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## EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

### OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

#### In the Other Fellow's Place.

FEW controversies of any kind—especially those of a personal nature—have all the advantage on one side. However positive one feels that he is right, he will put himself in the other man's place and study the situation calmly, he will find that he has crossed the shore line of perfection himself and has waded at least a little way into the great ocean of error.

#### Eloquent Plea for Prohibition.

REV. A. H. Momen, D. D., pastor of the Presbyterian church in Raleigh, contributed to last week's Biblical Recorder an able paper on "The American Saloon and its Substitutes." He discussed at length the various substitutes for the saloon and closed with the following eloquent plea for prohibition:

"A third substitute is prohibition. If the saloon is an unmitigated evil, as the Protestant church of America declares it to be; as its educational influence proves it to be, and as every fact in connection with it clearly shows, then the dispensary system, the respectable saloon idea of Earl Gray and Bishop Potter, the high license plan and every other such device, do nothing more than haggard the bark of this upas tree of iniquity, and here and there lop off a branch, while the thing that ought to be done, and must be done, is to gildle the tree and cut it down! Nothing can do this but prohibition! High license has been tried with an absolute failure. The respectable saloon is a name without a significance. The dispensary is just better than nothing. But the temperance forces of this State and nation never intend throwing away the whole right wing of the army. Tell me I'm trying to skate on ice that is too thin? Tell me that while prohibition is a good thing there are too many difficulties in its way? My answer is, that men and women who have hearts illuminated by the Sun that bursts forth from every page of the New Testament, are not in the habit of avoiding difficulties! Prohibition is the watch-word and battle-cry of these determined temperance workers; and their banner shall yet float victoriously upon every State-house of this American Republic! The younger Pliny, that immortal orator and author of old, caused it to be recorded for future generations to read, that for 600 years after the founding of Rome there had been no crime of parricide among the people; that for 600 years the Latin language had no word for the crime; and that, after so long a time, when the awful deed had been committed, Rome passed a terrible law, the main purpose of which was to be prohibitory. The law said: 'Every one guilty of parricide shall be flogged with a whip, then sewed up in a sack with a dog, a cock, a viper and an ape, and cast headlong into the sea.' It is the saloon that is the parricide of the American people; it murders fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, wives and children, friends and neighbors! Nothing but the most strenuous law can cope with this great criminal of the nation."

#### "Three-Score and Ten."

THIS is the subject of a series of papers to be furnished the Biblical Recorder by Dr. J. D. Hufham. Perhaps no man in North Carolina is better fitted for giving a review of half a century of the State's history than Dr. Hufham; and the thousands of citizens in the State who love and admire him will deem it a rare privilege and a great blessing to have the privilege of reading this brilliant series of papers from his strong and facile pen. Writing for the Biblical Recorder, one of the leading denominational papers of the Baptists of this State and the South, the work will be of peculiarly keen interest to the Baptist denomination; but as well known is Dr. Hufham to all denominations in every part of the State, the work will be of general interest—especially so since it is well known that all his life he has kept in touch with men and things outside the Christian ministry. The closing paragraph of the first paper, which appeared in last week's Biblical Recorder, is particularly striking. Here it is:

"In 1865 the great structure which it had taken two centuries to build was a splendid ruin. Four years had sufficed for its destruction. Practically North Carolina no longer existed as a State; it was only a military district, one of a number of conquered provinces. The descendants of the men who had founded and built it, in whose hearts was the spirit and in their veins the blood of the heroes of Moore's Creek and Ransour's mill, King's Mountain and Guilford Courthouse, strove gloriously but vainly to preserve and perpetuate it. North Carolina as it existed at the beginning of 1861 had filled its place in the plans of an all-wise Providence and was ready to pass away. Through forty years the people have been engaged in building a new Commonwealth, mainly out of the debris of the old. It is too early to forecast their work. When a friend was congratulating Macaulay on the great popularity of his history, he asked, 'What will 1900 say?' And we may ask with reference to the work which has been done since 1865, which is still going on, 'What will 2061 say?' Thus far, in spite of the mistakes which are incident to every human undertaking, the builders have done wisely and well; and the old man who loves his native State may feel confident that when his eyes look upon it for the last time they shall behold a Commonwealth which in population and wealth, in wise laws faithfully administered, in general intelligence and prosperity, in all the elements which make for truth and righteousness, surpasses that of which he is so proud, for which he has not yet ceased to grieve. To have lived through the period of which we are now treating, to have drunk its spirit, to have had personal knowledge of many of the leaders, and to have borne a humble part in its activities and achievements, are things to be thankful for. To write of it will be pleasant. If the writing shall interest those for whom it is intended, it will help to assure me that life has been worth living. If it shall fail to interest, the man who writes for the newspapers always has this advantage—he can stop."

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## INCIDENTS OF HISTORY.

### The Man Who Made the First Steamboat.

J. O. Atkinson, in Christian Sun.  
It may be of interest to some to know that the real inventor of the steamboat was not Robert Fulton, but John Fitch who was born at South Windsor, Conn., January 19, 1743. And it is doubtful if history has a sadder page than that on which the life, struggles and death of this strange, poor man are recorded.

A hard-headed, close-fisted father, and an elder brother of the same character, made the boyhood life of poor John one long day of grief, deprivation and humiliation. Attaining his majority, he learned the trade of watch-making and settled in Trenton, N. J. The war of the Revolution breaking out, he became a gunsmith, making arms for the defenders of his country until the British destroyed his shop. He then entered the army in time to suffer the horrors of Valley Forge. From the army he went about in the country a tinker of clocks and watches, but in 1780 was sent by Virginia as deputy surveyor to the then wilds of Kentucky. In the west he was captured by the Indians and kept a year before he could escape. In poverty and want he returned and settled in Warmint, Pa. It was at this place and period of his life that the idea of using steam as a motive power, for vehicles and boats took hold of him. He made a model of a steamboat identical in principle with that which has now become universal in practice. He went to Philadelphia and there constructed a steam engine, with a three-inch cylinder, and applied the same to a skiff. An authentic historian records: "This was without doubt the first steamboat ever constructed by man." Vainly did Fitch appeal to the Continental Congress, the Assembly of Pennsylvania, and the learned and wealthy men of his day. Time went by and Fitch got the reputation of being a little crazy man. He finally formed a small company who reluctantly furnished the means to build a small boat 45 feet long, 12 feet beam, 1 inch cylinder engine. The inventor agreed that this boat should make 8 miles an hour. August 27, 1787, the boat made her trial run on the Delaware, and was successful. The members of the Constitution Convention with George Washington at its head adjourned on invitation and went down to see the strange invention on its first voyage. The members shook their wise heads, left the crazy man with his craft, and went back to building the ship of State.

A regular packet line with schedule was established on the Delaware and was maintained for about three years. But the steamboat business was not a financial success, and Fitch's boat was finally wrecked in a storm. From it the inventor went forth penniless and a beggar. After wandering in this country and in Europe, to find financial support for his steamboat scheme, and finding none, he again wandered into the far West—Kentucky. There in a little room of a tavern in Bardstown, with not a penny in the world, prematurely old from despair and struggle, his clothes worn to tatters and rags, his face wrinkled and haggard, on the night of July 2, 1798, he lifted a cup of poison to his lips, quaffed the deadly potion and lay down, unhonored and unwept, to die. No stone marks his grave and his last resting place is now obscure. Here are the words he left in a letter: "The day will come when some more powerful man will get fame and riches from my invention; but nobody will believe that poor John Fitch can do anything worthy of attention." Robert Fulton in the 19th century made the steamboat a success; John Fitch in the 18th century invented it and died a pauper and a suicide.

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"The world of medicine recognizes Grip as epidemic catarrh."—Medical Talk.

IF A GRIPPE is epidemic catarrh. It spares no class or nationality. The cultured and the ignorant, the aristocrat and the pauper, the masses and the classes are alike subject to a grippé. None are exempt—all are liable. Have you the grippé? Or, rather, has the grippé got you? Grip is well named. The original French term, la grippé, has been shortened by the busy American to read "grip." Without intending to do so a new word has been coined that exactly describes the case. As if some hideous giant with awful Gull's beak had snatched us in its fatal clasp. Men, women, children, whole towns and cities are caught in the baneful grip of a terrible monster. The following letters speak for themselves as to the efficacy of Peruna in cases of la grippé or its after effects.

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Hon. James R. Gull of Omaha. Hon. James R. Gull is one of the oldest and most esteemed men of Omaha, Neb. He has done much to make it

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what it is, serving on public boards a number of times. He endorses Peruna in the following words:

"I am 68 years old, am hale and hearty, and Peruna has helped me attain it. Two years ago I had la grippé—my life was despaired of. Peruna saved me."—J. R. Gull.

#### A Relative of Abraham Lincoln.

Mr. Silas S. Lincoln, who resides at 981 I. Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., has the honor of being third cousin to Abraham Lincoln. He writes:

"I had la grippé five times before using your medicine. Four years ago I began the use of Peruna, since which time I have not been troubled with that disease. I can now do as much work at my desk as I ever could in my life. I have gained more than ten pounds in weight."—S. S. Lincoln.

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"Last spring I suffered from la grippé and was partially cured but the bad after effects remained through the summer and somehow I did not get strong as I was before. One of my college friends who was visiting me asked me to try Peruna and I did so and found it all and more than I had expected. It not only cured me of the catarrh but restored me to perfect health, built up the entire system and brought a happy feeling of buoyancy which I had not known for years."—Alice M. Dressler.

#### An Actress' Testimonial.

Miss Jean Cowgill, Griswold Opera House, Troy, N. Y., is the leading lady with the Aubrey Stock Co. She writes the following:

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#### A Southern Judge Cured.

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#### How the South May Gain Her Lost Prestige.

Gov. Charles E. Aycock, at Southern Educational Association.

Before the war 'between the States, Southern statesmen directed the policies of the nation and filled the largest places in the eye of the people. They wrote fine books, but their speeches illuminated every subject which they touched and set the fashion of political thought. In this day it is not too much to say that what any Southern man thinks of political, questions of governmental duty carries no weight in their final settlement. There must be a cause underlying this fact. What is it? How shall it be remedied? Until 1865 the Southern States, while in form a Democratic government, were in fact, an aristocracy and out of that aristocracy they chose—as aristocrats ever do—their best men for public service. The wisest, the strongest, the most learned were ever to the front—were the natural leaders of a brave and generous people who followed their leadership with pride and pleasure. With the close of the war the Democracy arose and each man became a factor in the government of his country. Leadership was not so able or cultivated. More bunnders were committed and more unwise views propagated and believed in. Aristocracy was always trained. Democracy, if it is to be effective, must likewise be trained. Universal education is, therefore, the imperative and only remedy for our loss of power in the nation.

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#### GRATITUDE.

By Rev. J. W. Holt.

Hail Father Time; Good cheer! good cheer! You thought of me, and I am here, A child whose likeness is divine, And proud to know that I am thine. How could you think of everything That I might need except a wing? I'm glad to know the reason why, I'll want no wing until I die. Your thoughtfulness was love to me; It gave me eyes and I can see The skill in every part displayed; So wonderful have all been made. Thy goodness fills each cup of joy; In childhood's dream, a candy gun, In boyhood sports, a top or gun, While men both wealth and fame have won. You gave me ears to hear the sound That stirs the soul to depths profound, Sweet melodies of sacred song, By which I join the angel throng. The tongue you gave, though very small, Can calm a storm, or raise a squall, Can serve to talk and sing and pray, And taste the food I eat each day. The friends I've found, you gave me too, And some I've tried are good and true, To me they've been a helping hand; To serve, my wish, was their command. Oh, Father Time, yet more you give, 'Tis faith and hope in heaven to live; A glimpse of life, a radiant shore, Where loved ones meet to part no more. A mind to think the truths you thought; A soul to live, by Jesus bought, Communion sweet from day to day, That I from Thee may never stray.

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#### Ten Commandments for Parents.

Mrs. C. H. P., in Woman's Home Companion.

- First—Be gently firm with the baby. Obedience should commence in the cradle.
- Second—Insist upon obedience in all things and at all times.
- Third—Install the necessity of truthfulness as soon as your child learns to talk.
- Fourth—By example and illustration teach self control.
- Fifth—Remember that children have privileges, as much as you—indeed more, for they are helpless and entirely under your authority; therefore sacredly respect their opinions and feelings.
- Sixth—Never be too busy to talk intelligently to your children. Encourage questions; seek and give confidences.
- Seventh—Furnish a place for everything, and require everything to be kept in its place.
- Eighth—Demand cleanliness in person, behaviour and clothing—not spasmodically, but from the cradle up. If neglected see it done. Touch the child's personal and family pride. Put him on honor.
- Ninth—Never allow your child to "answer back" until he is old enough to reason; then reason intelligently and gently. It is his due.
- Tenth—If you promise your child punishment be as good as your word. Fail to keep your word once and he will never trust you again. But never punish him in a passion. You disgrace yourself and break his spirit, also injure his body. To whip or otherwise punish him in a passion is brutal; it brutalizes him, also.

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