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**EDUCATIONAL.**

THE ROCKET, believing that the masses of our people entertain erroneous ideas as to what true education is, sent to some of the prominent teachers of the county this question: What is it to be educated?  
 Some have been kind enough to respond and we give the first two received, in this issue, to which we ask the public to give their careful attention.

ROCKINGHAM, N. C.,  
 Feb. 28, '91.

MR. EDITOR:  
 By your request, I offer some thoughts on education, and shall refer more particularly to the respective duties of parents and teachers.

Too many parents do not seem to realize the fact that their responsibility is fearful. They should not expect the teacher to act in the double capacity of parent and teacher. The special duty of the teacher is intellectual, that of the parent, moral training. But the responsibility of parents does not end, when they send their children to school. They should give the teacher their hearty co-operation during the entire period of the school life of their children.

The teacher, who loves his work, and who has the interests of his pupils at heart, can, by proper tact, inspire the majority of them with a love for study. But where he fails, the parents of such children should come to his assistance. If inducement fails, then I would suggest restraint. Require them to stay at home more, and to run about the streets less; particularly at night. Appoint study hours, and require them to study. These boys are not necessarily bad, but the force of habit has the mastery over them. After a while, they will be compelled to reflect. Then they will realize the fact that they have been doing wrong, and reformation will, in most instances, be the result.

The responsibility of the teacher, also, is very great.

The man that confines his efforts to the intellectual training of his pupils, is not worthy of the name of teacher. He should realize the fact, that the destiny of immortal souls is, to a great extent, dependent upon the course he pursues, and should watch every opportunity to assist parents in the moral training of their children. He should impress upon their minds that they cannot be truly great, unless they are truly good. While his special duty is to train and develop their mental faculties, he should not forget that it is also his duty to teach them how to apply their knowledge to good and holy purposes.

The above thoughts suggest to my mind the question, "What is true education?"

There can be no true education unless moral and intellectual training and development go hand in hand. The unrestrained intellect may apply knowledge to the dishonor of God and to the injury of mankind.

But the mind, with moral training to guide it, will enable a man to use his knowledge for the glory of God and the advancement of His cause.

Respectfully,  
 A. D. ARMISTEAD.

EDITOR ROCKET:

Although every one may be said to be acquiring information, from the cradle to the grave, education proper, relates to that training, development, and cultivation of the physical, intellectual and moral faculties, which prepares youth for the after duties and pleasures of life. To be educated, then, in the highest and most comprehensive sense, one must not only acquire knowledge in literature, science, art and business, but in addition to this, there must be cultivation of those moral qualities which are indispensable to solidity of character, and which accompany true religious principle. We often see those whose education seems finished, as it were, in one direction, while in another there has been very imperfect development. The mental faculties may have been stimulated to such an extent, that the strain has produced weakness of bodily power. The

highest intellectual gifts and acquirements are sometimes found in painful conjunction with moral delinquency. Again, one may have almost reached a point of supremacy in other respects, and still resemble the "young man" upon whom Jesus looked with admiration, yet with pity saying "One thing thou lackest." The failure to stand the crucial test applied, that of Christian love and consecration, proved him wanting in true character-training, and unfit to wear the badge of graduation from the Great Teacher. To whatever height one may rise in worldly knowledge, there must ever remain a fearful omission in the structure of a perfect education, if a sincere christian faith does not underlie a strict morality. "O bleeding Calvary! The true morality is love of Thee!" If with this greatest gift of God to man, once accepted, there be linked the acquisition of all available cultivation of mind and manners, with a generous amount of intellectuality, one may reasonably expect to enjoy the pleasures of life, which follow such a preparation for usefulness, and the promotion of good to one's fellow-beings.

MARY MACKIE.

**No More Cigarettes to Boys.**

We give below the bill as passed by both houses of the General Assembly, prohibiting the sale of cigarettes to boys under 17 years of age:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to sell, give away or otherwise dispose of directly or indirectly cigarettes or tobacco in the form of cigarettes or cut tobacco in any form or shape, which may be used or intended to be used, as a substitute for cigarettes, to any minor under the age of 17 years, and any one violating the provisions of this act, or any person or persons aiding, assisting or abetting the violation thereof shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by fine or imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

Sec. 2. That any person who shall or may aid or assist any such minor child, in obtaining the possession of cigarettes or tobacco in any form used as a substitute therefor by whatever name it may be called, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined or imprisoned in the discretion of the court.

Sec. 3. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified the 3rd day of March, A. D. 1891.

**Digest of New Fertilizer Laws.**

The following digest of the new fertilizer laws just passed by the General Assembly will be of general interest. The law substitutes a tonnage charge instead of the privilege tax on the brand. Manufacturers or others must now pay a tonnage charge of 25 cents per ton on all fertilizing materials. Tags must be procured from the Commissioner of Agriculture to be attached to every bag before shipment to agents, dealers, or consumers in this State.

It is a misdemeanor and a fine of \$10 for each bag, for an agent or dealer to offer for sale any such fertilizer or fertilizing materials not properly tagged, or a consumer to remove it, or a railroad agent to deliver it. Fertilizers which now have a license to sell (secured last year) will not be required to pay the charge or to be tagged until expiration of their licenses. All others on sale must be tagged properly at once. Goods kept over from last season must be tagged to represent this fact, and all dealers are required to report the amount on hand at the close of the fiscal year on Nov. 30th. No fertilizers can be sold with a content less than 8 per cent. of available phosphoric acid, 2 per cent. of ammonia and 1 per cent. of potash. Kainit, cotton seed meal, for fertilizing purposes, and other fertilizing materials must now be inspected and analyzed, and possible adulteration so prevented.—H. B. BATTLE, Experiment Station, Raleigh.

**Appointment of Trustees.**

RALEIGH, March 7.—The Legislature to-night elected the following trustees of the new deaf mute institute at Morganton: M. L. Reed, N. B. Broughton, Martin H. Holt, S. McD. Tate, W. H. Lucas, R. A. Grier and John J. Long.  
 The following were elected trustees of the new colored Agricultural and Mechanical college: Hugh Cole, J. M. Early, John S. Leary, W. H. Pace, Charles H. Moore, W. B. McCoy, W. A. Graham, S. McD. Tate and W. H. McClure.

**IN THE STATE.**

The Legislature adjourned last Monday.

Under the act passed, both houses of Congress to refund the direct tax, North Carolina will get \$337,000.

By an act of the general Assembly State solicitors will hereafter be elected by the people like judges.

The increase of the white population of North Carolina for the last ten years has been over 20 per cent while the increase of the colored has been only about 7.

Speaker Doughton, of the N. C. House of Representatives, was presented with a fine gold watch as a testimonial of the esteem in which the members hold him.

Unless something further is done, the Charlotte Female Institute will close its doors in June. The people of that city have failed to subscribe the amount necessary to purchase the buildings.

We fear that our farmers do not avail themselves of the useful information to be gained from the bulletins and reports of the Agricultural Experiment Station at Raleigh.

We have on our table a large pamphlet entitled "Bulletin No. 73," which gives a list of North Carolina grasses, their history, cultivation and their relative value as food for stock and cattle. Every intelligent farmer, and by the way, every farmer should be intelligent; should know these facts and thousands of others which can be had by sending your name to the director of the Experiment Station.

**Cleveland and the People**

Atlanta Journal.

Every day's revelations afford evidence that the hold of ex-President Cleveland upon the Democratic party has not been broken by his anti-silver coinage letter. The great body of the Democratic party differ with him on that question, but they are daily showing that they are not disposed to break from him on that account. The party still regard the tariff question as the paramount one in the political contest, and look to Cleveland as the leading champion of tariff reform.

One of the most significant demonstrations of this kind, as shown by a dispatch to in to-day's Journal from Indianapolis, was furnished by the results of a poll of the presidential preferences of the members of the Indiana legislature the other day. The division of the Democratic members was as follows: Cleveland, 50; Gray, 26; Hill, 7; Palmer, 2; Voorhees, 4; Vilas, 1; Turpie, 1. It will be remembered that a few days ago Senator Voorhees declared himself against Cleveland and in favor of Gray; yet with the influence of these two distinguished and honored Indiana legislators against him, Cleveland beat Gray two to one.

Equally significant, as respects Republican preferences, was the poll of the members of that party. It stood—Blaine, 20; Harrison, 17; Gresham, 1; Alger, 1. Blaine thus beats Harrison in his own State, just as Cleveland beat Gray; but not by so great a majority. The Republican party appear to be concentrating on Blaine, and the Democratic love for Cleveland is still unbroken.

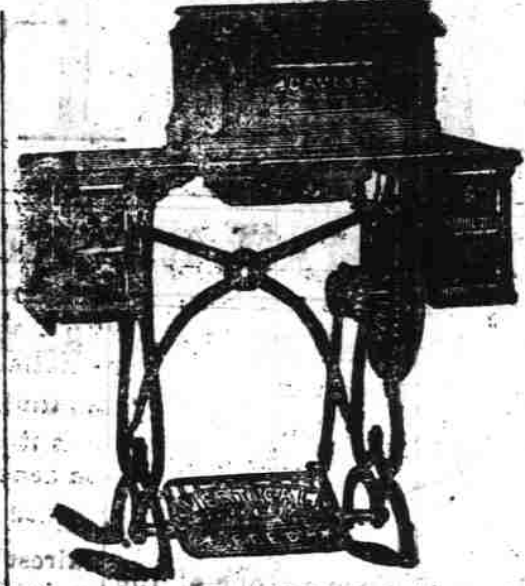
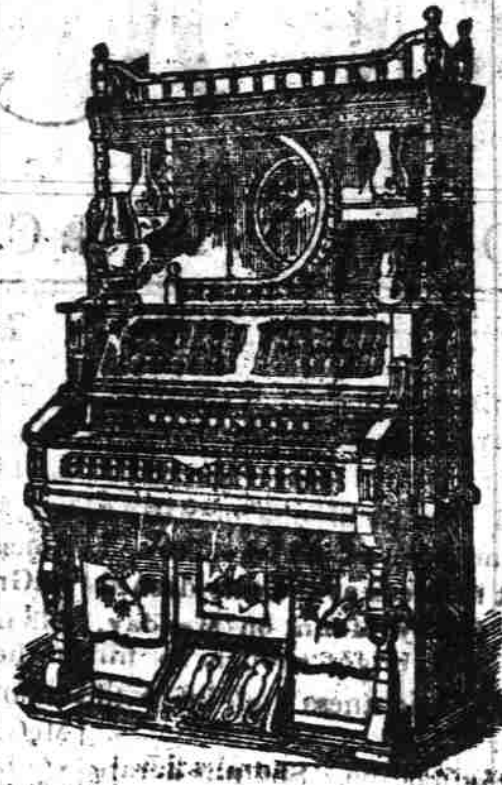
The census reports on the convict population of the country present a striking commentary on the charge that the negro does not receive due consideration in the courts of the South. It is shown that Massachusetts sends to the Penitentiary in proportion to the colored population six times as many negroes as Mississippi; New York fourteen times as many, and Nebraska sixteen times as many. The proportion of convicts to the negro population is lowest in Mississippi; but is far lower in every Southern State than it is in the North. It appears that the negro finds his best opportunities in the South. He either behaves better here than he does in the North or his sins are more readily forgiven. The census reports ought to put an end to the silly slander that the negro is persecuted in the South.

When Congress adjourned on the 14th inst, the complimentary resolutions of commendation of the speaker's fairness, were carried by a strict party vote, all the democrats dissenting.

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