fact a very large portion of the literary theft that is done is done unconsciously. One stores his mind with ideas and expressions as he doll r from each School and Lodge in reads, and when he speaks or writes he uses them without being aware that they are not his own. Many gain the reputation of being profound and independent thinkers simply by having persued a train of reading out of the ordinary line. A little remarkable is it that this charge of having stolen the mas," and send them to Dr. Dixon, Ox- brain work of others should now be brought against some who have been rated as having wrought most largely and successfully in the realms of thought. A few years ago it was asserted, with an air of gravity, that Lord Bacon was the author of Shakespeare's plays. Now some is seeking a little notoriety by attempting to prove that Dr. Watts, the matchless hymnist, wrote "Roderick Random" and "Peregine Pickle." At different times the effort has been made to affix the crime of literary theft upon Macaulay, Longfellow, Poe, Byron and others who have been famed for their ability to put good thoughts into good language. If such authors as these escape not this accusation, it is no matter for wonder that it should be brought gainst smaller men. Tis a cheap tway of bringing one's self into notice

prefer a preposterous charge of plagiarism against some literary cele-

When dear ones have ceased to gladen our life with their cheery laugh, oright smile and genial words, when their voice is hushed in the silence of a never disturbed eternity and their love cays a vacum in our existence, we miss them, that is to say we appreciate cient. An ounce of love shown by agcons is worth a million pounds diseach day of how much we would miss our loved ones should the relentless hand of the destroyer snatch them a-

R & D YSTEM.

Runners of changes in the high officials of the Richmond & Danville Railroad at the meeting to be held in January next, are current. It is ausounced that President Sully can, if he desires, be reelected President, but in the event he does not, John H Inman, Esq. of New York, seems to be the most prominent choice. There tion, bur it does not seem that he either seeks or desires it. So far as we of this section are concerned, it matters but little, so that our own citizen, Col. A. B. Andrews, is retained in some position suitable to his great epergy and tact as a railroad man. It would go a great way to remove much of the prejudice attaching in some quarters to the operation of the system in this State, it Col Andrews was given the entire control of all the lines in North Carolina, and and this is based upon the vast popularity he enjoys by reason of his executive ability, coupled with his urbanity in connection with the discharge of public duty. With Gen Logan and Cel Andrews at the helm, the lease of the N. C. read would become so popular as to enlist the co-operation of all parties. Each atleast is our belief.-Raleigh Even-

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