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HOME LIFE.

It has grown so stereotyped a custom to descend on filial duty that it has come very much to be forgotten that there are serious obligations no less incumbent on parents towards their children. Nowhere is this field so wide and diversified as in the home life. We frequently hear lamentations over the dorelictions of the young; but how few pause and inquire as to their origin? Are these always of accidental growth, or are we willing to place the onus of responsibility where, in so many cases, it rightfully belongs?

The kind of educational life which should be maintained within the sacred precincts of the home is too often neglected or forgotten, and so it becomes matter of little wonder when the youthful members of the household exhibit traits of character which, in their development later on, frustrate the hopes and wound the hearts of those who should have been their natural guides in the path of virtue and public morals. Not that all parents are to blame. Not that the best instruction—the instruction of example conjoined with precept—may not sometimes fail of producing a salutary effect. But as little as we would refuse to sow the furrowed field because it does not always yield a bounteous harvest, so little should we abstain from the cultivation of the character of our children because there are cases where good and judicious education proved insufficient to remove their blemishes of disposition or to eradicate the faults which fructify in the hearts of some of whom better things were hoped. Right training, as a general rule, produces wholesome results. The man or the woman is the logical sequence of the child, who is, in turn, the natural outcome of that which he sees, imitates and translates into his own moral being, according as he finds it in the home life.

The examples which forcibly illustrate this proposition are not difficult to be discovered. You observe a young man addicted to gambling. How did he first learn the "amusement?" Has the fact of the father's habitual absence from home evening after evening to indulge in "a friendly game" not had its share of influence in leading his tastes in the direction of those dens where this pernicious vice most flourishes? For the one, it was considered merely a kind of relaxation after the cares of business, which carried him into the "wee sma' hours;" for the other, it was an outlet for the temptation which he found himself without the guidance or council to resist. Many a conformed sot might trace his fall to the potatoes deep which he had seen the concomitant of every entertainment of friend and visitor, when wine ceased to gladden the heart, and the cup no longer cheered, when inebriety was condoned under the misnomers of jollity and good fellowship.

We could continue the enumeration much further; but perhaps what is here set forth, "more in sorrow than in anger," will suffice to indicate the dangers which menace our home life. Well for us if we could realize the importance of this matter, and recognize the necessity for careful and diligent vigilance in the exercise of parental duties in the direction indicated. The best and most timely influence is needed to guard against these crying evils, whose growth must bring forth fatal fruit, as morally dangerous as that

"Whose mortal taste Brought death into the world and all our woe."

Educated Farmers.

No man ought to know so well as the farmer that like produces like, and that a man will reap what he sows. Every seed will bring forth after its own kind. We do not gather grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles. If you sow wheat you will reap wheat, if you plant corn you gather corn. No man should know so well as the farmer that this law holds good to other things in life. A man's brain is a soil as capable of producing a harvest as the land of a farmer. A neglect to plant good seed will secure a corresponding harvest. Plant no seed, and the most noxious weeds will cover the ground. Plant tares and tares will be the harvest. Plant falsehood and a luxuriant growth of lies will be secured. If you want your boys to be men, in the largest sense see to it that their minds are properly cultivated and the right kind of seed is planted. Give the boys the advantage of a good education.

Public Schools.

There is room for improvement in the Public school system of North Carolina. The standard of teachers needs elevating and sufficient inducement should be offered to influence those who are fully qualified to apply for certificates. As a class, the teachers in the public schools of North Carolina, are men who see no other way to make \$25 per month during the winter and who engage to teach without having the slightest adaptation to the work or necessary qualifications. They do not care to improve themselves since it is to be a secondary calling through life—a something to do when other work is scarce. The County superintendent should visit every school in the county often enough to satisfy himself that the teachers under him are doing their duty, and are the men for the work. And for this he should receive a salary which would be sufficient to enable him to devote all of his time to the duties of the office. The people pay their taxes to build school-houses and pay teachers, and they have a right to demand that only those who can teach, be placed over their children. There is an opportunity for reform on this line—a reform that will be seen and felt in the men and women of future years. Let the politician, who wants to advocate a measure that will bring him credit and do him honor, devise some means whereby the school system in this State will be improved: that will secure only competent teachers and pay them a salary sufficient; that will require the superintendent to devote all of their time to the work of examining the teachers, holding Normals, visiting schools and devising plans of improvement, that will do away with the incompetent teachers who have no ambition to rise in their profession, and that will provide assistant teachers whenever the number of pupils exceeds the limit of one teachers ability to do good work.

The Public schools will prove a hindrance rather than a real benefit if they take the place of private schools without conferring equal advantages in the branches taught.—*News and Farm.*

The above is so thoroughly in accord with the views we have expressed before in these columns, that we give it our strongest editorial endorsement.

Sincerity—A Refreshing Policy.

What honesty is in deeds, sincerity is in words—the best policy. It is a policy, however, to which the artificial habits of society are not very favorable. The forms of politeness, with all their utility, have this disadvantage, that, in teaching to restrain the real sentiments and ideas which cannot conveniently be expressed, they are apt to lead to the expression of others which are not consistent with the truth. Insincerity, however, arises from many sources in the human character. In some cases it springs from the genuine love of concealment. In others it is prompted by a dread of the consequences which it is supposed would result from the disclosure of the truth. In others it arises from a false love of approbation, the flattering of others seeming a sure way of gaining that object.

One of the most refreshing things in this life is to encounter sincerity. In this diamond-cut-diamond age one rarely meets with the real article. At least nine tenths of the people who seem to be frank and candid are merely humbugs. Those people who profess to lay open their whole hearts before you frequently do so to throw you off your guard, hoping in this way to obtain an opportunity of looking into your affairs. The sincere man can deal with such people effectually without resorting to any kind of strategy. Let your answers be straightforward truths. Nothing puzzles and discomforts them so sorely. Hear what they have to say of themselves, and give your opinion of in as plainly as language will convey your meaning; but give them no information of your affairs in return.—*Ex.*

The Folly of Flirtation.

If young ladies, who pride themselves on their skill and tact in the art of flirtation, could only hear all that is said of them behind their backs, we think they would renounce their meretricious blandishments forever, and blush, if not past that wholesome indication of shame, for the false part they had so far played in society. The practical flirt is looked upon by all young men, save those green enough to be her victims, merely as a frivolous piece of human trumpery, with whom it may be well enough to while away an idle hour, now and then, when nothing better in the way of amusement offers. She is freely discussed in club-room conversation, and her tricks of fascination are the subjects of the coarsest jests. Instead of the respect with which all honorable men regard true women, she earns for herself their contempt, while the good and amiable of her own sex look upon her with loathing. Of obtaining a desirable husband she has not the slightest chance, and the probability is that she will either die unmarried, or accept, as a last resort, some wretch who will avenge upon her, by his brutality, the deception she has endeavored to practice upon better men. In either case she will deserve her fate. We would advise any young lady who is inclined to flirtation, to ask some old jilt, who has been through the mill, whether she thinks that sort of thing pays in the end.—*N. Y. Ledger.*

We do not believe it is true that the people of North Carolina desire to have capital punishment abolished. We have no doubt that four out of five whites oppose abolition. Once down away with hanging by law and Judge Lynch will not be able to get around fast enough.—*Washington Star.*

When To Advise.

When business is dull.
When you have nice goods, and want people to know it.
When you have a poor stock and want to sell it to get a good one.
When people that advertise have a good trade and you have not.
When you have a good trade advertise to get a better one.
When you are busted and want to sell out.

As Others See Us.

The New York Evening Post says: "One may say that no other State in the Union deserves attention from Northern people more than does North Carolina. In climate, in resources of varied character, in geographical situation it is surpassed by none. What it needs and what other Southern States need is a better class of labor. It is undeniable that the new generation of colored people are as laborers and as a people considerably deteriorated from the former generation of freedmen. The reliables are the old ones."

THE TUNNEL AT LIBBY PRISON.

The March Century will contain the story of "Colonel Rose's Tunnel at Libby Prison," told by one of the one hundred and nine Union officers who escaped on the night of February 9, 1864. The successful construction of this tunnel, dug from a dark corner of the cellar of the prison, through fifty feet of solid earth,—the only tools being two broken chisels and a wooden spittoon in which to carry out the dirt,—was one of the most remarkable incidents of the war.

Colonel Rose, to whose indomitable will and perseverance the success of the scheme was due, is now a captain in the 16th United States Infantry, and of the fourteen men who assisted him in digging the tunnel, eleven are still living. The narrative in the March Century, which is illustrated, forms one of the untechnical papers supplementing the War Series, and it is said to be one of the most romantic records that The Century has ever printed.

It is being generally remarked in the North, now that the statistics of the Southern cotton goods have been made public, that there is really some ground for boasted success within the past few years. We think so, too. A section of the country able to boast of an increase of 115 cotton mills, 18,784 looms and 781,156 spindles in eight years has some right to talk about growing prosperity, and it appears to us as if it had some right also to invite enterprising men to take shares in that prosperity. It is about time for some people in the North to open their minds and hearts and extend the hand of genuine, warm friendship to those who are doing their best not only for themselves, but for the Union, of which they form a part.

Ask Will Hunter.

Amid the toil and anxiety of managing a hotel, a landlord has an advantage over members of any other class in the business community. He sees human nature in all its phases and, without leaving his own threshold, has all the varieties of mankind and woman-kind present their peculiarities of nationality, sex and disposition before him, so that what others have to travel across continent to see he beholds in the ceaseless throng which passes through his house. The world travels to him. He sees men and women of genius in their hours of leisure, when they are minded to enjoy themselves and when in many ways he can render services and impart information of appreciated value. He sees the weakness of the hero at home, where no man is a hero. One world famous guest proves to be a drunkard, another never pays the odd cents on his bill, another is so fussy as to report the difference in temperature of a degree and half between the dining room and the parlor.

Tales of sin and shame are told him by fugitives, deceived husbands and wives, bereft and heartbroken parents. His house may, if in the metropolis, be the scene where railroad and manufacturing magnates consolidate these monopolies, where balls, wedding-breakfasts and weddings fill the circling hours. If he be a philosopher, he fattens with information; if a cynic, his pessimism blackens by constant contact with fraud and weakness; if he is a sharp business man he turns to fish all that comes to his net. If he is a progressive man of a modern spirit he learns better and better the art of keeping a hotel that is up to the times—one whose guests will advertise it as the commercial travelers and others always do advertise the best houses with some such sentiment as this (a la Harrigan).

"How are you, Mr. Marrowfat?
So you are going to Mobile.
Take my advice, and hang your hat
On the pegs in the Hotel Veal."

Says one of our exchanges: A good advertisement in a newspaper pays no fare on railroads; costs nothing for hotel bills; drinks no whisky under the head of travelling expenses, but goes at once all the time about its business free of expense.

Prince Bismark predicts that war will not take place in Europe until 1892. When the Prince speaks let all the earth keep silence and listen.

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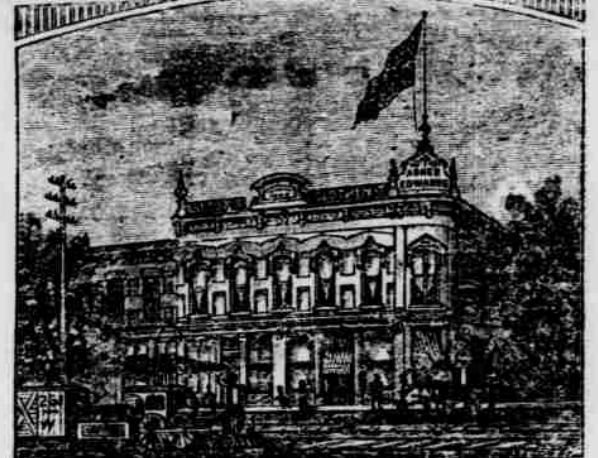
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