

SUNDAY MUSINGS.

If the good man does grow old what cares he for the passage of time? If there is a better music to be heard, if there are larger opportunities to be embraced may he not be grateful for the hurrying years which can not let him loiter, but bears him swiftly on to the next chapter in the drama of life. Time reckoning is simply a convenience, nothing more. The seasons change from fruitage to snow, and are easily made into the landmarks which assists the memory. The earth plunges through space, it is now in the dark and now in the light, and we speak of yesterday or yesternight. It keeps its even course about the sun, and when it reaches a certain station in its journey, we speak of our natal day, and with a hand clasp for neighbor and friend hope for a joyous future. Time is only one unit of that eternity which is every soul's heritage. So if we use it we need give no thought to its passage. Let it come, let it go—why should we give it a thought? Not even age can be counted by years. We are not so many years old but so much experience old. Age is not discovered by wrinkles on the face for one may be young in heart and old in body. We have seen the tottering man of eighty who was still a mere child so far as the deep things of the spiritual life are concerned, and we have seen the youth of twenty who had passed through most of the experiences which a long life affords. Time has therefore nothing to do with the soul, and though you reckon a man's summers and winters, you can not guess his age, for that is a secret with him and God. One of our natural inclinations is to view life only from the standpoint of the body, and we get only a very limited view of ourselves. We cling to the days and weeks, with the tenacity of the miser who hoards his dollars. But there is a higher and nobler standpoint, and from that we get a prospect which charms dazzles and even oppresses us to the verge of tears. We mean the standpoint of the immortal soul—that mysterious something whose wings are hidden in the flesh, but which, when the chiming bell of death ring out its release, will soar into the upper air and never rest in its flight until it has found the heaven from which it was taken at birth. We should be glad when that time hurries us from one year to another, that the way to be trod is shortening and that in a few more summers or winters we shall be invited to a banquet where the loved and the lost will bid us a hearty welcome. But haste and thoughtfulness must go together. The haste is inevitable, and the thoughtfulness is a duty. There is no harm in running if a person knows what object he is pursuing. It is the belief in a day after death which makes all the days before death joyful. The difference between a tomorrow of sunshine and a tomorrow of darkness, and a renewed vigor of health untouched by disease, and of opportunities never dreamed of, is so great, spiritually, that it cannot be expressed. The years may come and go as they will, if we only

see the golden gates in the distance and on the far away hill tops the cloud of witnesses who have guided us on our way and will take us by the hand when we wake from slumber. The heart need not beat like a muffled drum, as though we were sorry to leave these lower scenes for if we are right minded we shall keep step to the echoing music of a better world and be more and more glad as it grows louder because we are getting nearer the everlasting home. Our religion makes us content to live and ready at any time to exchange life for immortality.

THE OYSTER QUESTION.

It is to be regretted that what to do with the oyster can not be settled, and settled for good, and not come up every two years in the General Assembly. As long as this condition of affairs exist, no capitalist will take stock in the industry. A few years ago we in the east thought the legislature had settled the oyster problem: the State purchased a patrol boat, oyster factories sprang up in the several towns and the industry promised to be one of profit to our citizens, and to yield a handsome revenue to the State and the public school fund. But in this the people are disappointed and the bill introduced into the General Assembly prohibiting dredging, opens up afresh the entire oyster problem. We believe we state a fact when we say, the unanimous opinion of our people is in favor of dredging in certain limitations, namely, in ten feet of water and more. In water of this depth and more, it is impossible to use tongues, in fact as one experienced cysterman informs us, that tonging can not be carried on profitably in water that is over six feet deep, and the oysters contained in the water beyond that depth are wasted, unless dredging is allowed.

This being true we believe it is only necessary to acquaint the members of the Legislature with the true statement of the above fact to have Mr. Davis' bill defeated and dredging continue.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the General Assembly to incorporate a public school at Aurora, N. C.

J. B. WHITEHURST, AND OTHERS.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I will apply to the General Assembly for amendment to the Charter for the town of Washington.

WM. M. CHAUNCEY, Mayor.

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R. H. THOMPSON and Others

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the General Assembly for a stock law in part of Richland township on the west side of South Creek.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

Having this day qualified before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Beaufort county as administrator of the estate of Israel Blackledge, deceased, all persons who hold claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same for payment to the undersigned within one year from this date or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

This Dec. 23rd, 1898.

JOSHUA TAYLOR

Administrator of

ISRAEL BLACKLEDGE.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified this day as administrator of the estate of Dr. J. D. McCormick, deceased, before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Beaufort county, all persons holding claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present the same for payment to the undersigned within one year from date of this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment. This 15th day of November 1898.

S. T. NICHOLSON,

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