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AN OLLIO.

We have before us a volume of 247 pages, octavo, bearing the title: 'The Church and Private Schools of North Carolina. A Historical Study,' by Charles Lee Raper. It is a singular fact that the excellent work published ten years ago on 'The History of Education in North Carolina' was by Dr. Charles Lee Smith, a gifted native of Granville county, and now professor in William Jewell College, Missouri. The introduction to the new work is well written and reveals a depressing condition as to education in North Carolina. We have been only able to give it a cursory examination. It has the appearance of thoroughness, and authorities used are numerous, and all the books referred to or relied upon are in the library of the Greensboro Female College. That there are omissions is to be expected, as it is extremely difficult to gather all facts in a state as to men and events and statistics because of the absolute indifference and neglect in the past in preserving documents, correspondences and contemporary memorabilia. We think Mr. Raper, with all his evident care and industry, has overlooked some of the best schools in the past. We cite omissions in the town in which he lived the longest—Oxford. Early in the century—before 1818, we think—the late Thomas B. Littlejohn gave to the town two excellent sites for a male and female academy. Both of these schools by 1820, perhaps, were generously patronized. We have heard of two elderly ladies in this section who were educated at the female academy, and before 1836. The male academy had a very distinguished reputation under Mr. Johnson, who was reported a teacher of very marked gifts. That was before 1835, but we do not know how long he taught at Oxford. Other teachers were scholarly men, some of whom we easily recall—Robertson, Willie, J. H. Horner and others. This writer was the cause of the latter being elected principal in 1861. The female academy had a long and most useful career under such well equipped managers as Rev. Mr. Rankin, Rev. Mr. Hughes, (Presbyterians.) Mr. Sumner, (Episcopalian) Mr. Samuel E. Venable, Presbyterian, and others. These schools flourished at least thirty years, and perhaps longer. Youth from many counties and several sections attended them. We know that girls from Camden and Pasquotank, Wayne and other eastern counties attended, and boys from as far east as the Albemarle section and intermediate sections went to the male academy, where we were a pupil for some eight or ten years. Of this Mr. Raper has no record. We suppose from first to last students from twenty counties attended. The schools ranked high in their day. Mr. Raper has produced a needed and useful work that well supplements the initiative work of Dr. Smith. The price of his book is \$1.50, and we are pleased to hear it is selling well. It covers a field not hitherto specially cultivated.

There are two works we are proud of as products of southern pens. They are Professor Woodrow Wilson's 'George Washington,' and Dr. Hannis Taylor's work on the British constitution. Several times we have called attention to the merits of Professor Wilson's very entertaining and delightful work, by far the most enjoyable of all the writings on one of the great men and most powerful factors in American history. The thing that most impressed us is what has been unduly overlooked in such critical notices of the book as we have seen—the style of it. The author made something of a discovery as well as a palpable hit in the style he adopted in presenting the great figure to his readers. Lord Francis Jeffrey, editor of the great Edinburgh Review in the way back, was so captured by the style of Macaulay's splendid paper on John Milton, that he wanted to know of the brilliant author of twenty-five, where he got it. We found the style of the sketch of Washington so facile, so fluent, so charming, and withal so fresh and original, that we could but wonder how he hit upon it. It is a very clever piece of literary execution. Dr. Taylor's second volume is completed. If it maintains the high standard of the first volume published some five or six years ago, it will prove to be beyond all cavil the foremost work that ever emanated from a southern author. It is quite a masterly production of its kind and was received with a more unanimous and strong endorsement from high sources than any other southern book within our recollection of a secular character. Dr.

Taylor is a native of North Carolina and Professor Wilson of Virginia.

The literary men of Great Britain were very fond of the late James Payn, who died a few weeks ago. He was a charming companion, extremely full of anecdote and a recognized humorist always. He was himself a very great friend and admirer of Charles Dickens, and held him deservedly high as a genius. Leslie Stephen, the eminent essayist and critic in London 'Cornhill Magazine' writes of Payn: 'Of Dickens as all of his readers know, he could never speak without reverent enthusiasm. There was an affinity between their ways of looking at life of which I need not here speak; and Dickens' cordial and generous ways had specially attracted Payn in their personal relations. No one was ever more grateful for kindness than Payn. No one, indeed, at any time could be more generous to the core. He was absolutely incapable of any petty jealousy—the spirit which makes a man regard kindness as merely a proper tribute to his own merits, or refuses to admit merits which obscure his own. In that respect, at least, he was a model editor. He could, like other editors, make mistakes now and then; and was unique only in the frankness with which he admitted them.'

We like that testimony, because it is so rare a gift to be without jealousy and petty spite. Let us say here parenthetically, and personally, that in the more than forty years since we became a journalist, it has been our real pleasure to write always appreciatively of the best men in the state connected with journalism—the elder E. J. Hale, Holden, Gales, J. W. Cameron, of Wadesboro, Syme, J. A. Englehard, John D. Cameron, W. L. Saunders, W. A. Hearn, P. M. Hale, E. J. Hale, Jr., J. P. Caldwell, Josephus Daniels, W. E. Christian, J. R. Webster, a half dozen or more religious editors, and others of the secular calling we have not space to name. It has been our pleasure and delight to recognize talents and usefulness and fidelity always in the profession to which we belonged. And we have had a full reward in the consciousness of well applied praise, duty performed, and a sincerity of appreciation not in the slightest marred by 'petty jealousy.'

Nathaniel Hawthorne, first of American novelists and greatest of American novelists had but two children, and both are gifted. Julian Hawthorne is really one of the very best of American writers of the last quarter of a century. He has done some strong and effective work, and is an author of importance among Americans. His sister Rose has done something to make more precious to Americans the fame of her greatly gifted father. Her 'Memories of Hawthorne' is a pleasant book, and it was evidently a genuine labor of love on her part in thus giving her own recollections and impressions of her parents. They were a devoted man and wife, and in her he had a most sympathetic, appreciative, considerate, admiring companion and lover. Their love for each other was indeed beautiful, the incidents connected with their domestic life and almost unbroken happiness are presented with affectionate insight and tenderness. The volume deserves to rank with the most charming personal memorials of our country, and have been most cordially received and greatly enjoyed. These delightful 'Memories,' so deftly written, have intrinsic merit, and will probably be enjoyed so long as the mastery author has a name in letters.

RELIGIOUS EDITORIALS FOR SUNDAY

We heard not many weeks since a sermon by Rev. Mr. Glenn, of Raleigh, on the 'Prodigal Boy.' It was very simple, very clear and equally practical. It is a theme often hammered upon the preacher's anvil, and yet there is a new way sometimes to strike it from a new point of observation and to make a different impression from that of the common. The sermon we refer to did not attempt to cover the whole field or to exhaust all of the possible applications. In fact it was confined to a few lessons but all well connected. It is so rich a theme that it cannot be fully presented in one discourse unless occupying more time than the restless listeners of this last quarter of the century will be content with. The time was when church goers would listen gladly to from an hour to two hours to a genuine gospel sermon, but now when 'they cushion their carnal man' in drowsy pews, they cannot well stand more than from a half to three quarters of an hour. General Chingman told us that the great Baptist preacher, the elder John Kerr, father of the fine orator Judge John Kerr, once preached over three hours in his hearing, and he would have been pleased if he had continued longer. Of course he was an exceptional preacher, and to have heard him in one of his great pulpit discourses was an event in a man's life. But to return to the parable of the 'Prodigal Son' by which designation it is generally known. It is old but ever new. In it the greatest of lessons—the lost found—the sinner saved—the prodigal's wandering from God and his return. It is in eastern form the Saviour presenting to the world the love of God for the sinner, following him in His providences, and with the Holy Spirit, through all his ways of transgression and folly and sinfulness, with pitying eye, with outstretched arm, with unwearied solicitude and patience, hour by hour, day by day, week by week, year by year, until at last He has found him, stained, soiled, sick, ruined, poor, helpless. It is a wonderful lesson of God's almighty love and pardoning, saving power. It

can move the angels to unexpressed joy to behold this stirring impressive manifestation of God's love, evoking their rapturous alleluias, and making the arches of heaven ring with their acclamations of praise and wonder. It is plain from this great lesson as taught by the Teacher, who is the Saviour, that the angelic intelligences are indeed cognizant of the affairs of man in this mundane sphere, that they are intensely interested in what occurs, and that they are filled with holy rapture when a sinner lost is found, and the redemption scheme brings back to the loving fold of God an outcast from the snares of the devil and the evils of a sin-cursed world. If the angels are thus interested who are not of our race, and have never sinned and fallen away from God, may we not believe that without any demand upon un sanctified credulity or unreasonable theory, that the humanity in heaven shares also, and to a far greater degree, in the sacred employment of the angels, and rejoice in a profounder joy when the lost soul—the wandering prodigal is found and saved? When the news of a soul saved reaches the courts of glory, we may well think that the mighty songs of victory take on a higher strain when the antistrophe of the saints follows the strophe of the angelic choir, and a grand, swelling antiphony is heard amid the blood-washed throng of the eternal hills. It is not too much to believe that the saints of God above are permitted to know of the spiritual history of their dear ones left behind on earth, and to be made gloriously happy when their salvation is proclaimed unto them. The blessed and adorable Saviour came from the shining courts on the special and marvellous mission to seek and to save the lost of earth. The saved in heaven must know of and forever rejoice in the perfected work in the salvation of their kindred and friends.

The Charlotte Presbyterian makes now and then an excellent point against some northern religious editor who writes, as the custom is 'up there,' in much ignorance of the south and the real conditions. The Charlotte paper lately replied quite conclusively to a Presbyterian paper called the Herald and Presbyter. It made two points, but we confine ourselves to the last one. Commenting upon what was said to the detriment of the southern Presbyterians in the matter of evangelizing work among the negroes, our Charlotte contemporary with delightful directness takes the scalp of the critical brother. We quote:

'In a southern town where there is a northern colored church and a southern white church, which church do our northern white brethren join? We are glad to have them, to be sure, inconsistency and all. We attended a northern Presbyterian Synod once. There were three white ministers in attendance. One was a secretary, the other two principals of negro schools. We enjoyed entertaining them at our house and we ventured to point out one difference between the northern and southern churches thus: 'We believe in an independent synod and have none as yet. You cry out against such an organization and here you have it.' We are getting nearer together as we understand each other.'

'The Messenger has ventured a prophecy as to Rev. Dr. E. E. Hoss, of Tennessee, and the Methodist Episcopacy. Months ago it signified its conviction that he was excellent 'bishop timber' as the phrase goes. Within a month or two it repeated the opinion. He came very near election and bore himself with Christian manliness and courtesy in declining to have his claims urged further the second day. He was re-elected to an office as responsible as a bishop's, if not so very sweeping in power and patronage. He is returned to his place as editor of by far the best Methodist weekly in the entire south, that of Nashville. In that most useful and exacting office he has been very wise and efficient. The two bishops elected were Dr. Candier, of Georgia, and Dr. Morrison, of Kentucky. Dr. Candier is forty-three years of age. Both are distinguished as preachers.

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Mr. Rodolph Duffy, of Onslow, was nominated for collector of the district on the second ballot. He made a pleasing speech. He stood forth boldly against all selling out to the Russell-Butler gang of office seekers and traders, declaring openly and earnestly that rather than to make terms with such a gang he would suffer death and go down with his party. This is the right sentiment and feeling for democrats.

JAPAN AND THE PERRY EXPEDITION.

Referring again to the action of secretary of navy, William A. Graham, of North Carolina, in the matter of the opening up of Japan to commercial and friendly intercourse with the United States, we have not been able to find any reference to it in the presidential messages to the congress in two administrations—Fillmore's and Pierce's. In Mr. Lee's history of the United States, published a year or two since in Richmond, Va., a good and useful work, worthy of being introduced into southern public and private schools, we find that Secretary Graham in 1852, sent Commodore M. C. Perry to Japan on a friendly expedition. It was no form pleasant and profitable relations with that remote nation. It is very much larger now than then, its population now being more than 31,000,000, and very much more progressive every way. In 1852, to a considerable extent Japan was an unknown land. The Commodore, with his vessels, remained for a year or two before he could persuade the cautious, exclusive government to admit the American into two of the harbors. This done the way opened, and a satisfactory treaty of peace and commerce was established, which was afterwards confirmed in due form by both peoples, and since then Japan and the United States have been on terms of amity and intercourse of a profitable commercial kind. We say the treaty was confirmed by his country, but we searched in vain for the proof. We did not, however, have access to the proceedings of the congress. It was Secretary Graham's thoughtful enterprise.

Fresh Stocks.

How often is it that when a failure occurs in any line of business it is discovered that a large amount of the stock on hand is old, obsolete and unsalable? It would seem that this 'condition of affairs would justify a careful search for the cause and the application of the proper remedy. Is not the whole situation explained by this one fact, that when a new supply of goods is received by the average merchant it is spilled or dumped upon the old, thus leaving the original supply as a perpetual cornerstone for successive pyramids of fresh goods? Under these conditions it is not surprising that a certain amount of goods should become shopped, faded, a sale and useless. By reason of this every system a large number of retail merchants, in making a statement of their affairs, should in all justice clearly state about 25 per cent. of their stock as 'fixtures.'

No matter what the kind of goods, when a new lot arrives that which is on hand should be carefully removed and the fresh supply put in its place assigned to it. The old lot should either be placed on top or otherwise arranged so as to be the first that is sold. This rule should be applied to every class of goods, whether sold by the single yard or piece. This method, properly observed, guarantees a continual rotation of stock and will keep everything neat, fresh and attractive. Old stock should not be tolerated by any merchant that desires to keep up with the times and effectively meet his competition.

When new stock of a certain character is received it is the general custom to mark it with both the cost and selling prices. Equal care should be taken to mark along with the other figures, the date of its receipt. When the annual or semi-annual inventory is taken every article in the store should be inventoried, and opposite to the cost and selling price, and the date it was placed in stock. After the inventory has been completed, it should be carefully analyzed and separated into sections. Every article over six months old should be at once moved from a sacrifice if necessary. Of course, the character of the goods will determine the length of time that their retention on the shelves will be safe. Fresh, clean and attractive-looking stock is a merchant's best advertisement. It indicates his enterprise and judgment as nothing else can, and it is certain to attract the attention of his patrons and command trade.—F. R. Kocock.

Credit Described.

Credit is the most precious possession a business man can have. It is priceless. It cannot be bought. It is acquired, maintained and preserved by certain qualities that I believe are inherent in the man. Credit is like a delicate piece of porcelain. You may break it and put it together again, and for purposes of utility it may possibly be just as good as it ever was, but the cracks are there, and you can see where it was broken. And so it is with the man whose credit is once impaired: He may be able to buy goods again, his standing among mercantile houses may be more or less restored, but he is never in the same condition in which it once was, and so I would warn all merchants, young and old, to regard credit as a priceless possession. Do not let it be trifled with, and allow nothing to impair or injure it.—William B. Deane.

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