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"This world belongs to the energetic."
—Emerson.

"But gentle words are always gain."
—Tennyson.

"Hold on, hops hard is the subtle thing. That's spirit."

"There is something better than a revival of religion, and that is a religion that doesn't need to be revived."
—Dwight L. Moody.

"'Tis nobleness to serve.
Help them who cannot help again."
—Emerson.

PEELINGS

Don't carry coal to New Castle.
Don't try to drown a duck by pouring water on his back.
Don't imagine you can fight the devil with fire.

This kind, said the Master, come not out save by fasting and by prayer. We make so little headway against evil, sometimes, because our methods are wrong.

It is the climax of littleness to speak contemptuously of those whom you secretly envy.

A reputation is sometimes temporarily sullied by a breath of suspicion that your enemies gloat over, that strangers credit, and that your friends never hear of. But wait. Time is the great vindicator.

No one ever heard of complaint of short measure, when the commodity in question was a peck of trouble.

Charity suffereth long,—and so do those who live by it.

A lion can't contend with a pole cat, and shouldn't try. The greatest damage done will be to his own self-respect.

Riches in themselves are no disgrace. There are hearts that beat as true behind the shimmer of silk and the sheen of satin as any that glow beneath hickory shirt or homespun dress.

Necessity is the stern mistress that drives us to achievement and to conquest and to final victory. We shrink from her dominion, but only those who serve her have known the full glory of doing their utmost.

Rev. Livingston Johnston, of Raleigh, N. C., says that the Advance is a sprightly paper, altogether the best that has appeared in Elizabeth City. What do you say?

If you have aught against the Advance or against its editor, don't hesitate to tell us about it. So will you be kinder than he who, telling others of our faults, gives us no chance to clear ourselves.

With cold weather coming on, you may find the door of our office closed. But the latch string is on the outside. Come in!

The Advance is working with all its might to stimulate every legitimate enterprise and to foster all movements looking toward a more progressive, a more attractive, and a more prosperous city. And the paper to the consternation of its enemies, is growing all the time; despite the fact that there are scorners to sneer at and wittings to defame it.

We have no word of complaint against our good subscribers who stopped their paper on the first of July. They were deluded but honest souls. But it does pain us when one who has been receiving the paper for four months without a word of protest fires one back at us with the terse annotation "Refused." That is not delusion, that is dishonesty.

ELIZABETH CITY AND ITS Y. M. C. A. BUILDING

C. A. BUILDING

There was written and hung on our hook last week an article hating the fact that the Y. M. C. A. building was about to be furnished and the active work of the local association resumed. We labored under very many disadvantages last week, and the "story" did not get into type. But it appears, in substance, in this issue. This is news that the Advance is exceedingly glad to hear and to chronicle. There are those who say that Elizabeth City will not support a Y. M. C. A. organization, and we should like to see their statement disproved.

The erection of this splendid building, which is a credit to our town, has been attended by many difficulties. All will remember that about a year ago its completion was depaired of. The directors had expended all the funds collected for it, and the work was but about half done. All efforts to raise further funds had proved futile, and those holding a mortgage upon the building had advertised it for sale. It seemed that the plan to give Elizabeth City a creditable Y. M. C. A. would end in overwhelming disaster, a thing that would not have occurred without discredit to the good name of the town.

It was at this time that Mr. E. F. Aydtlett, seeing the situation, spoke to some of the directors and asked for a meeting to see if the building could not be saved. The directors secured a postponement of the sale for thirty days, and the meeting was held in the Methodist church. After full discussion and consideration of the problem, Mr. Aydtlett was made chairman of a committee to undertake the raising of the necessary funds. About sixty days later this committee brought in a report to the effect that enough had been pledged to finish the building; the work was resumed, and the structure completed. Some of the pledges were slow coming in, so the furnishing and active work of the association were not taken up at once; but timely action had saved the building at a critical time in its history. The Advance believes that too much credit can not be given the men who gave liberally of both money and time to preserve it for the city and for the young men of the town. The largest contributors to the fund were Mr. J. B. Blades and Dr. L. S. Blades; but there were other liberal contributors also, among whom should be mentioned Kramer Bros. & Company, P. H. Williams, and Mr. W. J. Woodley. It should be remembered too that Mr. Aydtlett not only helped to secure these contributions, but contributed five hundred dollars to the fund himself.

The Advance hopes that with this history behind it, the building will speedily be used for the purpose for which it was intended. This direction should find themselves backed by the hearty support and unanimous sentiment of the town. The securing of a secretary is an important matter; and the directors are wise in taking their time in selecting one. But the furnishing of the building should go forward apace. It will do so with the liberal and prompt response of those whose pledges are yet unpaid.

The Advance is a newspaper, and as such its function is to give the news. Our reporter may not be a champion of baseball games, card parties or circuses; yet those must be recorded. Neither does it follow that he is a church member because he mentions the good work of revivals or speaks approvingly of an eloquent sermon. This does not give us license, however, to print personal quarrels, scandals or ordinary drunks.

We note that the Price-Campbell cotton picking machine, referred to in our columns last week, will be continuously at work in the vicinity of Charlotte from October 17th to October 31st. This will give interested Carolinians an opportunity to see the new invention. The Advance awaits with interest the verdict of the Charlotte press; which up to this time has held an "I'm-from-Missouri" attitude.

Elizabeth City ought to have gas and will have gas. The Advance has no sympathy with those who do nothing themselves offer a solid wall of opposition when any one else attempts to do anything. The dog in the manger is the most contemptible of curs. It makes no difference to this paper who furnishes the gas, and we should like to see our people have it at as low a price as possible. But let us have of end of dallying and delay.

RACE MEETING

AT

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H. G. PAULOS, Prop.



After three days of lowering cloud and hours passing slow with bedraggled skirts, the sun burst through the clouds on Tuesday of this week and drove the glooms away. Wonderful how much difference a little sunshine will make, isn't it?

After a week of weary unceasing labor you have plodded your way homeward with a sense of defeat. Then an old friend passed you on the street, and said, "Hello, Smith. Congratulations on the way you've been doing things lately." And straightway you felt big enough and strong enough to overcome the world. A kind word in season is like sunshine after rain.

No attraction on last year's lyceum course, we have heard, was received with fuller favor than the opening number, Victor's Venetian Band. There should be a large crowd in the auditorium on Monday night next to greet the second appearance of this band here.

Will the board of engineers make a report favorable to the Lake Drummond canal? That is now the question. Here's hoping.

The editor of this paper has made his share of mistakes in the brief span of his life. More than once he has come to himself with King Saul's exclamation, "I have played the fool." But not once has he been guilty of doing friend or enemy conscious wrong. He is on the square. Get acquainted with him, and you will not doubt it.

More than one entertainment at the school auditorium within the past three weeks has been marred by those who not caring to listen themselves have prevented others from doing so. This should not be permitted. The disorder has been slight, and children have been responsible for it, but that does not excuse it.

For two weeks now we have been hampered by serious trouble with our linotype machine. Last week part of the straight matter had to be set by hand, and this week we may be reduced to the extremity of filling up with "plate." But we hope that by next week we shall be on our feet again.

D. C. JONES DEAD

The remains of Mrs. D. C. Jones were brought here yesterday morning from Norfolk. They were met at the depot by a number of Odd Fellows and were taken to the City Road Methodist church where the funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. H. Buffalo. The interment took place in Hollywood cemetery.

Mr. Jones was about fifty years old. He is survived by a wife and one son.

He lived here for a number of years engaged in conducting a grocery business. He moved to Berea, Currituck county in January and has been engaged in mercantile pursuits there.

He was taken sick some time ago and was taken to a Norfolk hospital to undergo an operation. He died yesterday morning. He was a good citizen and held in high esteem. He was a member of the Odd Fellows and Masons.



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