

I THANK THEE

I thank Thee Lord, for all the little things
That are so great a part of every day—
The dawn, the dusk, the high bright sun at noon,
And the glad voice of children at their play.

I thank Thee for the house in which I live.
For the grey roof on which the raindrops slant,
I thank Thee for a garden and the slim young shoots
That mark old-fashioned things I plant.

I thank Thee for a daily task to do,
For books that are my ships with golden wings;
For mighty gifts, let others offer praise—
Lord, I am thanking Thee for little things.
—Unknown.

THE FLYING YEARS

The days grow shorter, the nights grow longer,
The headstones thicken along the way;
And life grows sadder, but love grows stronger
For those who walk with us day by day.
The tear comes quicker, the laugh comes slower,
The courage is lesser to do and dare,
And the tide of joy in the heart runs lower
And seldom covers the reefs of care.
But all true things in the world seem truer,
And the better things of the earth seem best;
And friends are dearer as friends are fewer,
And LOVE is all as our sun dips West.
Then let us clasp hands as we walk together,
And let us speak softly in love's sweet tone,
For no man knows, on the morrow, whether
We two pass by, or but one alone.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

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CENTRAL LABOR UNION MEETING
TRANSACTS MUCH BUSINESS FED.
FIREFIGHTERS TO BE FORMED

Minutes of Meeting Central Labor Union, Oct. 23rd.

The meeting was opened with prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the Flag. President Scoggins presided, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Roll call of officers followed.

Various committees reported progress.

Reports of delegates and locals were good. Teamsters reported a strike at Harris Brothers Trucking Co. The Post Office Clerks reported that next July would see a meeting of the North and South Carolina Federations of Post Office Clerks meeting in Charlotte.

Secretary Dixon of the Firefighters was reported recovering from an attack of appendicitis. They reported a 100% organization formed of Firefighters in High Point, and a State Federation of Fire fighters being formed. This will take place the 29th of October, to which any delegate to the Charlotte Central Labor Union are invited.

A letter from Harvard University asking for information for their research department for their files was given to the Secretary to answer as he saw fit, giving all the information re collective bargaining in this jurisdiction he could.

The delegates were asked to note that a brother delegate, Ernest Mor-

gan was running for Congress, and many stated they would give him a

complimentary vote. This was not considered politics, as he is an active member of the Charlotte Central Labor Union.

Much discussion for the good of the order followed, after hearing from Brother Barbour, International representative of the Common Laborers union. It was announced that three

locals would affiliate with the central body in the near future. The meeting then adjourned.

WM. S. GREENE, Secy.

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WASHINGTON

Union officials from the four cities where the Harris Brothers Transfer Company has terminal offices met Wednesday in Washington, D. C., to discuss the strike of about 23 truck drivers which is in progress here.

S. M. Kiser, business agent of the Charlotte local of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers, attended the meeting as representative of the group here. He said the background of the local strike would be discussed. The brotherhood has local unions in Baltimore, Chester, Pa., New Brunswick, N. J., and Newark, N. J., as well as in Charlotte. Officials of the company said that all their trucks were moving as usual, despite the strike.

TEXTILE WORKERS WIN
U. S. RUBBER CO. POLL

WINNSBORO, S. C.—Encouraged by the great victory in winning the election here in the United States Rubber Company's big tire cord plant by the United Textile Workers of America, A. F. of L. affiliate, textile workers throughout the South are more active in organization work than ever before. The vote was 855 for the local union to 287 against. Gordon L. Chastain, John W. Pollard, L. James Johnson and other U. T. W. of A. officials and organizers worked with the local membership and aided them in chalking up this victory. An agreement is now being negotiated.

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