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An Occasional Column

BY MILES WOLFF

A YEARBOOK OF QUALITY

Most moralists of today will agree that the people of the present spend too much time on the non-essentials. The adults rush around helter-skelter working laboriously over things which have but small moment. The same thing is true of the younger generation. The average High School pupil does little which is of value from any standpoint.

It comes, then, as a distinct surprise when any group of such students is discovered doing anything which has merit from a literary standpoint. The majority of the modern pupil's aim and enthusiasm is given over to either the making of one or more athletic teams or to supporting such teams. Too few pupils go in for literary honors in our High Schools (if there are any such honors) and those who do often spend too little time on their work or else show too little originality to gain for them any distinction.

Paraphrasing, it may be said that were any of the pupils of our high schools to expend the same amount of labor on their school publications as is spent in making a place on the athletic teams, some mighty good reading matter would be printed.

I have recently received a copy of the Kannapolis Annual and in perusing it something akin to a shock. The thought of reading it had bored me slightly and so I picked it up rather lackadaisically. From the very beginning of the Pioneer (for that is its name), I was interested. Of course much of it is similar to the thousands of other annuals which are published yearly. There is much of the customary blab about dear old alma mater and that sort of stuff which is a necessary prerequisite to a publication of such a nature. There are the exaggerated and sometimes insane statistics of the class members with part of this some better than that in average similar publications.

There are two deductions to be drawn from the fact that Kannapolis has published a superior annual.

In the first place it shows that there has been some teacher behind the whole thing doing good work. It would be a physical impossibility for an inexperienced group of students to do it alone. In this case, the guiding hand seems to come from Miss Frances Wood, for, in the dedication which is made to her, she is named as one "to whose efforts is largely due the success of our High School Annual."

The second deduction is that there really are some clever students in the Kannapolis High School, pupils who have talent and who have don't mind working.

In reviewing "The Pioneer," I pass hastily over the group of poorly constructed school songs, one of which is to the inevitable Washington and Lee Swing-tune and I pass over the seniors with their photographs and customary footnotes recounting in detail their achievements while in High School.

The first thing of interest is the class psophy in a unique form. It is written in a burlesque, seemingly, on the local school paper, The Gold and Black, and is very diverting. One of the better quotations is as follows:

"News has just been received that Miss Irene Rumble has been converted into steel by the Billion Savages in Africa. Miss Rumble was touring that country distributing chewing gum and lecturing on 'How to Stay True by Personal Motion.' News was sent to the Black and Gold by Radio. This great tragedy has stricken all of us."

Another equally good one is: "Nan Archer, world famous dancer, has now entered into the divorce against her husband, Dr. E. A. Tautman, who is equal prominent in surgery. Mrs. Tautman has engaged Mr. William Davis, lawyer, to plead her case."

Another interesting Dr. Tautman on ac-

A Preaching Bishop

In addition to heavy episcopal duties on mission fields under his supervision, Bishop H. A. Boaz, of the Methodist Church, South, puts in much time doing evangelistic preaching. During the past eight months more than 400 Orientals have professed faith in Christ under his direct ministry and pledged themselves to live a Christian life. If this evangelistic work, the bishop traveled approximately 30,000 miles, or an average of nearly 100 miles a day for every day in the year, and preached three times a week on an average. During the year

MIAMI TAKES 13TH PLACE IN CONSTRUCTION; OUTSTRIPS BALTIMORE AND SEATTLE

Miami, Florida, has stepped up and taken her place among the twelve largest cities in the United States in building construction. Miami is now the thirteenth city in the amount of money expended on building construction. Ahead of her are only New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Detroit, Cleveland, Kansas City, St. Paul, Washington, St. Louis, Pittsburg, Boston and San Francisco.

For the little city of the south, the amount of the building for the United States, whose rapid growth has attracted attention in all parts of the country, has passed Baltimore in the east, Portland and Seattle in the west, Milwaukee in the Middle West, and Birmingham in the south.

Miami pulled up to the thirteenth place with a gain of 130 percent over its building operations in February a year ago. Miami's building construction expenses then were \$1,351,389; the same month this year they were \$3,716,000.

E. G. Sewell, president of the Miami Chamber of Commerce, says

SCENTS NEW DUKES POWER VENTURE

Gastonia Hears Dams Will Be Built on South Fork of Catawba. Gastonia, May 6.—It is reported in local business circles that a big news story is to break soon in connection with the plans of J. B. Duke and the Southern Power Company to develop huge tracts of land along the South Fork of the Catawba River in Gaston county into power dams and plants.

It is known that Mr. Duke was in Gastonia recently and was in conference for more than an hour with parties who hold rights on the South Fork. Reliable men who hold cotton mill rights hold the belief that Mr. Duke is about to announce a vast program of power development in this county.

It is understood that the Southern Power Company holds recently purchased options of farm lands on both sides of the river in South Point township. One farm of a hundred acres sold the other day for \$250 per acre which is 400 much money for simple right of way on the river.

"Within sixty or ninety days, you will probably see that the Southern Power Company has obtained all the water rights on the South Fork, including McAdenville and Spencer's Mountain," said

Fewer women are left-handed than men.

just closing, Bishop Boaz has visited practically all of the mission stations on his field more than once, held five mission meetings, two annual conferences, attended seven district meetings, two revival meetings and filled in his spare time, "just preaching."



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GIRL IS SUING TO VOID HER MARRIAGE

Claims Dr. Smith, Now In Jail, Doped and Then Married Her. Charlotte News.

Declaring her husband, Dr. T. A. Smith, of Charlotte, now a convict, married her while having a living wife, Mrs. Virginia Shaw Smith, 23 attractive young woman of Charlotte, is seeking to have the Mecklenburg County Superior Court annul her marriage to Dr. Smith. She declares the ceremony was solemnized last May at York, S. C.

Dr. Smith was one of the group of 28 defendants arraigned in the recent Federal Court here for violating the Harrison anti-narcotic act and was sentenced to four months in a jail, after receiving the benefit of a mitigated penalty because he became an important witness for the government in prosecuting the other cases against alleged violators of the Harrison act.

The plaintiff, in the annulment suit, says she went to Dr. Smith more than a year ago for treatment because of an injury received in an automobile accident. She further says in her formal complaint that she became addicted to the use of drugs and that she was unaware of the fact that she had been married to Smith until some time after the marriage ceremony had been performed in the South Carolina town.

A part of the complaint also outlines a period of the young woman's career during which she said she was employed in the office of Smith, while she was taking treatment. She alleges she allowed him to persuade her to take a medicine later learned to be morphine until she lost her power and became subject to Smith's will in all matters.

On her return to Charlotte after the performance of the marriage ceremony, the young woman says in her complaint, she realized her situation and immediately separated herself from Dr. Smith. She has been living out of Charlotte most of the time since the ceremony, she said.

Smith could not be convicted in North Carolina court on a bigamy charge due to the South Carolina statute, attorneys said, because he did not live with the girl after returning to North Carolina.

FORWARD WORK OF METHODIST WOMEN

Told About in the Reports Made by Mrs. E. W. Lipscomb. Nashville, Tenn., May 7.—Great forward steps are being taken in women's work of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the reports of Mrs. E. W. Lipscomb, cultivation secretary in charge of missionary education and Miss Estelle Haskins, secretary in charge of literature and publicity. The reports were made tonight at the annual meeting of the board of missions of the church in session here.

Mrs. Lipscomb stated that there are in the denomination 10,753 women's young people's and children's missionary societies with 291,935 members. She declared that this was an increase over last year of 129 adult societies and 7,192 adult members.

Statistics on missionary education presented showed 6,257 mission study classes have been operated with 168,470 members and 4,568 Bible study classes. The women of the denomination, it was stated, also had been well represented at denominational and inter-denominational schools of missions at Lake Junaluska, N. C., Mt. Sequoyah, Ark., Baltimore, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles and New Orleans.

Preparation and sale of literature, Miss Haskins' report showed, had been heavy during the year. In addition to the regular and quarterly supplies sent to all parts of Southern Methodist, 25,000 additional pieces were mailed. The sale of literature which carries a price amounting to \$11,669.52 during the annual period.

Miss Haskins recently spent several months visiting Methodist mission fields in South Carolina and Cuba. On this trip she assembled material for a new junior mission study book on Latin America which is now on the press. The general theme of the missionary year-books and literature for 1925, Miss Haskins reports, will carry out the idea of "World Sisterhood."

IT WORKED WONDERS FOR HIM

He Had Had Case of Stomach Trouble, Also Suffered Terribly With Indigestion. Says HERB JUICE Gave Relief. To heed the question, "A wise man learns by other's experience," would be to follow the example of Mr. J. B. Best, well-known and highly respected mill man connected with the Locks Cotton Mills, and resides at 34 Buffalo St., Concord, N. C., and make HERB JUICE the medicine in every home.

In telling of his restoration to health through the use of HERB JUICE, Mr. Best had the following to say: "I was in a very serious condition. There was absolutely nothing I could eat and properly digest. Everything seemed to go up my stomach and ferment, forming gas from which at times threatened to almost suffocate me. I dreaded the thought of food for I knew the consequences of eating—terrible gas pains and bloating. As a result of not eating enough I became very weak and lost in weight. My nerves were all to pieces and I could not get more than three or four hours sleep at night. No medicine would regulate my bowels and my condition seemed hopeless at times. In addition to a chronic case of indigestion, I was bothered a great deal with kidney trouble, and would have to be up five or six times during the night. Lack of rest and sleep had about got the best of me. I had read so much in the papers about HERB JUICE and what it was doing for other people, I decided to try a bottle. To make a long story short, it worked wonders for me. In a short time I was really benefited beyond all expectations. The first bottle did me lots of good and since I have continued taking it for several weeks I feel like a well man today. I have never found the equal of this medicine for stomach trouble and kidney disorders. I can now eat anything I want without suffering with gas, bloating and bowels are regular as clock work. I am gaining in weight and strength every day and am certainly feeling the effects of this great natural remedy HERB JUICE will always be in my home and others too if my hearty recommendation and endorsement has any weight."

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