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## EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

### OBSERVATIONS ON PASSING EVENTS,

#### Christmas Casualties.

THERE have been many serious casualties reported as a result of Christmas hilarity. Four boys have died of lock jaw in Norfolk and quite a number of deaths and serious accidents have been reported in this State. Christmas pleasures are not always guarded as prudently as they should be, and the accidents which have marred the joys of the season should serve as a suggestion to parents to be as careful about the sports and pleasures of their boys as they are about their support and training.

#### Business Activity.

PERHAPS the country has never had a year of such wonderful business activity as the year that has just closed. Business of almost every kind has flourished and there seems to be no falling off, even through the holidays and the new year changes. Dunn's Review of Trade a few days ago said that the interruption of a holiday and taking of inventories and other disturbing elements incident to the closing of the old year had not made things dull in trade circles. It is stated further that the new year has begun with every prospect of exceptional activity in all branches of business. There are reasons to believe that the year 1903 will be a good one, and so all can strike out with a good hope for a prosperous year.

#### As to the Penitentiary.

FOR years and years the State penitentiary has been a subject of much interest to the tax payers of North Carolina. The financial management of the institution has been a matter of great concern, and there have been many criticisms hurled against it because of what was considered bad and incompetent management. Mr. Nathan O'Berry, of Wayne county, one of the directors of the penitentiary, gave out a few days ago the statement that the penitentiary is out of debt. He said that the earnings of the State's prison since the present board of directors took charge, over and above expenses are \$40,288.44, and the institution does not owe a dollar.

The people of North Carolina gladly receive this information, and it is to be hoped that the State's prison will never again become the subject of so much adverse criticism. The present management is to be highly commended and the people of the State will be glad to make the proper acknowledgement for their good service.

#### Fifty Years in the Ministry.

D. R. J. D. HUFHAM, pastor of the Henderson Baptist church, has been in the ministry for nearly half a century. He formally retired a few days ago by offering his resignation to the church which he has been serving for several years.

On the night of December 28th, the last Sabbath in 1902, there was a uniquely interesting exercise in the Methodist Protestant church in Henderson. It was arranged by the various ministers of the Gospel in the town and was held in honor of Dr. Hufham. Appropriate resolutions were passed concerning Dr. Hufham and his work. The speakers on the occasion were Rev. Jesse Page, of the Methodist church, himself a friend of Dr. Hufham for fifty years; Rev. J. H. Henderlite of the Presbyterian church; Rev. J. S. Williams, of the Methodist Protestant church; Rev. L. Johnson, corresponding secretary of the Baptist State Convention; Mr. T. M. Pittman, of Henderson; Prof. J. T. Alderman, of Henderson, and Governor C. B. Aycock.

Dr. Hufham himself responded to the speeches with reference to himself and his work. The news correspondent from Henderson wrote that Henderson had never shown such honor to any man before, living or dead.

#### New Year Resolutions.

THE NEW YEAR has but just fairly commenced and it is still in order to think of new year resolutions. The following from the News and Observer, so nearly expresses THE COMMONWEALTH'S idea on the subject, we give it for our own:

"We pity the man who began the New Year without making worthy New Year resolutions. No man, except the few who are perfect—if there are any such, ought to pass the mile stone without resolving to celebrate the New Year by a noble purpose to make his life a greater blessing to the world. The loud professions of 'turning over a new leaf,' made without due reflection in public and forgotten in a day, have tended to give discredit to New Year resolutions because the thoughtless make resolutions they do not keep there is no reason why the earnest men and women should not solemnly make good resolutions. It helps all men to resolve to do better—even those who lack the strength to keep them, if they honestly seek to live up to them. Whatever a man earnestly desires to be, that he already is, in part at least. It is by aspiring that men rise in this world. It is by overcoming the smaller vices that men gain strength to overcome the greater temptation to wrong-doing. It is by putting down self that men become noble and good.

"We rise by stepping stones of our dead selves. To higher things."

#### Why Stand Ye Idle?

Greenville Reflector.

Young man, go to work. Why stand ye idle all the day? This is not the day and generation of dudes. Neither shall a man reap better than he has sown. Go to work—do something—be something. Don't lie in wait for your father's hard earnings all your life. Don't rob your sister of the advantages which she should have by consuming your father's substance, while you sleep until 9 o'clock and grow like a hungry heathen because your mother don't keep breakfast warm for you. God hasn't given you the special privilege of being the "gentlemen" of the family. But He has given you health and strength. The fresh, swift-running blood of youth courses through your veins. There is a place for you—something for you to do. Find it, and when you find it, do it with all your might. Make your life worth something to yourself and the world. Scorn to be a drone, an idler, an excrescence upon society. Have you reckoned the care and pains which were used to rear you to man's estate? Could you count the sorrows that have come to those who bore you because of your presence in the world? The bitter tears of your mother, the heartburnings of your father—have you ever thought of those? If you have, how can you continue to dishonor them by squandering the days with corner loafers and growing older day by day in laziness and general worthlessness? Go to work, use your heart and head, hands and brain, and with steady purpose and unshaken faith work out your own niche in the limitless gallery of the world's triumphant endeavorers.

#### ASTONISHING FACTS.

Selected.

Mr. Nelson, the most distinguished of English actuaries, after long and careful investigations and comparisons, ascertained by actual experiences the following facts:

A total abstainer twenty years old has the chance of living forty-five years longer, or until sixty-four years old. A moderate drinker has the chance of living fifteen and one-half years longer, or until thirty-five and one-half years old.

A total abstainer thirty years old has the chance of living thirty-six and one-half years longer, or until sixty-six and one-half years old. A moderate drinker thirty years old has the chance of living thirteen and one-half years longer, or until forty-three and three-tenths years old.

A total abstainer forty years old has the chance of living twenty-eight and one-fourth years longer, or until sixty-eight and one-half years old. A moderate drinker forty years old has the chance of living eleven and two-thirds years longer, or until fifty-one and one-half years old.

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#### Passing of the Colored Member.

Richmond Dispatch.

In the next House of Representatives as in the present one, there will be no negro member. The suffrage amendments to the constitutions of a half dozen Southern States which from time to time returned a colored brother have practically eliminated the Afro-American from politics, at least from an elective office. Henceforth there will be no blackbirds in the political pie. This, too, notwithstanding the fact that about one-eleventh of the total population of eighty millions of the United States are negroes. Perhaps the strangest feature in this connection is the fact that where the colored man's vote does his party the most good he has the least influence and the least power. But for the Fifteenth Amendment Indiana would unquestionably be a Democratic State, and Ohio and Illinois would be extremely doubtful, while should the solid negro vote be cast for the Democratic party instead of for the Republican party in these States they would unquestionably be Democratic. It is thus that the negro controls the balance of power, but he is too poor a politician to obtain any return for what he does to keep his Republican brethren in office. He and his race vote as a unit and destroy the influence they would otherwise wield.

The man who will probably be pointed to for many years to come as the last negro in Congress is George H. White, of Tarboro, N. C., who, after serving two terms, retired at the end of the Fifty sixth Congress to be succeeded by a white Democrat, and the constitution of the State has since made it impossible for a man of his color to be elected at least not until so far in the future that it is useless to consider it.

#### Hon. W. W. Kitchin or R. B. Glenn, Esq., May be Elected Senator.

Richmond Dispatch.

The situation in the North Carolina senatorial contest is now an interesting one. There are six strong aspirants in the field for the honor, which is to be awarded by election by the General Assembly without the intervention of a primary. Of these Hon. Cyrus B. Watson and Hon. Lee S. Overman are said to be strongest, but even they are without the necessary majority of the members. The other avowed candidates are Julian S. Carr, Locke Craig, ex-Congressman S. B. Alexander and Judge W. A. Hoke. If when the balloting begins it becomes apparent that none of the candidates named can win and a deadlock is in prospect, it is said that W. W. Kitchin, Esq., or R. B. Glenn, Esq., will be urged as "dark horses." Mr. Kitchin is one of the most eloquent and thoughtful speakers in the house of Representatives and has acquired considerable influence in Congress, where he has served several terms. Mr. Glenn was at one time district attorney for the western district of the State.

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