



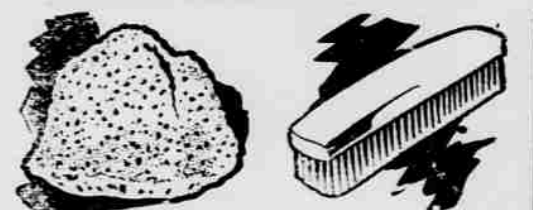
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Local and Personal Messrs. Ed Hearne and Carl Sudreth of Morganton were Hickory visitors Saturday night and Sunday. Mrs. T. F. Pettus of Wilson will arrive in the city tomorrow to spend a few days with her sister, Mrs. J. A. Martin. Rev. W. R. Bradshaw left this morning for Taylorsville where this afternoon he delivered the address at the closing of the graded schools.

SOME SUNDAY REFLECTIONS It is said, "There is one art of which man should be master,— the art of reflection. It does one good. Yesterday was ideal for good reflections. The day was beautiful, and our people still blessed with health and the comforts of life. And above all, many were inclined to attend divine worship. There was an unusual attendance at the First Baptist church. Present at the Sunday school, 264; the offering, \$10.44. The opening song was soul-stirring. It was, "We shall see the King, some day." It was beautiful singing. And it was not about some earthly King, either—that of England, France, or even of our own America; for it will be with "singing and shouting." It will be Christ, our only King, "The King of Glory." And in all that gathering at Sunday school and at preaching, only three little flags were seen. Hundreds were left at home. It shows that our people do not propose to take advantage of the Lord's day, and God's house, on and at which, to celebrate the war and blood shed now going on in Europe. The idea of going to the home of the "King of Heaven" arrayed in the emblems of death and hell, would appear sacrilegious. It would be human honor without reason. In speaking of such honor, the poet says: Honor is like that glassy bubble, That gives philosophers such trouble, Whose least part cracked the whole doth fly. And jets are crooked, to find out why. The Sunday school lesson was also full of reflection.—That of love and service for Christ, contrasted with that of money and show for the devil. But the great feast of reflections was in the sermon by Pastor Bradshaw. Text: Eph. 5: 5. Subject: "The Value of Time." We cannot afford to waste our time, he said: 1. Because our days are few. 2. We don't know when they will end. 3. They are not our days, but God's temporal gifts to us. 4. They are the only time we have to prepare for eternity. 5. They may be the opportunity, which only knocks at our door, as it were, but once. 6. Time lost, can never be found. 7. How to redeem lost time, is by filling every moment of the one great now with being good, and doing good. We were reminded of what the poet says: Through this toilsome world, alas, Once, and only once, we pass If a kindness we can show, If a good deed we may do To our suffering fellow-men, Let us do it, for 'tis plain, We shall not pass this way again. J. F. C.

REQUIEM (Written by an English Girl of 15 for her father and brother who were killed on the Somme.) Bugle, wind out thy solemn note of warning, Salute the glorious dead, returned to clay and dust, Hills, echo back the woe of sound of mourning, We'll the last requiem on the wintry gust. Wind, waft the story of their gallant fight Back to the land they'll never visit more, And in the gentle stillness of the night Comfort the stricken hearts who wait upon the shore. Rain, wash away the bloodstains from the brave, Sink through the soil, and make it fresh and sweet, Sun, let thy beams chase shadows from their grave, Guide them to heaven, their just reward to meet. Flowers, sow thy seed amid the blades of grass, Bear on the breeze the herald scent of spring; Moon, strive thine early beauty to surpass; Birds, cheer their last long rest with your glad caroling. Earth, receive them in thy last embrace, For all thy children must return to thee, They are the noblest of our island race: In thy protecting arms their rest must be! God, who didst make them, bring them to their home, Where no grim battle mars thy perfect peace, Grant them, forever in that peace to roam, Where from all turmoil they may find release.

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De-Grange-Steck Cards have been received in Hickory announcing the marriage in Kansas City of Mrs. Jennie Steck and Mr. H. Clay DeGrange. Mrs. Steck, who was a class mate of Mrs. Roy Abernethy, spent the winter of 1915-16 in Hickory, where she won many friends. She is a lovely woman and the news of her marriage will be received with interest here.

COMMUNITY CLUB TO MEET ON THURSDAY The Community Club of Hickory will hold its monthly meeting at the Chamber of Commerce rooms Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. This meeting is under the direction of the educational department and every member of the Club is asked to be present. An address will be made by Prof. C. E. McIntosh on some of the needs of our graded schools. A trained nurse from Statesville will be present and also will give an address. Following the program for the afternoon, the monthly business meeting will be held.

MRS. C. C. BOST, Chairman Educational Department THE MORAL WELFARE When Freedom, on her natal day, Within her war-rocked cradle lay, An iron race around her stood, Baptized her infant brow in blood, And through the storm which round her swept Their constant ward and watching kept. Our fathers to their graves have gone; Their strife is past, their triumph won; But sterner trials wait the race Which rises in their honored place.— A moral warfare with the crime And folly of an evil time So let it be. In God's own might We gird us for the coming fight, And, strong in Him whose cause is ours In conflict with unholy powers We grasp the weapons he has given The light and truth and love of heaven. —John Greenleaf Whittier.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY UNDERGOES MANY CHANGES (By Associated Press.) Cambridge, April 23.—Those who return to Cambridge University after the war will find great changes. There is in progress not only a great reform in curriculum, but also a great democratization of the whole university atmosphere. In the past the cost of education at the older English universities has been a bar to all except wealthy and very clever students. Since the war a good deal of attention has been given to the reduction of the expenses of undergraduates and the consequent throwing open of the university to a much wider range of students. The student after the war will be offered a short course of study and longer term. This will result in a shortening of the time required for the university course. But generally speaking, it has been found that the heavy cost of a Cambridge education is not due to the fees exacted by the colleges so much as to the extravagant social habits of the undergraduates. Steps are being taken to curb all unnecessary expenditure in this direction, and the student who comes to Cambridge with an idea that he can spend his money freely on all sorts of pleasure will find himself on bad terms with the university authorities. There is to be a great liberalization of the courses of study. Courses in modern English, economics, and modern science, will be extended enormously. The whole system of examinations will be revised, and in all probability the present special examinations will be rearranged and stiffened. Compulsory Greek will be abandoned, and those who consider that military training should form part of a university education are distinctly in the majority in faculty circles. For the present, college classrooms are almost completely depopulated. Examinations, lectures and

OBSERVATION BALLOON TRIUMPH FOR FRANCE (By Associated Press.) Paris, April 23.—Among the latest triumphs of the French aerial service is a new observation balloon known as Le Caquot. At the beginning of the war observers other than those in aeroplanes utilized balloons of the German Drachen type, called by the French soldiers "sausages." There are still some of these in use at the front but Le Caquot is much preferred. In shape it resembles a great tadpole. Whereas the Drachen is inconvenienced by a wind of from 50 to 55 feet a second, Le Caquot can remain in the air unless the wind exceeds 65 to 75 feet a second. It takes 50 experienced men to manoeuvre it for as soon as it leaves the shed great attention must be paid to the cables so as to have the envelop from being torn. Attached to the balloon is a wicker car, in which the observer is installed with his maps, charts, arms, barometers, and telephone, the latter fixed over his ears so as to leave his hands free. He is also provided with glasses and a white silk parachute for an emergency. When the balloon attains an altitude of from 2,000 feet to 3,000 feet the windlass to which the cable is fixed is drawn by horses or motorcar at an moderate pace to a point near the enemy lines, where a refuge evacuated in the soil has been prepared. This accomplished, the observer transmits his instructions by telephone. Two anti-German posts are established nearby to keep off the German airplanes. If the balloon is menaced the crew brings it down from 5,000 feet in seven to ten minutes. Observers frequently pass from fifteen to eighteen hours in the restricted space of the balloon cars, communicating with the batteries by telephone, but even strong men are unable to pass more than three days at a time at this exhausting occupation, constantly exposed to the enemy's fire. For the first time since 1831 no meeting of the British Association, the great central British scientific society, will be held this year. Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days. Druggist will refund money if PAZO does not cure. Piles cured in 6 to 14 days. No bleeding or protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. Local application gives Ease and Rest. 50c.

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