

THE HERITAGE OF SOUTHERN PEOPLE.

Dr. Few's Address at Central Church Last Night Heard by an Appreciative and Attentive Audience.

Dr. William Preston Few, president of Trinity College, spoke last night at Central Methodist church taking for his subject "The Heritage of Southern People." Dr. Few is prominent among the leading educators of the country, and his address last night was a gem. The congregation was not large, however, the very inclement weather keeping many away, but a large number availed themselves of the privilege of hearing the gifted speaker. Dr. Few took for a basis of his address the following from the 6th chapter of Jeremiah, 18th verse, which reads as follows: "Stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."

Following is a synopsis of his address: As opportunity has offered I have from time to time this year discussed several phases of education, especially as education is related to moral character and Christian civilization. Now it is a business of education, as it is also a business of the church, to mediate between the past and the future, to find the good in the past and hand it on through the present to the future. Let us this evening try to work out to a clearer understanding of just what is the heritage of Southern people which we are to cherish and to transmit to oncoming generations.

An individual, if he be highly gifted, must have a large inheritance from the accumulated experiences of the race; and a people, to be in any true sense great, must build upon a long historic past. The surviving influence of those who live worthily and for worthy ends, is a sort of earthly immortality; "the actions of the just shall sweeten and blossom in the dust." The good that is in all men's lives is not buried with them; but is, to a greater or less degree, conserved and transmitted to those who come after them, and is thus handed on from the ages that is past to the ages that are waiting before. This power to conserve the good in the past and make it useful in the present is a precious asset of the human race. This sort of inheritance makes us heirs of all the ages and sets man hopefully on the long, hard road of progress that runs upward and onward forever.

We are not only inheritors, in this general sense, of the civilization and institutions of the English race; but we share in the particular and priceless legacy which our fathers who lived before us here left behind them. The founders and builders of this republic, I am glad to believe, were largely Southern men; and this fact ought to be a constant call to us to take our rightful places in the home which our fathers had so much to do in building. And later even where our ancestors failed, they failed bravely, and left us a heritage of high devotion and heroic self-sacrifice to the right as they saw it. Both for their successes and their failures, we are heirs of inspiring memories. We are born to a long pedigree, and this birthright has supreme significance for us.

Membership in the English race has given this people a right to the old Anglo-Saxon stability of character and sobriety of judgment, and the eager desire to live human life for the highest ends—those fine qualities that have illumined like stars the long annals of our race.

The fortunate circumstance that we were born in America gives us free and untrammelled citizenship in the greatest republic of history, and entitles us to the American turn for practical affairs and to the sleepless energy, resourcefulness and power to bring things to pass, which applied to the building of a new country here, have made ours the richest nation in the world.

Our ancestral religion, which derives ultimately from the Hebrew, reinforced by Elizabethan Puritanism, eighteenth century revivalism, and Southern conservative clinging to the essential things of Christianity, has through all the years kept alive among us a feeling after God and unearthly things that has saved us from materialism and flat despair.

As English Americans we speak the tongue that Shakespeare spoke; the faith and morals hold which Milton held;

We are "sprung of earth's first blood;

In our native speech we get at our mothers' knees access to a literature, hardly equalled and never surpassed as the priestess of the imaginative reason and as the nourisher and fortifier of the elements by which the modern spirit, if it would live aright, has chiefly to live.

From the best traditions of our own immediate past we rightly inherit the old Southern sense of individual liberty, their grace of character, the graciousness of their manners, their fine hospitality and good fellowship. These are among the things that go

to make up our priceless heritage out of the past, but perhaps even best of all is our inheritance in the present. We in the South today have the good fortune to live in one of those growing, formative epochs such as come at long intervals in the history of mankind, when the ordinary processes of national development are superseded by more rapid methods and when civilization goes forward at a bound. We are living in an epoch rich in promise and full of hope.

How shall we use this splendid heritage of ours? By cherishing and holding on with a wise conservatism to those best things that have come down to us from the past, and in the spirit of true progress by embodying in our life and character the chief lessons taught us in the history of our race, and in the successes and even failures of our forefathers.

The Southern States as we know them today are the product of an interrupted and broken past. Originally progressive and prosperous, the deadly disease of slavery was early fastened on the body politic. Then came the tragedy of civil war; after that the historic crime of reconstruction, followed by the tedious years of recovery, and, now by a revival of prosperity and hope. From the nature of things our growth has not always been normal, and has not always been wholesome. Without praise or blame for the past or the present, the living or the dead, let us, free from reaction and free from radicalism, look our conditions squarely in the face, determined to cherish what is good in our civilization, hold fast to it, improve it in all possible ways, and hand it on thus bettered to those who come after us.

The great lessons of our past have never been perfectly learned by any branch of the English race at any one time; but there would seem to be no good reason why our individual and collective ideal of life should not include them all. This ideal, if it is to stand for character and the achievements of our race at its best, must include an adequate conception of the dignity and essential greatness of man's life, which whenever held with sufficiently burning conviction, will produce a mighty race of men. The Hebrews and the Puritans, to both of whom we owe so much, knew this; and the result was a stability and righteousness that have been the salt of the earth. This ideal must include a feeling for the entrancing beauty and glory of the physical world in which we live, a feeling which whenever highly enough developed, makes poets and artists and lovers of excellent and beautiful things. The Greeks in their prime, to whom we owe our culture ideals, and the great men of our own race, have known this; and the result has been a literature and an art that have ennobled and glorified mankind forever. This ideal must include that reverence, which, born out of a sense of infinite and realization of the inscrutable mystery of our earthly life, is the mother of all religion. The mystics of the Middle Ages and the devout souls of all times have known this; and the result has been a flame of enthusiasm that has lighted every nation in Christendom on the way that leads to the cardinal virtues of faith and hope and charity, upon which depend the peace, security and strength of individuals and peoples. This ideal must include the poise and fineness of temper that form an essential part of the spiritual constitution of every gentleman and woman. This has been known here in the past; and we must strive to keep and transmit undiminished the old grace, generosity, and magnanimity of our elders and must continue the cultivation of mind and taste and the refinement of manners that make living with each other sweet and wholesome.

It is of the utmost importance for us to learn these four great lessons of our history. The first of them would make us feel that life is worth while; that we must give ourselves soul and body to the getting of those things which have to do with a manly life; that it always pays to struggle to be the noblest we can be. The second would make us more in love with all that is good and beautiful, would make us sacredly dedicate our lives to the finer things of the mind and of the spirit. The third would make us modest, patient, humble, would cause us to bow our heads in silence before the awful mysteries of life and death, and would lead us to seek diligently with tears for every help human and divine, that would guide us through this wilderness of the world. The fourth would make perpetual among us the graciousness, the hospitality, the beauty and purity of the social life, which were the best characteristics of the old order of the South. If we could make effective in North Carolina today these great lessons of history, we would yet have in this dear old State, the fullest, richest, and sweetest life ever lived in this world.

Fishers Millinery opening begins tomorrow and continues through the week. A \$10 hat will be given away free. For particulars see big ad in this issue.

STATE S. S. CONVENTION.

Twenty-eighth Annual meeting at High Point, April 26-28.

The greatest Sunday school meeting of the year will take place at High Point, April 26-28.

The program has been prepared with great care. Some of the subjects to be discussed are as follows: "The Value of Visions," "The Sunday School and Missions," "How the Interdenominational Work Can Help the Denominational Work," "Organization for Evangelization," "The Sunday School as a School," "The Teacher's Five M's," "Jesus Making Truth Clear," "What Shall the Harvest Be?"

Mr. Marion Lawrence, General Secretary of the World's and International Sunday School Associations will be in the Convention. It is worth a trip from any part of the State to High Point to hear Mr. Lawrence. He is without question the greatest Sunday school man in the world today.

The railroads have granted reduced rates. The fare will be one and one-half fare, plus 50c for the round trip, sold on the certificate plan.

All officers of the Association and members of the Executive Committee, Presidents, Secretaries and Chairmen of the Executive Committee of County Associations, are considered as regular, official delegates. In addition to this, each county is entitled to as many delegates as there are townships in the county. This does not mean that every township must be represented, but that the basis of delegation shall be the number of townships in the county. This entitles Cabarrus county, beside our President, Secretary and Chairman of the Executive Committee, to 12 delegates. We desire to send our full number.

All delegates will pay a registration fee of \$1.00. This will be paid at High Point, when assignment to home is made. All registered delegates will receive (1) Entertainment during the convention, (2) A reserved seat in the convention with county delegation, (3) A convention badge, (4) A convention program, (5) A right to a voice and vote in the deliberations of the body, (6) A package of helpful Sunday School literature.

Anyone from this county desiring to attend this convention should send their name to Mr. Charles R. Andrews, Concord, Secretary Cabarrus County Association, so that appointment as a delegate can be made. He will send names of delegates to the State Office and they will be sent from there to the Entertainment Committee at High Point.

Millinery Opening.

The millinery store of Mabry & Mabry will have their spring opening Wednesday from 2 until 10 o'clock, at their store, 237 Spring street, formerly occupied by Mrs. Julia Welsh, tr2 tl.



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SHORT DEAD IN A RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

Train Plunging from Lofty Trestle Carries Sleeping Passengers to Eternity.

Tifton, Ga., March 25.—In one of the worst railroad disasters ever known in the South Atlantic States, eight persons were killed and more than a dozen injured when train No. 95, known as the "Dixie flyer" on the Atlantic Coast Line and running between Chicago and Jacksonville, Fla., went through a trestle over the Alapaha river eighteen miles east of here early this morning. Tonight but one body, that of John T. Watson, of Lander, Wyo., remained in the cars in the river. Had it not been for the wreck Watson would have been a bridegroom today. His sweetheart, Miss Elsie Shippey, of Pasadena, Cal., who was on the train with him and to whom he was to have been married in Jacksonville tomorrow, remained at the wreck throughout the day and night watching the efforts of the rescuers to recover Watson's body.

Late tonight it was said that the wreck had been thoroughly examined and that the death total will not be increased as all passengers had been accounted for.

According to an official statement the wreck was caused by the breaking of an axle on the engine when midway of the trestle, the weight of the train causing the trestle-work to collapse.

The cars plunged into the river without a moments warning to the sleeping passengers when an axle on the engine suddenly snapped when midway of the trestle. The locomotives left the track but the tender was derailed and the tank tumbled to the bank of the stream. The trestle is about a half mile long but the river was low and at the point of the accident was not more than fifty yards across. The express and baggage cars, two day coaches and one pullman were piled in an indescribable mass in the center of the stream but fortunately few of the passengers were carried beneath the water.

Notice.

The Farmers Union of Cabarrus county will meet in regular session in the graded school building at Kannapolis, April 1st, 1911, at 10 o'clock. A full attendance required.
A. H. LITAKER, President.

WHERE THERE IS A WILL—

WE HAVE THE WAY.

What do you owe your family? Yourself? The community? A great deal—we all do. Now, this home you are due yourself and family—how about it? You are not of that 975 we mentioned last Saturday, are you? If so, let us beseech you to get out into the home owners pew. In doing this you will certainly pay one debt you owe. Have not got the money? Well, there is a way, just the same, a good way, safe and practical. It is the building and loan way. The plan so many in Concord have followed. Why not you? Sit down and carefully go over this matter with your wife. Decide first as to whether or not you want a home and then decide upon the number of shares you can carry, then let us start you in the 27th Series. There will be a number of HOME BUILDERS in that Series. You will be in good company.

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The Cabarrus Savings Bank.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Some of the People Here and Elsewhere Who Come and Go.

Mr. Jas. C. Fink spent yesterday in Charlotte.

Miss Mamie Beatty, of Charlotte, is the guest of Miss Olivett Chinn.

Mr. O. B. Walter has returned from a visit to relatives in Ansonville.

Mr. J. W. Alspaugh, Jr., of Winston-Salem, is a business visitor in the city.

Mesdames H. M. Propat and L. E. Boger are spending the day in Charlotte.

Mr. Colb Morris has returned from Newell, where he has been teaching school.

Mrs. J. S. Atkins, of Albemarle, is visiting her brother, ex-Sheriff J. E. Harris.

Mr. A. N. Harris, of Harrisburg, is visiting his son, Mr. J. F. Harris, on North Spring street.

Messrs. W. R. and A. G. Odell left this morning for New York to see Mr. R. M. Odell, who will sail Wednesday for Portugal.

Mrs. J. A. Peek, has returned from Mt. Pleasant, where she has been visiting relatives. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Carrie Heilig.

Miss Sarah Currell, of Lexington, Va., who has been visiting Miss Margaret Woodhouse, left this morning for Washington, D. C., to visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Sherrill and Mr. J. B. Sherrill have gone to Denver to visit the Messrs. Sherrill's mother, Mrs. M. V. Sherrill. They will be joined by Rev. C. F. Sherrill, of Matthews. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Sherrill will go from there to their home in Washington.

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WQUA THIS EVENING.

Rev. Charles E. Raynal, of Statesville, to Speak at the First Presbyterian Church at 8 O'clock Tonight.

Rev. W. C. Alexander, of Nashville, was heard by a large congregation at the First Presbyterian church yesterday morning and preached a strong sermon. In the afternoon Mr. Alexander addressed the Sunday school and in the evening preached again. His evening sermon was greatly enjoyed though the rain kept many away.

Rev. Charles E. Raynal, of Statesville, will speak tonight at 8 o'clock. Devotional exercises will be conducted by Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin of St. James Lutheran church, and Mrs. MacLaughlin will sing. The public is cordially invited to attend these services. Tomorrow evening Rev. F. D. Jones, of Westminster church, Charlotte, will be the speaker, and on the following evening, Wednesday, Dr. Henry L. Smith, president of Davidson College, will deliver an address.

TO VISIT CONCORD.

About Sixty Members of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce to Visit Our City.

The following letter has been received here from Mr. A. W. McKeand, secretary of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce:

The first annual trade excursion of the Charleston Chamber of commerce will arrive in Concord, on April 5, at 4:05 p. m. and will remain forty-five minutes.

We will travel in our own special Pullman train and our party will consist of sixty or more of the leading business men of the City of Charleston. Our object is to get acquainted with your people and have them get a better understanding of Charleston and its business men.

We shall be pleased to have you tell your people of the time and length of our stay.

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March 28th

Millinery Opening Day, at which time there will be on display Distinctive Styles in Spring and Summer Millinery of Dress and Tailored Hats.

Dry Goods and Notions

Many specials will be on display in these departments for opening day, such as new Silks and Fancy Cotton Goods; Tailored and Silk Waists; Insertion and Lace; Hosiery, Belts and Belting; Gloves; Novelties in Jewelry such as Coral Beads and Belt Pins.

New models in Royal Worcester, Bon Ton and Adjusto Corsets.

We will expect you at our opening tomorrow.

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