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Thankful for Mother.

"Mother looks just as young as she did when you saw her, and better than ever," said a young man in answer to my question as to the welfare of his mother. It had been many years since I had looked into that mother's face, for we had drifted in different directions, but I remembered her as a young mother with a family of little children, and I had noted her sweet devotion to their interests, and her patient ways in her daily ministrations to them in the home. I had not seen this mother's boy since he was her "little cavalier" in a far-off town in the West. I had congratulated her on having a boy so thoughtful of the little things that make a mother's daily routine so much happier and lighter. I was glad to find that with the growth into manhood he had still kept up that beautiful way of thinking all the while of something to help and cheer mother.

"I see that mother gets a vacation every year before I take mine," he added, with a bright smile on his face. "This year she has been East to visit her old home and the friends she knew when she was a girl, and it has done her lots of good." "The same mother's boy as ever," I said. "What a blessing you must be to her! She has thanked God very often for giving her such a son, I know." "I've thanked God many a time for giving me such a mother," he rejoined. "It is a great blessing for a boy to have a good mother such as I have, and I want to do all I can for her, because she has done so much for me."

"That is the secret of her looking so young and being better than ever," I thought. "There are many, many children in the world, and most of them love their mother very dearly, without doubt, but they are not thoughtful of them. They take it as a matter of course that mother should do for them even if she is weary, and they often try her and vex her in many ways instead of making the days of her toil and care easier and happier for her."

By cultivating this beautiful characteristic in childhood of being thoughtful of mother, the boy will not neglect his mother when he goes out into the world to make a place for himself. The interests of mother will always be in his mind. He will not forget the little attentions that make her so happy, or the small gifts that come just at an opportune time. "I wish I had done so and so for mother, but I never thought of it," said a young man after his mother had passed away. He loved his mother, but he was not thoughtful of her until it was too late.

The mother craves the love and attention of her boys, even if they have grown to manhood—to her they are her very own just as surely as when they were little children in the home nest.—Susan Perry, in ChristianWork.

Editors are Like Preachers.

There is not a day that a conscientious editor is not troubled about what to print and what not to print. He is a wise editor who prints all the news that is news, keeping always in mind that the lesson taught by the current news is kept in the channel that makes for wholesome news. The reader never knows how much scandal is suppressed by the editor who publishes only what is so notorious or so well known that his subscribers have a right to a correct statement of the facts. An editor frequently has the experience related of Mr. Beecher in a recent issue of the Ladies Home Journal. We quote:

"In the early days of Mr. Beecher's career, when it was unknown in the pulpit, some of the deacons of his church asked him if he didn't think such frequent outbreaks of humor were calculated to diminish his usefulness. He listened patiently and when they finished he said: 'Brethren, if you only knew how many funny things I keep in, you wouldn't complain about the few I let out.' If the reader knew how much an editor suppresses, there would be less criticism of what he prints. And in this connection it would not be amiss to refer to a striking sermon preached in the First Baptist Church of Wilmington last Sunday by Rev. Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell, from the text: 'The making of many books there is no end.' His subject was 'The Making of Books, Printers, Telegraphers and Newspaper Men.' In the course of his remarks he declared that 'the printing office is a school, college and university for the brightest intellects of every age,' and added: 'A newspaper office is a school of unselfishness. No other class serves a community so well and too often for so little pay, either in cash or appreciation. Every day and night the newspaper is doing free work for the general betterment of the community. If a lawyer was called upon by the city authorities to do for the city the same amount and no more valuable writing than that which every newspaper does free every day the charge would be \$50 or more. If the newspapers were to cease for a week it would be as dark and lonesome as if the pall of an eclipse covered us, and Wilmington would be to the outside world practically as though she were not.'

Dr. Blackwell is right. The newspaper ranks next to the pulpit and school as an educational and moral power. Conscious of this responsibility, makers of newspapers, as a rule, try to discharge it for the benefit and uplifting of their readers. It too often happens, however, that the pulpit is in antagonism to the press, and the newspaper is made a favorite subject for moralizing on the part of the minister. But it is gratifying to find one here and there, like Dr. Blackwell, who is disposed to give credit where credit is due. News and Observer.

British Are Suspicious of McKinley.

Under the heading, "President McKinley's Opportunism," the London Times says: "He has been cold and cautious in recognizing the growing community of interests between Great Britain and America, and, with the Presidential contest in his eye, he has done little practically to promote the creation of new ties between the two nations." Referring to the pro-Boer and anti-British resolutions likely to be prominent in the election campaign, the Times says: "There is nothing in President McKinley's career that would justify us in assuming his reluctance to associate himself with such declarations."

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All the available officers of the West India regiment, at Kingston, Jamaica, are ordered to proceed to Cape Coast Castle to join the expedition against the Ashantis.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

That article VI of the Constitution of North Carolina be, and the same is hereby abrogated and in lieu thereof shall be substituted the following article of said Constitution:

ARTICLE VI. SUFFRAGE—QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICE—QUALIFICATIONS OF AN ELECTOR.

(Section 1.) Every male person born in the United States and every male person who has been naturalized, 21 years of age and possessing the qualifications set out in this article, shall be entitled to vote at election by the people in the State, except as herein otherwise provided.

(Section 2.) He shall have resided in the State of North Carolina for 2 years, in the county six months, and in the precinct, ward or other election district in which he offers to vote, four months next preceding the election: Provided, that removal from one precinct, ward or other election district, to another in the same county, shall not operate to deprive any person of the right to vote in the precinct, ward or other election district, from which he has been removed until four months after such removal. No person who has been convicted or who has confessed his guilt in open court upon indictment, of any crime, the punishment of which now is or may hereafter be, imprisonment in the State prison, shall be first restored to citizenship in the manner prescribed by law.

(Section 3.) Every person offering to vote shall be at the time a legally registered voter as herein prescribed by law, and the General Assembly of North Carolina shall enact general registration laws to carry into effect the provisions of this article.

(Section 4.) Every person presenting himself for registration shall be able to read and write any section of the Constitution in the English language, and before he shall be entitled to vote he shall have paid on or before the first day of March of the year in which he proposes to vote his poll tax as prescribed by law for the previous year. Poll taxes shall be in lieu only on assessed property.

(Section 5.) No male person, who was on January 1, 1867, or at any time prior thereto, entitled to vote under the laws of any State in the United States wherein he then resided, and no lineal descendant of any such person, shall be denied the right to register and vote at any election in this State by reason of his failure to possess the educational qualification prescribed in section 4 of this article: Provided, He shall have registered in accordance with the terms of this section prior to December 1, 1898, and all such persons shall be entitled to register and vote in all elections by the people in this State unless disqualified under section 2 of this article: Provided such persons shall have paid their poll tax as required by law.

(Section 6.) All elections by the people shall be by ballot, and all elections by the General Assembly shall be viva voce.

(Section 7.) Every voter in North Carolina, except as in this article disqualified, shall be eligible to office, but before entering upon the duties of the office he shall take and subscribe the following oath: "I, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina, not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge my office as such."

Owing to the constantly advancing price of oil a number of merchants here, not long since, clubbed together and bought a car load of independent oil. The Standard Oil Company immediately, by their system of rebates, put two negro merchants in position to retail oil by the gallon at a low price than merchants handling independent oil could buy in car lots.—Monroe Enquirer.

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Some Very Strange Towns.

About one-third of the population of the Flemish city of Ghent are lunatics, says the London Mail. Those mentally deranged are sent there from all over the continent, the idea being that the freedom given in this town, which lives on lunatics, will help to cure the patients. Yet the cure is founded on an improbable legend. A middle-aged lawyer having during the little ages eloped to the city with a forbidden lover, was followed by her father, who, chancing to meet her at a street corner, promptly cut off her head. Two lunatics passing at the time were so shocked by this act that they regained their reason, and thereby the town got its livelihood.

The town of Gibraltar, owing to its position in regard to Spain, has practically been in a state of siege for over two centuries. At sunset the drawbridges are raised, and at sunrise they are again let down to the tune of the reveille. The whole town is kept under strict military rule, none but Englishmen being allowed to enter without a pass and none but residents under any conditions being allowed to sleep with in the town.

There is a large city in northern China whose inhabitants, numbering many thousands, never speak to one another, eat or drink. It is a city of graves. The corpses are deposited in earthen urns, and, having left a little rice and opium for the spirits of the departed to eat or give as offering to the national dragon, the living relatives hurry away from the town of the dead. But at nightfall, from out of the hidden caves, and even sometimes desecrated urns, creep lepers and outcasts, who, while they make merry with the viands, laugh at the simple faith of the givers, who suppose in the morning that the gods have devoured them.

Lord's Island, lying off the coast of the American State of Maine, is ideal from one point of view, and also unique. It boasts of no police or ruling power of any kind, and, consequently, no taxes. This town, which has a population of nearly one thousand, was started by a deserter from the British navy, one John Lord, and his descendants today are the aristocracy. It speaks well for this town that no murder has ever been committed there, and only once have the inhabitants been called on to settle a local dispute, and then the evidence was so strong for both parties that to restore peace it was decided that both were in the wrong, and if they did not keep the peace they would have to give up their right to live in Lord's Town.

Strawberries in Alaska.

Secretary Wilson has received a most interesting letter from the Sisters of St. Ann, who are conducting a mission school in Alaska, giving an account of their success in raising various kinds of vegetables and table delicacies in that arctic region. These good women have established a little school on the Yukon, about 1,500 miles from its mouth, and their experiments show that it is possible to grow turnips, radishes and even strawberries in that territory. They state that they began their hotbed work as early as April 20th, and sowed radishes and turnips in the open ground the second week in May. The first potatoes were planted May 16th. May 20th, 500 cabbage and cauliflower plants were transplanted, and two days later a snowstorm descended on them, but they were not harmed, as they were of a sturdy character. Not a drop of rain fell until the middle of July, when a long spell of cold, rainy weather set in. In spite of these drawbacks the crop thrived. After giving away a large part of the vegetables, the sisters harvested 250 bushels of potatoes, 500 heads of cabbage, 500 bushels of turnips and a few bushels of carrots. Strawberry plants were set out and grew astonishingly well, but nearly the entire crop of berries was destroyed by mice.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Wagers \$100,000 on Bryan.

A late dispatch from Philadelphia says Hon. Thomas L. Carson, founder of Carson City, has organized the William J. Bryan Association at 2214 North Twenty-third street, in an elaborately furnished building, which is the first named after him in the Republican city of Philadelphia. Mr. Carson is willing to make a wager of \$100,000 that Bryan will not only be nominated, but that he will be elected President. His wager covers both ends.

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Between 250 and 300 men will be turned off at the Washburn and Moen branch of the American Steel and Wire Company next Saturday. The McKinleyism is getting in some heavy licks just now!

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A Much Needed Reformation.

In the Ladies' Home Journal for April the editor, Mr. Edward Bok, has a well written article on "The Ease With Which We Marry." This article is well written, is strong and clear and deals with the question of marriage and divorce in an able manner, which deserves the careful reading and consideration of thousands of thoughtful persons. He deprecates the ease with which the rite of marriage is obtained in America, and shows clearly how this great fault of our nation is the cause of much of the unhappiness of the home life in America and is the basis as well of the astonishingly large number of divorces which are secured here every year. He deprecates this large divorce list, but wisely remarks that we as a nation cannot expect a better record in this respect until there is a reformation effected in the law which makes the marriage of any two people so easily obtained. He very appropriately remarks that it is useless to attempt to strengthen the law against divorce which he designates as the "back door" so long as the "front door," marriage, which makes divorce possible, is so weak.

Mr. Bok is right. The rite of marriage is too lightly regarded in America, and is too easily secured. If the law in this connection were strengthened as it should be there would be no marriage without license and witnesses, there would be no elopements legalized, there would be no marriage possible where support could not be guaranteed, and consequently there would be more happy homes, less poverty, less crime and fewer divorces. Surely America as a nation needs such a reformation.

Mr. Bok pleads for the return to the custom of announcing the marriage of all persons two weeks or one month before the date set for the ceremony. This would no doubt call forth much criticism at first from some people, but the sensible mind can but recognize the wisdom of such a custom. Marriage is the most serious and sacred compact into which two persons can enter, and it is not possible for either to be too careful in making the choice for life companionship, and this public announcement made some weeks previous would in many instances save a life time of unhappiness. America needs this reformation.—Church and State.

My Father Knows.

In one of the public schools of a large city, while the school was in session, a transom window fell out with a crash. By some means the cry of "fire" was raised, and a terrible panic ensued. The scholars rushed into the street, shrieking in wild dismay. The alarm extended to the teachers, also, one of them actually jumping from a window. Among hundreds of children who, when the building was crowded, were one little girl, among the best in the school, who, through all the frightful scene, maintained entire composure. The color, indeed, for a moment left her cheeks; her lips quivered, the tears stood in her eyes, but she moved not. After order had been restored and her companions had been brought back to their places, the question was asked how she came to sit so still, without apparent alarm, when everybody else was in such a fright, "My father," said she, "is a fireman, and knows what to do in such a case, and he told me if there was an alarm of fire in the school I must sit still." What a beautiful illustration of faith! "My father told me so and my father knows."

This is the gist of the whole matter—implicit, unflinching faith in our heavenly Father.—London S. S. Times.

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The Cost of a Boy. Pingree Out as a Democrat. I read the other day that it cost five thousand dollars to bring up a city boy and educate him and dress him well. I said to myself: "That is because everything in the city has to be bought and living is high." But I began to study the thing, and I found that even a country boy costs his parents a good deal. When you count what a boy eats and what he wears, and the school books he has to have, and the doctor's bills that have to be paid when he gets the measles or the scarlet fever, he will cost his folks at home at least one hundred dollars a year. If a boy is pretty bad to smash things or to kick his shoes right out, he costs more than that. So when I am twenty-one and old enough to do for myself, I shall have cost father more than two thousand dollars.

Mother cooked my food, made my clothes and patched them, washed and ironed for me, took care of me when I was a little fellow and whenever I was sick, and she never charged anything for that. If she were dead and father had to hire all that done, it would cost another hundred dollars a year more; and that's two thousand dollars' worth of work mother will have done for me by the time I am a man.

Four thousand dollars for a boy! what do you think of that? "These are hard times. When parents put four thousand dollars into a boy, what have they a right to expect from him? Is it fair for a boy to play truant at school? Is it fair for him to play ball, go in swimming, or hang around town all the time, when maybe his father's potatoes are not doing nor the wood brought in for his mother? Is it fair for him to disappoint them by swearing and drinking? Is it fair to forget his parents and neglect even to write them letters?"

Some of our parents have put about all of the property they have into us boys and girls. If we make whiskey centers of ourselves, they will be poor indeed; but if we make good citizens and substantial men, they will feel as if they had good pay for bringing us up.

Boys what are you worth to your parents?—The Advance. The Yankin Ripple says an old fellow in Pennsylvania joined the Democratic party a short while ago and the first thing he did was to go to Johnston, hunt up the executor of an estate and tender pay for \$18.00 worth of leather he bought thirty five years ago. He tendered twice the amount, which was accepted, and then he went back home with a clear Democratic conscience.

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