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AND SO ARE WE

The editor of this newspaper has from time to time enjoyed the privilege of speaking in the churches of his denomination as a layman. This fact has caused the misguided to thrust upon him the appellation of 'Reverend', to which he is in no way entitled and toward which he has never aspired. In this connection we rather enjoyed the following story which we quote from the editorial page of this week's Biblical Recorder:

"During the season of honorary degrees which has just passed a deserving Doctor of Divinity in one state wrote a congratulatory note to a somewhat undeserving new made Doctor of Divinity in another State in which he finely said: 'May I tell you a story relative to the ordination of Rev. John Leland that is appropriate to many of those who are honored with honorary degrees? Mr. Leland's objections to ordination were finally overcome by the persuasion of his friends. After the ordination service was finished, Mr. Leland arose from his knees and said to the members of the council: Well, brethren, you have laid your hands on my head! but before God, I am as big a fool as I ever was!'"

A SANE FOURTH

The University News Letter sums up the advantages of the county commencement in an article we publish in this issue of The Advance. We hope that the schools throughout this section will note these advantages and those which have not done so will co-operate next May in such a gathering.

But it is not necessary to go so far away as the State University for inspiration in this matter. The example set by Poplar Branch High School deserves the attention and the emulation of the other schools of the section and, indeed, would serve as worthy example for a majority of the counties of the State.

Last year Poplar Branch had its first county commencement and made it a success. The school year closed but the energy of the teachers and of the Woman's Betterment Association went on. Something was happening all summer in the High School building to bring together the people to bring together the people round about and to make a little money for the school equipment.

Early in September the new High School Building was dedicated. Most of us had never heard of the word dedication in connection with a school building. But, why not? That is what was done.

The school building at Poplar Branch was set apart to the cause of education in Currituck County and the word 'education' broadened and deepened its meaning to the people of the county that day.

But the work of the school did not stop with this gathering either. Throughout the year, the school building continued to be a social and educational centre and this year's county commencement attracted the interest of a larger number of schools than did last year's. There was no new building to dedicate this year, and we wondered what these wide-awake and progressive Currituckians would think of to keep the school spirit alive through the Summer months. We did not wonder long. They soon made the announcement that they would celebrate "Independence Day" with a big educational Rally that would include the entire county. The editor of this paper, who was one of the speakers at the dedication of the high school building, is on the program again this year—an honor in which he takes pride.

A SPECIAL OFFER

The Advance is glad to be able to make a special offer to its readers in regard to the very interesting and instructive book, "In Ancient Albemarle", by Miss Catherine Albertson of this city.

This attractive volume of Eastern Carolina History was published last fall by The North Carolina Daughters of the Revolution and has won much favorable comment throughout the State. The first edition has been entirely disposed of and the second is going rapidly, many copies being sold at the summer schools of the State to teachers who are appreciative of the need which this work fills.

The Advance has made special arrangements whereby it is able to offer "In Ancient Albemarle" and a year's subscription to The Advance for a dollar and a half. The price of the book is \$1.25. This offer gives the value of \$2.25 for the amount of \$1.50, and gives Advance readers an unusual opportunity to know their own section and State.

AND NOT CURRITUCK ONLY

"Ex Governor Jarvis, North Carolina's 'Grand Old Man,' lived a plain and simple life," to quote his own words, and the estate which he left was not large; but the will in which he disposed of it, leaving everything to his widow, is a document which speaks with deep eloquence to those who loved him and whom he loved. 'The people of North Carolina have greatly honored me', he writes, 'and I desire to leave on record the final declaration of my everlasting gratitude to them and to make this last plea for the education of their children. Intelligence and virtue make the standing of any people in State and Nation, and I would therefore urge the people to press the education of their children far beyond anything heretofore attempted.'"

It is never easy in the hurly-burly of affairs to see clearly and in perspective. We are confused by the heat and the din and in the midst of the struggle our standards of value are apt to get mixed. Not so with the man who, after a long and active and useful life, sits down in the sunset, his work all done, and seeks to formulate a last message to those who have trusted him and look to him for guidance. He must brush all trivialities aside, must go to the heart of the matter, must deal only with that which is vital. So Governor Jarvis, surveying the progress which his people have made, eager that they shall go forward and not backward, that they shall hold fast to

that which is true, that they shall escape the pitfalls which lie in the way of those who walk alone and unguided, as the people of a democracy must do, exhorts them that they should not neglect the children. Only in knowledge lies safety. If the people of North Carolina are to preserve their integrity, they must have intelligence as well as virtue, for without the first they will be robbed of the second. The great need of North Carolina is that she shall press forward with the education of the children far beyond anything heretofore attempted. That is the great need of the whole South. It is the supreme requirement in South Carolina. The message of North Carolina's grand old man is a message to us as well as to those to whom it was addressed."

The above editorial is clipped by the Wilmington Star from the Charleston News and Courier and quoted as an example of how the simple and heartfelt utterances of Thomas Jarvis' last will and testament are being far flung by the multitudinous agencies of the daily press. Great in his life now since his death it appears that the passing years will add to the lustre of his fame and that his influence on the life of the Old North State will be more strongly felt as time goes on.

Currituck's pride in her favorite son was never greater than it is to day.

WE THANK YOU

The Advance wants to take this opportunity to express its appreciation for the reception given the "Diversity Edition" of The Advance. No work ever done in The Advance shop has afforded us so much gratification and satisfaction.

In the first place, we believe that this edition was in deed and in truth the best newspaper publicity ever given to this city and section. Covering the immediate territory like a blanket it was sent also into distant parts of the state and remote parts of the nation. We believe that a copy went into every state in the Union and we know that numbers of copies were sent to every great commercial center in the country. Moreover, realizing the value of this edition to one seeking information about this section we have kept a few hundred copies on our shelves to be mailed out upon request. If the movement to establish a business men's league here does not fail to the earth, that organization will find the "Diversity Edition" a splendid compendium of facts about our town and its resources well worthy of dissemination.

In the second place, the handling of this edition was a pleasure because of the support that it received in its home town. The Advance has been preaching for four years on the text "Patronize the home industries," and it was no more than human that we should feel gratification at the response to this our first appeal, practically, for support in an advertising way to Elizabeth City's big wholesale and industrial interests. Not only was space liberally taken by all lines of business enterprise, but when came the matter of collecting for this advertising task was a real pleasure. Many advertisers realizing that the printing of this edition would involve a heavy outlay and expense, paid for their space in advance. And of those who waited until the edition was issued, payment was made, almost without exception, in a spirit that made the editor feel that each advertiser was a satisfied customer.

Finally, getting out the 'Di-

versity Edition' was a pleasure because of the ease with which the extra work was handled by the Advance force. Mr. C. Guy Bell who has promoted such publicity ventures in nearly every city in the state and many outside of it, said that The Advance handled his matter with less fuss and effort than any newspaper he had ever worked for. This ought to be an interesting commentary to Elizabeth City business men on the increasing efficiency of The Advance Shop. We are prepared to print any thing from a visiting card to an eight page newspaper on short notice. We invite those of our friends who want printing done to buy it at home.

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T. E. L. CLASS MEETS

The T. E. L. Class of the First Baptist Sunday School held its regular meeting with Mrs. Sam Williams on Fearing Street. The reports of the different committees show that the class is still busy during the warm weather. Those present were Mrs. George Cox, Mrs. E. B. Hughes, Mrs. J. L. Pritchard, Mrs. Wm. Boettcher, Mrs. S. G. Scott, Mrs. H. Scott, Mrs. John Overman, Mrs. Ed. Gordon, Mrs. C. P. Harris, Mrs. R. C. Abbott, Mrs. Sam Williams, Mrs. Edna Ferebee, and Mrs. Clifton. After the business a social hour was enjoyed and delightful refreshments consisting of cream, cake and punch was served.

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