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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things
Present, Past and Future.

The colored people of Raleigh have
filed petitions before the Railroad Com-
mission asking for better waiting room
accommodations. They recte several
objectionable features of the disadvan-
tages and inadequacy of their waiting
room service and ask the Commission
to rectify the matter.

This is the season of commencements
and the reports of those held thus far
in the State are quite flattering.
Most of the schools and colleges have
done well this year, and notwithstand-
ing the extremely hard times there is a
good prospect for an enlivened interest
in education during the ensuing school
year.

The trucking interest of the State
has been more successful this season
than for two or three years past. The
spring was rather late, but the prices
on truck have held up better than for
several years, and truckers are encour-
aged. This is especially the case with
strawberries and cabbage. The potato
crop was much injured by the frost and
it is too early to tell much about what
the crop will be worth.

The question of how to get better
roads ought to be agitated in North
Carolina until we can have such roads
that farmers will be justified in loading
teams properly. The power of a team
has to be gauged by the worst mile of
road over which a load must be drawn.
All the road may be good except one
mile, and that mile measures the load.
The team must be loaded for that mile,
regardless of what could be drawn over
the other part. Let us have good roads.

It is a great disadvantage to most
persons to be uncertain about remain-
ing where they are and continuing to
work in the same sphere. Most persons
work with less energy when they feel
that perhaps soon they will make a
change in place, or business, or occupa-
tion. This is a mistake. The better
one does the thing at hand and the
more faithful he is, the more easily
will he do the thing which he next
lays hands to. All worthy effort at
doing something well is a stepping-
stone to higher efficiency in the work
ahead.

The Presbyterian Assembly in Char-
lotte last week was a great body of
Christian workers. Charlotte has many
Presbyterians—perhaps as many as
any city of its size in the South—and
it was peculiarly fitting that the great
assembly should be held there. The
people of "The Queen City" no doubt
did themselves great credit in enter-
taining their visitors; and not to do so
would have been to break its record,
for Charlotte is well known for her hos-
pitality.

The following appeared in the New
York Sun of 18th:

"The following dispatch from Raleigh
was published by a Wall street news
bureau yesterday:

"A new development has taken place
regarding the Atlantic & North Caro-
lina Railroad, growing out of the recent
contest between certain stockholders
and the attitude of Governor Russell.
It is stated on good authority that a
proposition has been made to the Gov-
ernor looking to the purchase of the
stock of the Atlantic & North Carolina
Railroad owned by the State, and it has
been ascertained that a committee has
gone to New York to try to borrow
\$300,000 for this purpose, the Governor
having indicated his approval of the
sale, if the money can be procured."

"The presence of this committee in
New York has been known for several
days, but it is not thought probable, in
view of the recent antagonistic attitude
of the Governor and the Legislature of
the State of North Carolina, as well as
of other Southern States, toward rail-
road properties and investments, that
money can be borrowed on any reason-
able terms looking to the purchase of
railroad property in North Carolina."

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LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE.

GOV'T NOT ANOTHER'S PROS-
PERITY.

Some Rambling Thoughts.

BY "NEMO."

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TO THE ENVIOUS:—How do you bet-
ter yourself by coveting the prosperity
of others? Do you not rather let loose
in your heart ravening wolves whose
teeth are whetted to tear down those
who run well? Many untoward things
have happened to you, doubtless, and
you feel sick at failures, but envy only
leads you further astray. Concentra-
tion upon your own affairs (one of the
ways to success) is impossible if your
malevolent mind spends its strength in
estimating the seemingly unfair distribu-
tion of worldly goods. The brighter
the sunshine, the darker the shadow,
and your heart would almost stand still
with dread could you see the gloom
along some of the ways you think so
bright and happy. Tread serenely once
more your own way, holding life to be
a proving place of merit, and at the
end there shall be peace.

TO BEWILDERED ONES:—Buffeted
by ill-winds, with faith shaken by mis-
eries that seem undeserved, you some-
times are tempted to cry out that life is
naught but chance and mischance. But
every analogy of nature is against you.
There (and with you too) everything
is concluded to be the result of
cause and effect. There is a reason for
all that is happening to you, difficult
though it may be to discover it. Learn
from the scientist. In a number of
sciences; for instance, the study of the
stars or the study of life, there is a
point reached beyond which the light
of reason fails and all becomes impen-
etrable darkness. The scientist must
choose one of two ways, either conclude
that the origin of things comes by
chance, or that all is ordered and direct-
ed by a power beyond his ken. Which
seems to you the more reasonable? I
need hardly inquire! Then let your
reason lead you to the same conclusion
in relation to your own problems.

TO FRIENDLY SOULS:—In ancient
Mythology the world was believed to
be held on the shoulders of Atlas. This
man of mighty frame has his counter-
part in these later years, and the fancy
of the ancients does not seem so very
remote, for I see this grand old age-
marked world rolling quietly along and
the most sustaining influence in it is
friendship. The selfishness of those
who wish us well, out of pure goodness
of heart, keeps many toiler cheerfully
in his place. God's vicegerents on
earth are the friends we have. When
tempted and tried, even before we turn
to God for guidance, our thought is al-
most invariably "What would dear
—, my friend think?" You mag-
nanimous ones, whose eyes are blinded
to our outer faults, but keen-visioned
for the ideals and grandeur we are ca-
pable of, still exert your power unpar-
ingly. The ways are hard and weary;
stay not the precious influences that
help us to believe in good and in effort
and in ourselves.

TO MINISTERS:—Let no man deprive
you of your right to take active part in
our country's affairs. You have the
right and the responsibility as well.
Bear with me for a few lines in order to
see whether we agree.

The highest civilization is undoubt-
edly that in which there is the readiest
interchange of advantages and oppor-
tunities among the members of the na-
tion. We not only boast of a high civi-
lization but we even dare to call our-
selves "Christian." What is Christian
civilization? The reply must be made
that civilization, in order to be Chris-
tian in any sense, must be one that, as
far as possible, from the highest to the
lowest, is actuated by Christian prin-
ciples. If this be true then, there is, as
yet, little danger of our going too far
in such a direction. In fact, a glance
over our political life up to this time,
and a consideration of the motives that
prompt many men into it is quite suf-
ficient reason for our not yet even ap-
proximating the Christian standard. It
must be borne in mind that any fur-
ther introduction of Christian prin-
ciples into politics and business will ne-
ver be made by those who oppose such
principles. The only hope that a grad-
ual bettering of conditions and a grad-
ual moving of our civilization forward

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to the humanity and brotherly kind-
ness that ought to characterize it, has
to be found in the active participation
in all affairs of life by those who are
the leaders of men along moral heights.
The fact that our spirits take on a cer-
tain form of belief in relation to the
future life does not in any way free us
from responsibility here. We still need
food and raiment; we still need money
for the comforts of life and they are
still obtainable only by toil. That toil
still remains hampered by the social
conditions of the day in which we live
and those conditions must necessarily
remain hard and objectionable so long
as they are solely brought about by
those who are prompted by selfish mo-
tives. Let your light so shine before
men in all the ways of life that they
may not stumble and fall over material
conditions that you could better. Hun-
ger and thriftlessness and oppression
are removable enemies to the faith you
preach. Study them and wrestle with
them, that straight paths may be made
for feeble feet.

TO SELF-SEEKING PREACHERS:—It is
forbidden to speak lightly of the Lord's
anointed. This do I not, for the Lord
has nothing to do with the spurious
oil of desire for ease and comfort, that
sets some to you above the throng. Too
polite to be honest, too gentle to stir
thistle-down, too inexperienced to know
life as it is lived, too indolent to grasp
the vast opportunities of your position,
you pass through life like children
playing on the sands. You have no
hand to spare for those who flounder
and expire in the shallows of truth, for
both hands are busy holding close to
the ear in childish glee empty shells of
theory and hair-splitting and mental
pleasures that shut out the ocean-like
sounds of human anguish and human
aspiration. You set before your hear-
ers mere husks, fit for swine and unfit
even for prodigal sons. You draw
your topics from every place except
the human heart, forgetting the while
that if it were not for the human heart
and its yearnings for truth and a guide
and a seer, there would be no pulpit
for you to fill.

Success by Perseverance.

Biblical Recorder.

At one of the mills in the city of
Boston a boy was wanted, and a piece
of paper was tacked to one of the posts,
so that all the boys could see it as they
passed by. The paper read:

"Boy wanted. Call at the office to-
morrow morning."

At the time named there was a host
of boys at the gate. All were admitted
but the overseer was a little perplexed
as to the best way of choosing one from
so many, and said he:

"Now, boys, when I only want one
of you how can I choose from so
many?"

After thinking a moment, he invited
them into the yard, and, driving a nail
into one of the large trees, and taking
a short stick, told them that the boy
who could hit the nail with the stick
a little distance from the tree should
have the place.

The boys all tried hard, and, after
three trials, each failed to hit the nail.
The boys were told to come again next
morning, and this time, when the gate
was opened there was but one boy, who
after being admitted, picked up the
stick, and, throwing it at the nail hit
it every time.

"How is this?" said the overseer,
"what have you been doing?"

"And the boy looking up with tears
in his eyes, said: "You see, sir, I have
a mother, and we are very poor. I have
no father, sir, and I thought I would
like to get the place, and so help all I
can; and, after going home yesterday,
I drove a nail in the barn, and have
been trying ever since, and have come
down this morning to try again."

The boy was admitted to the place.

Many years have passed since then
and this boy is now a prosperous and
wealthy man; and at the time of an ac-
cident at the mills he was the first to
step forward with a gift of \$500 to re-
lieve the sufferers. His success came
by perseverance.

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Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of
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of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that
last winter his wife was attacked with
La Grippe, and her case grew so serious
that physicians at Cowden and Pana
could do nothing for her. It seemed
to develop into hasty consumption.
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store and seeing lots of it he took a bot-
tle home, and to the surprise of all
she began to get better from the first
dose, and half a dozen dollar bottles
cured her sound and well. Dr. King's
New Discovery for consumption, coughs
and colds is guaranteed to do this good
work. Try it. Free trial bottles at E. T.
Whitehead & Co.'s Drug Store.

LONG TALKS.

WHAT IT COSTS TO CABLE.

A Message to One West African Point
Costs as High as \$3.02.

Richmond Dispatch.

Few persons who have no experience
with telegraph tolls appreciate the ex-
pense of cable communication. Cable
rates are so much per word, instead of
per message of ten words, and the fig-
ures are very much higher. Messages
to England, France, and Germany cost
31 cents per word from Chicago. Bel-
gium's rate is 36 cents; Holland and
Italy, 38 cents; Austria, 40 cents;
Greece, 44 cents; Egypt, 62 cents;
Switzerland, 36 cents; Sweden, 45
cents; Turkey, 34 cents and 53 cents;
Russia, 46 cents. The Cuban war has
greatly increased the volume of tele-
graphic business in the West Indies.
The lowest rate is 40 cents per word for
messages to Habana. Other Cuban
points are higher, and no town in the
West Indies outside of Cuba can be
reached for less than \$1.05 per word.
Messages to Porto Rico cost \$1.85 per
word. Central American rates range
from 50 cents (Guatemala) to 75 cents
(Costa Rica and Nicaragua). South
American rates take a big jump up-
ward. Brazilian messages cost from
\$1.35 to \$1.87 per word; British Guiana
points cost \$2.17. Communication with
Australia is expensive. Queensland
reaches the highest figure, \$2.62 per
word, while South and West Australia
rates are \$1.47. Messages to China
cost \$2.02 per word, and the same fig-
ures apply to Korea. Japanese rates
are \$2.27 per word; Java, \$1.53; For-
mosa, \$2.27; India, \$1.29; Madagascar,
\$1.70; New Zealand, \$1.58; Philippine
Islands, \$2.51; Siam, \$1.41. African
rates are lowest for points along the
Mediterranean and highest along the
west coast. Algeria can be reached for
38 cents per word, the minimum rate
for the Dark Continent. East African
rates are \$1.54 and \$1.64, while South
African points range between \$1.58
and \$1.70. West African points as a
rule range above \$2, while it costs \$3.02
to send a word to Mossamedes from
Chicago—more than to reach any other
telegraph station in the world direct.
However, a message to Bassidore or
Lingah costs the Chicago sender \$1.19
per word to Jask, Perak, and \$1.76
extra for special dispatch-boat line from
that point.

Not Enough Water Drunk.

Washington Star.

"After studying the matter for some
years I am convinced," says a physician,
"that people do not drink enough
water. I think that a great majority
of the cures effected by drinking the
waters of the fashionable and unfash-
ionable medicinal springs in various
parts of the country would have result-
ed if the same amount of plain, whole-
some, everyday water was drunk by
them. People rush to the springs, and
while there drink from 8 to 20 large
glasses of their waters in a day. Whether
there are any medicinal virtues in the
waters, this washing out of the extra
washing out they give themselves, and
it is water instead of the constituency
of the same that does the work. The
same people, if at their homes, would
pass many and many a day without
drinking one glass of water. It is my
opinion that it is the water that is
needed. I am not a hydropath, or a
believer in the theory that water taken
internally and externally will cure
everything. At the same time, I am
satisfied that if people generally drank
from four to six glasses of water every
day they would have less reason to
complain, and suffer less from many
ailments that now affect them than
they now do."

Chances for Success in Large Cities.

In solving "Problems of Young Men"
Edward W. Bok, in the May Ladies'
Home Journal, replying to an inquirer
contends that opportunities for promo-
tion (in business) are more numerous
in large cities than in smaller com-
munities, but they are not better.
"There are more chances in the larger
cities, but likewise there are more ap-
plicants for the chances. Salaries may
be higher in the centres, but so, too, is
the cost of living. Things always
equalize themselves. To my way of
thinking, a moderate business success
in a small community means more to a
man in point of living and absolute
satisfaction, than a greater success in a
larger city."

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rely, and that his life-long malady
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Some Interesting Facts About Napoleon.

Judge Walter Clark in Godey's
Magazine.

Attention has been called to the
great capacity of his skull, but another
physiological fact, which probably had
a most important bearing on his suc-
cess, has passed almost unnoticed. His
normal pulse, or heart beat, was only
40 to the minute. Doubtless this had
a direct influence in enabling him to
stand fatigue and to think coolly under
the pressure of the most trying circum-
stances. It was noted that he rarely
perspired, and, toiling along under the
summer's sun through the desert in the
Egyptian campaign, not a drop of per-
spiration was to be seen on his brow.
Physiologists may, perhaps, be able to
determine other effects upon his phys-
ical and mental activity from this
abnormal slowness of circulation. His
chest measurements were as phenom-
enal as that of his skull. Both were ex-
traordinary for a man of his height.
He wore a No. 8 hat, and his scalp was
so tender that the hat had always to be
very soft and padded. By the way, his
height has been stated differently as 5
feet 3 inches and 5 feet 6 inches. The
truth is, both are correct, for 5 feet 3
inches old French measurement is 5
feet 6 inches English measurement. A
forgetfulness of this fact has caused the
apparent conflict of statement. His
marvelous good health was an indis-
pensable factor in his success. It was
noted by his teachers at school. It did
not fail him once in his long and event-
ful career, till the close of the great
battle of Borodino, under the walls of
Moscow, in 1812, when, the victory be-
ing won, his marshal and generals were
amazed to see him fail to crush the fly-
ing enemy. The Emperor seemed to be
in a daze. In truth, three days and
nights of constant watchfulness had for
the first time overcome that iron frame,
and, his physical man failing, the em-
pire of the world was then and there
wrenched from his grasp. The fatal
retreat from Russia was the inevitable
consequence of these two or three hours
of inactivity at the crisis and acme of
his wonderful career. The next failure
was after the battle of Dresden, in 1813,
when a few hours of indisposition saved
the allied army and probably cost him
his empire. His physical deterioration
lost him the Waterloo campaign. His
mind was as bright as ever. His plan-
ning was never better, but there was a
lack of vigor in execution, and the phys-
ical man, which had aided in so many
successes, was wanting to him.

America One Hundred Years Ago.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

There was not a public library in the
United States.
Almost all the furniture was imported
from England.

An old copper mine in Connecticut
was used as a prison.

There was only one hat factory, and
that made cocked hats.

Every gentleman wore a queue and
powdered his hair.

Crockery plates were objected to be-
cause they dulled the knives.

Virginia contained a fifth of the
whole population of the country.

A man who jeered at the preacher or
criticized the sermon was fined.

A gentleman bowing to a lady always
scrapped his foot on the ground.

Two stage coaches bore all the travel
between New York and Boston.

A day laborer considered himself
well paid with two shillings a day.

The whipping-post and pillory were
still standing in Boston and New York.

Beef, pork, salt fish, potatoes and
bromine were the staple diet all the
year round.

Buttons were scarce and expensive,
and the trousers were fastened with
pegs or laces.

A new arrival in a jail was set upon
by his fellow-prisoners and robbed of
everything he had.

When a man had enough tea he
placed his spoon across his cup to in-
dicate that he wanted no more.

Leather breeches, a checked shirt, a
red flannel jacket and a cocked hat
formed the dress of an artisan.

The church collection was taken in a
bag at the end of a pole, with a bell to
arouse sleepy contributors.

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