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KEEP your eye on Mr. Cleveland. He receives more popular demonstration than the President of the United States when the two appear in the same city. Is there no special significance in this growing popular feeling toward the former President?

KINSTON is one of the grittiest and most progressive towns in the State. If further evidence of this were needed it is shown in the statement of the *Free Press* that $150,000 will be spent in that town on streets and town property within the next two years.

Business Men and Politics.

Richmond News-Leader.

It is a favorite fad with business men that it is beneath their dignity, a waste of time and a violation of business principles for them to take personal part in local politics. There is no sense and a deal of nonsense in this theory. Modern conditions have brought politics, and especially local politics, into direct contact with commercial life and general business. The political management of a city is part of its business and is an immediate part of the concern of every business man. As it is, the average business man holds himself aloof, never attends a precinct meeting or caucus or a ward meeting, makes little inquiry into the characters or qualifications of candidates and discourages with cold disapproval or open sneer his associates who refuse to follow his example and who take an active part and interest in all these things. Then when his city government falls into disreputable or incapable hands and he finds himself threatened with serious injury or suffering heavy losses, he growls and denounces the people generally and the government especially, apparently without a thought that the fault primarily is on himself and others like him.

Tribute to a North Carolinian.

Charlotte Observer.

The New York Evening *Post* prints the address delivered at the recent meeting of the Southern Educational Board at Richmond by Prof. Edwin Mims, of Trinity College, and counts itself "fortunate" in being able to do so. In an editorial article it characterizes it as "remarkable," and gives it its unqualified approbation. Dr. Mims spoke for higher education in the South; higher standards of admission and graduation; for the leadership of educators to higher thought and greater freedom of mind and expression. The author of this address is one of the most intellectual and most candid men in the State. He is an independent and a liberal and did not hesitate on this occasion to make his opinions known.

Lynching---North and South.

News and Observer.

On the same day last week two negroes were lynched—one in Texas and one in Illinois. The crime was the same—the usual crime that makes men everywhere full of righteous indignation. In Texas the offending negro was lynched after his guilt had been ascertained. The hundreds of other negroes were not molested. The Texas mob had no resentment against negroes as such, but only against the black brute who was guilty of the worst of crimes. In Illinois a negro was lynched for a crime "that (according to the Springfield *Republican*) would no more than imprison a white youth for a short time under the law." However that may be, the mob, after lynching the negro criminal, proceeded to attack a company of unoffending negroes, shoot and destroy the houses in which they lived.

Which shows the most race prejudice—Texas, which stopped with the punishment of the criminal, or Illinois, which visited punishment upon innocent and inoffensive negroes merely because the criminal belonged to their race?

April. 1865. An Eventful Month.

Charlotte Observer.

Dr. J. B. Alexander, the historian, and other Confederate veterans say that April, 1865, was probably the most eventful month during the history of the United States government. The first great event of the month was the fall of Petersburg, Va., when the Confederates had to retire after fighting steadily for about two weeks. During one hour of some of the great battles around Petersburg, as many men were killed as were slain in the entire Spanish-American war.

On the 9th Gen. Lee surrendered at Appomattox, where he had been hemmed in by the Union army, which was many times larger than his own.

Five days later, the evening of the 14th, President Lincoln was assassinated by Booth, and died shortly afterwards.

On the 18th, at Greensboro, this State, Gen. Johnston surrendered to Gen. Sherman, after a retreat of several hundred miles.

About the time of the surrender of Johnston's army the Federals captured the prison at Salisbury, and turning out the prisoners, burned the building.

A week later President Jefferson Davis, of the Confederate States, was captured by a detachment of Union soldiers in Georgia, this effectually ending the armed resistance of the Confederacy.

A Farmer Straightened Out.

"A man living on a farm near here came in a short time ago completely doubled up with rheumatism. I handed him a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and told him to use it freely and if not satisfied after using it he need not pay a cent for it," says P. T. Ryder, of Pattens Mills, N. Y. "A few days later he walked into the store as straight as a string and handed me a dollar saying, 'give me another bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. I want it in the house all the time for it cured me.'" For sale at Parker's Two Drug Stores.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve
For Piles, Burns, Sores.

SERMON TO ODD FELLOWS.

The 84th Anniversary of the Founding of the Order Fittingly Observed—Chaplain Williams Preaches a Special Sermon Appropriate to the Occasion—Some of the Ways in Which We Can be Helpful to Our Fellow-Man and do Good in the World.

At the Methodist Protestant church Sunday morning Rev. J. S. Williams preached a special sermon to the Odd Fellows. The occasion was the celebration of the 84th anniversary of the founding of the Order. Mr. Williams chose for his text, "Heal the Sick:" Matt. 10:8, and his discourse was listened to with rapt attention throughout. After quoting a number of texts bearing on this subject and citing the instances in which Jesus wrought miracles of healing the sick and afflicted, he said:

If Jesus were here, He would sympathize with your physical ailments however bad you might be as a sinner. He hated disease. He hates it yet.

These miracles of healing were not solely to teach them to believe on Him.

Nor were they to help us to moralize on them. Nor were they to teach us simply the awful consequences of sin.

Jesus healed for the sake of the sufferer. He was human and he did not like to see suffering.

There is a lesson in it all for us.

If you were ill, you would lose sight of every other consideration save your sickness. If your family were ill you would think the health of your family above all other interests.

"How happy and contented if I were only well," says the patient.

"How glad I to have my folks well again," says the parent.

Every life is as dear to a person as your own is dear to you.

There are many lives that go to waste. Can we not preserve them and others through them?

When John the Baptist sent unto Jesus for proof of his Messiahship, Jesus sent unto Him: "Go and tell John the things which ye do hear and see—the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and to the poor the gospel is preached." Matt. 11: 4, 5.

In John 9:4—"I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work." This He said when He was about to open the eyes of him who was born blind.

"As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world."

One of Christ's most touching parables teaches the lesson that caring for the sick is a large part of one's Christian duty. Matt. 25:35—"I was sick and ye visited me.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto me."

Jesus taught in this that right in the threshold of the Judgment place the question will be asked about our care for the sick.

"Greater works than these shall ye do."

If he healed a hundred his disciples would heal a thousand.

The very principle of healing—Jesus who had healing power gave it to those who had it not. He who had health gave of it to those who had it not.

The same principle is good to-day. The good are to look after the bad. The living are to look after the dying.

This duty carries with it another duty—"The strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak."

"Bear ye one another's burdens."

"Whoso hath this world's goods and seeth his brother have need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion toward him, how dwelleth the love of God in that man?"

The science of healing was never so perfect as it is today. True, there are many maladies that yet baffle the skill of science. But in these cases, science and human kindness soften the last days of those who must succumb to disease.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows is founded upon Christian principles.

One of its tenets is care for the sick—the sick of its own. In this it pleases the God of Heaven. Our Order proposes to go farther and help to care for those sick who are not its own.

To co-operate with the other Orders and lodges of the town and furnish a trained nurse for those who cannot afford one.

A trained nurse thus supported would be administering to the suffering in a way that we cannot otherwise.

Would save many a life.

Would preserve unbroken many a family circle.

Would train many in nursing the sick who are now ignorant.

Would save many a community from an epidemic

Would hasten the cure of many.

Would make their cure more permanent.

Would aid the physicians who do much charity practice.

Would be the starting towards a hospital.

Supporting a trained nurse would be doing like the good Samaritan who took the unfortunate to the inn and left some money with the inn keeper and said: "Whatsoever thou spendest more when I come again I will repay thee."

These Orders could send a good nurse to a sick one and say whatever there is needed more we will bear the expenses.

A trained nurse would also bring about better sanitary conditions. She would instruct the inmates of the home about the premises. She would sound the alarm to the town authorities. She would sound it in a way that it would be heard whether heeded or not.

Among the inalienable rights mentioned in the Declaration of Independence are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

What is life without health? What is happiness without health? What is liberty itself without health?

If you would exert yourself at much cost to save the life of a mortal—if you would make any sacrifice to set a slave free, you can not withhold your help and sympathy from the one who is dying with some disease, who is imprisoned because of disease.

Ezek. 34: 3, 4. Would the prophet say to us, "Ye eat the fat, ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill the fatlings, but ye feed not the sheep?"

"The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost."

Vs. 15 and 16. "I myself will feed the flock, and will strengthen that which was sick."

You may think it a very small matter that we devote this time to such a discussion this morning.

But the preservation of the race is equal in importance to the creation of the race. God the creator did for us what we could not do. The inventor of the steam engine did what the engine could not do. But after he had made it, the engine does a million times as much as the inventor can do.

The same cannot be said of us and our creator.

But it is true that He intended for us to preserve our lives which He gave us, and the lives of those who can not save themselves.

The greatest benefactors to human kind are the army of physicians and surgeons and trained nurses and untrained nurses who use their best endeavors to alleviate the sufferings of the people.

What army officer or private on the English Roster of warriors has attained the fame of Florence Nightingale who in the face of opposition gave her life to the alleviation of the suffering inflicted by these very war tigers?

In our own land Lee and Jackson and Grant and Washington and Longstreet and Greene all have monuments to their honor. But there is not enough granite in all our hills, there is not enough iron in all our mountains to build the shaft that can declare to the coming generations our love for Clara Barton, who has done so much for wounded soldiers on all battlefields, endangering her life under the fire of cannon and musketry, and who has administered to the storm stricken sufferers on the shores of every side of this continent, and who went to the rescue of the flood victims on the Mississippi.

What has trained nurses done for yellow fever victims, small pox victims, and the thousands who have been scourged by the many curses that have come upon mankind!

The young woman in a South Western town who gave her life in nursing the yellow fever patients—she has a simple monument over her grave. This monument was built by the lives she saved. Yet she died to save them.

Does not Jesus say of her: "She hath done what she could? She hath wrought a good work upon me."

This is a celebration. Times are changing with celebrations. They ought to change. A millionaire wedding in New York City a month or two ago gave a large piece of property for the benefit of unfortunates among women.

When Jesus was with his disciples on the mount they wanted to celebrate by building three tabernacles in honor of the world's three greatest personages. But Jesus led them down from the mountain where there was suffering. He showed them what their lives were for. There was something exclusive in their proposition. But He had something broader for them to do.

They proposed to club up.

The club idea in the cotton world, after the trash is all threshed out of the cotton is to gather the fibers into a thread, weave the thread into one piece of cloth that the cloth may be made into separate garments—for all the people.

And the club idea with some of the mill men is to get a few together, distribute the proceeds as largely as possible, and give the operatives a share in the dividends of the industry.

With some of the mill men it is to pay out as little as possible, so as to let the few reap the largest gains.

The club idea in wood-lore is best summed up in the shape of a woodman's maul. The purpose of that maul, and its only claim to an existence, is its use in driving a wedge and thus contribute to the needs of mankind. We reap its benefits in the wood that we burn.

The club idea in society is the exclusive idea, organized for exclusive pleasure, for exclusive culture, organized in an expensive way. But the lesson of the maul is that we ought to organize to do something for others.

Once upon a time the ladies of our town undertook to build a free library. The undertaking failed.

Again, all the leading women asked the men to help them to build a hospital. They were discouraged away from this.

Soon thereafter there sprang up one of the handsomest club rooms in the State, finely furnished, all the conveniences of a luxurious home. But it was for men who already have good homes or could have them. It encourages in men that which is going to break up some home. While a father is playing his billiards and pool up there, where is there for his boy to play except in the saloon?

While the employer is playing up there and his boys, may be, where can the employe go except to the saloon?

While the young man is playing up there, where can his brother go to play except in the saloon?

That same building as a hospital would distribute the club blessing to many. That same building as a free library would have served as an educational factor that would have brought infinite blessings on the town.

Think what a fine club building we have for just one club! And what a graded school building we have!

Suppose the business men of the town would add $1,500 to the school fund of the town, would it not help our teachers and the management of the school?

Instead of this $1,500 are wrapped into a ball to be knocked about and rolled into cigars to be puffed away.

And the people who need the benefits of the money the worst do not get it.

$1,500 would build and run for a year 30 out-door play grounds, and would give 500 people all the exercise they would need or could possibly take.

$1,500 would give Henderson and community 3 good nurses and pay them $400 and have $300 left over.

Our clubs must do something for the town. Not that we may simply pay for existence but that we may obey our Lord. You are a Christian in a club as in the church. You have the same Christian obligations upon you as a man of the world as you would in the church.

The same privilege comes to you as a man to help the weak and the less fortunate as to any other man.

There is much of the money in all our secret orders that goes to running the machinery of the orders. We need to accomplish something outside of our own welfare if we would accomplish anything worth the naming.

The Savior of mankind spent His entire life among the needy, the sick and the worldly, and the sinful and the poor.

He said: "They that are whole need not a physician but they that are sick."

Let's see: If a member of your family is dangerously ill, all your business stops until there is a change. All your thought is bent toward the recovery of the sick one.

If one of our town family is ill should we not stop everything else for the sick one's recovery?

Or what is better ought we not to bring all our affairs to the recovery of the sick one?

A trained nurse will do as much for this as any thing that can be done.

In one of the old Testament visions, is the rising of the Son of Righteousness with healing in His wings.

Wherever a sunbeam in that new world shall fall, it will plant the seeds of health, and life.

It is your and my province to make this world new.

Some of the needs of a trained nurse may be summed up as follows:

A lone widow who must spend the long nights in agony and no one to even speak to her.

A family of fever stricken children with no one to wait on them but the mother, until she herself succumbs to the scourge.

A family where the father and husband is ill for months and the mother is ill and no one is able to give the father the needed attention.

A family where a poor woman lies ill and dies because no one knows how to care for her. And her child dies of fever for the same reason.

Think of a home where all the family sleep in the same room where the fever patient or the consumptive is, where no thought is given to the protection of the survivors.

Another family of motherless children, two of the oldest ill with fever. The father has to stop his work for weeks to wait on them and nurse them.

In another home a child is ill. Its mother knows nothing of the sanitary laws and the child is lost because of her ignorance. May be the disease is spread in the home because of the ignorance of all.

When the Centurion sent word to Jesus that his servant was sick, Jesus said: "I will come and heal him." This is the natural impulse of every human. But what can we do? We do not know how to heal. We can send some one who does know how, and who can aid the physician.

A nurse or two nurses could do much in all the homes to teach sanitary laws—in mothers' meeting and young womens' meetings.

If I were going to moralize on these miracles of healing, here are some of the morals:

1—Jesus was touched with the feeling of their sicknesses. So He is now.

2—Jesus opened the eyes of the blind. I wish He would open your eyes.

3—Jesus healed the lunatics—periodic insane. I wish He would cure us of folly—foolish notions—cure us of the crazes that are rushing some of us to destruction.

4—Jesus healed the woman who had spent all her living in vain to be healed by the physicians. Think of the people who are duped and defrauded by peddlers and quacks, and are sometimes deluded by honest men who hope to heal them but cannot.

5—As Jesus healed them of their diseases, He forgave their sins. That is better than all healing—the forgiveness of sins. "Blessed is the man whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered."

But we are not here to moralize today.

The purpose of this hour is to strike at the heart of things.

HEAL THE SICK is the command I want to lay upon your hearts. He does not say, VISIT the sick. He goes further, Heal!!!! How much of our time is spent by going and looking on the suffering. As we look upon them, we are helpless to relieve them.

In the parable where He says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me," the kind of visiting was effective. The same spirit that would feed the hungry or clothe the naked, would not only visit the sick but it would heal them.

People are so willing for a minister to go among the unfortunate. But they think it strange for him to undertake to change their conditions. They know we have bad politics but a minister must let them alone they say.

We also have intemperance riding over the heads of the people. The ministry must visit the victims of drink, but they dare not lift a hand to destroy the demon. Jesus commanded to CAST OUT THE DEVILS. So our duty is not simply to visit the drunkard but cast out the drink demons!

Again, who is charged with the care of the poor save the ministry? It is all right they say to visit the poor but no further is he allowed. But we are to preach the gospel to the poor. We are to remove the conditions that cause the poverty. We must put down oppression. We must stop intemperance. We must encourage industry. So with the sick, we are not simply to visit them and look at their wretchedness. We are to heal them.

Do I hear the plea that we do not know how? We must learn how. We must send some one to them who does know how.

They that are sick need a physician, because a physician can heal. As the Son of man came to destroy all the works of the devil, so the Son of man came to destroy all diseases.

The works of the devil are not destroyed. The human will is in the way. And the human will and human ignorance are in the way of destroying diseases. And human carelessness also. Carelessness in the home; in the town; on the part of housekeepers; on the part of town officials; on the part of business men.

The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

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FORT MORGAN, ALA.

A Vance County Man Who is Doing Service for Uncle Sam.

FORT MORGAN, ALA., April 28, 1903.

EDITOR GOLD LEAF:—As the days are growing longer, and each day brings on more experiences and manoeuvers in one's life as a soldier, we are now having almost constant drill trying to atone for the past time which we have too freely been indulging in amusements. The days are quite warm but thanks to Dame Nature for endowing us with such lovely nights, neither too cool nor too warm, which none but those who have lived in the far away South could describe, and may I not venture to say that wherever I may be in the future years my thoughts will often go back to the scenes way down where the orange blossoms bloom. The mildness of the winters and the gentle breeze of the summers seem to show us what a good country we live in where only man is vile. It is true we sometimes borrow an infantile blizzard from the North, or a romping, boyish flood from the South. Generally, however, things are lovely, particularly in the springtime, when the ground is carpeted in green and our trees and shrubs, like our beautiful maidens, are decked in pink, and the birds sing and make love to each other, much to the distress and discomfiture of our soldier boys, to whom these things are reminders of the days when they made love to coquettish maidens. But after the drill hours are over and the weather being so pleasant and the roads good, we have bicycle riding, carriage drives, fishing and boat riding, strawberry and ice cream festivals, past experience is forgotten and we take little thought of the future, and the usual diversion of the summer months. The cup of happiness is filled to overflowing. Let us be proud of our country. It is the greatest on earth, and Alabama is one of the greatest States in the Union. Mobile is one of the finest cities in the country. Then let us be content, bide our time and be glad.

Wishing the GOLD LEAF much prosperity, I am respectfully,

MONNIE M. DUKE,
Sergeant 99th Co., Coast Artillery,
Fort Morgan, Ala.

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Confirms the South's Rights.

Baltimore Sun.

The opinion of the United States Supreme Court last Monday in the Alabama suffrage case was delivered by Justice Holmes, who before his appointment to that exalted tribunal, was Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Court. This is a most significant fact, and it will be regarded by broad-minded men in all parts of the country as a most encouraging one as well. In the war between the States Justice Holmes held a commission in the United States Army, and made an enviable record as a soldier. The enfranchisement of the negro was the direct result of that war. The South has been compelled, in defence of its civilization, to place restrictions upon the exercise of suffrage by the negro. Justice Holmes' opinion substantially affirms the legal right of the South to do this without interference by the Federal courts. If the negroes who are deprived of the voting franchise have a grievance, they must seek redress from the "political department" of the Government. The Federal courts cannot provide the remedy for political grievances of this kind.

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Closing Exercises an Event That Would Have Done Credit to Any School—Large Crowd in Attendance—Praise for the Men to Whom the Community is Indebted for Such an Institution.

Sunday, April 26th, the baccalaureate sermon to the senior class of Epsom High School was preached by Rev. J. H. Henderlite, of the Henderson Presbyterian church. The speaker was listened to with rare pleasure by a large crowd which had gathered at New Bethel church, and the sermon was rarely equaled and never excelled, and would have done credit not only to a country school but to a College of Bishops.

Epsom and the surrounding community has been in a quiver of excitement for the last month in anticipation of the coming event and when the morning sun rose bright and clear Tuesday, April 28, the community with thankful hearts attributed it to their prayers, for I doubt if there was a single praying man or woman or sinner either, as to that, but had prayed fervently that for at least that occasion there might be a cessation of hostilities of the elements, so the exercises which would necessarily have to be held out of doors could be a success. By 10 o'clock Tuesday, the crowd began to assemble and by 12 o'clock it had assumed gigantic proportions.

The exercises were opened by the singing of "My Old Kentucky Home," by the entire school. The first thing on the programme was the contest for the medals by some ten or a dozen boys and girls of the senior class. The medal for the boys was won by Mr. George Tunstall, of Warren county, and that for the girls by Miss Lessie Ayscue. But justice demanded, and the faculty, and committee of award asked that special mention be made of Mr. Lowell Rogers and Miss Nora Medlin, who only missed by one-tenth, in fact the crowd was about evenly divided. It was a most creditable effort and deserves special mention for all of them, but time and space forbid.

The next number on the program was original essays by senior class, consisting of biographies of noted men of today and history. It has been the pleasure of your correspondent to attend many commencement exercises, some of the best colleges in the Southland, and listen to the original essays of their senior classes but he has never heard better at any of them, while it is true we've heard more elaborate and deeper subjects treated. This ended the morning exercises. At 1:30 o'clock a bountiful dinner was served the people turning out just as they do at a protracted meeting occasion, bringing their dinner and supper and camping out. At 2:30 o'clock the crowd reassembled to listen to the literary address by Prof. J. B. Carlyle, of Wake Forest College. Prof. Carlyle is too well known to need mention by our pen and it is enough to say that his address was ornate and exactly suited to the occasion. At the closing of Prof. Carlyle's address the school sang "Carolina, Carolina," and this ended the afternoon exercises. But the best was yet in store for us, viz.: the concert and tableaux which were to come off at night and so interested had the people become some 600 or 800 brought their supper and stayed on the grounds in order to be in time and get good seats.

At the closing of the afternoon service Prof. Brannock, the principal, announced that the fun would begin with the opening of concert exercises at 7:30 o'clock, so at the appointed time when the curtain raised and when Prof. Brannock stepped to the front to announce the opening song, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," he was greeted with a sea of faces pleasing to behold, the crowd being estimated at 2,000 or 2,500. Never before in our history has such a crowd gathered and the smile betrayed his pleasure for he recognized it as a compliment to him and his ably faculty.

As announced the fun did proceed both fast and furious and the parts played were rich, rare and racy, especially the Widow Smuggles and her family of thirteen daughters. Miss Rowena Daniel as "Widow Smuggles" showed superb training and displayed ability and talent of no mean order. The impersonation of John Lowlow by Mr. Charley Ayscue was indeed good, creating roars of laughter, in fact his acting as clown was as good as we ever saw at a circus.

After keeping the crowd roaring with laughter for two hours, it would seem utterly impossible to get them down so that they could correctly interpret the next feature on the program, for never was the transformation from the ridiculous to the sublime more rapid or complete as an examination showed that the Vestal Virgins were to enter and worship at the Holy Shrine. This was acted by ten of the largest girls in the school and indeed was a most creditable portrayal of Vestal worship. To the solemn strains of soft music and dressed in robes of spotless white they indeed looked and fully represented those Bible characters. The crowd rose to the occasion and was as still as death and showed a deep appreciation of the solemnity of the occasion. But the climax was reached with the closing number on the programme, "Raise Me, Jesus," (song). The preceding scene, the Vestal Virgins, had gotten the crowd in a solemn frame of mind and when "Raise Me, Jesus" was sung in a low sweet tone by Miss Eunice Bridgers, of Portsmouth, one of the faculty, and Misses Rowena Daniel, Emma Alston and Mabel Gooch acted in pantomime angels at the Shrine of Mercy the crowd manifested its intense appreciation for they were now as ready to weep as they had formerly been to laugh. Thus ended the most memorable occasion in all the history of Old Pungo. The next big occasion for Epsom will be the dedication of Liberty church sometime in September, for they are building one of the handsomest country churches in the State.

Your correspondent has lived in and near the community of Epsom all his life and knows whereof he speaks and can of a truth say that the community of Epsom is today the most progressive, up to date, intelligent community in North Carolina; and this mighty transformation for good is due in the main to four or five men. Some ten or twelve years ago Hon. W. B. Daniel and I. M. Green moved into the community of Epsom. At that time there was no interest at all taken in education. But together with Mr. George T. Ayscue, David Weldon, George Dickie, Taswell Gooch, Dr. B. P. Alston, they put their heads and hearts together with their money and determined to have a school—a good school—and the present result is known of all men. It is true that at times it looked as if their efforts would fail but they kept eternally at it and today we, together with nearly the entire Eastern and Southern end of the county, with a goodly number from Henderson, Louisburg, Franklinton and a few from Norfolk, Portsmouth, Richmond and Raleigh, have gathered at the grand finale to witness with the promoters of the enterprise and enjoy with them the culmination of their fondest desires. Well might Old Pungo put on her Sunday clothes for this is a red letter day for Epsom. It is the climax of years of hope deferred, a realization of her fondest dreams.

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