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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

The Baptist Female University at Raleigh, which opened two weeks ago, started out with more flattering prospects perhaps than any similar institution ever opened in the State. The reception given by the members of the Baptist churches of the city last week was an elaborate affair. It was given that the faculty of the new institution might have an opportunity of meeting the people of Raleigh, and the papers said a thousand persons attended the reception.

Planting forests is a strange and new idea to most people of this region, but it will have to be done before two more decades pass unless there is some arrest to the destruction of timber. The Scientific American says:

"A few years ago a western railroad planted 600 acres of land with trees, with the idea of growing timber for railway ties and telegraph poles. The trees have made good growth, but are not quite ready for use as poles, and some of the trees are now being cut out and made into fence posts in order to thin the forest."

State Superintendent of Public Instruction, C. H. Mebane, has sent out the following letter to the county superintendents and teachers of public schools in the State in the interest of temperance:

"Dear Friends:—I wish to call your attention to Section 74 of the School Law: 'The nature of alcoholic drinks and narcotics and special instruction as to their effect upon the human system' shall be included in the branches of study taught in the common or free school in the State of North Carolina, and shall be studied and taught as thoroughly and in the same manner as other like required branches in said schools, etc."

"This subject has not received the attention and has not had the time devoted to it that should have been by many of our county superintendents and teachers. 'If we are to become a sober, temperate people, we must look to the rising generations. A large per cent. of the men and women—what a pity we must name women—who are slaves to narcotics and alcoholic drinks will never be reclaimed from the miserable bands which are crushing their lives, their hopes and happiness, and hurrying them on to fit untimely graves. Then how important it is that the awful consequences of these narcotics and drinks be impressed upon the minds and hearts of the children! 'What strong drink is doing for the men from twenty to fifty years of age, the same to a wonderful extent, the cigarette and tobacco are doing for the boys from twelve to twenty years of age. 'The time has come for teachers to cry aloud and spare not. I care not if our school fund is increased some from liquor license. The more the pity. I care not if tobacco men give their thousands to colleges and educational institutions. This ought not, and will not, shut the mouth of any true teacher against these evils. 'Yes, what shall it profit us if our public school funds are increased and our colleges are handsomely endowed if our boys and girls are to be ruined? 'Let our teachers and county superintendents, too, be lying examples of total abstinence from the use of narcotics and alcoholic drinks. I like to see a preacher practice what he preaches, and I like to see a teacher live the life he sets up as a model for his pupils as nearly as possible. 'The very idea of a superintendent of schools or a teacher taking a drink on the sly, or puffing a filthy pipe or smoking a cigarette! Away with such conduct on the part of teachers. 'Yours in behalf of the children, 'C. H. MEBANE, 'Supt. Public Instruction."

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CANADA INDEPENDENT.

She Can Take Care of Herself.

NEIGHBORLINESS NOT WED-LOCK.

BY G. GROSVENOR DAWE.

Written For The Commonwealth.

Another Glance Northward.—It is more of need than of love that has hitherto made Canadian statesmen so much as think of a political union with the United States. Her growing commercial independency is showing her that she can meet her own needs. This is more likely to increase her love for us than to decrease it; for it is somewhat against human nature for us to love sincerely anyone upon whom we are greatly dependent. The stronger Canada becomes the better neighbor will she be for her strong neighbor in the south. We shall make Uncle Sam look foolish indeed if we prompt him to interpret neighborliness as wedlock.

It is safe to hope that the power of one language, one literature, one common stock will bring Canadians and Americans to mutual and lasting trust, without departure on either side for one moment from the condition of free and independent friends.

Perhaps it may be pardonable to let the imagination run forward in relation to Canada's future. She and her neighbor will conclude that there can be no misunderstanding between the two and both will continue to admit the foolishness of fortifying themselves the one against the other; but both will also come to the condition where if the coast of one is touched by hostile finger the heart of the other will be stirred to action. Barricaded by snow and ice on the north and bounded on the south by her puissant friend she will be approachable only on the shores of the Atlantic and of the Pacific.

Her improving conditions will rapidly place her where she cannot be starved out, nor frightened out, nor driven out, and even should a hostile fleet cross the watery bulwarks of two great oceans her inland cities would still be in no danger.

It is in consequence of her unconquerable position that one is prompted to theorize as to her relation to the rest of the British Empire. Whether Great Britain becomes a republic or stays a kingdom it is scarcely likely that her great foreign policy will be altered. Consequently the loose rein that she has held over her various colonies will still suffice to hold them together in one and make them continue to be part of the greatest extent of rule ever entrusted to one nation since the world began. But while the next century will probably see her strength increasing, at the same time two other rivals or perhaps three will strive to divide world power with her—Russia, Germany and the United States with perhaps a calculable influence emanating from Japan. England's success in conducting the affairs of distant colonies and in holding those colonies together is to arouse the jealousy of the nations that do not speak her language. Though a peace conference has met at The Hague and though humanity will some day learn to hate war yet it is to be feared that a struggle for a world supremacy is yet to come from commercial motives. This struggle will not be between nations as nations but rather between races as races.

In consequence there will probably be endeavors from time to time to snatch away some portions of that vast government or to destroy the body of its empire by attacking and destroying the head that rests in little England. Herein may not Canada benefit the motherland? Canada is the largest stretch of land under the control of England and its whole position is favorable for permanency. England is nothing but a comparatively small island never more than a few hours away from hostile attack and never more than a few weeks distant from starvation if attacked. It is called upon to strain every nerve in holding against every corner the little island whose integrity means so much to every quarter of the globe. The tendency will be to recognize the danger of maintaining the center of power where power can be cut off. This danger will be recognized by each part of the whole. Out of these feelings will probably grow a vital federation of the British possessions wherein each spot of England's vast rule will be left free to attend to its internal affairs, but wherein also each part will have a voice by representation in relation to the protection and maintenance of the whole. Is it

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THE OVERCOMING LIFE.

She Triumphed Over Temptation.

CURE FOR DISAGREABLENESS.

I knew a lady who was a Christian, but a very uncomfortable and unhappy Christian, and who made everybody unhappy around her, and had the special peculiarity that, while she kept good enough in her own room, when she went out of the family all the prickles came out, and she was exceedingly disagreeable. She knew it was wrong, but she did not know what to do, and thought she would lose her reason.

One day, she had been as cross as she could be all day, and in the evening she met a gentleman friend, who said to her: "If you will only take the sixth chapter of Romans, and kneel down with the open book on the chair before you, and read it verse by verse, and ask the Lord to show you what it means, and if you understand it and believe it, you will get deliverance."

She promised to do so, and when reading in her own chamber that night she came to the eleventh verse: "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin"; and she could not understand that. "I am not dead," said she; "it would be telling a falsehood, if I said that. When I go out of my room, I know that I shall just do the same as I have been doing all day."

But the blessed Spirit would not let her rest, and at last she made up her mind to obey this command, and to "reckon" herself, on that authority, "dead to sin."

She turned to Gal. 2:20, where Paul says: "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless, I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." She repeated it over and over, and although she could not understand it, she claimed it by faith continually, and asked the Lord continually to enable her to understand it. She went to sleep doing it, she got up in the morning doing it, she did it as she went down stairs. "But how will it be," she thought, "when I get into the dining-room?"

But she went into the dining-room saying it, and went through her breakfast saying it, and the Lord made it true—she was dead to her old temptation.

After breakfast was over, her mother said to her: "What is the matter with you—has anything happened? You seem to be so happy." She replied that it seemed as if her soul had sailed out into heaven. Since then, for three years, she has been living the overcoming life, reckoning herself dead to sin and alive to God in Christ; and not for a moment has the old temptation troubled her. Any Christian can do that, no matter what his present condition he is in the worst possible condition he stands most in need of it, and God's Spirit stands ready to help. King's Highway.

"Be a Good Man, Papa."

Mary's father was going on a journey that would keep him away from his home for a week at least. The children hated to have him go, for they would miss him sadly. He was all ready to start and the horse and wagon were at the door. Mary, always eager for the last word and the last kiss, followed him and gave him a loving hug before he drove off. "Mind, now, and be a good girl, Mary," said he. "Yes, papa, I will; and you must be a good man, papa," answered Mary as he drove off. When he looked back as he came to a turn in the road he saw Mary still standing by the gate waving her good bye. Her last words, "Be a good man, papa," went with him. Did he not need the counsel as well as she? He felt that he was only a child of larger growth. Men and women have their temptations to do wrong as well as boys and girls. For the sake of his little girl and his family he would "be a good man" in every sense of the word; he would be honest in business, strictly conscientious and keep his heart pure and his lips sweet and clean for their kisses. If every man would do the same what a happy world ours might be!—The Youth's Temperance Banner.

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LITTLE THINGS.

BY MRS. MARY FENTON.

It was only a little thing for Nell To brighten the kitchen fire, To spread the cloth, to draw the tea, As her mother might desire— A little thing; but her mother smiled, And banished all her care, And a day that was sad closed bright and glad, With a song of praise and prayer.

'Twas only a little thing to do For a sturdy lad like Ned To groom the horse, milk the cow, And bring the wood from the shed; But his father was glad to find at night The chores were all well done. "I am thankful," said he, "as I can be For the gift of such a son."

Only small things, but they brighten life, Or shadow it with care, But little things, yet they mould a life For joy or sad despair; The reward which labor brings, Comes to him who uses and not abuses, The power of little things.

The Man and the Boy.

In the October number of "The National Magazine" Anna Farquhar, among other "Convictions," expresses the one that:—

When a business man teaches his office boy the commercial value of a life, that boy, at first considerably puzzled, begins shortly to construct a train of conclusions militating against the interests of truth in all relations.

The boy is frequently taught that lying to an employer is one matter opposed to all law and order, but lying to a customer is another—something accepted as essential to all codes of trade. The boy at first reflects and wonders about this two-handed arrangement, but lamentably soon he accepts and appropriates a code of business honor that apparently has brought about that worldly success surrounding his young, receptive life. On the other hand, employers are responsible for many fine, manly qualities developed by boys who are watching and imitating their every action.

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Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, author of "In His Steps," one of the most widely read books in the English language, has written an article which establishes the practicability of the teachings of Christianity as set forth in his book, which have been put to the test in innumerable religious bodies the world over. Mr. Sheldon declined to write publication anything relating to his individual work in applying his teachings of "In His Step," until others were convinced that those teachings were applicable to every-day affairs. He has now taken up his pen and shown that the question "What Would Christ Do?" may be answered by every Christian, and the precept followed, "Is Christianity Practical in Worldly Affairs?" will be published in the November Ladies' Home Journal.

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