

**EDITORIAL PAGE**

**THE ADVANCE**

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**WHERE HONOR IS DUE**

We don't have much time to read and we can't remember where we saw it, but in some publication a story caught our eye the other day about a school that invested in a creamery outfit and taught the pupils the art of making money out of butter and cheese.

There's just no use talking about it, our public schools have got to put in this sort of training if the country boys and girls are to be expected to grow up and stay on the farm.

We know a school in this section that some time ago was talking about the purchase of a printing press and the mechanical equipment to publish a school paper. That would be very well for a school here in Elizabeth City, but this school is in the country and if it is training the pupils for lives of fuller service in the communities where they now live, the training in the school should be of the sort that will fit into the pupil's home life.

Somewhere in this state a woman had the right idea. We quote from the current issue of *Colliers*:

"A school-teacher down in North Carolina saw that a farm paper was offering one pure-bred pig as premium for a certain number of new subscribers. She got the necessary subscriptions among the parents of her sixty pupils, had the children build a modern pen on the school land, and gave the porker a large public reception with an illustrated talk on pigs. The school went to work clearing land, planting grain and grass plots for forage, raising cabbage plants to sell for other food and the subscription grant soon became the nucleus of a demonstration farm. More land is to be purchased and expert aid will be brought in to make permanent this stimulus to the local agriculture."

Another thing occurs to us. Would it not be well for the teachers in our county schools to encourage their pupils to the emulation of the men who have made successes at home? These teachers are continually, and with the best of motives, pointing their young disciples to the example of men who have made a measure of success, it is true, but who left home to do it. The county has not been paid back for the free schooling that it gave them in as large a measure as it has in the case of the man who put his schooling into practice in the home county.

One lesson at any rate the war has taught the world: the value of the industrial worker. When war came England sent her skilled laborers into the trenches, only to find that their services were indispensable at home and that they could serve their country far better by just keeping on with their regular jobs than they could by sacrificing their lives in the field of battle. The man who trains himself to do useful labor skillfully and well is a soldier of his country who serves both in peace and in war—and it is time for the world to begin to recognize it and to do him honor.

"In one place in your paper you say that the Italians captured 10,000 when Gorizia fell," says a reader, "while in another place you say that the captured numbered 15,000." The reader has the usual habit of careless reading of newspaper reports. The 15,000 were taken in the two days offensive preceding the fall of the town, while the 10,000 were captured when the city itself was occupied.

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**HOME GROWN LITERATURE**

Though it happened when the writer was but on the threshold of manhood, he still has vivid recollection of the day when lingering at his desk in a country schoolhouse after the pupils had all gone home he was glancing over the pages of what was then a new "fifth reader."

Pausing longest at the pages where there was verse he had listlessly scanned a number of familiar selections from Longfellow and Whittier, — the tawdry sentiment of the one and the tiresome dribble of the other being what in the text books of his boyhood days he had been taught to believe the best poetry in American literature — when his eye was caught by the title, "The Song of the Chatahochee," and with quickened interest he heard the river tell how it rose "out of the hills of Habersham" and hurried down the valleys of Hall. With a lover's pain to attain the plain

Far from the hills of Habersham  
Far from the valleys of Hall.  
By the time one had read the second verse he and the river were comrades exchanging mutual confidences:

"All down the hills of Habersham  
All through the valleys of Hall,  
The rushes cried, Abide, Abide;  
The willow waterweeds held me thrall  
The laughing laurel turned my tide,  
The ferns and the fondling grass  
Said Stay,

The Dewberry dipped for to work delay;  
And the little reeds sighed, Abide,  
Abide,

Tere in the hills of Habersham,  
Here in the Valleys of Hall.

We don't know how you like it, but the writer finished the "Song" — there are five verses — with a fine frenzy of enthusiasm that the lines have still some power to awaken.

We are glad that the Chautauqua Superintendent, Mr. Cook, made this Southern poet the subject of one of his lectures and we could wish that Sidney Lanier's poems might find a place among the literary hearthstones of every Southern home. Lanier's verses, or Henry Thirrod's either, have a warmth and a fire that one does not find in the writings of the New England bard.

At that, we have no quarrel with Longfellow. There was little or no originality in what he wrote but his "Hiawatha" his *Skeleton in Armor*, and a few others that we might mention, are real contributions to American literature. Reading them we can almost forget that he was also the perpetrator of the "Palm of Life" and of "Some days Must be Dark and Dreary" (Charles Greave's "Minstrel of the Passaic" is better poetry than either of the last two). The best that Longfellow wrote didn't get into the school readers, somehow.

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**TO BRING BACK PROSPERITY**

Officials of the Norfolk Southern in the city this week caught a glimpse of the peaches now coming in from Mr. Shimer of Roanoke Island. They were enthusiastic about the firmness and color of the fruit and said if the flavor was as satisfactory that this section could certainly make big money growing peaches. North-eastern Carolina would have to on any peach section to the South of us, because the grower here could get his fruit on the northern markets so promptly. He could therefore more nearly wait until his fruit came to perfect maturity before shipping it and it would come nearer to having, when put on the market, the perfect flavor of a peach plucked when almost ripe enough to fall into one's hand.

We have tried these Roanoke peaches, and we just don't believe that they can be beat. To cover Roanoke Island with peach orchards and vineyards would bring back to the region the prosperity of the days of abundant marketable fish.

**IT SEEMS FITTING**

The Advance noted with pleasure that among the names of those whose memories are to be kept ever fresh in St. Andrews-by-the-Sea is that of Col. R. B. Creecy, for many years of *The Economist*.

Col. Creecy will be remembered long by those who knew him and knew his excellent paper. His Grandfather Tales will bring him often to mind also we hope. But the old files of *The Economist* were destroyed in a fire here, and there are left only clippings which friends have preserved because of their special interest.

To us it seems highly fitting that a man who gave his time and his talent to creating a newspaper of high moral and intellectual standard and of strong influence should be honored in the building which has been dedicated to religious and educational uplift.

**YOU GET SIMPLE BEAUTY**

On the Nag's Head boat, as your gaze rests upon the glory and the beauty and the wonder of the Albemarle with its sheen of blue and silver and its splashes of green and orange, you think, of course of Browning's "Fra Lippo Lippi" and his philosophy of beauty. As the shorter, more easily remembered phrases "And God Made it all." If you get simple beauty and naught else you get about the best thing God invents, are running riot in your mind in the effort, to bring the whole poem into definite memory, — you glance about you and some one is passing the entire four hours reading a dime novel, with never an upward glance.

No, we are not highbrows, but in the name of the beautiful, the good and true, why not take the best when such an abundance is offered?

Let's all brace ourselves for a strong pull for the Y. M. C. A. and be ready, when we are called upon, to respond with a vigor that will put us out of the rut — for good.

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**Locals**

Dr. Julian W. Selig will leave Friday to spend the week-end at Virginia Beach.

Miss Ruth Miz of Winston-Salem passed through the city Wednesday on her way to Nags Head.

Misses Lillian Gray and Mariette Mizette of Manteo are visiting Miss Lolo Twiddy on Riverside Drive.

Mrs. G. R. Bright and daughters Misses Mary and Mabel Bright, and son, Master Albert Bright; also Mrs. Elizabeth A. Bright, left Wednesday to spend the remainder of the summer at Bristol, Tennessee.

Dr. Martin and family of Belhaven are visiting Dr. Martin's brothers, R. B. Martin and John Martin, on Church street.

Mr. Philip Matthews of South Mills was in the city today.

Miss Irene Tate of Norfolk passed through the city Wednesday on her way to Nags Head.

Mrs. J. T. McCabe and daughter, Margaret, are spending two weeks at Nags Head.

J. T. McCabe left today for Baltimore on business.

Kermit Kramer has returned from a two weeks stay at Virginia Beach.

C. H. Turner of Henderson passed through the city today on his way to Nags Head.

Herman Hornthal of Norfolk was here yesterday on his way to Nags Head.

F. A. Spence spent Wednesday in Norfolk on business.

Mrs. M. B. Sawyer has returned from a visit to her father, Rev. J. H. Hill at Rockingham.

Mrs. L. L. Winder and daughter, Misses Margaret and Clarence, are at Nags Head for the week.

Mrs. W. A. Brock has returned from a visit to her father at Rockingham and to friends in western North Carolina.

Miss Huyla Hughes is visiting relatives and friends in Maryland.

Miss Eula Pappendick is the guest of Mrs. John L. Wells at Nags Head.

W. R. Perry of Chapanoke is in the city today.

J. Crawford Eiggs of Raleigh was in the city Wednesday.

P. C. Kind of Norfolk was in the city Wednesday.

J. D. Rodgers of Raleigh was in the city Wednesday.

Presiding Elder Adams has just returned from North Gates Quarterly meeting and leaves Friday for the Belhaven and Pantego Quarterly meeting.

Mr. Philip Matthews of South Mills was in the city on business Thursday evening.

**WAR ODDITIES**

London — Practically all the an occupied land in a large cemetery at Stral, Cheshire, is being planted in potatoes.

A letter from the late Lord Kitchener exhorting slackers to be sold at auction for the benefit of one of the war funds. The letter never has been published.

Trench rats, the abomination of Tommies, sometimes prove valuable when the Germans are shooting poison gases at the allied trenches, a soldier in furlough said. The rats become uneasy and can be relied on to warn of the approaching gas.

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