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BOOKS

(Courier-Journal, Raleigh)

What is a book? A few sheets of paper on which are written or printed characters, bound together? A scroll of parchment bearing pictures or characters that convey meaning and preserve facts? Tablets of stone or pieces of bark, tiny pamphlet and mammoth tome? Yes; but a book is much more than this.

Books are the storehouses wherein are garnered the accumulated facts and philosophies of the ages. Unlike other storehouses the more these are drawn upon the more valuable they become, and though all of the wisdom be taken out and utilized, it remains for any others who care to partake of it.

The Preacher has said that "of the making of many books there is no end, and much reading is a weariness of the flesh." There are many tiresome and useless books, it is true; there are many books whose influence is positively evil and they had better never been written. But for the discriminating reader books become the Magic Carpet upon which he may visit the far places of the earth and participate in all the great adventures that have thrilled men's souls since Adam first ventured forth to see what lay beyond the angel's flaming sword at the Garden gate.

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"Brave Admiral, say but one good word,
What shall we do when hope is gone?
The words leapt like a leaping sword,
"Sail on! Sail on! Sail on! and on!"

The best way to train the young is to train yourself at the same time; not to admonish them, but to be seen always doing that of which you would admonish them. —Plato.

Pleasant Hill News

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Saturday afternoon from 2 o'clock 'til 4, little Miss Stella Joyce Phillips entertained a few of her friends. Games and contests were played in the yard till about 3:30 when they were invited to the dining room where cake and grape juice was served. Centerpiece on the table was a large birthday cake with six candles encircled with autumn leaves.

Those present were Ellis Weathers, Edna Weathers, Peggy Jean Weathers, Alma Lou Pearce, Mary Francis Pearce, Fannie Mae Gay, Ivon Gay, Jr., Carl Hood Puryear and Stella Joyce Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Y. Puryear O. W. Thorne and C. D. Puryear called to see Orlanda Puryear who is confined to his bed near Rolesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Lennie Willifurd of Bethany took supper with Mrs. T. Y. Puryear Sunday night.

Mr. G. R. Richardson was a visitor in Johnson Sunday.

Where's there's marriage without love, there'll be love without marriage.—Benjamin Franklin.

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Oh! 'tis only music's strain
Can sweetly soothe and not betray.

—Moore.

A small boy had been sent to a home for feeble-minded children but upon examination it was found that he was of fair mentality and had never had a chance to learn. He was sent to an orphanage where another child in telling of the incident said: "Isaac was sent to the feeble-minded school and they examined him for an idiot. But he couldn't pass and so they sent him here."

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