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## SOME EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS.

### MANY QUESTIONS FOR TEACHERS.

Dr. Whitsett's Helpful Address—Prof. Joyner Discusses Literature in its Relation to Life—Prof. Wyche on English Work—The Journal of Education Endorsed—A Teachers' Association to be Organized Tomorrow.

The Institute met promptly, and America was sung by all the teachers present, after which Rev. A. G. Kirgman conducted devotional exercises.

"Pressing problems in education today," was the first topic considered by Dr. W. T. Whitsett. The minister leads in church work, the lawyer in legal advances, and the teacher must lead in the solution of the pressing educational problems of our day. The world-question is how to make man better; the only answer, true education. Compulsory attendance at school is one of the live Southern questions. There is nothing new in it. Joshua enforced it among the Hebrews; Solon among the Athenians; and Germany made the experiment over one hundred and fifty years ago. A score of States in our union have a statutory provision of compulsory education. Study the question; have an opinion. You must lead in reforms or be lead; choose. Local taxation for better schools is another vital problem. We must quicken our educational pace. Our towns have for years felt the value of a nine months school, and local taxation has secured them admirable systems of graded schools, but these have not solved the rural problem that concerns the great wars of our children. Study the problem; arrive at conclusions; and help lead in the work of giving to North Carolina's 600,000 children worthy by proper preparation for the stern duty of American citizenship. Other questions demanding answer upon which the teacher should ponder are the securing of better teachers, more intelligent school supervisors, high schools for country communities, etc. In North Carolina we are in process of evolution in our educational work, it is the part of wisdom to give them direction. The opportunity is ours, we must not fail. Guilford county's more than ten thousand school children bid us lead them into light.

The committee on the organization of a Guilford county teachers' association reported about forty members as being already secured. The committee was continued until tomorrow and an additional committee on election of officers and permanent organization was appointed, consisting of Supt. Wharton, Prof. Wyche, J. V. Dick and V. P. Hammer. These will report tomorrow and a permanent organization of the association will be effected. The teachers are very enthusiastic along this line and seem anxious for a good, live association.

History was the next subject, and Dr. Whitsett said it might be properly defined as an opening of that window of the mind that looks out upon the panorama of the ages; the passing deeds of the march of humanity over the field of time. A proper teaching of history is only possible when the teacher sees it as related to man's struggle towards his high attainment. It involves the practical sciences of political economy, sociology, law, race relation, etc. It involves a study of those dynamic forces that change the current of humanity's stream. Teach facts, but only in relation to their causes, effects and philosophy. Read facts in the light of actuating motives. With history teach patriotism, and civic duty. From individual experience widen the child's horizon until it sweeps his county, State and nation—yes, the world. Avoid dry and meaningless dates, but clothe them with ideas, and preceding and succeeding causes and effects. Use outlines; group related things. Let the student first of all fix in mind firmly the commonly accepted sub-divisions as a basis for work: Ancient history from creation, 4,004, B. C., to fall of Rome, 476, A. D. (say 4,500 years); middle ages, 476 A. D., to 1492, A. D., to 1900, A. D. (say 1,000 years). With this as a basis historical periods can easily be classified intelligently. As an illustration a sketch was given upon the black-board and rapidly explained, showing early settlements in North Carolina, and the State's history from 1584 until the civil war. An outline showing

briefly the story of the thirteen original colonies was also given. A map of Guilford county was also exhibited and historical suggestions made. The historic, the social, the moral, can all be taught in their relations.

Prof. J. Y. Joyner, who was in attendance at the Institute, was next introduced to discuss literature in its relation to life. After a beautiful tribute to the teaching profession he passed to consider the noblest thought of the noblest men who have lived in the tide of time. True literature is the very life blood of the race. It crystallizes the glory of all human achievement, and tells the story of life's drama. The glory and sweetness of mental and spiritual activity as exemplified in the heights of attainment by time's true heroes,—all this is to say reposing in the wealth of lifetime which is ours. The glorious, sublime expressions of the great God in stone, in tree, in running brook and tossing ocean; all these we recall when we ponder the possibilities of human expression of thought as revealed in pathos, beauty, sublimity—expression, "the glory and the freshness of a dream." The subtlest thought, the boldest flight of wildest imagination, godlike thought that crowds the brain—all this may find fit form in fitting expression and stand a sweet reality to other men. In iron and brass and wood, men give expression to architectural dream; in word and poem and classic prose men give form to heart concepts that embrace in their sweep all that ranges from the finite to the infinite in humanity. The strings of human existence sweep out no songs that may not burn and thrill again on classic page. The power to think and feel can move others but little until cultivated expression, as the finger of thought, gives permanent record in perfected expression. Thought stands shorn of power until given the wings of cultivated expression.

Prof. Wyche in his continuation of English work in composition, grammar, literature, etc., showed how in Indian life the great ideas of eternity, sin, duty, courage, etc., found life and being in the Indian's struggle to give them body and form. Back of all the folklore of Indian, Norse, and Negro life in standing great cardinal and eternal ideas that have been clothed in story even in the infancy of races. Truth ever new and beautiful shines out when we properly consider even these rude expressions. Dry, dead, tomes of technical rule will never come to vitality until touched by the living heart of appreciation and humanity.

The meeting of the teachers yesterday afternoon was so well attended that another afternoon session was announced for today at 3:30 p. m.

The work for tomorrow and Friday will be important and helpful, and the teachers seem to enjoy their work.

A number of visitors and quite a number of new arrivals on the part of the teachers showed combined interest.

The North Carolina Journal of Education was highly endorsed today, and special attention was directed to the helpful educational spirit of the press generally over the State.

### Not From the Wire.

Count Lamsdorf has been appointed minister of foreign affairs by the Russian government.

Queen Victoria says she and her allies will do their utmost to visit with worthy punishment the authors of the unexampled crime in China.

Ambassador Choate has been appointed arbitrator between the British and Chinese governments in the case arising from the sinking of a British vessel during the China-Japan war.

An order issued by Judge Lacombe today indicated that an order for the extradition of Neely will be signed on the 16th.

### Bryan and Stevenson Notified.

By Wire to the Telegram.

Indianapolis, Aug. 8.—The city is a mass of bunting today in honor of the ratification ceremonies. Fifteen thousand strangers witnessed the notification program. Mayor Taggart made the address of welcome at 2:30, followed by the acceptance of the chairmanship by Mr. Jones. At 3 o'clock Bryan was notified by Mr. Richardson, and responded in his speech of acceptance, followed by the notification and acceptance of Mr. Stevenson.

## CONGER IS HEARD FROM AGAIN.

### BETWEEN JULY 30 AND AUGUST 2.

Says That the Chinese Government is Anxious for the Ministers to Leave Peking, But the Latter Knows That Certain Death Awaits Them Should They Do So—Li Hung Chang Says That the Chinese Must Fight if the Allies Attempt to Enter Peking.

By Wire to the Telegram.

Washington, Aug. 8.—The Chinese minister went to the State Department this morning to hand in a message from his government, which he intimated had some bearing upon the imperial edict of August 2d, regarding the foreigners leaving Peking. Minister Wu said today that he presumed the message received last night from Conger was a reply to the last message he had forwarded to the American minister from Secretary Hay. Concerning the contents of Conger's message he was inclined to refrain from talking, and said that the attitude of his government had not changed, and that it was his firm belief that war would not be declared by China against the allied powers.

### THE MESSAGE FROM CONGER.

Washington, Aug. 7.—Another cablegram came to the State Department, late this afternoon, from Minister Conger, at Peking—the second that has come direct from him since June 12. It is the first which has come direct from the minister since the above date, the other having been received through the intermediacy of the Chinese minister here, Mr. Wu. Today's telegram shows that the situation in the Chinese capital is still a very serious character, that the ministers are still in danger from the Chinese troops and that their supplies of ammunition and provisions has been reduced to a very considerable extent. So important were the statements contained in the dispatch that a conference was held by wire between several of the officials here and the President at Canton, lasting for several hours. At its conclusion the cablegram from Mr. Conger was made public as follows:

Washington, Aug. 7.—The following cablegram from Minister Conger was received tonight, by the State Department:

"Tsin Nan Yamen, Aug. 7.  
"To the Secretary of State:  
"Still besieged. Situation more precarious. Chinese government insisting upon our leaving Peking, which would be certain death. Rifle firing upon us daily by imperial troops. Have abundant courage, but little ammunition or provisions. Two progressive Yamen ministers beheaded. All connected with legation of the United States well at the present moment."  
"CONGER."

The cablegram came in the official cipher of the Department. It is undated, like Mr. Conger's previous cable, but from the internal evidence furnished by his reference to the beheading of two members of the Tsung Li Yamen and to the insistence of the Chinese government on the removal of the ministers from Peking, State Department officials say, it may be assigned a date not earlier than July 30, and perhaps not later than August 2. It is checked by the telegraph company as having been put on the wires at Tsin-Nan, a large city about 80 miles southeast of Peking, on August 7. The dispatch reached the Department at 4:20 p. m., but was not made public until late in the evening. Those who were at the White House in conference with the President

included acting Secretary Adee, of the State Department, Secretary Root and Adjutant General Corbin.

What the result of the conference was the officials declined to say. That it will stimulate the energies of the government to its utmost to endeavor to press forward the advance movement towards Peking is certain, for Mr. Conger's message makes it clear that for the ministers to leave Peking would result in their death. Secretary Root did not care to make any statement when asked about the situation tonight. The officials had been led to believe from the more recent dispatches which had purported to emanate from Chinese sources, as well as from imperial edicts, that the condition of the legation was much improved, but today's advices show a very different aspect of affairs.

### ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE SAYS LI.

London, Aug. 8, 3:45 a. m.—"In case the troops advance the Chinese must fight. The suggestion that the allies should be allowed to enter Peking in order to escort the ministers to Tien-Tsin is absolutely impossible."

This is the dictum of Li Hung Chang, by his agent at Shanghai. The agent had carried to Earl Li a message from Mr. Morgan, urging that the allied troops be allowed to enter the capital and stating that a settlement could be made at Tien-Tsin, whereby a war of the world against China would be averted; but even the optimistic Li failed to hold out the slightest hope of its feasibility, although he reiterated to Mr. Morgan's agent his declaration that the ministers had left Peking, fixing the date of their departure as August 2.

### Improvements at Mr. Lewis' Shop.

Mr. John Lewis has recently made some improvements on his wagon factory and blacksmith shop which add greatly to his facilities. Several new machines to do both wood and iron work have been installed, enabling him to turn out a quantity of work on short notice. A complete wagon can be built in a day.

One of the most complete machines made, and the only one in Greensboro, is a combination machine for setting and shrinking tires, cutting iron, punching holes, etc. to be seen in the black-mill shop.

### Some New, Others Rebuilt.

Drs. Moore have a change today. John Lewis at 109 Lewis street, is now prepared to build you a wagon, or do any kind of repair work, on very short notice.

"Blue Ribbon" copper and "Regal" rice are two articles to which J. W. Scott & Co. call especial attention today.

L. H. Sturgis & Co. have added several valuable items to their real estate briefs.

"The election is over" and Merritt, Brower & Co. still have a limited number of men's and youth's suits to close out at one-half their real value.

In the morning Henry Hunter will have green black-eye peas.

Jeffreys' land sale next Tuesday morning at ten o'clock, corner South Elm and Fayetteville streets.

A dead man can't, but a liveman may make provision against the effect of death, so far as it concerns the material welfare of his family, see the Penn Mutual's ad.

### Mrs. Doak to Build.

Mrs. O. E. Doak has purchased a lot near the corner of East Washington and Davie streets, a part of the Eckel property, upon which she will build a nice residence. The building will be a large structure, suitable for a boarding house or small hotel. Work is expected to commence at once.

## FRIENDS' YEARLY MEETING.

### COMMENCES AT HIGH POINT TODAY.

The Great Annual Gathering of the Friends to Which Representatives From All Over the Country and From Abroad Come—A Number of Notable Ministers Present—Locals and Personals From High Point.

Correspondence of the Telegram.

High Point, Aug. 8.—Every year what is known as the Yearly Meeting of Friends is held here. The meeting generally begins on Wednesday and continues over the following Sunday, or about one week, which is the day for large crowds. People from all over the United States as well as from across the water attend. The Yearly Meeting is to the Quakers what a conference or convention is to other denominations. They have a representative body present and transact such business as is generally transacted by other religious organizations. The meeting this year began today and gives promise of being an unusually good one in every respect. Already a large number of prominent ministers are in attendance and more will arrive each day this week. Among those who arrived yesterday are Minister William Hobson and wife, of England; Willis Hoskins, missionary to Central Africa; Minister Arthur Chilson, of Ohio, who returns as a missionary to Africa with Missionary Willis Hoskins; Evangelist Thos. C. Hodgkin, of Portsmouth, Va., who created such a stir among the Quakers of North Carolina last winter; Abram Fisher, of Northampton county; Mr. Dixon, of Snow Camp; Rev. J. R. Jones, of Guilford College. Yesterday afternoon a representative meeting composed of the official members of the Church, was held.

Mr. Algenon Alexander has purchased a neat rubber-tire buggy.

Mr. J. M. McAskill, of Old Stores, was here yesterday.

Miss Kate Smith has returned from a visit of several weeks to her sister at Augusta, Ga.

S. W. Laughlin, of Asheboro, was in town yesterday.

J. W. Washburn represented Greensboro here last evening.

Miss Myrtle Carter, of Richmond, is visiting Mrs. Luther Jones.

E. Thompson, of Salisbury, spent yesterday with Edw. Millis.

Carpenters are at work on the residence of J. J. Welch. When finished the house, with its many improvements, will present a pretty appearance.

The medicine man who has been holding forth here on the main street did not remain this week as he promised his customers, but left for a new field, Lexington.

Miss Mamie York was operated on for appendicitis Sunday afternoon by Dr. J. Long, of Salisbury, assisted by physicians of this place. She is now getting along nicely. A trained nurse from the sanitarium has her in charge.

The buildings of the trunk department of the High Point Trunk and Excelsior Manufacturing Company are nearly completed.

### To Open a Novelty Store.

Mr. W. R. Hawkins, who has been engaged in business in Johnson City, Tenn., has arranged to open a novelty store in Greensboro. He will go into the business on a right extensive scale and will doubtless meet with success.

Mr. Hawkins will arrive from Tennessee with his family some time this week.

### A Telegram Employee Injured.

Mr. Will Harrington, one of the Telegram's employes, suffered a painful accident this morning. An explosion of gas from the engine in the press room knocked him down and injured his eyes, causing him a great deal of pain. It is not thought that either of his eyes are seriously injured.

### Lawn Party Tomorrow Evening.

Hot? No one can successfully dispute that fact. Want to get cool? Then go to the Union Sunday school lawn party Thursday evening and eat some of Dughi's ice cream. Instead of the Eckel lawn, the party will be given on the court house square lawn. Go out and take your friends.

## \$10 Distribution \$10

The boys and girls perhaps noticed in this space yesterday the announcement that The Telegram will distribute TEN DOLLARS absolutely free to its young friends. This will be done through the "TELEGRAM CHILDREN'S BANK." A check on this bank will cost nothing whatever. How one may be obtained will be announced in a day or two. Watch for it, boys and girls.