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## MEMORIAL DAY.

Tomorrow is Memorial Day, and will be recognized by appropriate ceremonies throughout our State and southland. Hundreds and thousands of our fellow citizens will go to the grave of some loved one who wore the gray, and there leave a token of undying affection for the one that lies beneath the sod.

Many of these devotees will betake themselves to beautiful, well-kept cemeteries, where marble shafts vies with God's own flowers and shrubs in doing honor to the heroic dead; many others will turn to the solitary grave in some lonely field or garden that bears the treasured dust; still others will be deprived the sweet, sad, satisfaction of visiting a spot hallowed by the remains of a loved one, but will seek solace in earnest, fervent prayer to the Great Ruler and Director of all life that is, has been, or will be.

The custom of paying this tribute is a beautiful one. It has a refining, elevating influence that should not be undervalued. The wholesome influence of Memorial Day comes, not by way of keeping alive issues that have been settled forever by the arbitrament of the sword, but in paying homage to those whose lives were sacrificed in the performance of duty, as it appeared to them.

But would not the beauty of the custom be enhanced by extending its application so as to make Memorial Day an occasion upon which the living should specially honor the memory of all their dead friends and relatives? This would make the custom a still more sacred human institution, a specially appointed day upon which the souls of the living and the souls of the dead, may, as it were, commune with each other in living love.

Let us, then, make of our memorial day a general decoration day. Let every grave in our beautiful cemetery be remembered tomorrow afternoon when the soldier's graves are decorated after the memorial services are concluded.

Gastonia is becoming a city of social clubs, book societies and will soon have its German clubs, Elks clubs, manufacturing clubs, and other clubs. But why not have a club for the beautifying of the city? The city is new and though naturally pretty there is much room for improvement.—Gastonia News.

The suggestion is a pertinent one to Kinston.

There are at least 25 clubs and orders of different kinds in our midst. They have for their object the advancement of various interests, but, so far as we know, none of them have distinctively in view the advancement of purely public interests.

Now is the opportune moment for the organization of such a club. So THE FREE PRESS suggests that those of its citizens who are interested in the city's development along the most economical and artistic lines get together, form a club, and discuss projects of public improvement.

There is a great deal of virtue in the interchange of opinion. No one man, or set of men, possesses a monopoly of the best ways and methods of developing a city.

We would like to have an interchange of opinion on the best way to beautify and make attractive our city streets, at small cost; the proper way to secure clean streets; how to wrestle with the back lot problem; how to secure and fix up an attractive park; and on many other similar questions.

None will deny the natural beauty of our location. The town has been laid off scientifically, and it is building up along approved lines.

Now is the time to take hold of these five municipal problems, and seek a satisfactory solution. Much can be done at little or no cost, and it may save money in the future.

Let our people think about this: and let us have a city improvement club.

The Dunn Guide says:

"Our vision is often overshadowed from the great clouds of dust created from our busy streets. We often long for just a few hours in some quiet town where we might rest from the cares of city life, and have been tempted to turn our eyes to some eastern town."

Does he mean Kinston or Wilmington?—Greenville Reflector.

If Wilmington is unable to furnish rest for our weary friend Kinston will undertake the job. But wouldn't a ride in a Greenville automobile provide the needed recreation?

THE FREE PRESS is in receipt of a handsome invitation to attend the commencement exercises at Oak Ridge Institute on May 20th and 21st. The sermon will be preached by Rev. T. M. Johnson, president of the N. C. Conference M. P. Church. Dr. W. K. Stoddard, of Randolph Mason College, delivers the annual address, and the literary address is by Hon. E. Yates, of Shelby, N. C.

# THE RACE SUICIDE QUESTION

One of Our National Delusions — In the Matter of Families Quality Is of More Importance Than Quantity — Higher Education of Women Decreases Birth Rate : : : : :



Highly Educated Women Are More Critical of Men. Such Women as Mothers — Overproduction One of the Chief Causes of Asylums and Poorhouses : : : : :

By MAY WRIGHT SEWALL, President International Council of Women

OUR COUNTRY HAS ALWAYS SUFFERED FROM THE DELUSION THAT SIZE COUNTS FOR EVERYTHING. WE MEASURE VALUE BY BULK AND BY NUMBERS. IT IS THE SAME ERRONEOUS JUDGMENT WHICH LEADS US TO MEASURE THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILIES BY THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN PRODUCED IN THEM. Is it not time that we should attach rather more importance to quality than to size? I assert that it is much better that a home shall have from two to five children, strong in body, vigorous in mind, all of them so equipped that in the course of nature one may expect them to live to maturity, than that there should be from twelve to eighteen, half of whom are doomed to die in infancy and less than half of whom will be fairly educated and equipped for life.

I QUICKLY ADMIT THAT THE HIGHER EDUCATION OF WOMEN HAS A TENDENCY TO DIMINISH THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN BORN IN A FAMILY. IT POSTPONES MARRIAGE. It gives a girl a thousand resources within herself and a thousand interests outside of herself.

The higher education undoubtedly makes girls more critical of men and more independent of them. The well educated woman knows that there is no ideal home excepting the home created by a man and a woman who are working together to maintain it in the bonds of love.

The better educated, the more intelligent, the more developed women are the greater is their sense of responsibility.

With this increased sense of responsibility there comes to highly educated women a greater sense of personal dignity that is not felt by women less developed. When such women become mothers, they are willing and intentional mothers, not unwilling and accidental victims of maternity.

Through the efforts of the college bred woman interest in household science has received a great impetus. It is such women, and not the uneducated, who are endeavoring to organize the home on a scientific basis and trying to make housework recognized as being worthy of the attention of educated women.

LET US NOT LAMENT THE DIMINUTION OF FAMILIES. LET US RATHER REMEMBER THAT OVERPRODUCTION IN A FAMILY IS ONE OF THE CHIEF CAUSES OF ASYLUMS AND POORHOUSES.

Let us remember that wise parents will consider how many children they can take proper care of, to how many they can give the nurture and the culture which will be worthy the incarnated soul and which will enable that soul through its body to serve humanity.

## WHAT THE RICH MAN CANNOT PURCHASE

By President CHARLES W. ELIOT of Harvard

WE WANT MORE HAPPINESS, MORE REAL SATISFACTION, MORE JOY, MORE ENJOYMENT.

It is said that we Americans are always trying to get money—more pay, higher wages, higher salaries, more profit in our trade—and there is truth in that description of the American aim. Now, is that the ultimate end of life? Is that the way to win greater happiness, truer enjoyment, deeper satisfactions?

I THINK THE FIRST SOURCE, THE GREATEST SOURCE IN THIS WORLD, IS FAMILY LIFE, THE JOYS OF FATHER AND MOTHER AND CHILDREN AND GRANDFATHER AND GRANDMOTHER AND GRANDCHILDREN. THEY LAST.

In the natural course of life they last fifty, even sixty, years, and they grow as time passes by. They are always increasing; they are not diminishing satisfactions.

Does the rich man have any more of these true and high satisfactions than the poor man? Not one whit more! He cannot buy them. They are the result of natural affection and of disciplined character. They are absolutely unobtainable in this world.

## KICKING STRAPS FOR TRUST HORSES A BETTER REMEDY THAN HAMSTRINGING

By LESLIE M. SHAW, Secretary of the Treasury

COMBINED CAPITAL IS NOT AN UNMIXED EVIL. BUT, LIKE EVERY OTHER POSSIBLE GOOD, IS CAPABLE OF EVIL. We have reached a point in our civilization where the things we undertake require associated capital. It is therefore the province of the statesman to so legislate as to encourage associated capital and at the same time guard against the evils that frequently ensue.

IT IS VASTLY WISER TO PUT KICKING STRAPS ON YOUR HORSES THAN TO HAMSTRING THEM.

## RELIGIOUS THOUGHT.

Gems Gleaned From the Teachings of All Denominations.

You can never know God until you live with him and have him within you.—Rev. H. Van Dyke, Presbyterian, Princeton, N. J.

Exercise of Self Control.

Where restraint is not exercised over oneself it all leads to a tendency to allow base passions to master us.—Rev. Dr. Cotter, Catholic, St. Paul, Minn.

Not a Temple of Baal.

The house of God has no fellowship with the temple of Baal. It must not be turned into a playhouse, although by such methods we attract crowds.—Rev. Dr. Wood, Methodist, Pittsburgh.

The Test of Greatness.

God's great man is one with a great soul steeped in the heavenly spirit and inspired with heavenly motives. The physical man is not the genuine being.—Rev. L. H. Harris, Episcopalian, Atlanta, Ga.

Key to the Highest Glory.

Allegiance to Jesus Christ is the key to the highest glory in human achievements. Men of God became conspicuous in the early church, and their history is as modern as it is ancient.—Rev. M. F. Negus, Baptist, Philadelphia.

One Common Brotherhood.

Charity comes from God and depends on him. It sees God in the poor, the needy, the afflicted and the outcast; it recognizes that there are no classes or races, but one common brotherhood.—Rev. Bishop Conaty, Catholic, Washington.

Walking With God.

To walk with God one must have his heart freed from sin, for God and sin cannot go together. To walk with God is easy and pleasant when the soul yearns after the spirit and strives to become more like its Maker. Such a soul walks in a plain, straight, holy way.—Rev. J. F. Blair, Baptist, Brooklyn.

A Living Presence.

Christianity is more than a hope. It is a living, pervasive, conquering presence. From its inception it has met with no reverses and taken no backward step, but has developed a continuous, steady advance at the expense of all other systems of religion the world over.—Bishop Hamilton, Methodist, San Francisco.

Faith and Reason.

Faith never conflicts with reason. God does not ask us to believe what reason denies. Overestimation of the intellect often leads one to underestimate faith. There is no conflict between the endowments God has given us, and faith is by far the highest attribute of man.—Rev. T. F. Davies, Episcopalian, Worcester, Mass.

Need of True Courage.

The world and the church need today men of true courage, men who dare to have the courage of their conviction, men who are not afraid to do right, men who will stand up for the right. We have too many cowards in the church, and they are a reproach to Christianity. The world despises a cowardly Christian, and God has no use for such.—Rev. Dr. Holderby, Presbyterian, Atlanta, Ga.

The Christian Fire.

It is our duty to bear witness to Christ not by reflecting him, but rather by letting him shine through us to illumine the world. The old idea of its being the duty of the Christian to reflect Christ as the moon reflects the sun has a spark of lunacy in it. A reflection is cold. The light we shed should be warmed by the love of Christ. The love of Christ should burn in and through us with a consuming fire which will shed its radiance about us and illumine the darkness of the world.—Rev. Campbell Morgan, Methodist, St. Louis.

Things That Make For Peace.

What makes peace? A heart full of love for others, that which is instructed in the sermon on the mount and in the thirteenth chapter to the Corinthians. We must learn to believe, hope and endure all things. Show me the man who is willing to listen to the truth about himself and then to follow out his noblest inner promptings, and I will show you a man of peace. The true Christian is always ready to come to an understanding. To him the appeal of morality is enough. Force is only for stubbornness and the brute.—Rev. James L. Tryon, Episcopalian, Attleboro, Mass.

Communion and Solitude.

Closest communion with God is only possible to the man who loves occasional solitude. Moses saw the Almighty in solitude. In our greatest moods we instinctively seek isolation. Any human presence is intolerable in the intensest experiences of the soul. No man can be eminent in holiness or usefulness who does not often ascend the mountain top that he may be alone with God and behold his goodness as his glory. Visions come to us only when our souls are clean and pure. Moreover, visions gladden us only when we seek to be useful to others. Neither sentiment nor selfishness can see God's glory.—Rev. Dr. Landrum, Baptist, Atlanta, Ga.

Teachings From Nature.

If nature teaches anything, she teaches this great fact—that this is a world of infinite variety. She teaches that there is a vast difference between wisdom and ignorance, between the mind that moves laboriously, painstakingly, over the earth and the mind that soars like a lark in its flight ever higher into the empyrean of the spirit. She teaches us that each man makes his own sphere and his own world. Our universe is, after all, what we make it. If we are intellectual, we live in an intellectual world; if aesthetic, in an aesthetic world, and if spiritual in a world of vision and of prayer.—Rev. Joseph A. Milburn, Congregationalist, Chicago.

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