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Needlessly Blind.

There are estimated to be one hundred thousand blind persons, old and young, in this country. Not less than five hundred of these live in North Carolina. Had it ever occurred to you, gentle reader, that at least seventy five to one hundred of these need not have been blind—ought not to have been, and would not have been—if proper precaution and preventive measures had been employed immediately after their birth?

"What blindness means to an intelligent, capable man or woman," to quote the words of a blind man who has, in the face of heavy odds, taken his place in the world with signal success, "is something which only the Lord and the devil and those who endure it know anything about; in their blackest nightmares, those with sight can not even imagine it." That it is possible to prevent much of such anguish seems not to have dawned upon the average citizen. Is such ignorance and indifference not criminal, positively wicked? Then who is responsible?

From one fourth to one third of all blind children lose their sight from what is usually called "sore eyes," "inflammation," etc. This is really "ophthalmia neonatorum" a germ disease, which can be cured if taken in time and the proper remedies used. These remedies should be applied as soon as the child is born, whether any signs of inflammation or discovered or not. The remedy will do no hurt; it may save your child's sight.

If the eyes, nose, mouth and ears of every new-born babe should be thoroughly washed immediately after its birth in a weak solution of boracic acid (borax water), one drop of a solution of nitrate of silver, not stronger than one per cent, put in the eyes, and the child thereafter kept clean, blindness among children in our State would be reduced at least twenty-five per cent. Do you realize what that would mean to the one hundred homes in North Carolina in which there are children "needlessly blind?"

And are you aware that it would save the State financially to thus preserve the sight of all such children? Not less than \$20,000.00 a year. Is it not worth the effort? Then does it not behoove every one to do all in his power to spread the information and to seek to bless the homes into which the little ones come? Let every mother heed this warning and preserve the sight of her child.

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Robin Hood of Sherwood Forest or "Dickon-Bend-the-Bow."

"Here begynneth a lytell geste of Robyn Hode and the meyne and of the proude sherrife of Nottingham. Lithe and listen; gentylmen, That be of freeborn blode, I shall tell you of a good yeoman. His name was Robyn Hode. Robyn was a proude outlawe. Whyles he walked on grounde; So courtesye an outlawe as he was one Was never none yfounde."

The severity of the tyrannical forest laws introduced by the Norman kings, at a time when Englishmen were everywhere trained in the art of shooting with the long-bow, occasioned a great number of outlaws. These fled to the woods for shelter and, forming into troops, endeavored by their numbers to protect themselves. Among these, Robin Hood, whose chief residence was in Shirewood Forest, Nottinghamshire, was affirmed to be "of all thieves the prince and most gentil theefe."

Born at Locksley, his real name was Robert Fitzooth. Having outrun his fortune and being outlawed, he lived as a free roister in Barnsdale, Sherwood, and Plumpton Park. Historians tell us that his betes noires were the abbot of St. Mary's, in York and the sheriff of Nottingham; that he took the goods of rich men only, wrighted women's wrongs, and charitably fed the poor. He killed no man save in self-defence, "entertained an hundred tall men and good archers upon

whom four hundred—were they ever so strong—dared not make the onset." He was the famous subject of popular songs as early as the reign of Edward III. The Wizard of the North introduced him into two novels. Innumerable legends have gathered about his name and many dramatic pieces have had him for their hero. Such a play has been written for the May Fete at the State Normal College by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dick Douglas of Greensboro. Mrs. Douglas is an honored alumna of the college and a member of the Adelphean Literary Society, while her husband is an honorably member of the Cornelian Literary Society.

Robin's personal courage, his skill in archery, his fidelity to his comrades, and his humanity rendered him a universal favorite and bestowed upon him the dignity of an earl. On his tombstone near Kirkley's nunnery, where his treacherous sister bled him to death in his old age, is inscribed this epitaph: "Here underneath this little stone Lies Robert, Earl of Huntingdon. No archer were as he so good, And people called him Robin Hood. Such outlaws as he and his men Will England never see again." Robin will come to life for the May Fete at the Greensboro Normal College, May 18th.

Southern Resources.

Washington, D. C., March 3.—Growing out of the Southern Immigration Conference held in Baltimore on December 8th, 1911, on the invitation of Governor Crothers of Maryland, and participated in by the Governors of several of the Southern States, and the Presidents of railway companies operating in the South, a movement has been inaugurated for the systematic exploitation of Southern resources and opportunities and the attraction of desirable classes of immigrants.

A second meeting, held in Baltimore on February 20th, resulted in the signing of a resolution of the Southern Settlement and Development Organization, with Mr. S. Davies Warfield, of Baltimore, as permanent Chairman, an Executive Committee, consisting of one representative of each of the principal railway companies operating in the South and one representative of each Southern State, was appointed to have immediate charge of the work of the Organization, the general purpose of which is to supplement the work already being carried on by the several railway companies for the development of the territory immediately contiguous to their lines by a broad and comprehensive exploitation of the entire South.

President Finley, of the Southern Railway Company, and the Presidents of several of the other companies operating in the Southeastern States, attended both of the Baltimore meetings and are taking active personal interest in the work of the Organization.

"Stop Your Paper."

We are in a receipt of a letter from an eastern town which says: "Please stop your paper at once, as I am tired of furnishing ammunition to shoot my friends with."

That was all; but that was enough to be a bit disquieting. It reads like an order to stop the whole business of publishing a newspaper, but we finally figured out that possibly the gentleman merely desired to discontinue his subscription. In that view we have acted on the order and his name has been stricken from the mailing list.

But we are still puzzled at the closing part of the letter. What does he mean by "ammunition to shoot my friends with?" If he has furnished any ammunition we have not received it. And we have not shot anybody. We will bear to that. We are willing to cuss to that extent before Squire Dave Collins and let Con table Dave Scott hear it.—Greensboro News.

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Taft or Roosevelt—Which?

Mr. Editor:—I will assume that President Taft and Col. Roosevelt will be the only candidates voted for in our primaries, for president, and I will further say that under our plan of organization adopted two years ago, we have one of the simplest primary systems ever adopted. Section 9 gives every voter who attends our township and precinct primaries a chance to vote for his choice for every officer from president down to township constable.

The writer of this article had the great pleasure and honor of writing that part of section 9 which gives minority representation, and which guarantees to every voter who attends the party primaries the privilege of voting for his choice, and requiring that vote to be cast in the nominating convention just as he cast it in the primary. This should eliminate any trouble in the state convention as to how North Carolina should vote at Chicago. There is no reason why there should be any bad feeling engendered or animosities stirred up as to how the votes of this state are cast for president or any other officer. Let every adherent of the two candidates insist upon the carrying out to the letter section 9 and the convention at Raleigh May 15th will only register the will of the voters as expressed at the primaries. Minority representation insures to each candidate his pro rata part of the state vote. While the writer has a preference, and intended to exercise his right to vote for his choice, he does not propose to fall out with anyone else for exercising the same privilege. Under our plan of organization North Carolina's vote cannot be cast as a unit, unless all the people who participate in our primaries vote for one or the other candidates, which is not likely from present indications. In the first place we cannot afford to disrupt our party, and go into the campaign divided and at odds over candidates. When great governmental principles are at stake, even representative government is in the balance. The nominee for president is a secondary consideration, compared to the principles which should be enunciated in our platform. The new fangled isms being advocated by certain men should not cause us to lose sight of the great rights and privileges we have so long enjoyed under one of the greatest, best and freest governments in the world. The work of the builders of our constitution, and representative form of government has stood the test for more than a century and any changes modifying our constitution the great bulwark of our liberties should be approached and made with due care and caution. There are no insuperable barriers between the people and needed reforms and changes. To make haste at once and repeat at leisure are reminders strewn along the paths of men and nations and shows alike the fallibility of men and the fall and decline of nations. President Taft in my mind is the embodiment of progressive conservatism, a man whom Colonel Roosevelt says does not allow personal considerations to govern him in the discharge of his official duties, and he does that which he thinks is right regardless of consequences. Is not that the kind of man we need at the head of our government? Do the masses want a time server, and one who waits and listens for popular clamor before he moves in the discharge of his duties? Do they want a man for president who will give more time to the dispensing of federal patronage to the favored few, than he will to the services of the great masses who are neither expecting or asking for office? I have diligently scanned the newspapers and have read the many criticisms of President Taft to find out if possible the motive and cause of the opposition to his renomination. I don't wish to misjudge anyone, or say unkind things about those who differ with me as to their choice, but I have looked in vain for a charge that President Taft has failed to carry out as far as he was able, the platform pledges of the party, or that he was corrupt, and derelict of his duty. I have failed to find any such charges. Then what have I found to be the great cause of opposition to his renomination? The great sin of commission laid at his door is, he did not give a certain office to this or that man. In the first place, there were not offices enough to go a-

round. In the second place, he did not give some of them to parties who thought they deserved them. One other charge I liked to have overlooked, was, that he found a majority of both houses in Congress Republican when he assumed office, and now the house is Democratic and the Senate nearly so. Have our memories grown so short that we forget how hard a time Mr. Roosevelt had with a Republican Congress in getting from them laws which all claimed the party had promised to enact? Did not President Taft find as much or more opposition from certain Republican representatives and Senators, in his efforts to carry out the platform promises made in 1908 than did Mr. Roosevelt? It strikes me that if we are willing to do simple justice to our chief magistrate, that we will place Republican defeat in 1910 on a Republican Congress and not on the president. Go to Washington and read the Journals of both houses, and see if Republican representatives and Senators have not voted and on many occasions are not voting against party measures and often with the Democrats. It's the legislative part of the Republican party which is to blame for the people turning from them in 1910 to the Democrats in order to rebuke those who had refused to stand by Republican principles. I hope to be in a position to vote for the nominee next November, and who he is, is a minor consideration with me, but the platform my party adopts at Chicago will decide whether I vote the Republican National ticket, or take to the woods. In conclusion I wish to sound a note of warning to our people, for I hear it rumored that a fight is going to be made to change our plan of organization. We have a very good plan and the only fight will be made by time serving, machine men to kill minority representation. If the people want fair primaries and conventions where every Republican's vote is counted as cast, and a guarantee that the majority shall rule in all our conventions, let them send men instructed to vote for and uphold minority representation. No honest man who is willing to trust the people objects to minority representation. The man who is after something, and is afraid to go before the people, and let them decide between him and another, is not the man to be trusted by our party. Every man for his choice, and all for a united front to the enemy, and victory at the polls in November should be our watch word.

E. H. MORRIS.

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