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COMMUNITY INTEREST.

Community interest should be the watchword of every community. Co-operation means progress and development. A lack of co-operation means retrogression and ruin. It was confusion of speech that made impossible the operation that brought to an end the efforts to construct the tower of Babel, the most stupendous undertaking ever engaged in by man.

Lack of co-operation on the part of General Grouchy, at Waterloo, destroyed Napoleon's dream of an Empire. And instances might be multiplied where lack of co-operation has brought ruin and devastation. "United we stand, divided we fall" is a saying true and wise. No town has greater possibilities for growth than Hickory. An unexcelled climate that makes it possible to carry on any occupation every day in the year; a geographical position that makes it the ideal place for any and all kinds of manufacturing industries together with a high-class citizenship, it is a town that is destined to be a leader among the towns of the South.

This is no time for the kicker or the grumbler. Our splendid Chamber of Commerce has started the home-seeker and the capital investor our way and we as people should see to it that the "ball continues to roll."

There will always be differences of opinion among men. No two men can see exactly alike on any question. Freedom of thought and freedom of expression are fundamental principles of Americanism. No system of government will ever be devised that will meet every idea of every man.

Hickory has recently voted by a small majority to change her system of government. Now, in as much as we have the new system, and all must live under its provisions, would it not be well for each of us to fall in line and endeavor to make it a success, and work co-operatively for a bigger and better Hickory?

ROBERT M. PHILLIPS.

Every newspaper man in the State and much of the reading public will feel a personal loss in the death of Robert M. Phillips, associate editor of The Greensboro Daily News. It is hard for us who knew him personally to realize that this genial spirit is no more.

We doubt if there is another newspaper man in the State who is so widely known and so universally popular as was Col. Bob, as we all liked to call him. Genial and kind to an unusual degree, he made friends of all with whom he came in contact. Never in all his career as an editor did he intentionally write an offensive line. He spoke only the good things, leaving the unkind words unspoken and unwritten. The State is better for his having lived and we all mourn for his death.

That was a broadminded clergyman who recently, in one of his sermons, asserted that God does not fix the death rate. There are many agencies that contribute to maintaining a high death rate, and chief among these are those persons who think that disease and death are sent by a Divine Providence as a punishment for our sins. Then come those who flout at all health laws and refuse to even be taught how to do the things that make for community health and safety.

We offer heartfelt congratulations to Brother Williams of the Newton Enterprise upon his re-commendation for appointment as postmaster at Newton. So far as we know Brother Williams is the first newspaper man to land a postal plum in this state and other anxious ones will doubtless take courage.

A great deal has been recently said and written concerning the betterment of farm-life conditions, but the question is still an unsolved one and the question will continue a vital one to the agitators until these lovers of the country people wake up to the actual conditions obtaining in the country. It is true that there are conditions in the rural districts that could be made better, but after all, the country people have more to make life worth living than we of the towns. These who shed crocodile tears over the condition of the country people are those who know nothing of the conditions to be found there.

The country man has not the chance at society, perhaps that those in the towns enjoy but his position is an enviable one in that respect. There is nothing so hollow as the society functions of our towns, where the children are taught to look upon work as a disgrace and upon style and dress as the chief aim and object of life.

Not so with the country. There the child is taught the glory of toil, and is given that grip on life and stability of character that makes men and women who are really worth while.

When country people realize their true condition and learn to take advantage of their opportunities the so-called saviours of the country people can find employment elsewhere.

Let the ruralist make the school house and church the center of the social life of the community and learn to know each other better and love each other more and co-operate with each other and the problem of country life will be solved.

"Piedmont Carolinas, The Garden of America" is the title of a beautifully illustrated booklet recently issued by the C & N. W. Ry. Various places and scenes of interest along the route of this road are beautifully printed in half tone. The towns and stations along the line receive graphic mention and the booklet will no doubt attract the attention of hundreds of people to this section.

The appointment of Walter H. Page, editor of the World's Work, as ambassador to England is a district honor to North Carolina. That Mr. Page will be a credit to the nation in general and to his native state in particular goes without saying.

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The friends of Mr. W. A. Hall will be delighted to know that he has been greatly benefited by his stay at Hygea Hospital, Richmond, Va.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson II.—Second Quarter, For April 13, 1913.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, Gen. xxviii, 10-22. Memory Verses, 20-22—Golden Text, Gen. xxviii, 15—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

Isaac, having endorsed the going away of Jacob, blessed him again, and this time truly, and sent him away to his mother's people that he might find a wife among the daughters of Laban, his mother's brother. So Jacob went out from Beersheba, where Isaac seems to have continued to live since the record in chapter xxvii, 32, 33, and went toward Haran.

Haran was the name of Lot's father, and he died in Ur before Abram was called out. It was also the name of the place where Abram tarried until Terah, his father, died (chapter xi, 27-32). It was from thence Ishmael came to be the wife of Isaac. It would have been a long journey for Jacob from Beersheba to Bethel in one day (between forty and fifty miles), so it was perhaps his second night out on which he had this remarkable experience. That matters not, however. It was the dream or vision that counted rather than the time when.

That one who had acted as Jacob had should have such a revelation from the Lord is the wonderful part of the transaction. There are, however, two very prominent facts in all the Scriptures which continually attract our attention. One is the exceeding sinfulness of man, with his deceitful and desperately wicked heart, and the other is the exceeding riches of the grace and love of God.

It does not matter as to the kind of ladder, whether steps of stone or some other kind. But the great fact is that Jacob saw a way of access from earth to heaven, angels ascending and descending, and he heard Jehovah from the top of the ladder talking to him most graciously and in such words as no mortal could expect or by any means deserve.

Because of Jacob's unworthiness and the wondrous grace of God notwithstanding even I have ventured to appropriate and have proved in worldwide journeyings the comfort of verse 15.

The Lord, who stood above the ladder and spoke the words of love and grace, no doubt referred to that night and that event when he said to Nathaniel, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man" (John 1, 51). Some day when the New Jerusalem shall have taken its place over the earth and the elect church glorified and the elect Israel all righteous and the holy angels shall all be in perfect accord with the Lord in administering the affairs of the kingdom, we may think of and understand this vision more fully. Meantime let us think of Him who is "the way, the truth, the life," who became man for us. The ladder was set up on the earth. It starts from just where you are. You may step on it if you will, but it must be with both feet clean off the earth, actually in Christ.

It reaches heaven; it is not too short. To mount day by day we must look up steadfastly and see Him who is in heaven for us. Run with patience, looking unto Jesus. The angels will be always ministering (Heb. xii, 1, 2; 1, 14). Notice the four "beholds" of verses 12, 13, 15. Between the time of Jacob's leaving home and this night's experience it looks as if the Spirit had been working some true penitence in Jacob's heart, and this special revelation and message was the result of it. When we turn homeward the Father always runs to meet us, according to Luke xv, 20. Such overwhelming grace made Jacob feel somewhat as Simon Peter did when the Lord filled the ships with fishes and Peter said, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord" (Luke v, 8). We do well to remember that the Lord is ever with us and that every place with Him may be to us the house of God and the gate of heaven.

The pillow becoming an anointed pillar and the fact that believers are called stones (1 Pet. ii, 5) suggest that instead of being prone upon the earth we may become upright, anointed living stones to the glory of God. Jacob's vow in verses 20 to 22 may be good or not so good. If he is bargaining with God after all the gracious assurances, as our authorized version would seem to indicate, then his language and his spirit were poor indeed. But if he said, "Since, on seeing that, God will be with me" (verse 20), his words are better. He has been considered by some a very mean man, but if any who read these words do not give the Lord at least a tenth of their income are they not measurer than Jacob?

No further incident of his journey is mentioned, but he certainly had enough to think about and to comfort and sustain him for years to come in that vision: He reached his destination, met his cousin, Rachel, at the well, helped her to water her father's sheep, for she kept them, and was heartily welcomed to Laban's home. He loved Rachel; agreed to serve seven years for her that she might become his wife, and they seemed unto him but a few days for the love he had to her (xxix, 9-20).

In Hos. xii, 12, we find this statement: "Jacob fled into the country of Syria, and Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he kept sheep."

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Q. A. Hedrick, mayor.
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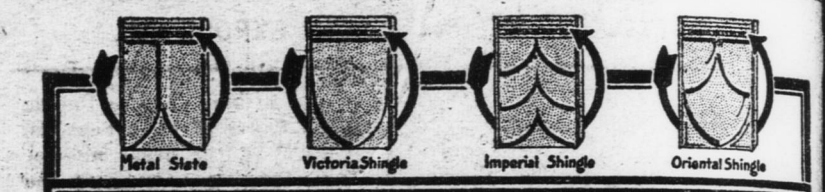
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