

A IMPORTANT MEETING.

County Superintendents in Conference Pass Resolutions Concerning the Public Schools.

(Special Raleigh Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C. Nov. 21, 1902. One of the most important gatherings that has been held in the State in many years was the educational conference, which closed its session in Raleigh on Friday evening last.

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The meeting revealed one most gratifying and important fact, and that was, that, as a rule, the County Superintendents and other school officials throughout the State are waking up to the importance of persistent, systematic and aggressive work.

Several representatives of the General Educational Board, including the General Secretary, Dr. Wallace Butterick, of New York, were in attendance upon every session of the conference and joined most earnestly into the discussion of the questions presented.

This Board is giving valuable aid, through local organizations, to the cause of public education throughout the South, being at all times ready and willing to help those who show a disposition to help themselves, and those representatives of the Board who attended last week's conference have expressed themselves as highly gratified at the stimulus which had been given to the cause of education in North Carolina.

Among the questions discussed at the conference were:

Reports on consolidation of districts, and best means of securing consolidation; locations and plans of school-houses; benefits of local taxation, and ways and means of securing it, township teachers' meetings, teachers' institutes, rural libraries, etc., etc.

After very general discussion, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, FIRST, That we recognize the following as among the greatest needs of the public schools of North Carolina, and favor the enactment of such legislation as may be necessary to supply them:

1. Reasonable consolidation of small districts into larger ones. 2. The erection of adequate and comfortable school-houses, and the enlargement and improvement of school grounds.

3. Supplementing by local taxation as the only practical means of supplying the money necessary for making the schools in rural districts adequate in houses, teachers and length of term for the education of the children of these districts.

4. A reasonable provision for

the improvement of public school teachers at small expense by lengthening of term of the County Institute and making its work more efficient.

5. The necessity of an increase in the salaries of good teachers in order to hold such in the profession and encourage others to come into it.

6. An increase in the compensation of the County Superintendent of every county in which such increase is necessary to justify him in devoting all of his time, thought and energy to the educational work of his county, just as County Clerks, Register of Deeds, and employees of every other business of value and importance are required to do.

7. Strengthening and making more efficient the State Superintendent, in his efforts to meet the demands of the growing sentiment in favor of public education in the public schools, by the appointment, by proper authority, of Deputy State Superintendents, with the aid of his deputies, may be able to reach and help every part of the State in this most important work for the betterment of conditions among our people.

Second. That we favor an appropriation by the State for an increase in the number of rural libraries, and for the maintenance and extension of those already established.

Third. That we desire to record an expression of our appreciation of the work inaugurated by the Women's Association for the betterment of public school-houses in North Carolina, and to give assurance of our hearty co-operation in this noble work, and for our gratitude to the more than two thousand public-spirited and patriotic women who have volunteered to make more attractive and comfortable the school homes of the children.

Fourth. That we recognize the value of the educational campaign carried on by the aid of the Southern Education Board, and desire to express our appreciation of their aid and the earnest hope that this campaign may be continued and extended.

Fifth. That we desire to express our thanks for the generosity of the General Education Board in aiding us to have the most largely-attended conference of County Superintendents ever held in North Carolina, and to assure this Board of our appreciation of the spirit and motive prompting them in the work of co-operating with us in the up-building of our public schools.

Sixth. That we should deplore any backward step in education, and, therefore, favor most heartily the continuance of the present special appropriation for the public schools out of the State Treasury.

The addresses by the different speakers were most interesting and instructive, and the good results that will grow out of this conference will be felt in every section of the State.

This was the first annual conference of the County Superintendents of the State, but it should not, must not, be the last. The meeting perfected a permanent State organization, and it should come together in a general conference at least once every year. The cost in expenses will be trivial when compared with the great good that will grow out of such comprehensive gatherings of public school officials. In union there is strength, and in a multitude of counsel there is wisdom. Let it be understood that all the County Superintendents are to come together every year and make a report from their respective counties, and in a few years the changes for the better in the local situations will be marvelous.

Disastrous Wrecks.

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A Mistake.

Stella—I came near missing a proposal last night. Bella—You did? Stella—Yes. He got down on his knees, and I thought he was merely looking for a ping-pong ball.—Harper's Bazar.

In Memoriam.

On October 25th, 1902, the death angel entered the home of Mr. J. L. Stafford and claimed for its own, his beloved wife, Chelley Stafford. She was 69 years of age, being the mother of twelve children, eight of whom are now living, four having preceded her to the better land.

She had been a sufferer from that dreadful disease, consumption, for several years but she bore her sufferings with Christian fortitude being submissive to the will of Him who doeth all things well. She expressed her readiness to go, asking us all to meet her in heaven where she knew she would be at rest.

Oh! may these comforting words be a healing balm to the grief stricken husband, children and friends whom she has left behind:

Dear as thou wast, and justly dear, We would not weep for thee, One thought shall check the starting tear, It is that thou art free.

And thus shall faith's consoling power The tears of love restrain; O, who that saw thy parting hour— Could wish thee here again.

Gently the passing spirit fled, Sustained by grace divine, O, may such grace on us be shed, And make our end like thine.

MOLLIE STAFFORD, Princeton, N. C.

Notes About Bentonsville.

All quiet along the lines since the election. The Democrats are happy over the result.

There was an attempt to split our township ticket, but it was no go.

Our old friend, C. S. Powell, is on duty over in Bentonsville township just now, and spends much of his leisure time exploring the antiquated ruins of the battlefield. By-the-way, Lieutenant Powell had some experience on the battlefield of Bentonsville at one time, having perhaps commanded a company or a line of sharpshooters at the front. I suggest that it would make some good reading for many of the very many readers of THE HERALD, if he would write a series of letters through THE HERALD on the subjects of his findings, experience, etc. Let's hear from you Charlie, "What say ye?"

While at home last winter on a visit to his parents in Bentonsville township, Rev. Edwin E. Rose, of Metcalf, Ga., obtained a lot of relics from the battlefield of Bentonsville to take back to some of the old Georgia veterans who were in this battle, and I noticed lately that some of these old veterans had placed some of these relics in the Georgia State Museum for safe keeping. In conversation some years ago with a very intelligent gentleman, then of this county, on the subject of the battle of Bentonsville, he said he had just been up to one of the great cities North, and while there it was found out that he was from North Carolina and from Johnston county, and not far from the historic village of Bentonsville, and the result was, it made him one of the most popular men in that great assemblage, besieging him with questions, etc., and he said he was actually ashamed of himself, because he knew so little of this, the last great battle of the civil war. These things ought not to be so. We who are almost daily passing over this historic battle-ground, seem to know less and pay less attention to the past than do some of our far-off neighbors. So Charlie, write 'em up.

Low JOHNSTON.

Overshot, N. C.

To the Public.

Allow me to say a few words in praise of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I had a very severe cough and cold and feared I would get pneumonia, but after taking the second dose of this medicine I felt better, three bottles of it cured my cold and the pains in my chest disappeared entirely. I am most respectfully yours for health, Ralph S. Meyers, 64 Thirty-seventh St., Wheeling, W. Va. For sale by Hare & Son, Hood Bros., Cavanaugh & Benson.

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Some of the insurance companies of Paris refuse to insure people who dye their hair.

Gets \$15,000 Heart Salve.

Fall River, Mass., Nov. 21.—At a consultation between the lawyers for both sides Miss Mary McDonald to-day accepted \$15,000 in settlement of the judgment in her breach of promise case against Patrick Kieran. The jury had awarded her a verdict of \$20,000.

Mr. Kieran's attorney asked a new trial on the ground that the award was excessive. This motion was pending before Judge Lawton at the time the agreement was reached. Mr. Kieran is superintendent of the Fall River Water Works and a wealthy bachelor. Miss McDonald is a graduate of Radcliffe College.

The persons concerned are devout Catholics. While the legal side of the controversy has been settled, the ecclesiastical rights, which Miss McDonald claims, are still in the balance.

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Found \$3,500 in old Shoes.

Chicago, Nov. 21.—In one of a pair of old shoes left in his shop to be repaired Axel Sorenson, a crippled shoemaker of 817 Davis street, found \$3,500 today. The money was in the possession of Sorenson just two hours, when the owner returned, saying: "I think I lost a little package in here."

On describing a pocketbook in which the money was contained, Sorenson returned the property. As a reward he was paid 15 cents for the work in repairing the shoes.

A Thanksgiving Dinner.

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A Memorable Anniversary.

This day 269 years ago, namely, on November 22, 1633, two little vessels, the Ark and the Dove, weighed anchor at Cowes, on the Isle of Wight, and started on their long voyage to Maryland. The larger of the two vessels, the Ark, was only of 300 tons burden and the Dove was a pinnace of 50 tons. They were, indeed, small craft for such a voyage, and in them were 320 colonists. It required four months to make the voyage to the Potomac. The first landing in Lord Baltimore's territory was on an island which they called St. Clement's and which is now known as Blakistone's. A few days later they returned lower down the river, went up the St. Mary's and landed at the place which is still one of the most lovely spots in Maryland, on March 27, 1634. The landing on St. Clement's Island was on March 25, the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary, from which circumstance the settlement was called St. Mary's—a name it still bears. The Ark and the Dove, soon after leaving Cowes, encountered a severe storm. But after this was over the remainder of the voyage was pleasant. Their route carried the ships through the West India Islands, at several of which, including Barbados, they touched.—Baltimore Sun 22d.

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A LAWYER'S STORY.

The Scheme Which Was Hatched in a Barrister's Fertile Brain.

"They tell a good many tales on lawyers, and some of them are a little rough," said a prominent member of the bar, "but about the worst story I have heard for some time was told to me by a man who said he knew all the parties concerned and was willing to swear to every word of it. The cashier of a bank had gone wrong to the extent of about \$100,000. He had been speculating with one hand and peculating the bank's funds with the other, and in a short while he had reached the limit. He knew it would be a matter of a short while before the bank discovered the shortage.

"He went to a lawyer friend and made a clean breast of the whole business. The lawyer asked him if he had any of the \$100,000. He never had a cent of this amount. Then the legal mind began to work out a plan. 'Old fellow,' the lawyer finally said, with aggravating coolness, 'you're in a box, but I think we can pull out of this thing all right if you will follow my instructions. You haven't got a cent.' 'No, not a penny,' said the man. 'You could pay \$400,000 as easily as you could pay \$100,000, couldn't you?' 'Yes,' said the man, not understanding the drift of the lawyer's talk.

"Well," said the barrister, 'you go back to the bank and just make your obligation \$400,000 by taking \$300,000, and we'll be able to settle this thing without a lawsuit. After you get the money make a clean breast of the whole business to the bank. Tell them you have been gambling rather desperately, and it has put you in the hole to the extent of \$400,000. Tell them, however, that you have conferred with some friends who have agreed to help you to the extent of \$100,000 and that you are willing to refund this amount. The remaining \$200,000 we will divide between ourselves. We can make arrangement for you to get out of the bank gradually, so your reputation will not be injured, for we'll hold the whip handle, you know, and the whip handle is somewhat in the law.'

"A few days after that the cashier could be seen in the bank quietly but industriously breaking in a new man. The directors looked a little gloomy, but they felt that they had played in pretty good luck to get back even one-fourth of the amount which had been pilfered. Anyhow the case was settled on this basis, and that was the end of it."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Trapped Himself.

The English papers tell of a young Parisian in London, visiting the "chamber of horrors" at Tus-saud's. Being alone, he was seized with an impulse to put his neck in the lunette wherein had rested that of Marie Antoinette. He lay down, touched a spring and closed the collar. But how was he to release himself? If he touched the wrong spring, the fatal ax might descend. Before long a crowd of visitors, led by an attendant, came on the scene. The guide was a bit of a linguist and saw an opportunity, with himself as master of the situation. He at once began a practical lecture on the guillotine, interrupting his remarks with little asides in French to the indignant victim, asking him to scream louder or writhe more agonizingly. "How well he acts!" exclaimed the gratified onlookers. Finally the Parisian was released and, answering the applause with maledictions, fled.

Hair on Heads.

It is interesting to others than statisticians to know that the hairs of our head are numbered. Certain scientific men have laboriously calculated the number of hairs on a square inch of heads of different colors, and by estimating the total area covered have arrived at aggregate numbers, which may be taken as fairly correct. To show the well intentioned accuracy of these calculations, a head of fair hair consists of 143,000 hairs. Dark hair is coarser and only totals 105,000, while those who boast a poll of red must be content with a total of 29,200. It is estimated that the hairs on a "fair head" would support the weight of 500 people.

Went With the Majority.

A well known surgeon, according to the Melbourne Punch, was imparting some clinical instruction to half a dozen students who accompanied him in his rounds. Pausing at the bedside of a doubtful case, he said, "Now, gentlemen, do you think this is or is not a case for operation?" One by one the students made their diagnoses, and all of them answered in the negative. "Well, gentlemen, you are all wrong," said the wielder of the free and flashing scalpel, "and I shall operate tomorrow." "No, you won't," exclaimed the patient as he rose in his bed. "Six to one is a good majority. Gimme my clothes!"

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