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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.
Having duly qualified as executor of the last will and testament of W. H. White, deceased, late of Halifax county, all persons having claims against the deceased are hereby notified to exhibit the same to me, or to my attorney at law, on or before the 1st day of October, 1889. Dated this 10th day of September, 1889.
EDWARD WILSON, Executor.
Brinkleyville, N. C.

A Bit of Heartache.

It isn't the thing you do, dear,
It's the thing you've left undone,
Which gives you a bit of heartache
At the setting of the sun.
The tender word forgotten,
The letter you did not write,
The flower you might have sent, dear,
Are you haunting ghosts to-night?
The stone you might have lifted
Out of a brother's way,
The bit of heartsome counsel
You were hurried too much to say;
The loving touch of the hand, dear,
The gentle and winsome tone,
That you had no time nor thought for,
With troubles enough of your own;
But life is all too short, dear,
And sorrow is all too great,
To suffer our slow compassion
That tarries until too late,
And it's not the thing you do, dear,
It's the thing you leave undone,
Which gives you the bit of heartache
At the setting of the sun.
—Exchange.

Live For A Purpose.

Home and Farm.
I wonder how many are doing this, and again how many expect to drift down the stream of time without any aim or ambition. There is room at the top for all who will strive to climb, so don't be content to stand still, and let others pass by as they go upward and onward. Some will doubtless say it is never intended for me to make a mark in the world. Don't let such thoughts as this down you (if you will allow the expression), but raise your ambition and be up and doing. It requires a great deal of courage and get up to push our way through, but "what man has done man may do." A life without a purpose is a sad failure. In the schoolroom is where many of us make the mistake. It is there we let time get the start of us. Perhaps while you have read this little essay, you thought it was some boy writing, but you are mistaken. It is a girl in her teens. I know boys have better advantages than girls, but I believe it was intended for us to live for a purpose too.

Stay on the Farm.

Argonaut.
We are fully satisfied that the probability of success in accumulating a competency, is greater in agriculture than in any other calling. The man who engages in agriculture and gives his business the close attention and earnest thought which is required of the tradesman or the man in the professions, will be much more likely to make a success. In addition to this, the business is exempt from the harassing cares and mental anxieties common to all other pursuits. Farm life is more conducive to good morals, health of body and peace of mind than any other. It is true that many men make failures in farming, but not so often or so disastrous as in other pursuits. Some men are born failures and can never under any circumstances make a success. Parents, we fear, are sometimes to blame for the boy leaving the farm. They encourage a spirit of dissatisfaction with farm life by constantly disparaging it in comparison with other callings. They teach the boy that it is a hard and unremunerative life and fail to make it as attractive and pleasant as they might. It would be far better to teach the boy the nobility of the calling and lead him to regard agriculture in its proper light, the noblest and surest secular pursuit in which a man can engage.

Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtain, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from first dose. She continued its use and after taking ten bottles, found herself sound and well, now does her own housework and is as well as she ever was.—Free trial bottles of this Great Discovery at E. T. Whitehead & Co.'s drug store, large bottles 50c. and \$1.00.

Faults of digestion cause disorders of the liver, and the whole system becomes deranged. Dr. J. H. McLean's Sarsaparilla perfects the process of digestion and assimilation, and thus make pure blood.
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BEN ROHT.

GIVES ADVICE WHICH HE CONSIDERS WORTH TAKING.

Raining.
I want to give the giddy boys and foolish girls some advice for I think they need it badly. I will begin on the boys first: Never marry a woman for pity, nor because she asks you to—that is asks you by her actions. Do not think you have more sense than any body else. Memory of Solomon is not dead yet, and what do you suppose he would do at a dinner table with finger bowls? drink out of them as I did? Never envy a boy because he is smarter than you are—most of them are. Tell the truth, if you remember how. I would tell you not to smoke cigarettes, but I had about as well tell you not to breathe, it makes you look like an idiot you know, and the more you look like an idiot, the more you are in fashion. Never step on a lady's dress, it might tear and attract attention to your feet. Do not tell every girl you see you love her, for she will believe you. Do not think of loving the girl who springs from a spring board into the sea. Do not get mad when you hurt yourself because the girls snicker, it is funny to most of them, unless you break a bone, then they would be ready to shed enough tears to drive the fever out; but do not break your neck for the sake of the abolition, it is a lady's tender nature (God bless them) to cry if a dog gets badly hurt. Because a girl looks at you do not think it is your beauty, it may be your homeliness, and pretty men are almost as scarce as hen's teeth. If a lady chats with you after you have been presented to her, do not think she has fallen in love with you at first sight, she is just trying to be affable. Do not bring up subjects you never heard of before, the other person may know all about it. Then what? Can you read French? When a lady falls down in a ball room, do not laugh at her, be gallant enough to glide rapidly across the waxed floor and fall yourself, and attract attention from her in—her heart the lady will thank you. When you meet a lady falling down stairs, get out of her way, it is the best thing you can do, and will not hurt half so bad. Never go hunting with a loaded gun, load after you get near the game, then you can vary the load. That means never make up your speeches at home, for you will surely fail to say them. Never go home after twelve at night, if away, stay. And when you marry do not wed but one of the family—if the family takes up with you, tell them one at the time will last longer. Do not live on your wife, nor look to her for maintenance.

Common Schools in the South.

National Democrat.
The United States Commissioner of Education in his annual report makes the gratifying statement that the provision for popular education in this country has more than kept pace with the increase of population in the last ten years. The greatest progress has been made in the Southern States, where the colored people are receiving their full share of the benefit. While they contribute a comparatively small share to the school funds, the amount apportioned to the support of their schools is the same in proportion to their numbers as that bestowed upon the education of whites. The people of the South are giving evidence of full appreciation of the importance of supporting popular education, and especially of educating the rising generation of negroes, and if their efforts are not interfered with by ill-advised schemes of national aid, the advance which they are making is likely to continue until they can show a record in every way equal to that of Northern States. When the proportion of illiterates among white and colored persons in the South is spoken of it must be kept in mind that a large portion of the latter are adults who were brought up in the ignorance of slavery and have now passed beyond the reach of schools.

Right Again.

The *Twin-City Daily* is sound on most subjects which it discusses. Concerning towns and newspapers, it says: "No town should be without a newspaper that is able to support one. We often hear it said that journalism is too crowded in North Carolina and that it would be better for everybody concerned for some of the papers to cease to exist. This is true in some instances where too many papers are crowded into one town, but we know of no town in North Carolina that has a newspaper that would be better off without one. No community can calculate the value of the local press, and in most instances the press deserves more support than it receives."

Imitating the Plan of 1887.

Durham Globe.
General Mahone is keeping fully up to his reputation, earned in preceding political campaigns, of being the champion political corruptionist of Virginia. He is imitating the plan of 1887, paying large sums of money to the negro preachers and politicians who bring in the largest number of Republican votes, but his rewards are larger than ever before. The colored women are enlisted in the fight, and she who controls most votes is to be rewarded by elegant articles of house furniture.

Dizziness, nausea, drowsiness, distress after eating, can be cured and prevented by taking Dr. J. H. McLean's Liver and Kidney Pills (little pills).

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Cleaning Men's Clothing.

New York World.
Cleaning men's clothing is hard work, but if it must be done, it is well to know that broadcloth, diagonal, cassimere and such materials will stand washing, and if a coat, vest or pair of trousers is very dirty a shibby this is the best way to clean and freshen it up. It is the way the professional scourers do it. First, make a strong soapuds with clean warm water; never wash cloth in water that has been used for other things, as it will make it lousy. Soase the garment up and down in the suds and rub out all dirty places and grease spots. If very much soiled it may go through a second suds, then rinse well through several waters as warm as the suds and hang up to dry. When almost dry roll it up for an hour or so, then press it. In pressing put a piece of old muslin between the goods and the iron. Be sure to take up the iron before the steam stops rising from the cloth. This is the secret of pressing such goods without having them look shiny. If there are bad wrinkles shiny places put a wet cloth over them and press with a hot iron, not for getting to lift off the iron when the full head of steam is rising, so that the nap of the cloth will be lifted.

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ROANOKE UNION.

ROCKY MOUNT TURNS OUT.
FRIDAY, SEPT 25TH.

The Roanoke Union was called to order by Rev. J. D. Hufham who conducted devotional exercises at 10:30 o'clock, a m., after which the meeting adjourned to meet again at 3 o'clock, p. m.

Afternoon Session.

The meeting was opened promptly at 3 o'clock by song service. Rev. J. D. Hufham then called Rev. J. W. Powell to the chair and requested H. D. Avera to act as secretary. The moderator proceeded at once to announce the first subject on the programme and called for speeches. "The sin of Omission, what is it?" was discussed by Rev. G. L. Finch who was appointed to lead the discussion. He argued in a very forceful manner that to know God's will and not do it is the sin of omission. He was followed by Prof. J. B. Brewer of C. B. F. Institute. He was thoroughly convinced that one of the greatest sins of parents was the omitting of the education of their daughters. He illustrated the result of omission by referring to the parable of the talents. Prof. Brewer showed by this parable that we are responsible to God not only for what we are, but for what we might be by the proper use of our talents in His cause.

Rev. J. G. Barkley followed Prof. Brewer and spoke from the experience of a life time of nearly 80 years; fifty of which have been spent in preaching the gospel.

Rev. M. S. Reid next addressed the Union arguing that unbelief is the sin of omission. In a very able manner he followed this great sin of omission to its fountain head and proved by the scriptures that unbelief is the great condemnation brought against the world, and the omitting to obey God's commands comes from unbelief.

The next subject was announced.

"How can we best develop the interest in our Union Meetings?" was discussed by Rev. G. J. Dowell who argued that practical questions only should be discussed at these meetings and that the ministers of Christ should exert themselves specially to prepare something worthy of the cause of Christ. Rev. J. D. Hufham also spoke to this subject, and reviewed the grand work done by the Union Meeting in years past.

There being no other business before the body after prayer by Rev. Dowell the Union adjourned to meet again at 7:30 o'clock.

Friday evening—7:30 o'clock.

The Union was called to order by Rev. J. W. Powell who called upon Rev. G. L. Finch to conduct the devotional exercises. The question on the programme was, "Are denominational sermons advisable?" Rev. M. S. Reid answered with a big yes. His first reason assigned for so doing was loyalty to God's Word, 2nd loyalty to the church, 3rd loyalty to the truth, 4th loyalty to Christ, 5th loyalty to self and 6th, loyalty to men.

Rev. J. W. Powell followed Mr. Reid and drew the distinction between denominational sermons and denominational abuse.

Saturday Sept 28, 89.

The Union met promptly on Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock and Rev. G. L. Finch again conducted the devotional exercises. The first subject for the day was called and read as follows: "What should be done with members who visit bars and gambling tables?" Rev. G. J. Dowell led the discussion in his usual happy manner tracing the origin of drunkenness to the first man who used liquor to excess, and showed by the lives of other men how some good men have stumbled and fallen.

At 3:30 o'clock the subject, "Mutual relation of pastor and people" was discussed by Dr. Hufham Revs. Reid and Powell.

Sunday morning Sept 29, 89.

At 10:30 o'clock the Sunday school was addressed by Revs. Reid, Finch and G. W. Blount of Wilson. At 11 o'clock Rev. M. S. Reid delighted the congregation with one of the best of sermons after which Dr. Hufham said the Union would not be a success without a collection. It was taken up and amounted to \$13.25. Dr. Hufham preached at night to a large congregation and thus closed a grand Union Meeting.
H. D. AVERA.

Compulsory Education.

"Notes" in the Lexington Dispatch has the following to say on education:

Uneducated people certainly must realize that they are placed to great disadvantage because they lack the knowledge which would enable them to be far more successful in their various occupations; in fact, they must see that there are many things which they cannot do because of the lack of education. Parents, then, realizing the real value of the knowledge acquired now in our common schools, should by all means seek to give these advantages to their children. And yet there are parents in our midst who think nothing of this matter. There are parents who refuse to send their children to school. There are parents who actually take it as a grave insult if you speak of the matter of sending their boys and girls to school.

What are we to do in this state of affairs? Our state has not yet thought seriously of adopting the plan of compulsory system of education; but it does seem to us that this is a consideration worthy of our most serious attention. Other states have adopted it and found it successful; why may not North Carolina? Freedom will be taken away; cries some old backwoods fogy. My friend, you are not left free to act in other matters as you might wish; you have to support the government, and pay your school taxes, and yet will not give your children the advantages they are so sadly in need of. You ought to be compelled to send them to school.

This will perhaps be considered an extreme measure by a few good citizens even; but in an extreme case extreme measures are justifiable. If parents will not take care of their own children, the state must.

His Conscience Stricken.

First tramp—Look, Tom, this is the minister's house, the window's open and all the folks are at church, an' they don't keep no dog, so that we couldn't have a softer snap."

Second tramp, with suppressed emotion—The minister's house, do you say? Ah, Bill, I have been a bold, bad man, but I have never yet robbed the clergy. They are a hard workin' lot an' their pay is small, besides, some of the tenderest recollections of an innocent boyhood is coupled with my Sunday school (wipes away a tear). But, Bill, you haven't got the same feeling in the matter I has, an' if yer've made up yer mind to enter the place why I'd stay outside an' keep watch, an' I'll give a whistle if I see anyone comin' in!—Ex.

Good Mathematics.

(Raleigh Christian Advocate.)

A careful housewife recommends the following arithmetic lesson to the attention of drinking workingmen: "Two drinks of whiskey means a pound and a half of beef steak; two beers, a dinner of mutton chops; a cocktail, an egg plant or a head of cauliflower. 'What'll you take, Charley?' stands for a nice oyster stew for the whole family Sunday morning. 'Set 'em up again,' means sugar in the house for a month."

Happy Hoosiers.

Wm. Timmons, Postmaster of Indianapolis, Ind., writes: "Electric Bitters has done more for me than all other medicines combined, for that bad feeling arising from Kidney and Liver trouble." Sobn Leslie, farmer and stockman, of same place, says: "Find Electric Bitters to be the best Kidney and Liver medicine, made me feel like a new man." J. W. Gardner, hardware merchant, same town, says: Electric Bitters is just the thing for a man who is all run down and don't care whether he lives or dies; he found new strength, good appetite and felt just like he had a new lease on life. Only 50c. a bottle, at E. T. Whitehead & Co.'s drug store.

Even the most vigorous and hearty people have at times a feeling of weakness and lassitude. To dispel this feeling take Dr. J. H. McLean's Sarsaparilla; it will impart vigor and vitality.
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There are times when a feeling of lassitude will overcome the most robust, when the system craves for pure blood, to furnish the elements of health and strength. The best remedy for purifying the blood is Dr. J. H. McLean's Sarsaparilla.
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BOYS AND THE FARM.

Why Boys leave the farm.

A writer in *Home & Farm* recently gave expression to some golden thoughts on this subject. Among other things he says:

"Why do our boys leave the farm?" a question that is often asked and variously answered. Without attempting to notice the many reasons that are assigned for the aversion which most country boys have for the farm, I would like to express the views of a young farmer, one who was born and raised on the farm, and who was often tempted to leave the farm for some other calling or profession. One of the first reasons for his aversion to the farm is the pessimistic view of farming that is usually held by his father and neighbors. Is it not a remarkable fact that while the physician, the lawyer, the merchant, the mechanic, etc., always choose their life work and prepare themselves for a special pursuit, the vast majority of our farmers are not farmers from choice, but by accident or circumstance.

This is one grand reason why our farmers fail. They are not farmers from choice, but by circumstance. Now, to be successful, we must honor our calling. Every farmer ought to be able to say that he had rather be a farmer than anything else fancy a physician a success who considers his profession do's work; yet most of our farmers belittle their calling, grumble from one year's end to another, and then wonder why their boys leave the farm for the town or city.

Another reason why the farmer's son is prone to leave the farm is the tone of the school books, biographies, newspapers and magazines of the day. In a word, they are educated to leave the farm. Take our school readers and there you will find sketches of merchants, lawyers, military men, artists and authors, but so far as I have seen, never a sketch of a farmer. Examine a catalogue of library books, and there you will find biographies with titles something like this: "Log Cabin to the White House," "Country Boy and Merchant Prince," indeed, biographies of lawyers, merchants, bankers, machinists and inventors are—anybody and everybody but an agriculturalist.

The same is true of our magazines and newspapers. Even so-called agricultural journals are guilty of the same practice. Now why is it so? Are there are no farmers worthy of imitation? Most assuredly there are.

Want of society is another reason why young people leave the farm. It would do much good if the farmers would pay more attention to social matters. A want of social intercourse on the part of farmers is a habit and not necessary. There is no reason why the farmer should not enjoy social life as much as the townsman. In fact I think I do not know, for I never lived in town that his social opportunities are better. It is true much of his time is spent in the field, but not more than the clerk or factory operative spends in the store or factory, and his vacation is certainly longer.

On the other hand, the Alliance, the Grange and the Farmers' Club afford ample means for social and mental improvement. If there is not one of these organizations in your neighborhood, start one immediately. The Farmers' Alliance is a very popular organization in the South; it takes members as young as the age of sixteen. Take your boys and girls into the Alliance; take them to farmers' institutes, agricultural meetings, etc. Get them interested, show them there is something about farming besides plowing and hoeing. Give them a plot of ground to cultivate as their own, and let them have the proceeds. Encourage them to take and read agricultural journals. Teach them that farming is just as dignified and honorable as any other vocation.

And above everything else, don't take your brightest boy and educate him to the last notch for some profession while his brother grows up in ignorance. This is a mistake that your fathers made. It used to be thought that any fool could be a successful farmer, but experience has proved it to be a mistake.

For a safe and certain remedy for fever and ague, use Dr. J. H. McLean's Chills and Fever Cure; it is warranted to cure.
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