

Our Graded School.

The Democrat has no interest in the graded school of our town other than to see a good school maintained and to have one of the best institutions of our town not to be evilly spoken of. For two and a half years the school has been in operation, patronized by the whole town irrespective of religion, or political affiliation and social standing. The faculty has been composed of a number of efficient and competent young ladies headed by a gentleman of the University of North Carolina. That these have been competent, no one denies. It is an easy matter by insinuation to create a spirit of dissatisfaction and distrust. It is easy to undermine the standing of any man in the community and to hurt the usefulness of any institution. In this way Absalom won the affections of the people from King David to himself. He stood beside the gate and when the people came with a cause he would say, that they could not get justice and if he were king then they would receive their rights. In this way they were led to declare him king, and a poor king he was.

This leads up to what we wished to say. We hardly believe that tax-payers in last week's Mercury stated a fact when he said that a majority of the people were dissatisfied with the present management. We know that it is a fact that many of Hickory's largest tax-payers and most substantial citizens are greatly grieved because the present superintendent is not to be retained. Neither can we share the feelings of our neighbor, the Mercury, in saying that the school has not been satisfactory and perhaps never will be. It is not likely to amount to much if we all pursue the policy of our neighbor. However that may be. The town has elected a board of trustees of worthy and competent men and it is the duty of every citizen to uphold them in their work. Let us trust them.

If they find that the present management is best let them be at perfect liberty to endorse it, but if they find that a change would be better let them make it and let no man stand behind them with threats. This school is dedicated to the cause of education of the masses and let it be as sacred as the Ark of the covenant and let no ruthless hand tear it down.

Education in Catawba County

That commendable progress has been made in the educational work in Catawba county within the last few years can hardly be denied. This is evidenced by the erection of school buildings. In many districts the log hut has given way to the large painted building which is an honor to any community. All that one has to do to be convinced of this improvement is to take a drive through the country. The Democrat is not as well acquainted with the teaching force of the county as it would like to be, nor as familiar as it intends to be, but as far as our knowledge goes the teachers are a competent set and just as faithful as the teachers in almost any county. Catawba county has always had some strong men among the teaching force and some of these have retired and their work is missed, but take the teachers as a body and they will average up as well as at any time in the history of the county. As there will soon be a change in the management of the educational work of our county and the new board will take charge we wish to express our confidence in these gentlemen and say that we believe that in their hands the work will be entirely safe. The Democrat has no pet candidate for the office of county superintendent, but could name a number that would fill the office with credit. Some person should be selected who is a practical school man and will give time to the office and not run it as a side line to some other business.

In conversation with the farmers of the county we learn that the prospect for a good wheat crop in the county is fine. Those of our friends who live in the South Fork valley says that a fine crop will be harvested in their section while in the Oxford Ford community the prospects are most encouraging. As Catawba is one of the wheat counties it is good news when the wheat is well filled and matures well.

Good Cheer.

The Christian, above all others should be cheerful and happy. "A religion without thanksgiving, praise and joy, is like a flower without tint, perfume or honey. There may be such a flower, but surely no one would care to pluck it."—Selected.

There is quite a difference in silliness or affected cheerfulness, and real joy or gladness. The former has a shallowness about it which leaves the impression that it is an effort to be funny, while the latter naturally springs from the heart filled with love and gratitude to God.

"Ought we not to make a covenant with ourselves, and ask God to send it with his blessing and that we will be kind from the time we rise until we retire at night? If everyone did an act of daily kindness to his neighbor and refused to do any unkindness, half the sorrow would be lifted."—John Watson ("Ian McLaren")

To "forget it" is the best cure for feelings of irritation, and the best way to forget a thing is to get interested in something else. Therefore diversion is often the best cure for irritation. How many of us have been thoroughly ashamed of ourselves to find that our ugly, ungovernable feelings in a certain matter have entirely disappeared, simply because we were interrupted in its consideration, and our entire attention drawn off for the time being. Irritated feelings result from self being rubbed the wrong way, and the best way to conquer self is to get interested in something outside of self. We can do all this if we will. He is the wisest fighter who knows when to win a victory by beating a retreat.—Sunday-School Times.

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Editor N. C. Christian Advocate,
Greensboro, N. C.

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