

Report of Woman's Literary Club.

Hostess: Mrs. Dunaway. December 1908.

Program: 1. Aspiration—The Poetic Motive Informing Browning's Verse.—Mrs. Fleming.

2. Reading from Musical Poems—with notes: (a) Abt Vogler.—Mrs. Webb. [b] Master Hugues.—Mrs. Hall. [c] A Toccata of Saluppi.—Mrs. Cannady.

3. Discussion—Why does Browning always dwell upon Inst rumental rather than Vocal Music?

Mrs Fleming's paper showed her earnest inspiration at the altar of Browning's genius. It was much enjoyed by all who heard it. Final arrangements were made for the great pleasure in store for December 15th when Dr. Mims would lecture before the Club.

Browning's use of Instrumental music instead of vocal music in his writing is based upon the comparison of harmony with truth. A singer produces harmonious sounds, but not sounds in harmony, as does instrumental music. So instrumental music is made to express the harmony or the discord of a life, or of life with truth, on its way to union with the Infinite truth, or Divinity from whence it came and to where it returns.

See how the soul of Abt Volger is affected by the harmony he produces. He laments the ephemeral quality of his art. But it is an echo of the harmony of eternal life, so he is satisfied.

aster Hugues, "You have done justice to the notes. You must grasp its meaning, to understand where its merit lies." This refers to the playing of a fugue which represents the tortuousness of existence, and that its "truth" spreads golden above and about us, whether we harmonize ourselves with it, or, restless, strive beneath it, casting but a black shadow by means of its light.

So "A Toccata of Galuppi is a fantastic vision of old Venetian life. "The sensations of life are composite, produced by many forces that unite to produce harmony, or contrast to produce discord."

The effect of the whole is dependent upon the listener's fancy.

So in music, both grave and gay, Browning is always contrasting the harmony of many sounds, with life.

Each separate work of Browning's communicates to the willing reader aspiration to deeper thought and higher living. The thought is centered in the living. True living is the highest intellectual effort—humanized by the broadest and the deepest emotion.

The soul is borne on a steady upward way by a great spiritual tendency. This quality is the aspiration felt throughout Browning's work. "Subsists no law of life outside of Life. The Christ himself had been no law-giver. Unless he had given the life too, with the law."

Life is not analyzed by Browning, but it is always treated on the side of noble purpose to reach its highest aim. His finest characters each portray this motive while even the meanest souls flash forth a spark from the divine within. This same aspiration is the supreme texture of all his writing.

The last regular report of The Woman's Literary Club December 15th, 1908.

On December 15th the Woman's Literary Club closed the Browning study, that has been such an interesting one since September eighth, by a lecture from Dr. Mims of Trinity College. Dr. Mims is too well known in his literary and social connection to necessitate an introduction, but Dr. Hays presented him to his audience, for whose pleasure he had consented to make this visit to Oxford.

His life or our charming Southern poet, Sidney Lanier, which is one of his well known publications, shows his warm interest, and sympathetic, literary treatment of a poet in his work. So the subject of his lecture, Browning, as presented in a way that not only

Parham--Everett.

Mr. Brooks Parham took his friends somewhat by surprise last week by quietly slipping away to Atlanta and there claiming a bride in the person of one of the most charming young women of that city. While suspicions were rife in some quarters the first positive information came in a telegram Thursday announcing the fact. The fair bride was Mrs. Alma Johnson Everett, the marriage occurring at 8 o'clock Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. W. S. Everett, on Peachtree street, Rev. H. A. Atkinson officiating.

Mrs. Parham has frequently visited in Henderson as the guest of her friend, Mrs. Sidney P. Cooper, who was herself an Atlanta girl, and it was here that Mr. Parham met her. She has many friends in Henderson who will give her cordial welcome as a permanent resident.

Mrs. Cooper attended the marriage accompanying Mr. Parham on his pleasant mission when he left Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Parham went to Florida on their bridal trip. They will make Henderson their home, and a warm welcome awaits Mr. Parham and his lovely bride.—Henderson Gold Leaf.

Honor Roll.

The Honor Roll for Knott's Grove School for the past month was Pearl Knott, Bettie Frances Knott and John Knott.

IF YOUR watch has gone on a strike and your clock has quit striking why bring them to W. D. Stimson and he will adjust the matter promptly and properly. Located at Paris Dry Goods store.

represented the mind with facts of Browning's personality, work, and genius, but gave clearer and truer meaning to the whole study. It also gave a more friendly association with Browning, and an added charm to the entire subject, that will cause many a copy of Browning to be opened many times for yet a nearer friendship with the great soul that always meets us within its pages. Browning's feeling in domestic life, consistent with his daily action, was brought out, attesting the sincerity of his writing upon life's highest themes. Dr. Mims knows Browning's soul as well as his work. Would this could oftener be true of critics of writers.

The delightful home of Mrs. Hamilton Powell at Mr. J. M. Curran's where hospitality is as warmly generous as it is noble obligation, was open to the members and many guests.

The informal reception following the lecture was enjoyed greatly, while the delicious refreshments came at the moment when they rested one, from sustained interest. A pleasanter place, a finer subject, or an abler lecturer could not have been found for the occasion. Such pleasure can never be forgotten, nor can any fine thing ever be exactly repeated. But the Woman's Literary Club is quite sure that Dr. Mims must soon return to them with his lecture on Paracelsus, which will be another such delightful occasion.

From Browning whose vigor and tenacity is the true exposition of psychic life often tests one's power to follow, and endurance to study, it will be a restful pleasure to turn to Sir Walter Scott. His name brings a rush of fresh brisk Scotch air from heather hills, a vision of majestic mountains mirrored in winsome isle-set lakes decked with bluebells, foxglove, and streamers of eglantine.

Bonnie Scotch noble, maid, and sturdy peasantry, contrast the free romance of the world, with the serious a sectarianism of Abbey and Monastery, to which they often turned for refreshment of body and soul. Scotland is transformed by Walter Scott from a doughty, wind-swept land into a gallant, romantic one, whose every crag some poem tells, that finds its sequel among its dells. H. M. H.

Social Functions.

Oxford correspondent to the Charlotte Observer.

Thursday afternoon Mrs. J. A. Niles entertained the Bridge Club in a most delightful manner. Before the games began choice refreshments were served. The following were present: Mesdames E. R. MacKethan, of Fayetteville; H. L. Skinner, of Smithfield; Misses Irwin Stark, Nettie Gregory, Jeannette Biggs; Mesdames B. K. Hays, N. H. Cannady, W. W. Phelps, J. C. Robards, A. H. Powell, S. H. Smith. The highest score was made by Mrs. J. A. Niles.

Miss Susan Graham entertained the Monday Bridge Club. Dainty refreshments were served. The guests were: Mrs. P. H. Montgomery, of Lexington, Va.; Mrs. E. R. MacKethan, of Fayetteville; Mesdames B. K. Hays, J. A. Niles, E. H. Crenshaw, A. H. Powell, Miss Irwin Stark.

The bridge party given by Mrs. S. H. Smith was a very pleasant social event. Many visitors were present. During the afternoon elegant refreshments were served. The following were present: Mrs. J. C. Biggs, of Durham; Mrs. H. L. Skinner, of Smithfield; Mrs. MacKethan, of Fayetteville; Mrs. Will Cannady, of New York; Mesdames C. G. Elliott, F. H. T. Horsfield, J. A. Niles, A. H. Powell, J. C. Robards, B. K. Hays, E. H. Crenshaw, Louis De La Croix, N. H. Cannady, Misses Irwin Starke, Jeannette Biggs.

Williford School Honor Roll, No. 6.

First Grade.—Roy Watson, Patric Daniel, Frankie Clayton, Effie Humphries.

Second Grade.—Mary Oakley, Mary Daniel, Powser Oakley, Ophelia Williford, Minnie Humphries, Alma Clayton, Luther Watson.

Third Grade.—Iola Meadows.

Fourth Grade.—Crawford Williford, Elsie Williford, Henry Clayton, Nora Clayton, Roy Jones, Corbett Meadows, Esther Jones, Jennie Daniel, Archie Daniel.

Fifth Grade.—Lillie Davis, Sadie Humphries, William Jones, Eugenia Williford, Janette Daniel, Annie Daniel, Stedman Daniel, Rossie Humphries, Roberta Meadows, Lee Mangum, Samuel Clayton.

Sixth Grade.—Clair Daniel, Robert Williford, Lonnie Humphries.

Seventh Grade.—Lillie Humphries.

Kern Defeated Again.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 14th.—Hon. John W. Kern, late candidate for vice president of the United States, was defeated early today in his candidacy for the United States senatorship from Indiana.

Former Congressman B. F. Shively, a South Bend lawyer, won the nomination in the Democratic caucus of the legislators at 2 o'clock this morning.

The balloting required five hours, Shively being named on the twentieth ballot. His nearest rival, Mr. Kern, received 35 votes on the final ballot. Mr. Shively will be the first Democratic senator from Indiana in 16 years.

I am prepared to put on slate roofing and do repair especially. A. B. Spencer, Sr. jan. 22. tt.

Notice to Tax Payers.

The time for final settlement of taxes is drawing near and all parties owing taxes are urged to settle same without delay. I must collect the taxes and levies will be made as the law directs.

Prompt settlement may save you costs.

S. C. HOBGOOD, Tax Collector.

What Samuel Davis Has.

Four cars of Pittsburgh and American hog and field fencing in stock and prices guaranteed as low as any whole sale house delivered at your station in any quantities from 200 pounds up, write at once Samuel Davis, Clarksville, Va., for prices.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the General Assembly of North Carolina to amend the charter of the town of Stovall. D. A. BURWELL, Mayor.

Death of a Most Estimable Lady.

Mrs. Sallie S. Easton, relict of the late Henry P. Easton, deceased, died at her home in Oxford on January 8, 1909, after a lingering illness. She was a daughter of Dr. John R. Herndon, late of this county, and was in her seventy third year.

Her husband was a native of Greenville, N. C., but the greater part of her married life was spent in Georgia and Florida. Soon after the death of Mr. Easton she came to Oxford, where she made her home until death.

Mrs. Easton was a communicant of St. Stephen's Episcopal church and her loyalty and devotion to every work of the church were prominent traits of her character.

As a devoted mother, true friend and consecrated christian, she has left her impress for good.

She is survived by three children, Messrs. Chas. S., and Cameron H. Easton and Mrs. C. H. Parham, all of Oxford.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. F. H. T. Horsfield and F. W. Hilliard on January 9th, in St. Stephen's Episcopal church, and the interment was in Elmwood cemetery.

The honorary pall bearers were: Messrs. J. M. Curran, B. S. Royster, J. J. Reun, Jas. Y. Paris and J. A. Taylor, and the active pall bearers were: Messrs. J. G. Hall Wm. Landis, J. B. Roller, Jas. B. Powell, J. C. Horner and W. T. Yancey. R.

Store Broken In.

Burglars entered the store occupied by Horner Bros. last Sunday night and the exact hour of entrance is not known. They went in through the back door, knocking out one of the panels. The amount of goods taken is not known.

Free Transmission.

The following letter explains itself: Richmond, Va. To F. C. Spencer, Manager, Western Union Telegraph Co. Oxford, N. C.

The free transmission of domestic messages for relief Italian sufferers is authorized when offered by regular relief committee or public officers. Applicants for the transfer of money should be referred to banks or the American Red Cross, the latter being the designated channel for the transmission of funds. Messages to Italy relative to relief of Italian sufferers may also be accepted for free transmission to destination when offered by duly constituted relief committee as public officials. You are authorized to give this to the press for free publication. L. J. MAXWELL, Supt.

The Frances Hilliard School.

The second half year at this school will begin Monday, Jan. 25th, 1909. Special attention will be paid to the primary and preparatory departments.

Public Roads.

Dear Friends: Tuesday, February 2nd, has been set apart for a road meeting in Oxford. We truly hope that the representative men from all over the county will be here and take part. The time has come when some decided step must be taken toward the betterment of our public roads. The present system or process is two slow. Some of our mail carriers have to ride horseback with a turn of mail every day because the roads are so bad they cannot get over them in a buggy. The log and lumber wagons have ruined some of the roads on Route No. 7. This writer is willing that bonds be issued, he is also willing that a special road tax be levied.

We had better have a Highway Commission with three or five men to manage the road-business. Our county commissioners cannot properly manage the roads with all of their other duties.

Let us meet at the time and place mentioned and decide on some plan, then lets go to work and build roads before it be too late to do us any good. D. N. HUNT, Oxford, N. C.

And Davis pays the freight.

Annual Stockholders Meeting.

Creedmoor, N. C., Jan. 15th, 1909. —The annual stockholders meeting of the Citizens Bank, of Creedmoor, was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the banking house.

The reports of the officers showed a very prosperous year. After the payment of the usual Semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent. a substantial balance was carried to the profits account.

The Board of directors elected were Messrs. Z. E. Lyon, S. C. Lyon, T. H. Perry, H. D. Mangum and W. D. Sandling, of Creedmoor, N. C., J. S. Cobb and Sidney W. Minor, of Durham, J. H. Keith and L. D. Emory, of Northside, Z. T. Perry, of Tar River, and A. A. Lyon, of Lyons, N. C.

The former officers were elected, Z. E. Lyon, President, J. S. Cobb, Vice-President, and I. E. Harris, Cashier.

The annual statement of the Citizens Bank, showed a large gain over last year.

The year of 1908 was a prosperous one for the banks in Creedmoor, the Citizens Bank, and the First National Bank, having now over \$150,000 on deposits. Correspondent.

Honor Roll Creedmoor High School

Sixth and Seventh Grades—Mamie Bragg, Kathleen Moss, Florence Jones, Fenner Sanderford, Lillie Beck, Herbert Moss, Glaudie Chappelle, Emmit Curl, Carl Bennett, Mary Bennett, Felle Whitaker.

Fifth Grade.—Katie Longmire, Louise Jeffreys, Bryan Garner, Sudie Tingen, Maudie Chappell.

Fourth and Fifth Grades.—Annie Garner, Ivis Longmire, Rosa Ashley, Maynard Chappell.

Fourth Grade.—Almous Chappell, Ben Tingen, Fred Moss, Pauline Cannady, Ruth Sanderford, Pelie Ashley.

Fist Grade—Woody Evans, Joe Edward Moss, Elmo Jeffreys.

Second Grade—Wade Tingen, Flog Tingen, Undine Jeffreys, Thelma Forbes, Etha Whitfield, Marshal Currin.

Stop! Look and Listen

We have bought the Stacy & Co., business and the goods are going to be sold.

If you ever expect to buy anything of the kind now is the time. We will mention just a few of the articles: Bath tubs, closets, lavatories, sinks, plumbing fixtures of all kinds, piping and pipe fittings, lawn sprinklers, hose, hose bibbs, plain bibbs, globe valves, angle valves, stop and waste cocks, water gauge glasses, steam gauges, ejectors, packing, etc., and thats not all yet.

We have all kinds of electric goods, electric cooking stoves, heaters, irons, water heaters, cigar lighters, fans, portable shades of all kinds, lamps, hy-lo lamps, in fact everything that you want in the electrical line.

We also do wiring and plumbing in the very best manner, and the best of all our prices are right.

If your plumbing and wiring needs any repairs phone 280 your troubles and we will do the rest. All work guaranteed. We use nothing but practical men.

STARNES & USRY.

Bargains in Leggings.

I have a nice lot of first class men's and boy's leggings that I am offering at a very low price for the next thirty days. If you want to save money buy now. J. F. Edwards. 3t.

Arrived January 21st, car load of horses and mules. Nelson & Co. pd.

YOUNG MEN—If you want to know why you should become telegraph operators and what school to attend, write to Southern School of Telegraphy, Newnan, Ga., for free Catalogue "A." Every boy should read it. Positions positively guaranteed. oct. 2. 16t.

Roofing and Plenty of It.

Asphalt and Monarch roofing at \$2 and \$2.25 for the 2 ply and with an absolute guarantee on each roll to give satisfaction and last as long as tin, this roofing can be acquired only by Samuel Davis, Clarksville, Va.

For Sale.

One large bay mule, 8 years old sound and a good worker, belongs to the town of Oxford Apply to J. F. Royster. jan. 15.

Speaker Graham's Explanation.

Judge A. W. Graham, Speaker of the House, having been misunderstood as to his position respecting a measure recently passed, makes this explanation in justice to himself:

Mr. Speaker: In an experience of ten years as a member of the General Assembly of North Carolina, this is the second occasion on which I have risen to a question of personal privilege. I have been accorded courteous treatment from the members of the press regardless of party affiliation or difference of opinion upon economic subjects and I know that the gentlemen who report for the House would not intentionally misrepresent me or any other member in regard to a position upon public affairs, but the account that I see in the News & Observer of this date in regard to my course upon the bill which I introduced yesterday to provide for an equalization of challenges in capital cases is so misleading and so grossly inaccurate that I am compelled to ascribe to some defect in the linotype machines. It puts me in the ridiculous and inconsistent attitude of having introduced in the House an favored before the committee a measure which I opposed in the session of 1905 and also is some reflection upon the temper exhibited by certain gentlemen members of the committee.

In order to put myself right before those who are inadvertant to my course upon this subject, I wish to state that I am no new convert to the fact that something is grossly wrong in the administration of the criminal law in North Carolina and that one cause of the restiveness of our people and their growing contempt for our administration of justice is to be ascribed to the fact that the masses have come to believe that our laws were framed more in the interest and for the protection of criminals than for the administration of even-handed justice and protection of society. At the session of 1903 I introduced a bill looking to the reduction of the number of peremptory challenges given the defendant in capital cases, which bill received not quite a majority of the members of the House. At the session of 1905 I again introduced a bill to give the defendant and state each ten challenges in capital cases, which bill upon consideration before the Committee on Judiciary was amended to increase the number of challenges to twelve for each party and to provide that the solicitor should not be allowed to stand to the foot of the panel any jurors. This, though opposed by a respectable minority of able lawyers, was reported favorably by the judiciary committee and was passed by the House of Representatives by a majority but owing, I suppose, to the pressing duties and the lateness of the session, was killed in the Senate. I am now reported to have opposed the very bill which I myself introduced and which I still favor.

As to what occurred before the committee, of course it is not proper for me to speak. After having stated my views upon the necessity of the passage of some such law, I withdrew from the committee on account of my great respect for its chairman and each individual member and because I was afraid some one might suppose that I would attempt to use my official position in order to affect its passage. As to the temper of the committee, I am sure that we are all actuated by the same sincere desire to serve our good old state. A. W. GRAHAM.

Don't Overlook This.

Don't forget barb and plain wire also Pittsburg poultry and garden fencing can be bought from Samuel Davis, Clarksville, Va., cheaper than you can get same elsewhere.

Any one desiring board and lodging in private family please call phone No. 116 A. jan. 15. 3t. pd.

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It fills the arteries with rich, red blood, makes new flesh, and healthy men, women and children. Nothing can take its place; no remedy has done so much good as Holist's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35c, Tea or Tablets. J. G. Hall.