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* EDUCATIONAL AND RELIGIOUS *

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County Superintendent of Schools.

Hinson School.

The Hinson school, Black Jack No. 1, white, has set an example to the other schools of the county eminently worthy of emulation. The pupils have raised money to help in the improvement of the building and to defray the incidental expenses of the school, so that all of the money apportioned by the Board of Education can be used in the employment of a teacher. This, of course, will give them a longer term than they would otherwise have had. From the contributions of the pupils, the necessary repairs this winter have been paid for. They propose to renovate the inside of the house this year, if the Board will have the outside repainted. Of course it will be done.

This liberality on the part of the pupils has been developed and encouraged by the faithful and efficient teacher, Miss Beulah Culberson.

Black Jack is one of the townships that receive no help from the other townships in order to prolong their school term to four months. If the schools there help to pay the running expenses and for improvements, surely the townships that have to call on others for help, should help themselves by at least providing their own fuel. It does not look reasonable that people in the weaker townships should ask others for money to prolong their schools and also for fuel to warm their children. Perhaps this will not be done in the future by those who are aware that they are the beneficiaries of other parts of the county. Will not the neighborhoods that have to help to run their schools the required four months hereafter furnish the wood to warm their own children? Why should they not? Perhaps they would have done so heretofore, if they had known that they were depending on other people to furnish the means to make their children comfortable. The superintendent has not called public attention to this matter before, but he hopes it will receive the attention it deserves.

The townships that have to get help are Beaver Dam, Mineral Springs and, this year, Steele's No. 3, white, Steele's has always provided its own fuel and house, while some of the other schools in Steele's and nearly all of those in Mineral Springs and Beaver Dam have provided their own fuel. All of them, it is hoped, will do so hereafter.

Have the people of your district considered what they could do in the way of improving the building and grounds? You will find that attention to this question will greatly stimulate the interest of the children. If they help themselves, they will feel the school is theirs, and will secure their work with a zeal that will be as surprising as gratifying.

A teacher, one of the best in the county, remarked in the presence of the superintendent, a few days ago, that any teacher who feels an interest in the improvement of the school building and grounds, or who wishes to secure a library for the school, can not expect the co-operation of the pupils, and through them that of the parents, by a little effort and persistence. What an im-

petus would be given to educational work, if all the teachers felt this interest, and would make the effort! Among the subjects to be discussed at the meeting of the Teachers' Association to be held at Ellerbe Springs Feb. 14th, will be Material Betterments, and How to Get the People Interested in Them.

We shall be glad to publish any news from schools that move in this matter. Do something and let us know what you are doing. Your example will be helpful to others.

Mr. C. W. Luther who was doing an excellent work as teacher at Exway, was compelled to give it up on account of his health. The neighborhood is fortunate, however, in securing as his successor Miss Brownie Hurley, who has taught with success in Montgomery county.

RELIGIOUS

Attending Church

Why do people attend church? and why should people attend church? are different questions; though in some cases the same answer would be given to both. A man recently changed his place of worship because the preaching at one place continually disturbed his conscience. He went to a place where his conscience was not disturbed. But was he wise in making the change? The new church was more agreeable to his depraved religious tastes. He enjoyed going to the new church more than going to the place of his first choice, but he lost the very thing that he most needed. If his conscience was disturbed at the old church, it was because his life was morally wrong. The disturbed conscience ought to have led to reformation and then the preaching would have ceased to be offensive. Perhaps it would have become a service of great enjoyment. Bitter medicine is not palatable, but it often makes our food palatable and nourishing. So the truths that are unpleasant to hear may give us, if heeded, a taste for preaching that we formerly could not enjoy. We should not seek so much what we like as what we need.

The preacher may be tempted to give his hearers what they like rather than what they need, but if he is faithful to his high calling he will not yield to the temptation. I heard of a physician once who gave his patients narcotics and palliatives when they were in pain, when he should have given remedies that would not alleviate for a while the pains of the sufferer, or when he should have used the knife. In the meantime the patients grow worse without knowing it. They flattered themselves that they had been benefited when their deadly diseases were steadily growing worse. The physician gained a temporary popularity, but at a fearful cost to himself and to those whom he deluded. Such a physician would merit and would receive the contempt of any enlightened community. How much more guilty is the preacher who would lull guilty souls into a false sense of security in order to spare them pain or to secure popularity!

If when you go to church the

preacher dwells on themes that are unpleasant to you ask yourself if he is not giving you just what you need. Don't seek some church where only pleasant things are said.

But there are some who boast that they can hear from some preachers the fiercest denunciation of sin without being disturbed. This may be due to the callousness of their consciences; if so it is a good cause for alarm. When one can no longer feel pain his condition is perilous indeed.

A woman in one of the northern counties of this state together with some of her neighbors was trying to have the pastor of the church removed. She stated to the committee representing the church court that his preaching had no more effect on her than pouring water on a duck's back. The defendant asked whether the condition to which she referred in her illustration was due to a fault in the water, or to the state of the duck's back.

"Some to church repair,
Not for doctrine, but for music there," said Pope, the poet. This may not be a very commendable motive, but it is better than not going at all. Those who go to hear the music will hear also the doctrine, and may afterwards go to hear both. Attractive music if devotional, must not be despised.

There are some who attend church both because it is a duty and because it is a pleasure. Happy is the man to whom a duty is a pleasure; and blessed is he who can sincerely say, "I was glad, when they said unto me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'"

The Jumping Off Place

"Consumption had me in its grasp; and I had almost reached the jumping off place when I was advised to try Dr. King's New Discovery; and I want to say right now, it saved my life. Improvement began with the first bottle, and after taking one dozen bottles I was a well and happy man again," says Geo. Moore, of Grimesland, N. C. As a remedy for coughs and colds and healer of weak, sore lungs and for preventing pneumonia New Discovery is supreme. 50c and \$1.00 at all druggists. Trial bottle free.

"Big Tom" Wilson Dead.

"Big Tom" Wilson, the famous hunter of Yancy county, is dead at his home in the mountains, aged 87 years. A widow survives. "Big Tom" was the most celebrated and best known hunter in the mountains of Western North Carolina. He had slain over 200 bears. It was through the efforts of "Big Tom" that the body of Prof. Mitchell, after whom Mount Mitchell was named, was recovered, after that distinguished scientist had lost his life while lost on the mountain. "Big Tom" maintained a tireless search for many weeks until at last located the lifeless remains of the man who had sacrificed his life to scientific research.

Stop that tickling cough! Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure will surely stop it, and with perfect safety. It is so thoroughly harmless that Dr. Shoop tells mothers to use nothing else even with young babies. The wholesome green leaves and tender stems of a lung healing mountainous shrub furnish the curative properties to Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure. It calms the cough, and heals the sensitive bronchial membranes. No opium, no chloroform, nothing harsh used to injure or suppress. Demand Dr. Shoop's. Take no other. Sold by Ludolph G. Fox.

By shutting your mouth sometimes, at the right time, you not only save trouble but keep out flies.

MR. WEST AN INVENTOR.

An Appliance That Will Prevent Railroad Wrecks.

Mr. J. T. West has returned from Washington City where he has been for sometime conferring with experts regarding an invention of his.

Mr. West has been for some time quietly working on a plan that will prevent wrecks on railroads; in fact, the idea of working on the invention occurred to Mr. West just after the fearful wreck which occurred between here and Hamlet two years ago.

Mr. West's invention will prevent head-on and rear-end collisions, and running in to open switches. One of its features is telephone connection between engineers on engines in motion.

The appliance is electrical and is automatic in every particular, thereby eliminating the worst feature of all other such inventions.

Mr. West's invention is now in the patent office at Washington, and a patent will doubtless soon be granted. The mechanical experts who examined it pronounced it perfect in every way.

Mr. West is not a man to make claims without a thorough test as to the facts and he has had very little to say about the matter, but those who have seen the invention are confident that he has a good thing which will eliminate railroad wrecks.

Neighborhood Favorite

Mrs. E. D. Charles, of Harbor, Maine, speaking of Electric Bitters, says: "It is a neighborhood favorite here with us." It deserves to be a favorite everywhere. It gives quick relief in dyspepsia, liver complaint, kidney derangement, malnutrition, nervousness, weakness and general debility. Its action on the blood, as a thorough purifier makes it especially useful as a spring medicine. This grand alterative tonic is sold under guarantee at all drug stores. 50c.

Mayor an Eye Specialist.

Some of the Carthage Tigers were not too blind to find their way of town when the mayor opened their eyes.—Moore County News.

Temperance

Mr. Editor: I wish to say in your paper that there is much being said on the temperance question these days, but if I understand temperance right it means for us to be temperate in all things. I will not undertake to mention many of these things. The good Book tells us that no drunkard can enter heaven, and it don't stop at this one thing, it mentions many more, and unless we have pure religion to resist these evils in the right way then none of us will ever enter heaven. Again a deceitful tongue and a jealous heart has caused many people to be killed. Take the ball rooms; many of us will go to these places of entertainment and dance, and then go back to our homes, seat ourselves on an easy rocking chair and sing: "Oh where is my poor wandering boy to-night." Such training as this has caused many of our boys and young men to go astray. Again how can you claim to be a Christian when you go to these dances and then to your church and eat of the bread and drink of the wine? This is a problem for me to solve. Again, how would you feel to be in a ball room where there was dancing and hear old man Gabriel sound his trumpet? I believe you would feel like wanting the rocks and mountain tops to fall on you and hide you away out of sight, or your plea would be, "Oh pity Lord, Oh Lord forgive, let a re-

deeming rebel live," not realizing in time to say, "Redeeming love has been my theme and shall be until I die."

What we need in this beautiful land of ours is peace and prosperity. Let ill feeling and corruptness vanish as a vapor before the bright and shining morning sun. "Pax vobiscum."

Albert Mires Boggan.

Don't Put Coins in Mail Boxes

Postmaster Cameron desires to call attention to the practice of some patrons of rural delivery of placing loose coins in their boxes each time they desire to dispatch letters instead of supplying themselves with postage in advance of their needs.

This practice imposes undue hardship on rural carriers in removing loose coins from boxes and delays them on the service of their routes.

The postmaster, therefore, urgently requests that patrons of rural delivery provide themselves and keep on hand a supply of stamps consistent with and in advance of their needs. It is also very desirable that rural patrons place in their mail boxes small detachable cups of wood or tin in which to place coins, when necessary, in purchasing supplies of stamps.

"Health Coffee" is really the closest coffee imitation ever yet produced. This, the finest coffee substitute ever made, has recently been produced by Dr. Shoop of Racine, Wis. Not a grain of real coffee in it either. Health Coffee is made from pure roasted cereals, with malt, nuts, etc. Really it would fool an expert—who might drink it for coffee. No twenty or thirty minutes boiling. "Made in a minute," says the doctor. Sold by Palmer, Diggs & Co.

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What is Ground Hog Day.

The origin of ground-hog day is accounted for in the following way: February 2, or Candlemas Day, was a favorite holiday, marked by public gayety and ceremonies, in Europe during the middle ages. It is still marked there by the closing of banks and offices, but not otherwise, outside of the reading of church services. In the church calendar it is known as the feast of purification of the virgin, and was first instituted by Pope Sergius about the year 684 A. D. The popular name of the day is derived from the early custom of lighting up the churches with candles and carrying these in procession on this festival.

As to the weather superstition that gives to Candlemas the name of "ground-hog" day, that is a world-wide fable. In Germany it is the badger that breaks his winter nap in this day to essay the thankless task of weather prophecy; in France and Switzerland it is the marmot, in England the hedge hog. Observation shows, says the Housekeeper, that none of these small animals do thus observe this date fixed, also that the weather on this date does not accurately foretell that of the following two months, as is supposed. But it is a general truth that in temperate latitudes, warm and sunny weather in the first half of February is apt to be followed by a change and a cool spring, and on this fact our ground hog and badger stories are founded.

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THE BOOK CLUB SOCIETY

Miss Maud Moore, a Charming Hostess.

One of the most charming social functions that it has been my good fortune to attend was given Saturday afternoon when Miss Maud Moore entertained The Book Club at the residence of Mrs. J. LeGrand Everett. Mrs. Everett kindly turned her home over to Miss Moore for the afternoon, thus lending a double charm to the occasion, as her house, in all its new and up-to-date appointments is especially adapted to entertaining, and was well equal to the emergency of the large crowd that assembled within its hospitable doors.

Each guest had been previously requested to represent a book, which they did with considerable interest. The new books were ably and well represented, while the old ones were not all slighted as the devotees of "ye old time" disturbed some of the old masters, such as Charles Reade, Thackeray, Bulwer, Dickens and Milton, from their quiet sleep, on the dusty book shelves and proudly brought them forth from the oblivion to which they had been consigned to once again mingle with the fun and laughter of the present day.

The contest was spirited, each vieing with the other as to which could best represent the book of their choice and at the same time so veil it in mystery as to baffle the keen wits of the others. No special preference was given to any one person and as there were so many bright minds, the contest, as it usually does in cultured Rockingham, resulted in a draw. The first prize, however, fell by ballot to Miss Fannie Covington, representing "Sea Gull" so cleverly and at the same time showing her loyalty to the Old North State by choosing one of her gifted authors—Fuller—to whose genius and memory we all bow. A handsome box of stationery was the prize, and, as interesting reports are "about in the land" she will make immediate use of it, undoubtedly.

The consolation prize, to the envy of us all, fell to Miss Eva Armistead, a dainty lace kerchief upon which she can shed copious tears for the less fortunate club members, and behind which she can hide her smiles of delight at her own good fortune in securing so dainty a piece of handiwork.

The "grand finale" in which we all shored equally, was reached when the refreshments were served, consisting of a dainty salub course followed with delicious cream and cake.

To the other members of The Club, which are yet to entertain I will say, "go thou and do likewise."

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