



much beyond the five hundred mark. Because today the greater part of our circulation is outside of Pasquotank county, we must give these other counties part of our space. Meanwhile, however, Elizabeth City will not be neglected. When there is news it will be published, when there is progress it will be noted, and when there are questions before the people they will be discussed.

In all parts of the country schools are opening for the fall and winter terms, and much of the future will depend upon the training of the youth of today.

Never in our history was there a time when it was more imperative that hasty passions and vindictive temperaments be curbed and eradicated.

Never was there a time when the inculcation of brotherly love and a consideration for others was more urgently required.

The youth of to-day will be the men of to-morrow, and as we train them so will they be.

The burden rests heavily upon teacher and parent.

The one cannot succeed without the co-operation of the other, but the two working earnestly and jointly will accomplish wonderful results.

The Advance observed with no small degree of satisfaction the tribute paid to Professor S. L. Sheep by the Citizens of Elizabeth City on the eve of his departure from the town. Leaving our town after thirty five years of service as an educator among us it was not fitting that he should leave the city and section without some expression of the esteem in which he is held.

Professor Sheep came to Elizabeth City in 1878 and from that time has been a leader in Education in this part of the state. Under his supervision has been built up a school that stands in the very front rank among the High Schools of the state, there being hardly a half dozen other institutions of its class with so high a standing. This is due aside from the Superintendent's native ability, to the further fact that the same man has been at the head of our public school system from the beginning of



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position went so far a little over a year ago as to seek to displace him late in the Summer when there was no time for the careful choosing of his successor this paper protested with considerable vigor. However much Mr. Sheep's friends may regret his resignation this year there is much consolation in the fact that the effort last year to violently oust him from his position was a failure. And the fact remains that no year's work done by Mr. Sheep shows more credit than the last. Working under an entirely new board of trustees, many of whom had been chosen for no other qualification than that of intense hostility to him, handicapped because many of the usual prerogatives of the Superintendent had been taken out of his hand and lodged by the trustees in themselves, under Mr. Sheep's management there was still no evident impairment of discipline and the work of the year was completed without jar or friction. There could be no better evidence of the dominance of the Superintendent's personality in every department of his work or of his ability both as a teacher and a supervisor of teachers.

The Advance has never conceived the criticism of a superintendent's methods or failings as within the province, under circumstances at all ordinary, of a public print. Whatever of imperfection, therefore, may have appeared to the writer of this editorial in Mr. Sheep, this paper has had nothing to say it would have been strange indeed if to one teacher another had appeared as absolutely perfect. We will say, however, that had our regard for Mr. Sheep been less high by half we should still have opposed with all our strength any effort to violently displace him from his position. And we will say too, that having heard many criticisms of teachers, none ever appeared to us so groundless or so unworthy of all thoughtful consideration as those which Mr. Sheep's enemies brought forward in urging his displacement.

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the graded school. Elizabeth City has probably never realized yet how fortunate has been its lot in escaping continual change in the management of its schools. In many towns a new Superintendent is elected every year or two, and where this is the case the establishing of a school with any recognized standard is almost an impossibility. Let us all hope that Elizabeth City is not now coming upon a period when educational progress among us will be hindered and thwarted if not completely wrecked.

That any teacher should hold a position for a considerable length of time without arousing some opposition is not to be expected. That there was opposition to Mr. Sheep was not surprising, but when that op-

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Civilization is taking a vacation.  
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Civilization slowly emerges from barbarism and hastily returns from whence it came.  
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American diplomats reporting for duty in the capitals of Europe would do well to take along a supply of sandwiches.  
A former prime minister of France has been fighting in the ranks as an enlisted man. An American politician would expect to be a colonel at least.  
General Villa declares he will oust Carranza from the presidency of Mexico. Nothing doing, General; front page is fully occupied.  
The foresightedness of our nation is emphasized by the fact that the markets of the world are suddenly opened to our commerce and we have no ships with which to deliver the goods.  
With England wanting goods, Germany wanting goods, France wanting goods, Russia, Austria, and all the rest of them with eyes on our manufactured stuffs, Uncle Samuel is in a fair way to scarp the wolf from the American door.  
And now the women of America are up against it.  
They must design their own gowns.  
France is war-ridden and the masters of fashion in Paris can no longer supply the demand.  
American women must depend upon their own initiative in the matter of dress, and when American women undertake to do a thing IT IS DONE.  
This is an opportune time for the women of this country to use their own brains, and use them to good purpose. They need no coaching from other countries.

### SPACE TO WHOM SPACE IS DUE.

An occasional Elizabeth City friend of this newspaper complains that the Advance is not making the progress now that it once did and that its editorials are not so interesting as heretofore.  
We beg to say that when the Advance came to Elizabeth City its horizon hardly extended beyond the corporate limits of the town.  
Our editorial and our news space were given almost completely to Elizabeth City.  
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