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EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

THE trial of Earnest Haywood for the killing of Ludlow Skinner in Raleigh little more than a month ago, has been postponed until July, at the request of the defense. There has been con-The Haywood Case. siderable surmise that habeas corpus proceedings will be resorted to in Haywood's interest; but Col. F. A. Olds in his correspondence from Raleigh to the Charlotte Observer says that lawyers have said that no such step is at all probable.

THE South Carolina Legislature has declined to make an appropriation to represent that State at the St. Louis Exposition in 1904. Efforts will be made to raise such a fund by private sub-Carolinas at St. Louis. scription. The North Carolina Legislature appriated \$10,000 with the provision that this amount be found in the State's treasury and that there shall be no other use for it. While it may not appear that either South Carolina or North Carolina would receive any direct benefits from such appropriation and the exhibit which could be made at St. Louis, we agree with the Charlotte Observer in feeling like North Carolina ought to show up well wherever there is a contest between States as to their resources.

THE COMMONWEALTH does not wish to be considered officious concerning the question of good roads, but hazards the chance for a little criticism by offering a suggestion or two. It begins to Now's the Time. look like the worst of the bad weather is over,

and the roads are beginning to get hard. Now is the time to work them. As a matter of fact it does not pay to go on the roads when the rains are heavy and constant and when the mud is deep, and throw in fresh mud or dirt. This only makes the mud all the deeper. A day's work on the roads when they are in good condition will be worth much more than when they are covered with water and are very muddy. Some one will say that it would be wrong to take hands from the farms now while the weather is good and put the time on the roads. It does seem like it would be inconvenient, but it would be economy; and we hardly see how the practicing of economy for the whole people could be a mistake. Suppose road supervisors and overseers think about it.

REV. SAM JONES writes to the Atlanta Journal that the two "undownable and unsetticable" questions in America today are the negro question and the whiskey question, and he says they some-Couldn't Kill the Cat. how go together. He says they are like the fellow's black cat. He said he took it out and killed it every night for nine nights in succession very dead, and it was up every morning well and hearty. He said he took it out the tenth night and cut its head off, and it was standing on the front steps next morning with its head in its mouth. Continuing Mr. Jones says: "The negro question cannot settle itself any more than the Atlantic ocean can get rid of its brackishness. It has got to be settled by being fixed and fixed right along certain lines. The negro both in his constitution and by-laws is closely allied with the whiskey question. I have seen the negro corralled and marched and voted for whiskey in local option fights, until it made my heart sick; and the very gang who drove them to the polls is the very gang that debauches them and frequently the gang that lynches them. This country will never be what God and good men want it to be, until the negro is politically relegated and whiskey is permanently abolished."

THE Windsor Ledger tells of a cutting affray between two colored boys on the streets of Windsor a few days ago. The boy who did the cutting was 13 years old and the one cut was 17. The Not Like Forefathers. cut was in the bowels and was so serious that the little criminal was jailed to await results. Commenting editorially on the affair the Ledger says: "The cutting affair on our streets Saturday reminds one of the need of a curfew law. Although these boys were negroes the loafing and hanging around the streets almost all hours of night is not confined to that race. One of the most deplorable sights one witnesses is a group of boys perpetually hanging around town smoking cigarettes. Little hope can be had for the boys allowed to do this. They grow up in utter worthlessness and from them the criminal statistics receive a large per cent. It was not-so with our forefathers. The youth was made to stay at home and study or work. It should be so now. Our parents seem either too lax or lenient with their boys. The man that strictly attends to his own business and thereby keeps employed never gets in trouble. So it is with any one. A curiew law would be of untold benefit to the town-and in years to come the town would feel good results therefrom."

THE Gastonia Gazette gives the following interesting items about Rev. F. M. Jordan, who preached in the first Baptist church in Gastonia some days ago: "Though 73 years of age, he finds it A Veteran Minister. much easier to stand up straight than some younger men. A pastor for the first 20 years of his ministry, he was an evangelist for 25 years. Then age compelled him to forego regular active labor. During his ministry he has preached over North Carolina from the mountains to the seacoast, has held meetings in two-thirds of the towns in the State, and baptized people in every river of note in the State, and in creeks, ponds, pools, and baptisteries in number, he said, beyond recollection-about 4,000 converts in all. He is now selling a book of his resollections, the proceeds of which go to maintain him in peaceable comfort in his declining years. He is tall and stalwart of frame and has something of the lion in his looks and poise. He said that he had never taken a drop of whiskey or brandy in his life, had never said a bad word that he knew of, had never used tobacco in any form, had never played a card, had

THOROUGH EDUCATION

HIGH SCHOOLS.

By R. R. PHELES. Principal of Drummondtown Academy, Virginia.

Written for The Commonwealth.

It can hardly be denied that the es tablishment of a graded school is beneficial to the community at large, and equally true is it that the addition of high school branches is conducive of higher education of the general public. For to send boys and girls off to preparatory colleges, where for two years they are taught high school branches, is too expensive for the average citizen. Moreover, the rules of colleges are too lenient for boys of that age, when withdrawn from the influence of home supervision, and in consequence the effect upon their character is far from good. But were graded schools of high standard established, with easy access to the masses, not only would the great number of students who spend one or two years at college, receive the same amount of information at less expense. but also greater numbers would be able to enjoy this better education.

But if a graded school with high school branches attached, has a form of godliness as shown above, but denies the power thereof, there is a good deal to be said in opposition to its establishment, chief of which is that it tends to drive out private schools and gives no satisfactory substitute and keeps a great many from going to college. In the former case it is probable the private school would be more thorough, and in the latter college training would to a great extent atone for the insufficiency of early school work. Thus a good graded school with high school requirements is very good, while a poor one is almost worse than none.

Now, there are two prominent reasons why a graded school with high school classes when established in a prosper ous community, may not be an un questionable benefit. The first is in lack of active co-operation or the fault of house-holders with large families This obstacle is of course irremediable until such co-operation can be secured The second is the lack of careful attention to the lower grades, which is itself due to the combination of several

Outside of cities, it is a matter of surprise how many teachers are incom petent for their work. The sovereign remedy is the requirement of passing an examination before election to the order. This examination, however, only supposes a knowledge of certain subjects. But knowledge is not all that is necessary. A teacher should go on ward and upward and continue to gain information. Nor is this the only thing to be considered. Is he or she able to impart that knowledge to others? It is indisputable that there are born teachers, but others can be trained to imicorrect. But no one should deceive that profession or trade. himself with the vain hope that these

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railroad, had a similar case. He is a literature on catarrh.

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tate their methods so closely, that for interest, which while it would be un- reading class the more interest there good. In fact we often find it the case estly urged upon every one. This is each member of the class reads every that those who are supposed "just to the purchase and use of such maga- day." etc. have the knack," have acquired that zines as will keep their readers abreast knack at the expense of hours of hard of the times and familiar with the best study and years of careful observation. thoughts on teaching. The preacher and the length of time devoted to each. Every one of ordinary common sense who would have and retain great in- The presence of these evils is usually can acquire the power of imparting fluence and power, must be up with the result of poor organization or scarc knowledge and city schools demand it, the progress of thought in everything; ity of teachers. The latter is of course nor is there any reason why it should the best physicians must be cognizant dependent on the amount of money not be universally required. To be of every new fact in his profession and satisfactory in general results, the two acquainted with discussions of his kind things every teacher should have, are of work, as seen in medical journals. definite course mapped out to attain a thorough knowledge of the subject In fact, the influential in every protaught and a method of presenting that fession, art and skilled trade must have subject—a method at least technically knowledge of the thoughts of others in in life. To secure this organization is Or again we may regard magazines

two will secure for him a brilliant suc- as tools with which to work, and to do good work every laborer must have There is another point to be consid- good tools. The economic value of ered: Unless we show interest in our these tools I shall not attempt to mainwork, it is next kin to impossible to in- tain in my own words, but shall merely spire interest in our pupils. No city quote from a prominent writer on pedteacher who hopes to attain this knowl- agogy, in whose opinion I heartily

"How do you ever keep up your ex- Youth's Compani penes for all these things?' asked Mr. nically say. Why should not the same Lowell. 'I should think that it would England on January 1st, any person take an unlimited purse to buy so many found drunk and incapable of taking magazines.

"'Oh. I have never found that I ing, with perfect success. It soothes My books, etc., are my tools, and a cer-Sold by Druggists in ever part of the very, and yet the personal loss would be

ples already mentioned, is probably of or husbands of convicted drunkards, But there is another way of showing the most importance. The larger the through separate maintainance. all practical purposes they are just as reasonable to require, should be earn- will be in it. It is not necessary that much more stringent than any that The chief trouble is not the number

> and only a full treasury can prevent it, but the former may be remedied by a given definite result-viz., prepare graduates to enter a university or start the province of the high school, but unless the country high school goes deeper and further eliminates the evits in its own substratum, the insecurity of its toundation justifies its destruction and the establishment of preparatory colleges upon its ruins.

How it is in England.

By a law which went into effect in care of himself in a public place or on any licensed premises may be arrested. could keep taking things out of a cup- and punished by fine or imprisonment board without having it sometime be or both. Then if he succeeds in buy best book? Second Student-His check come bare, like Mother Hubbard's. ing any liquor within three years after book.—Chicago News. his conviction, or if any one treats him tain part of my salary must go toward to liquor, both he and the person from what will improve me, or I will soon whom he obtains the drink are liable lose my salary ! The proportion is small, to fine. Under the old law he was ex- stomach. When the breath is had the empt from arrest unless he was disorderly as well as drunk.

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