

Home and School

WHERE SHALL WE LIVE?

Paper Presented to the Johnston County Teachers Association at Smithfield, Saturday, March 13, 1909.

Shall our home be in the pure green stillness of the country, where we can hear and feel the pulsating heart of Nature, or shall we live in the impure atmosphere of some crowded city street, where we can hear and feel only the throbbing heart of man?

Our great and wise Washington once said: "The great Searcher of human hearts is my witness that I have no wish which aspires beyond the humble and happy lot of living and dying a private citizen on my own farm."

What a noble aspiration and how much better a place would earth be in which to live if there were more people who would think as Washington did. He, who was our first President and might have become a King, and remained one during his lifetime, realized that life on a farm is the only natural life, the only real life, and, therefore, the only life worth living. William J. Bryan, the great orator, and claimed by many to be the greatest living American in most respects, is never happier than when at home on his farm. The truly great find the greatest contentment and happiness in quiet and humble places. The birds that soar the highest build their nest lowly on the ground. The humble and happy lot of living and dying on one's own farm is, indeed, a more enviable one than trying to half live in a crowded tenement in a city and starving to death at last.

What is it that makes the farm a nursery of character? Many things. We are not able to name them all. In large part it is purity of environment. The pure air and invigorating sunlight have their effect spiritually as well as physically. The green grass and the blue sky suggest purity of mind and conduct. Isolation leads the soul to commune with itself in the absence of companionship. This trains the powers of thought and intellectuality is encouraged.

In another way farm life develops character. Its exacting nature develops strength of will and the power to endure. It encourages invention and resourcefulness. It makes a boy a stronger man when he has to mend his harness with a string or a piece of bark as he plows in the field or drives his wagon through the woods.

We perceive how such training makes strong men as no other possibly can. They are trained to overcome opposition and conquer difficulties. No other training is worth more when one comes to do battle in the great struggle of life. No artificial work like the gymnasium and football contests are necessary to teach the farm lad endurance and successful endeavor. His muscles are hardened with honest and productive toil. No man in any walk of life ever regretted that he was brought up on the farm. In the midst of his greatest success in business or statesmanship his mind goes back to the happy days spent on the farm, and his absorbing desire is to own and embellish the old place of his boyhood days. Nor is he ever satisfied till this desire is gratified.

When we think of the terrible conditions surrounding the thousands of country girls working in cities and living in boarding houses and of the thousands more of innocent little children starving to death, we cannot help but say give us the green stillness of the country where there is plenty of food, proper shelter, clothing and fuel for all. We say also, give us the enduring and substantial pleasures and joys begotten of rural scenes and occupations. Give us a quiet home in the country whose attractions outlive the whirl and bustle of a life in a city.

In the country our boys and girls are placed beyond the wiles of sin and folly that everywhere present themselves in a city. In the country they become truly refined not with the refinement that is purchased with money, but the refinement of purity and virtue acquired only by living near to the heart of Nature.

In a city, if the parents are poor, they cannot shield their children from the low and vulgar rabble that must of necessity everywhere surround them, but in the country the humblest cot gives them a shelter and seclusion that enables them to guard their precious little ones from the degrading influences of the vile.

We who live in the country may not dress as smartly, and salute each other with as much ease and grace as our relatives and friends who live in the city, but what does that mat-

ter? The only thing that matters is that we be natural, real and pure in thought and deed. The truest hearts are often found under the roughest exteriors, and the brain under the broad hat of many of our most humble and unassuming farmers often contains more real culture and is stored with more valuable information than that of many a merchant prince.

Think of the peaceful, quiet homes in the country, where is pure thinking and right living, and contrast them with the cold, dark homes in the city where the thinking and living are impure and all wrong; think of the many ruined characters in our cities as picturesque, no doubt, in many respects, as ruined castles, but what an unenviable thing to possess; think of the aching and breaking hearts filled with deep, dark abysses and wide gulfs, too wide to ever be bridged over, which would cause our cheeks to blanch could we but look into their depths, and then ask where shall we live?

Under the same conditions human nature is necessarily the same wherever the home is. Everywhere will be found the same phases of character from the shiny, slippery, crawling and repulsive reptilian to the aerial or bird type; from the low, dark, plotting and destructive to the noble, pure, open and generous; from those with God-given powers, devoting them to the purposes of detraction, dirt-slugging and indulgence of a spite grown from a rule or ruin policy to that of trying to help others whether they be friend or foe, generously overlooking their faults and praising their virtues with a spirit of kindness and brotherly love akin to that of the Saviour, in short, the spirit of hate against the spirit of love. The country appeals to the good that is in people. They see around them everywhere purity, cleanliness, beauty and people attending to their own affairs, people who realize that they must work if they wish to eat and that they must work in order that others may eat. It is the idle who get into mischief and make trouble for themselves and others. Then there is less chance, less desire and less occasion for wrong doing if we live in the country.

We need to know something of the heart of man in order to better appreciate the heart of Nature, but the elegance and refinement of a home in the country is preferable to the luxury and fashion of one in a city.

WILLIAM PITT CAMERON,
Pine Level, N. C., Feb. 13, 1909.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

The County Teachers Association.

On March 13th the Teachers Association convened in the Court House. There were present approximately seventy-five teachers who were gathered from the rural, graded and high schools of the county. It was a fine representative body of teachers and showed well for the interest they take in their exalted work. There was also present quite a number of citizens, and the boys in the corn contest.

The exercises began at 11 o'clock A. M. by County Superintendent Canaday's introduction of the principal speaker, Dr. F. L. Stevens of the A. & M. College. In the introduction it was stated that by agreement it was to be an Agriculture day; that essays by the teachers on agricultural subjects could be handed in after the address; that a number of boys had agreed to enter the Corn Contest and that some county premiums were being made up and would be announced later; that Johnston county has untold agricultural possibilities, but in order to have a fitting climax to the day's program that Dr. F. L. Stevens, of the A. & M. College was present to deliver an agricultural address, who would then be heard.

Dr. Stevens' Address.

Dr. Stevens spoke some over an hour during which he held the keenest interest of the audience. He is one of the most profound thinkers and scholars of the State. He does not strain after effect, but expresses deep thought in simple language; his exposition is thoroughly practical, plain and applicable and he has the happy faculty of saying things in a pleasant way. It is but just to say that he ranks easily with the greatest of those who are advancing the cause of scientific training along the line of industrial education. In his vision of the future North Carolina he sees a great wealthy State with fertile fields, with beautiful orchards and flowers, with the finest stock of farm implements, with the vast store of minerals and water power utilized. Only cultivated brains and skilled hands are needed.

To attempt even a synopsis of his address would be to do him an injustice. However, he showed that by evidences now manifest over the State a more progressive industrial era is being ushered in; that the ancient mode of abstract and ac-

thetic education is being superceded by the concrete and practical; that the State and Nation are anxious to aid the teachers in teaching agriculture; and that test farms and farm demonstrators would accomplish much in a few years by teaching the best methods. Dr. Stevens especially encouraged the Corn Contest among the boys. He said this movement is taking hold all over the State; that premiums are being offered by Boards of Education, by County Commissioners, by fertilizer dealers and merchants and individuals. He assured the boys that if any inquiries were written him or the Agricultural Department concerning seed, planting, fertilizers, etc., all inquiries would receive prompt attention and would be answered. He said that agricultural knowledge could be taught in the schools to great effect if the teachers understand the subject. His speech covered too wide a range of subjects to report here. It was an able and instructive address that will do much good.

At the conclusion of Dr. Stevens' address Miss Etta Spier, of Greensboro, delivered a very interesting lecture. She represented the movement for the McIver Loan Fund of the State Normal College. Miss Spier explained that the fund is made up by counties and that worthy young ladies of each county would be allowed to borrow as much money for college attendance as the county had contributed toward the fund; that the fund would continue to grow as those who borrowed would pay back the amount with 6 per cent interest after graduation. She said that already about \$16,000 had been donated by the Alumnae and friends, but that Johnston county, as many other counties yet, had no part in the fund. Several Alumnae were present and it was agreed that they would try to raise at least \$200 as the Johnston County Fund. The organized plan is to work through the Alumnae. Mrs. T. J. Lassiter was made president and Miss Fidelity LeMay was made Secretary. It is intended to have a representative in each town in the county. Those subscribing to this fund either pay cash or give notes payable in one or two years. Miss Spier represents a worthy cause which will surely succeed in the end. A good subscription started at the meeting. She said that more than 700 applicants were made to enter the college; that numbers had to be turned away for lack of accommodation—that funds not members were now needed. Miss Spier's address being ended many essays on agricultural subject and betterment reports were handed in. Thus closed the program of a large meeting of the teachers. C.

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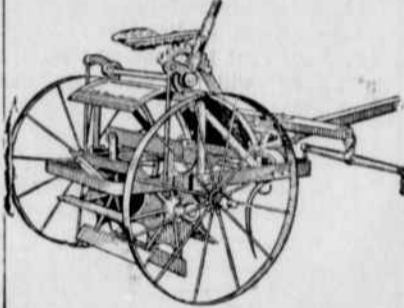
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