

Smith & Miles STORE

The Neatest and the Best in Town.

Our entire line of Groceries are fresh and up-to-date, from the fact that we make groceries and Fresh Meat a specialty, enables us to not only sell cheaper than our competitors, but the enormous quantity of demand is self-evident that we have the best goods. Our Meat Market is unique in quality. Ask those who buy from us and they will verify our statement.

Smith & Miles Store.

50,000 Worth of Best

Must go at a Sacrifice
I Need Money and can't Help It

The goods embrace some of our Choice selection, in Mens Suits, Boy's Suits, and ladies Suits Overcoats and a fine line of shoes.

You will get no better opportunity to buy, or better place to buy from. Don't fail to see us if you want some of the best bargains.

M. GLADSTEIN
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS HERE

Come to the store that sells the best merchandise. We are ready to show you the best and most suitable things for gifts to your friends. Give something good and useful, a nice pair of fine Linen Towels. A dozen Linen Table Napkins and Cloth to match.

A nice Fur Set.
A good pair of fine all wool blankets.
Ladies kid Gloves, and a great display of the most beautiful Christmas handkerchiefs you ever saw

Silks for Christmas

A silk dress or shirt waist is suitable, and marks your intelligence as a gift maker. Bed Linens and Towels in wonderful variety all ready for the holidays. Our store will be open evenings during the Christmas holidays.

ELLIS, STONE & CO, DURHAM, N. C



OVERCOATS

These new overcoats that we are showing now are of a class and character quite novel to "Ready-for Service" goods,—in fact, there whole appearance is of very fine custom-tailored garments, the sort that cost \$15 or \$35 at least.

W. A. Slater & Co.

Durham, N. C.

The Business of Life

Demands careful buying. See that you obtain the maximum of service and style at the minimum price.



Buster Brown's Hose.

are manufactured with this idea, from the world's best materials. EACH particular pair contains the greatest amount of comfort, wear and style that money can buy. 25c a pair. In boxes of 4 pairs, \$1.00 a box.

They are Guaranteed.

H. E. WILKINSON

THE STORE OF QUALITY, MEBANE, N. C.

You Will Love
DOVE



Under-muslins

In Combinations;
Night Gowns;
Drawers; Corset
Covers; Princess
Slips.



The Newest of New York Styles

Sale Beginning Friday January 22nd.
Morrow & Bason Inc.
Burlington, N. C.

FARMER MAKES 1,500.00

He put it into Bank. Just eight days after he had banked it, a burglar broke into his house. The burglar ransacked the place where he had been hiding his \$1,500. The burglar was just eight days too late. Brother Farmer, when the burglar—the tramp—the thief comes—where will your money be? If it is 'hidden' the burglar may find it. If it is in The M. B. K. 26, he will NOT find it. Why not put your money into our Bank now? Better be safe than sorry.

And don't forget you can Bank with us by Mail. May we tell you how to do it?

Mebane Bank & Trust CO.
Mebane N. C.

Rosemary Has Learned.
Rosemary, aged two, was being brought up carefully by a mother who did not approve of slang. She had always played alone, but had recently had as a playmate a group of little neighbor boys. Shortly afterward her dignified grandfather came to the door as she was being put to bed, and said, "Good night, baby." Her mother's horror may easily be imagined when she heard her daughter call, "Dood night, danpa, old kid."

His Interpretation of Nature's Law.
"The law of nature," didactically stated the professor, addressing the members of the Sit and Argue club, informally assembled on the porch of the tavern, "is that a certain amount of work is necessary to produce a certain amount of good of any kind whatever." "That's so!" agreed J. Fuller Gloom, the chronic carper. "If you want relief from itching you must scratch for it."—Kansas City Star.

Words in Various Languages.
There is no accurate or complete estimate available of the number of words in the vocabularies of the various nations. The English language, however, is generally conceded to have the largest number of words. The following figures are taken from reliable dictionaries of the various languages and are fairly complete: English, 450,000 words; German, 300,000 words; French, 140,000 words; Italian, 140,000 words; Spanish, 120,000 words.

THE CHURCH AS A SOCIAL CENTER

A Broader Sphere for Religion—New Field for the Rural Church.

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The social duty of the rural church is as much a part of its obligations as its spiritual side. In expressing its social interest, the modern rural church does not hesitate to claim that it is expressing a true religious instinct and the old-time idea that the social instincts should be starved while the spiritual nature was overfed with solid theological food, is fast giving way to a broader interpretation of the functions of true religion. We take our place in the succession of those who have sought to make the world a fit habitation for the children of man when we seek to study and understand the social duty of the rural church. The true christian religion is essentially social—its tenets of faith being love and brotherhood and fellowship. While following after righteousness, the church must challenge and seek to reform that social order in which moral life is expressed. While cherishing ideals of service, the rural church which attains the fullest measure of success is that which enriches as many lives as it can touch, and in no way can the church come in as close contact with its members as through the avenue of social functions.

The country town and the rural community need a social center. The church need offer no apology for its ambition to fill this need in the community, if an understanding of its mission brings this purpose into clear consciousness. The structure of a rural community is exceedingly complex; it contains many social groups, each of which has its own center, but there are many localities which have but one church and although such a church cannot command the interest of all the people, it is relieved from the embarrassment of religiously divided communities.

Social Needs Imperative.

The average country boy and girl have very little opportunity for real enjoyment, and have, as a rule, a vague conception of the meaning of pleasure and recreation. It is to fill this void in the lives of country youth that the rural church has risen to the necessity of providing entertainment, as well as instruction, to its membership among the young. The children and young people of the church should meet when religion is not even mentioned. It has been found safest for them to meet frequently under the direction and care of the church. To send them into the world with no social training exposes them to grave perils and to try to keep them out of the world with no social privileges is sheer folly. There is a social nature to both old and young, but the social requirements of the young are imperative. The church must provide directly or indirectly some modern equivalent for the husking bee, the quilting bee and the singing schools of the old days. In one way or another the social instincts of our young people must have opportunity for expression, which may take the form of clubs, parties, picnics or other forms of amusement. One thing is certain, and that is that the church cannot take away the dance, the card party and the theatre unless it can offer in its place a satisfying substitute in the form of more pleasing recreation.

Universal Instinct for Play.

In providing for enjoyment the church uses one of the greatest methods by which human society has developed. Association is never secure until it is pleasurable; in play the instinctive aversion of one person for another is overcome and the social mood is fostered. Play is the chief

educational agency in rural communities and in the play-day of human childhood social sympathy and social habits are evolved. As individuals come together in social gatherings, their viewpoint is broadened, their ideals are lifted and finally they constitute a cultured and refined society. It is plain, therefore, that the church which aims at a perfected society must use in a refined and exalted way the essential factors in social evolution and must avail itself of the universal instinct for play. If the church surrounds itself with social functions which appeal to the young among its membership, it will fill a large part of the lamentable gap in rural pleasures and will reap the richest reward by promoting a higher and better type of manhood and womanhood.

FARMER RADFORD ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE

The home is the greatest contribution of women to the world, and the hearthstone is her throne. Our social structure is built around her, and social righteousness is in her charge. Her beautiful life lights the skies of hope and her refinement is the charm of twentieth century civilization. Her graces and her power are the cumulative products of generations of queenly conquest, and her crown of exalted womanhood is jeweled with the wisdom of saintly mothers. She has been a great factor in the glory of our country, and her noble achievements should not be marred or her hallowed influence blighted by the coarser duties of citizenship. American chivalry should never permit her to bear the burdens of defending and maintaining government, but should preserve her unassailed from the allied influences of politics, and protect her from the weighty responsibilities of the sordid affairs of life that will crush her ideals and lower her standards. The motherhood of the farm is our inspiration, she is the guardian of our domestic welfare and a guide to a higher life, but directing the affairs of government is not within woman's sphere, and political gossip would cause her to neglect the home, forget to mend our clothes and burn the biscuits.

RURAL SOCIAL CENTERS

We need social centers where our young people can be entertained, amused and instructed under the direction of cultured, clean and competent leadership, where aesthetic surroundings stir the love for the beautiful, where art charges the atmosphere with inspiration and power, and innocent amusements instruct and brighten their lives.

To hold our young people on the farm we must make farm life more attractive as well as the business of farming more remunerative. The school house should be the social unit, properly equipped for nourishing and building character, so that the lives of our people can properly function around it and become supplied with the necessary elements of human thought and activity.

Wright and Turpitude.

A lady once consulted Doctor Johnson on the turpitude to be attached to her son's robbing an orchard. "Madam," said Johnson, "it all depends upon the weight of the boy. My school-fellow, David Garrick, a little fellow, robbed a dozen orchards with impunity. But the first time I climbed a tree—I was always a heavy boy—the bough broke with me; and it was called a judgment. I suppose that is why justice is represented with a pair of scales."

Cost of Civil War.

The actual cost of the great Civil war in the United States will never be known except approximately. It is safe to say, however, that the expenditure in actual money on both sides was more than eight billion dollars, besides an economic loss to the whole country of about thirty billion dollars. The loss in life from bullets and disease was about a million.

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