

## TO MAKE MEN AND WOMEN.

**This is the Best World We Know and now is the Time to Take a Hand in the Glorious Work of Building Up.**

In making that little contribution to The Journal recently on "A Glorious Day" the author did not realize the magnitude of the subject nor the deep and ever increasing interest a study of the subject would create in the minds of those who are not content with many of the prevalent and absurd ideas concerning this old world, its inhabitants and their final destiny. The object of this short article is not to provoke controversy, neither is it given in a spirit of criticism nor fault finding. But the subject is so intensely interesting to your "Uncle" that he can hardly resist the temptation to add a few more thoughts to what he has already said, in the hope that it may cheer and comfort many who are disposed to take a pessimistic view of the situation as we find it today.

As to what the earth is for, for what it was created, why peopled with the beings endowed with reason, having minds capable of infinite improvement, with a holy desire for happiness—we will leave to be discussed till we have all given the matter more thoughtful study. What concerns us all now is the conditions as we find them today. How frequently we hear the cry, "Oh, the world is bad and is growing worse daily."

Now, your Uncle doesn't see it that way. My good friends, this is the best world we were ever in so far as we know, and perhaps as good as many of us will ever find. Anyway, I presume that not many of us are willing to exchange and run the risk on the small faith that we have. This is the only world we know of in which to make men and women and that is our business just now. This certainly is the most important, the most delightful, and the most glorious work that we can engage in. Besides, this is the best time we have ever seen for the work. We have

the material, and oh, what glorious opportunities! What advantages this glorious day affords us all, ministers, teachers, editors, doctors, lawyers and laymen, can all engage in the delightful task of making subjects for the coming Kingdom. Yes, this is a good world to live in and work in, and it is growing better. Did not the good Lord give us the earth and tell us to replenish, to subdue, renovate, enlighten, beautify, and make it glorious? Because this is his footstool, and he says "I will make the place of my feet glorious." He says, further, that he made not the earth in vain, but made it to be inhabited, that it is established, that it cannot be moved, and that it abideth forever. The crooked paths must be straightened, the rough made smooth, desert shall blossom as a rose, the earth shall yield her increase, that men shall run and fro in it, that knowledge shall be increased, so as to cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. The gospel of "Peace on earth, good will to men", must be preached, the sick must be healed, the lame be made to walk, the blind to see, the dumb to speak, the deaf to hear. The devils are to be cast out, tears to be dried up, cries to be hushed, weeping to be turned into rejoicing, even death to be abolished. Satan is to be bound and cast out forever, old things are to pass away, all things to become new. The battle is on. The world is the arena, darkness is the enemy, light is our slogan, Jesus is our captain, and the faithful are the victors. If permitted your Uncle will some time try to show how all this is to be accomplished and how it is being done daily before our eyes. But—

Let us think.

Uncle Osee.

Mr. P. P. W. Plyler, who has been elected cashier of the Carolina Bank, to be opened at Marshville in a short time, is spending some time with The Bank of Union to get "broken in."

## Stop Loafing at the Depot.

The railroad people are complaining very much of the loafing that has become so bad about the depot here. They say that crowds of people go down there that have no business but to look, and that this has become so bad that at some of the trains it is almost impossible for passengers to get off, or to and from trains. The station is also crowded and it is often next to impossible for passengers to get to the ticket windows. The habit that people have of loafing at the station is much worse here than at any other place on the line, and is really a great nuisance. There is a town ordinance against people congregating about the station unless they have business, but the railroad people say they do not wish to appeal to the law until the matter had been called to the attention of the people, thinking that when it becomes known that the custom is a real hindrance to the work of the train people and the traveling public it will cease.

## Flew More Than 1200 Miles.

New York, Aug. 25.—Sailing serenely over New York's watercraft, ocean liners and ferries, Harry N. Atwood, the Boston aviator, arrived in New York on his aeroplane today, the first man in history to travel as far as from St. Louis to New York by way of Chicago, in a heavier-than-air machine.

Atwood's safe landing on Governor's Island, after flying down from Nyack, N. Y., above the Hudson river through a fog which made him only dimly visible to the million eyes that watched him, was a notable incident in the annals of aeronautics. He not only broke the world's record, covering 1,265 miles in an air line, or perhaps 100 more miles with his detours, but he flew all the way in the same biplane and with no important mishaps. Atwood's flight is comparable only to that made by fast trains, for he covered the distant in an actual flying time of 28 hours and 31 minutes.

## News in Upper Goose Creek.

Mr. N. B. McCanness was done lately in the interest of the Monroe and Salisbury railroad, of which he is president. Messrs. A. W. McManus and W. G. Long are getting the right of way through this section. Some object to giving the right of way.

Mr. R. B. Polk is building a nice house at Brief. Mr. Felix Biggers is going to work improving his also.

Prof. W. B. Love has gone back to Concord to teach.

Camp meeting at Mill Grove had a big crowd last week.

Lee Kiker, colored, lost his house and all of his household goods while he and his family were away at Camp meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pigg are helpless with rheumatism. Neither can walk.

Raford Kiser has been suffering two years with hookworm and is a living skeleton. He has been in a hospital twice.

A. W. Mc.

## No Danger.

It seems to be the opinion of some people in this section of the county that an effort will be made to tax the townships through which the proposed automobile road from Charlotte to Wilmington will pass to help to build this road. As to whether such an effort will be made we are not prepared to say, but we want to go on record right now as opposing a tax for this purpose. If the farmers of this or any other township want to tax themselves to build good roads over which to haul their produce to market, we have nothing to say, but to compel the citizenship as a whole to construct a road for automobilists is quite a different thing.—Our Home.

(Of course these fears are not well founded. In the first place the project of opening this highway has fallen through. In the next place the people cannot be taxed for a thing like this unless they vote it on themselves, and there is not a possibility of their ever being even asked to do this.—The Journal.)

## TWENTY-SIX DEAD AT SHOW

**False Cry of Fire Creates a Panic and a Crowd is Suffocated—Many Women and Children.**

Canonsburg, Pa., Aug. 27.—Twenty-six dead from suffocation, twenty five seriously injured, thirty suffering from minor hurts, is the human toll exacted last night during an inexcusable panic at a moving picture show in the Canonsburg opera house. The moving picture machine developing a slight defect. A small boy shouted "Fire," at the same time starting for the narrow exit. Bolus Dubrowski, a foreign miner, one of the dead, a giant in proportions, jumped from his seat and ran wildly for the same exit. In a moment there was a fighting, struggling mass after him. At the head of a narrow stairway, which led to the street, the foreigner tripped. As he rolled down the stairs he swept others before him who were waiting their turn to enter the theater and soon there was an indescribable pile of human beings at the foot of the steps, battling like mad. With the exception of three people all are local people.

It was all over in a short time. Volunteer firemen, several policemen and a few level headed citizens untangled the human mass. The unhurt and those slightly injured were pulled from the top of the pile. As they gained the street, they ran screaming like maniacs to all parts of the small town; next came the more seriously injured, and these were sent home are taken to nearby houses, while a few were rushed, unconscious, to the hospitals.

Then the rescuers came to the silent forms of those who had reached the fatal stairway first. One after another, the victims, many of them women and small children, were carried to the sidewalk. All had been suffocated and the faces showed terror.

Dubrowski's wild flight through the theater and his subsequent stumble down the stairs into those entering the building, was the beginning of the death struggling jam at the foot of the stairs. The bodies clogged the doorway. Men walked over them and fought for positions of safety until, overwhelmed by the weight from the moving mass they too were crushed to death. When the doorway had been filled, still other persons walked over the bodies of those who had gone down, and breaking the glass transom over the door crawled through and dropped in to the street.

Of the twenty-six dead, thirteen were children, seven pupils in the public schools. Today it was decided by the school authorities to postpone the opening of the schools for a week.

Arthur McPeake, aged 20, whose name is among the dead, was passing, when the bodies began to pile up at the door. The young man rushed to the rescue and was in the act of dragging a body from the pile when a man came hurtling down the stairs. He struck McPeake on the back, and the young man's neck was broken.

Sidney Rigger, aged 30 of Youngstown, O. was at the performance with his fiancée, Miss Lala Fisher, aged 28, of Glen Campbell, Penn. Before entering the building, they had stopped at a nearby jewelry store, and Rigger had bought the ring that was to have been used at their wedding. Both were killed.

Wilmer Lane, a volunteer fireman, hastened to answer the alarm and was working at the pile of bodies at the entrance when he came upon the lifeless forms of his two children, lying by his unconscious wife.

Samuel Lane entered the building a short time before the alarm was given. He was making his way down when he saw a child almost under his feet. As he stopped to pick her up, he recognized his grand-daughter, but at that moment he was caught in the mighty whirl and she was swept out of his reach and killed.

Mr. J. J. Lindsay spent some time in town last week.

## Growth of Cotton Last Week.

The Memphis Commercial-Appal's weekly cotton review published yesterday, said:

The decline in the condition of the cotton plant which set in several weeks ago has been checked in the two Carolinas, Georgia and Alabama, or has ceased altogether by reason of more favorable weather, rain having fallen in the Carolinas and dry weather supervened in the two latter States. Cotton is early in the Atlantic States and without more rain will open rapidly.

A fair crop is assured and a large one seems a possibility despite the deterioration that has been suffered.

In Mississippi Tennessee, Arkansas and Louisiana excessive rainfall continued during the week and some of the reports take a very gloomy outlook of view. The chief damage has resulted from shedding of young forms by reason of the rank growing of the stalks and from boll weevils in the southern part of this valley territory. It is evident however, that bright weather would vastly reduce present estimates of damage.

In Oklahoma and Texas a period of extreme heat accompanied by a burning sun and hot winds caused a quick setback to cotton, which had but lately taken on fresh growth from rain. The plant was being forced to an early maturity, but rains toward the close of the week put an end to the condition and hold out a promise of better returns next week. As most correspondents state, there is yet time to derive benefits from the rains.

Cotton is moving very freely to market where any picking is being done.

## Big Meeting at Corinth.

The big revival meeting at Corinth Baptist church closed last Friday. There were fifteen professions by faith and thirty-six accessions to the church. The pastor Rev. Mr. Bryant, had Rev. S. J. Sparks of Kentucky with him to do all the preaching. Large congregations attended every service and the house was packed to overflowing. On Friday afternoon the baptizing took place at the Totten pond near the Tindle place. Fourteen presented themselves for baptism. The ceremony was witnessed by a large gathering. Corinth has never witnessed such a revival. People came from far and near and went away well pleased and deeply impressed with the powerful preaching. Corinth now has a membership of 137.

Mr. Cornelius Moser is teaching a ten days singing class at Corinth.

Mr. L. L. Helms of Lancaster is visiting relatives and friends in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Forte returned to their home at Albemarle last Wednesday from a 3 weeks visit to relatives.

Miss Virgie Griffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Griffin, was married to Mr. Solon Price, at the former's home, on the 20th Rev. S. J. Parks officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Helms visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Durant Helms of North Monroe several days last week.

Mr. J. R. C. Helms has the contract to build a fine residence for Mr. S. B. Hart in Monroe.

Rev. Messrs. Bryant and Sparks have gone to Deep Springs, Anson county, to hold a meeting this week. Mr. Bryant has accepted a call to Corinth for the next year.

W. E. H.

## Big Corn Crop Expected From One Farm.

Yadkinville Ripple.

The Conrad farm, which is on the Yadkin river, 14 miles east of here, and owned by Messrs. A. Dinkins and George Steelman, is in fine condition. It is estimated that the 300 acres which are in corn this year will make from 12,000 to 15,000 bushels of corn, which will bread Yadkin county one year.

All members of Macedonia Local Farmers Union are requested to meet Friday night. Special business to be transacted. A. L. Parker President.

## Wingate News.

Mrs. D. H. Perry of Sanford visited relatives and friends here last week.

Prof. and Mrs. B. Y. Tyner and Miss Janie Bivens spent several days with relatives in Monroe last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Brown spent several days in Wilmington week before last.

Mr. Carl and Miss Cora Tyner of Robeson county are visiting relatives and friends here.

Miss Lucile Garner of Timmonsville, S. C., is visiting her uncle, Mr. E. L. May.

Mr. and Mrs. T. O. McEwen stopped over and spent Saturday night and Sunday here enroute from Macon, Ga., where they had been on a visit to Mrs. McEwen's sister, Mrs. S. P. Wilkins.

Rev. M. D. Austin preached a grand sermon in the church here Sunday morning. He received his preparatory education here and his friends and schoolmates heard him with pleasure.

Mrs. Hadley and her two little sons of Charlotte spent last week with Mrs. Y. M. Bogan.

Mrs. J. W. Smith and baby spent several days last week with relatives in Monroe.

The enrollment of students is over two hundred, fifty-one of whom are boarding students.

Rev. Mr. Cordell of Marshville will begin a meetin in the church here Tuesday night.

Mrs. Charles Beddingfield and children of Wake county are visiting Mr. W. M. Perry.

Prof. H. B. Jones and Miss Janie Bivens have been re-elected to the positions they held in the Lumber Bridge High School last session and will go to take up their work there next week.

## Thirty-Seven Persons Killed.

Manchester, N. Y., Aug. 25.—Speeding eastward behind time, LeHigh Valley passenger train No. 4, ran into a spread rail on a trestle near here today and two day coaches from the rear section of the train plunged downward forty feet striking the east embankment like a pair of projectiles. In the awful plunge and crash at least thirty-seven persons are tonight believed to have been killed and more than sixty injured. The injuries of several are so serious that it is feared they will die.

The wreck was the worst in the history of the LeHigh Valley line in this State and one of the most disastrous ever recorded on the system. Crowded with passengers, many of whom were war veterans and excursionists from the G. A. R. encampment at Rochester, the train was made up of fourteen cars, drawn by two big mogul engines, was forty minutes late when it reached Rochester Junction and from there sped eastward to make up time before reaching Geneva.

## Change in Names of Streets.

The aldermen have made the following changes in the names of the streets and alleys:

LaFayette street to Main street, "Bryan street" to run all the way through town including Tallbrand avenue.

Church alley to Green street, Alley H to Lane street.

Alley K to Gordon avenue, Alley L to Walsh avenue; the alley south of this one to Andrews avenue.

Alley I to Pate street, Alley D to Morgan Avenue.

Street from residence of Esq. C. N. Simpson to the lee plant, North street.

Alley C to Stewart avenue, Alley E to Beasley Street.

Street from Lancaster Avenue to cemetery, by R. A. Morrow's, Parker street.

Several short streets about the town heretofore unnamed, were given names.

Mrs. Noel, whose husband was convicted in Davidson Superior Court last week of abducting two young girls for immoral purposes, and sentenced to 15 years in the State prison, was arrested in Spartanburg, S. C., Monday. She was implicated with her husband in the case—probably the guilty of the two—but was released on bond at the preliminary hearing, on account of her condition, and ran away.

## Found Remarkable Change in His Old Section.

Last Thursday morning Mr. J. M. Fairley slipped out of town and treated himself to a three days stay down in Scotland county in the section where he was reared, which was then Robeson county. He had not been in that immediate part of the county in ten or fifteen years and he just got hungry to go down and see the old place. Of course he was prepared to find great changes, but nothing like what he really saw. That is the section that has been made into a new earth by the introduction of heavy commercial fertilizing. Mr. Fairley saw a track of land that the owner had once tried to sell him for twenty-five cents an acre. Only a part of it is in cultivation, but the owner gets six hundred a year rent for it. Mr. Fairley didn't buy it when it was on the low price market way back yonder for he had some of his own at the same time that he wanted to sell and couldn't. The small county of Scotland has graded sand clay roads and concrete bridges and 87 big automobiles to run over them. A remarkable thing is that several colored farmers own machines. The crops of Scotland and Robeson are excellent. Mr. Fairley says as you leave here and start on the train the fields look like fifteen cents cotton but when you get down there it looks like five cents. Land rents for ten dollars an acre in many cases and a good many colored tenants are leaving the highest price section and going further up and buying land of their own. Much of the land is owned in big tracts and fields of five or six hundred acres are seen in cultivation.

## New Spelling Books Adopted.

In regard to the spelling books adopted for use in the public schools of North Carolina for the next five years, I would say: The Text Book Commission which has just finished its work adopted two books. A spelling book by Foust and Griffin, and Reed's Primary Speller, and Reed's Word Lessons. As to which one of these books should be used in any county was left to be decided by the county superintendent. After having examined the books, I think our schools will be benefited by a change, therefore I have decided upon Reed's Primary Speller, and Reed's Word Lessons. I hope the various depositories in the county will secure at once an ample supply of these books. A full list of the adopted books, with the exchange price will be published soon. R. N. Nisbet, Co. Supt.

## Studying Live Stock.

Mr. B. A. Williams, who is a student at the A. and M. College, came home a few days ago to spend a short vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. L. Williams, of east Monroe township. He is taking the two years course at the college and after the session closed last spring began work during vacation at the experiment station. He is making his way, like hundreds of strong ambitious boys could if they would. He is making a special study of live stock in connection with agriculture and if some other section don't grab him when he gets through he will come back to Union county and make a big success in the field that is now opening to Southern boys.

## Young Man Shot Too Quick.

At Goldsboro the other day the sheriff flushed a covey of crap shooters, three whites and a negro. The negro ran and the officer gave chase, shooting in the ground to frighten the fleeing man. Young Burke Privett, a drug clerk, saw the negro running and the officer in pursuit, and in his excitement supposed a dangerous criminal was at large and was about to escape. Seizing a pistol he joined in the chase and firing on the negro dangerously wounding him. Young Privett thought he was doing right but he may get in to serious trouble, as he had not been deputed and his act was a violation of the law.