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BE MEN, DEAR FELLOWS.

Some Rambling Thoughts.

BY "NEMO."

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To Young MEN:-Remember how

mall a place money ought to have in

should never reckon your success by

standard you will lay at her feet the

her a clean mind, an upright life, and

a soul above robbery. And he that

of stooping to things so mean and so

contemptible that he is not fit to be the

husband of any wife or the possible

he be wealthy as most golden dream

REMEMBER that courage—the quality

you so much admire and about which

you possibly use such false estimates-

a coarse-grained nature-mere insensi-

bility to danger, like the mad frenzy of

a bull. Real courage, is that of the

mind that will keep you working on in

the face of defeat, or that enables you

to dare great purposes, when the way

to their accomplishment is like the

way to an Alpine summit, only attain-

of your youth call you a fool.

more and more in power. Welcome

the north wind, my beloved; it is cruel

to be kind; it would seem to wrest thy

"Here's to the men who lose!

The touchstone of true worth is no

Though fate may darkly frown, onward

And bravely do one's best.

Here's to the men who lose!

triumph's easy smile our struggles

The king is he who, after fierce defeat

REMEMBER that mistakes are no

has never made a mistake, and I will

has escaped errors of judgment and

tempt anything. Mistakes are good

school-masters; they show us that we

know not, in order that we may be

better able to know. A mistake is

danger signal that warns into new

more careful and more thoughtful

ways. And I do not limit the utility

of a mistake merely to the range of

studies and business. I refer even to

awful mistakes in morals, to social sins

that are sweet to the taste and bitter in

it we will but drag ourselves away from

them and think them over at a dis-

REMEMBER that he who goeth to ac-

complish great things for himself or for

the world, needs not to be known to be

weak and immoral in order to lose his

thing done need have no witnesses in

order to undo a man. Yielding to a

darling sin takes away the ability to be

all you might be; not because your

main undiscovered, for the traitor

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Courage is easy then;

Can up and fight again."

to press

on the faster.

can fancy.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

Habit is one of the strongest forces with which men have to do, both in he social and business world. For intance, the consignee of general goods who always made a reduction of a certain per cent. for "ratage," may have been perfectly honest when he made the usual deduction for "ratage" on a consignment of scrap-iron. We may not always judge a man's intentions by granting that you are toiling in order one particular act. Of course there to win a wife, if money is your sole was not much possibility for the scrapiron to suffer "ratage" in shipping or least valuable gift if you bring not to being stored; but the man may have forgotten just once, as we all do some maketh haste to be rich runs in danger

It is a statement which we have made over and over again, but so firmly father of any living children, though do we believe it that we make it once more: The habit of profane swearing is the most mexcusable evil and sin that otherwise decent men are guilty of. The man who blatantly utters unguarded oaths and talks profanity regardless of the presence of strangers or profanity grates, is guilty of a breach of politeness that is inexcusable in a gentleman; and the degree of the flagrancy of the breach of politeness may be measured according to his intelligence. A few men do not know any better, but most men do. Those who do not know better are pretty low down in the scale and should be pitied rather "Excelsior! Excelsior!!" It requires gain meaning and profit and fame

One of the strongest moral forces that has ever been set to work in this country, is the movement of the young people in their various organizations. The different religious denominations have their young people organized as aux iliaries; and they are becoming a power that is being telt in a tremendous uplift for the world.

They are helpful to both Church and State; for along with their religious and moral training they carry an educational training that must be felt. And so the Church is helped through their distinctively moral influence; and the State, through their educational influence. It is, therefore, easy to see that in the process of the years to come our country must feel this two-fold influence for good; and we may confidently expect a better and a higher standard of thought and action in every department of government.

There are some phases of our free school system in North Carolina, that have not been studied carefully, or a least have not been discussed by the papers. No man of intelligence can afford to feel even indifferent to the cause of education, for it is necessarily the hope of our land; but the glittering generalities with which some enthusiasts speak and write on the matter of free schools are not quite so glittering conduct by being too indolent to atwhen they are brought down face to tace with the men through whose hands and from whose sweat the money

comes to run the free schools. We have thought much over the school system in North Carolina, and have never given expression before but we believe that the tree school money for this State ought to come from the poll tax and not from property effects. These may teach and purify,

There are many things by which we may judge of the trend of thought and action among the people generally. And taking these as an index different persons have different opinions about the progress of the times, and so on. For instance one thinks the world 18 getting better and gives his reasons. Recently a man of many years' experience as a commission merchant said to us that he does not find the indications of dishonest tricks that he did formerly. He related how years, ago it was

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REMEMBER that I can safely go one step further and assert to you who think -may your number multiply-a still more note-worthy thing about yielding to evil. The thought of wrong, cherished as a pleasant thing, is enough to unnerve you without waiting for the deed to be done. Cardinal Newman says very wisely and very beautifully But he who lets his thoughts run on in soft luxurious flow, Faints when hard service must be done

your calculations; at any rate that you And shrinks at every foe." The thought is father to the deed. the amount of money you make. Even We talk of dissipation for the body; run unchecked, particularly it they are of an unclean character.

> REMEMBER in following that last thought that there is a dissipation of future destinies, you let your spiritual try's defence. desires run riot until all who fail to believe with you are believed to be in the

REMEMBER that a spider dipped in ink can make scrawls across paper, that a dog can scratch earth, that a monkey more than a broad chest to stand a from any or all of these acts. Your Roanoke and one on the Neuse river. sneer, more than a fearless eye to turn sheep is a follower of instincts equally much as walking strengthens our has within it the possibilities of shame bodies. It is the things we have to or of esteem. If you merely follow struggle with that make us men. Some your instincts, you are less worthy than few geniuses seem able at a leap to ac- an animal, for it has done all it could, complish whatever their hearts are set and you have not. Be a man, dear upon, but the vast majority of us at fellow, and venerate yourself; then no pose and unwavering. It a tide just you will be a worthy comrade of those drags us along we are as dead things or who through the patient ages have led sticks; if we swim against it, we grow us away from mere animalism.

Speak Kindly.

all from thee only to make thee hold Selected.

> Speak kindly, in the morning, it lightens the cares of the day, and makes household and all other affairs move along smoothly.

> Speak kindly at night, for it may be that before the dawn some loved one may finish his or her space of life for this world, and it will be too late to ask

> Speak kindly at all times, it encourages the downcast, cheers the sorrowto earnest resolves to do better, with strength to keep them.

ecessarily fatal. Show me a man who Kind words are a balm to the soul. They oil the entire machinery of life. show you a lazy good-tor-nothing who and keep it in good running order.

House Work as an Exercise.

Medical Record.

To keep the complexion and spirits good, to preserve grace, strength and agility of motion, there is no gymnasium so valuable, no exercise more beneficent in result than sweeping, dusting, making beds, washing dishes and the polishing of brass and silver. One year of such muscular effort within doors, together with regular exercise in open air, will do more for a woman's com plexion than all the lotions and pomades that were ever invented. Perhaps the reason why house work does so much more for women than games, is the fact that exercise, which is immediately productive, cheers the spirit. It gives women courage to go on living, and makes things seem really worth power of accomplishment; a wrong while.

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"THE ALBEMARLE."

A Short Chapter of War Record.

HER HISTORY AND FATE.

Following is the address by Comrade B. F. Loyall at a banquet in Norfolk, Jan. 19, 1897, by the Pickett-Buchanan Camp of Confederate Veterans in honor of R. E. Lee's birthday:

Commander and Comrades :-

Your excellent committee could not have selected a more striking example to illustrate perseyerence in overcomthere is a dissipation of the mind, and ing difficulties and hard-fighting, dethat is found in letting the thoughts termined valor, than the little ship "Albemarle" commanded by Capt. James W. Cooke. He was a North Carolinian and it was with a North Carolina ship and upon North Carolina waters that he displayed his heroic qualities. He the mind, even apart from filthy mus- was one of a number of Naval officers ings; it is found in being insufficiently who left the U.S. Navy, with hardly a severe with yourself. Remember also hope that they would ever tread the that there may even be spiritual dis- deck of a Confederate ship of war; besipation, when, in the higher regions ing willing to give their services wherof thought that affect men's souls and ever they could be used in their coun-

After Burnside had captured Roanoke Island and taken control of the salt wawrong. Remember too the common ter region of North Carolina, our Govis not measured by the strength of the fault of bodily dissipation. I beg of ernment, encouraged by the destructive arm nor a readiness to die. Bodily you to remember as sensible beings work of the Merrimac, devised to get those upon whose ears he knows his courage is sometimes only the mark of that the powers you in your overflow- affoat two iron clad vessels to send out ing youth regard as solely given for into the Sounds, and in concert with your pleasure, are merely an inherit- the Army, to rescue that whole region ance from your parents to be passed on from the enemy. Experience had spotless and undefiled to your children. taught that to put a gun on an old steamboat and call it by the high sounding name of gup boat did not answer in contending with the U.S. Na vy. In 1862 the Confederate Governed by cheerful self-denial and the con- can daub paint, but that the intelli- ment entered into contract with citistant crying to that inner purpose, gence of a human being is needed to zens of North Carolina for the construction of two iron clad vessels, one on the

> from the pleading glances of a pleasure- as much when mature as it was when prising citizens who devoted his energy meet the shock, dashed his prow into loving woman, more than mere muscle it frisked its restless tail and fled af- and business talent towards the con- the "Southfield" and delivered the fire to keep on doing those things that are frighted from moving objects. Neither struction of the "Albemarle" was Gil- of his guns into the "Miami." killing of good report, when all the companions honor nor dishonor attaches to its life, bert Elliott, brother of our comrade, and wounding many of her crew. save that it has been all it could be. Capt. Chas. G. Elliott. These patriot- Among the killed was her commander, But you are a man; born a creature of ic citizens had never built anything my brave young comrade of former REMEMBER that disappointments instinct yet capable of becoming a but flat boats, but with the aid and ad- days. In the meantime the "South- to dread her coming out again and debuild the muscles of our character, creature of thought, whose use of life vice of an intelligent Naval officer, they field" was at the bottom and the termined, if possible to destroy her. In worked ahead. The "Albemarle" was "Bombshell" sunk by Hoke's Artillery, tain our ambitions only by stern pur- matter how humble your lot in life, propelling power. Capt. Cooke was in- eral assaults of our troops. On the riv- sunk into her native waters, never to ransacked the country for the ironcalled "Capt. Ironmonger." To vamp part of the Fort, rendering it unable, up anything to convert it into a boat and General Ransom's command enor a bar afforded him infinite delight. tered the town on that tlank. The remand the ship building on the Neuse five pieces of artillerv. river sometime after the career of the 'Albemarle." To give you some idea of the difficulties in the way of getting the sound were six United States guna ship of war built and ready for ser- boats. They were fully prepared to vice, General Hoke, who had few equals meet the "Albemarle"—they carried 40 for daing and dash and military skill, guns, ten of which were 100 per rifles. was so deeply interested in the comple- Captain Cooke did not heed the odds tion of my little vessel, that he made against him with the little ship carrytwo trips to Richmond and brought ing two guns and propelled by a feeble ing, and very likely awakens the erring back with him in his trunk certain au- engine. His idea and hope was to gers and other tools necessary to carry clear the sound of the enemy's ships on the work. Not long after I had got- and tow boats over to Hatteras with ten the crew on board, it was about the middle of June, one day I received an application, in the form of a round the sound. He steamed slowly down robin, from twenty odd of the crew to the Roanoke on the morning of the 5th go home and harvest. It was some- of May. The enemy approached in thing new to me and not in my power to grant, but the next day the boat- a melee and storm of shot and shell swain-the only seaman I had in the crew-came to me with his hat off and asked in the most respectful and interested manner, if it was true that a los of the men had applied for leave to go home to harvest. I told him they had applied. He said nothing, put on his hat, went forward and I never saw him again. He deserted that night and went away to join the enemy. He could not stand the hay makers. His name was Donnard, an Englishman, valuable seaman, full of fight, and my main reliance. One of the many difficulties in the way of getting a confederate ship ready for good service in the war, was the scarcity of trained of ficers. Capt. Parker, in his "Recollection of a Naval Officer", said that a Lieutenant on board one of the gun

boats made the following entry in the Log Book :

"The moon was on the port bow and What became of that iron clad vessel

on the Neuse is another story and of

Capt. Cooke had been in command of one of those terrible little gun boats at the battle of Roanoke Island and when all his ammunition was exhaust-

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NO. 21 ed, got a supply from the "Curlew which had been disabled and sunk, and he fought on until they were all driven back to Elizabeth City, where the overwhelming rush of the Federal Fleet destroyed everything affoat that they could reach and Capt. Cooke gave orders to blow up his vessel and all hands saye themselves as best they could. In this engagement he displayed desperate gallantry, was severely wounded, and captured, and Capt. Renshaw of the U. S. Navy told me that Cooke never did

ing of one of the iron clads before mentioned at Edward's Ferry on the farm of Peter E. Smith. After overcoming every obstacle, she was launched, moved down to Haiifax, and later to Hamilton for fear of low water. In April 1864 General Hoke, who was determined to recapture Plymouth, visited the "Albemarle" and though she was far from being finished her heroic commander promised the General he would co-operate with him in the attack on Plymouth. The dis tinguished part he took in that gallant affair will now be seen. Naval history affords no more remarkable evidence of patriotic zeal and individual persever ance. His ship was one of shreds and patches and with her he went down towards Plymouth to keep his tryst with General Hoke. As soon as he

at Plymouth. Capt. Flussed, an old shipmate of mine from Kentucky, a man of brilliant promise and full of grit, commanded the Federal force afloat, that - guarded the water front where there was no other defence. It was after midnight on the 19th of April 1864. Immediately grasping the situation, Cooke made for the enemy's One of the foremost and most enter- ships that were chained together to

heard the dull concussion that, to the

practical ear, Jonotes a heavy bombard-

ment, he moved down upon the scene

I happened to be ordered to com- sult was the capture of 1,500 men and

Below the town of Plymouth, near the mouth of the river in the waters of men enough to recapture the Fort and shut out the United States vessels from two columns of attack and then ensued poured into this little ship that seemed

so unfortunate. Capt, Cooke handled his ship with perfect coolness and great skill, feeling his ship so often strained by the fearful blows from the gunboats that surround ed her. She was the centre of an 1rregular circle—the periphery of which was six staunch ships trying to destroy her. At one time the "Sassacus" struck the "Albemarle" at right angles with the tremendous force of ten knots speed, making her reel and stagger and at the same time she received three solid shots from 100 per rifles that started her plates, but the "Albemarle" righted herself and sent a shell through the Sassacus" which filled her with steam and drove her out of the fight, At 7:30 p. m., Commodore Smith, baffled in every attack and knowing that his vessels were getting the worst of it, hoisted the signal to retire—the "Sassacus" out of the fight and the "Walusing" in a sinking condition. The "Albemarle" had one of her guns disabled, but maintained her ground, drove off the enemy disabled and defeated, not to say dis-

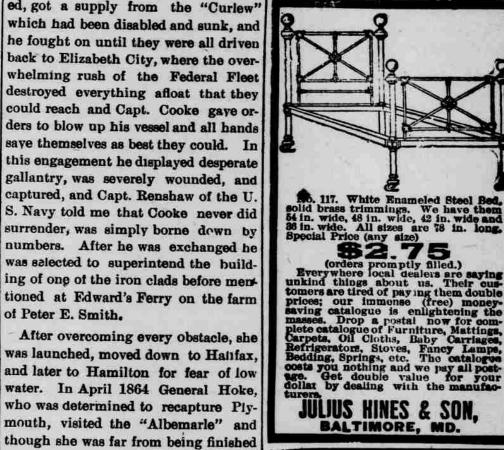
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comfited and mortified, as the United States Navy always expected to make short work of these poorly built craft. The "Albemarle" had no speed to pursue a fleeing enemy, and only those who passed through the strain of a long days' battle, shut up in an iron box can estimate the exhaustion and collapse they suffer. One of the engieers on board described to me the earful condition she was in. Everything in her strained and shattered. and his account of the efforts to keep her kettle boiling, as he spoke of it, by burning of bulkheads, pork, cotton sheets and clothing, was really pathetic. Cooke slowly retired up the river and on the 20th of May again made his appearance at its mouth.

One of the Federal ships saw the "Albemarle," fired a shell from afar and got out of her way.

A short time after this the health of her heroic commander broke down and he was placed in a hospital and never fully recovered from the strain he had endured. His little ship "Albemarle" lay at Plymouth in accountable inactivity, but the enemy still had reason this they succeeded by a daring and built in a corn field, from the timber and the "Miami" fleeing down the riv- brilliant exploit of Lieutenant Cushing growing near by and with a black- er. This brilliant success insured the of the U.S. Navy, who, on the night smith shop for a manufacturing plant, triumph of General Hoke. The de- of the 27th of October, 1864, managed while the engine of a large saw mill tences of Fort Williams were powerful to run a torpedo into her, while lying was altered and made to serve for her on the land side and had repulsed sov. at the wharf at Plymouth, where she defatigable in urging on the work and er side the fortification was defective, be seen again. And so the good ship its open works depending on gunboats "Albemarle" goes out of sight, but not from the Tredegar works as far down for defence. These having been driven out of memory, for as long as men adas Wilmington, until he used to be away, Cooke opened upon the valuable mire professional ambition, patriotism, and that spirited kind of courage in war that makes men seek out an enemy, and fight him to an issue, so long will the "Albemarle" with Capt. James W. Cooke upon her deck, form one of the most striking and stirring pictures upon the great panorama of the war between the States.

> It was only a short time after the destruction of the "Albemarle" that Plymouth again fell into the hands of the enemy.

Wrong-Doing.

Do not apologise for your child's faults in his presence, by saying, but rather teach him to avoid and despise all evil habits, while he must feel neither harsh nor vindictive towards the wrong-doer. And teach him also that any inner prompting to wrong, resist and overcome, is the occasion of a greater victory than a temptation from without, which is successfully witnstood, and from such struggles and triumphs will be wrought out characters of dignity and strength, such as the nation needs.

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His Final Statement.

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ARE YOU OUT OF SORTS.

Who is not at times, during this season of the year? How can one help being out of sorts when one is carrying around in his blood all the impurities health depends upon the condition of that have accumulated during the long leading physicians and druggists, as the the blood. To expel impurities and winter? No wonder you can hardly cause the vitalfluid to become vigorous and life-giving, Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the be relieved of its load. What will do tion, sluggishness of the liver, Jaundice and life-giving, Ayer a Sarsaparilla is the be relieved of its load. What will do nost powerful and effective medicine it? David's Sarsaparilla. Sold at Dr. Whitehoods Drug Store Whiteheads Drug Store.