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Hickory Graded School's Growth

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ORGANIZATION OF THE SCHOOLS.
The present system of city graded schools in Hickory began operation in 1903. Prior to that time the schools were operated as a part of the general county school system. As early as 1897 the General Assembly passed an act creating the Hickory Graded School District, but it was not until six years later that the schools were ready to begin work. In 1903 the present school building was erected. The school board which had charge of this work was composed of C. H. Geitner, J. A. Lentz, J. L. Murphy, J. F. Abernethy, H. E. McComb, and McCoy Moretz. Owing to some defect in the legislative act, there was no money available for the erection of a school building. A number of public-spirited citizens, however, became personally responsible for the money borrowed, and the building was erected. In 1906 the Board of Aldermen, by virtue of a special act of the legislature, appropriated ten thousand dollars to pay for the building. The erection of the school building was an illustration of the old adage that, "Where there is a will, there is a way."

The building was completed and school opened in January 1904, with Superintendent D. K. McRae in charge. There were five women teachers employed in the school that year. Superintendent McRae continued in charge of the schools until 1907, when the present superintendent took charge of the school work.

GROWTH OF THE SCHOOLS.
The growth of the schools has been remarkable, especially within the last five years. However, this growth has been confined to the white school, as the attendance in the colored school has increased very little. In 1905-1906 the enrollment in the colored was 201, and in 1910-1911 the enrollment was 218, an increase of only 17 pupils in five years.

Beginning with a teaching force of six in 1904, the number of teachers employed in the white school was eight in 1906, and thirteen in 1911. The white-school census was 765 in 1906, and 1038 in 1911. There were enrolled 427 pupils in 1906, with an average daily attendance of 306. In 1911 the enrollment was 648, and the average daily attendance was 502. In five years the school population increased 35 per cent; the enrollment increased 52 per cent; and the average daily attendance 64 per cent. This record of growth is one of which any system of city schools may well be proud.

Within the last five years there has been a decided increase in the cost of almost every thing. But the per capita cost of maintaining the schools of Hickory has decreased instead of increasing. In 1906 the cost of carrying on the white school, including teachers' salaries and supplies, was \$3785.88. Based on the average daily attendance of 306, it cost \$12.37 per pupil in daily attendance to carry on the school. In 1911 the amount paid for teachers' salaries and supplies was \$5793.63. The cost for each of the 502 pupils in daily attendance was only \$11.54. The cost of the schools is an exception to the general increase in the cost of living.

AIMS OF THE SCHOOLS.
It is the purpose of the school to develop in the pupils correct habits of thought and action, to give a thorough preparation for the practical duties of every day life, and to prepare for entrance into the colleges of the State. Since only a small percentage of pupils ever go to college, the main purpose of the school is to train pupils for successful work in life.

The course of study now covers a period of eleven years: seven years in the elementary grades, and four years in the high school grades. All through the course pupils are encouraged to think for themselves, and to depend upon their own efforts. A man's success in life depends for the most part upon his ability to think out things for himself, and to do things for himself. It is not so much what a man knows as what a man can do that counts in life. And so it is the aim and purpose of the school to train children to think for themselves, to do thorough work in every subject of study, and to become independent, self-reliant workers.

In the elementary grades particular attention is given to reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, and English grammar. In the high school grades mathematics, English composition, and the sciences are stressed; and at the same time history and Latin are studied for the purpose of enlarging the pupil's mental horizon. Fully two thirds of the work in any grade is in those subjects which have a direct practical bearing in actual life.

NEEDS OF THE SCHOOLS.

The point has been reached where the work of the schools is being seriously hampered for the lack of sufficient room. Last year there were, on many days, 530 children crowded in a building that was designed to accommodate 400 pupils. The increase in enrollment for next year will probably be not less than 50 pupils. And as Hickory continues to grow as various new industries are located here, the increase will be much larger. When the growth of the last five years is considered, it is not too much to say that within the next few years there will be a thousand or twelve hundred children in the school.

There should be worked out a definite plan for the location of school buildings, so that an orderly, compact system may be developed. There should be a high school building, centrally located. Last year the enrollment in the high school department was 143, and this number will be increased year by year. There should be primary buildings for the grades in East Hickory and in West Hickory. The present building could then be used for the primary and grammar grades.

It seems almost needless to say that thorough work cannot be done under such conditions as prevail. If the schools are to secure the best results, ample room must be provided for the comfort and safety of the children. There must be teachers enough to do the work with the necessary thoroughness. The welfare of the children of Hickory is at stake, and their best interest demands that additional school buildings be provided.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson X.—Third Quarter, For Sept. 3, 1911.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, a Comprehensive Quarterly Review—Golden Text, Ps. xxxiv. 14—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

LESSON I.—Isaiah's prophecy concerning Sennacherib (Isa. xxxvii. 14-38). Golden Text, Ps. xvi. 1. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Sennacherib is in the line of Cain and Pharaoh and all enemies of God and His people to be commemorated in the blaspheming anti-Christ of the last days, back of whom and through whom is always seen the devil. The devotion of Hezekiah to be living and true God was too much for the great adversary, and so he stirred up the king of Assyria against Hezekiah. But see how two men who knew God prevailed in prayer.

LESSON II.—The suffering servant of Jehovah (Isa. liii. 3, to liii. 12). Golden Text, Isa. liii. 6. "The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all." We find this record right in the midst of the last part of Isaiah, the middle chapter of the middle section, and the middle verse is liii. 5, which gives us the heart of all Scripture. If with His stripes we have been healed, then as His redeemed ones standing against the world, the flesh and the devil, we must be content to suffer with Him and count it a great privilege (Phil. i. 29; I Pet. iv. 13; r. i. 10). We shall be satisfied when He is (liii. 11).

LESSON III.—Manasseh's wickedness and penitence (II Chron. xxxiii. 1-20). Golden Text, Isa. i. 16, 17. "Cease to do evil, learn to do well." Of all the wicked kings of the ten tribes none exceeded Ahab in wickedness, but Manasseh in Judah seems to have exceeded him. By comparing II Kings xli with our lesson chapter we see how fearful the record is. It looks as if he did the very worst that he could do. The conversion of such a wicked man should greatly encourage parents who have ungodly children, for God is full of mercy.

LESSON IV.—Josiah's devotion to God (II Chron. iii. 4, 1-13). Golden Text, Eccles. xii. 1. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." This boy king probably knew only of his father's zeal for God, and may have been thus inspired with a similar zeal. When he was only sixteen he began to seek God earnestly, and when he was twenty he purged the land from idolatry and did that which the man of God said 300 years before that he would do (I Kings xiii. 2; II Kings xxiii. 16). When he was twenty-six he began to repair the house of the Lord his God.

LESSON V.—The finding of the book of the law (II Chron. xxxiv. 14-33). Golden Text, Ps. cxix. 11. "Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee." As he went on in his good work, God gave him more light by causing the book of the law to be found. This was a fulfillment of the word, "Then shall we know if we follow on to know the Lord" (Hos. vi. 3). If we act up to the light we have, God will in some way send us more. The Lord knew that Josiah would inquire into this and be obedient and humble himself before God.

LESSON VI.—Jeremiah tried and acquitted (Jer. xxvi. 7-19). Golden Text, Ps. cxvii. 1. "The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?" It seems strange that priests and prophets of the Lord should want to kill a man because he spoke the words of the Lord, simply because the message did not suit them, but there were in those days, and there are today, professed messengers of the Lord whom He never sent, prophets of the deceit of their own heart speaking lies in His name (Jer. xxiii. 14, 16, 21, 25, 26).

LESSON VII.—Jehoiakim burns the prophet's book (Jer. xxxvi. 20-32). Golden Text, Isa. xl. 8. "The word of our God shall stand forever." It was not the prophet's book, but the Lord's book, which the king cut up and burned in the fire, but the book was written again immediately in a larger edition, and the Lord attended to Jehoiakim. There are many now who seem to have no fear of God while professing to be His messengers and who ruthlessly set aside large portions of Scripture, calling them myths and fables. The Lord will see to them, and Ps. cxix. 89, stands.

LESSON VIII.—Jeremiah cast into prison (Jer. xxxvii. 4-21). Golden Text, Matt. v. 11. "Blessed are ye when man shall revile you and persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for My sake." He is still hated and persecuted for the truth's sake, even as many were before Him, and are now and will be till the kingdom comes (John xv. 18-21; xvi. 1-3). The father of lies cannot stand the truth and will not if he can help it, but he cannot lay a finger on any child of God without permission and then only as far as permitted.

LESSON IX.—Judah carried captive to Babylon (Jer. xxxix. 1-10). Golden Text, Num. xxiii. 23. "Be sure your sin will find you out." Notwithstanding all the peaceful words of the false prophets, the word of the Lord by Jeremiah was literally fulfilled in due time. This age of so-called progress, which is the progress of all things to be controlled by one devil possessed man, the antichrist, will end by the overthrow of all things that can be shaken, and then shall come the kingdom of peace and righteousness.

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