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EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS. OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

THERE is originality in all schools and the Graded School in Scotland Neck has its share. A spelling class was being exercised in spelling and definitions. The teacher gave out "epitaph."

It is a pleasing contemplation that we come to the end of this good year of 1906 with the whole world in good spirits. The white winged dove of peace hovers over all the world and bickerings and strife and blood shed and war are nowhere known.

MR. HARVEY JORDAN, president of the Southern Cotton Association, says that the government estimate of the cotton crop is too high. He says that allowing the ginners' report of something over ten million bales to be 85 per cent. of the entire crop, the number of bales cannot exceed more than 12,700,000.

PERHAPS there may be some difference of opinion amongst some good and wise people about the matter of making Christmas gifts. But there is one thing in which we can all do better than making gifts—Christmas gifts of any other kind—and that is to pay our debts and square accounts with those who depend on us for what we owe them.

MANY people make strong and strenuous effort to accomplish something great just for the sake of the notoriety or fame it will give them, regardless of what good such effort may work out for mankind. Such seemed to be the purpose of Aaron Burr.

IS the death of Major John W. Moore North Carolina lost one of her most intelligent and useful citizens. Moor's history of North Carolina has long been a text book in our schools, and few citizens have lived in the State who have rendered better literary service so far as his efforts extended.

A TEXAS WONDER. There's a Hill at Bowie, Tex., that's twice as big as last year. This wonder is W. L. Hill, who from a weight of 90 pounds has grown to over 180. He says: "I suffered with a terrible cough, and doctors gave me up to dis."

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It is easy enough to see that a Presence, who can be said to be with all disciples, always, is infinitely to be preferred to one who is subject to the limitations of flesh and blood, and the laws of the material world.

After all, there is nothing strange about this. The artist who is to produce matchless works, must not always sit at the feet of the master. If he is ever to originate anything he must be thrown upon his own resources.

It is always a trying time when a man faces the world for the first time. Graduation day is to many the most serious day of life, for it pushes him over the threshold, to sink or swim, according to what he is. It seems rather a hardship when the old eagle tears its nest asunder, leaving the fledglings homeless, but without it, the eaglets would never learn to fly.

It is not always wise to do things for others, that they can do themselves. They may not do it at first quite as well as you could, but they never will improve unless they get a chance to try.

A good man does good merely by living.

Good Cheer Girl.

The wind was east, and the chimney smoked, And the old brown house seemed dreary, For nobody smiled and nobody joked.

Close Critic of the Cow.

He was a well-known artist and he was standing near the offspring of his brain—those original expressions flow from us sometime—in the picture gallery.

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