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A MONUMENT OF LOVE

After being sufficed with accounts of man's inhumanity to children in the four years of barbarous war in Europe and Asia Minor, what a noble and welcome contrast is this story coming out of North Carolina of the trust of the university of the State legally adopting and providing for the care and education of the little son of the deceased president of that institution.

Little "Sonny" Graham, the beautiful, smiling faced child of eight years, was left alone in the world, except for some distant relatives. Two years ago his mother died, and a few weeks ago his father, Dr. Edward Kidder Graham, the distinguished head of the North Carolina university, passed away.

This act will touch the hearts of fathers and mothers and others who love children throughout the nation, and as with the faithful woman who broods the hen of a brooder upon the Master's head, it will be told of them as long as the gospel of love shall be preached.—Houston Post.

DRASTIC LAWS

Ohio State Journal. We often hear that such and such a law is too drastic. Sometimes they seem so but if rightly understood and applied, very few are drastic. God's laws are always drastic. You can not disobey one of them but the penalty is ready at hand to be applied when the time comes. It may take weeks or days, but as sure as the sun rises the retribution comes. Often it happens that the charge that laws are drastic has a bad effect upon all laws. Drastic is made to mean unjust, but it is seldom that the law can be said of a law. A man who has been the victim of a drastic law, or that man may be said to be a victim of a law.

NORTH CAROLINA MILLS

Virginia Pilot. Not like the gourd vine of the Prophet and the snake of Ahiada, the cotton mill of our sister State has not sprung up in a night; they are not products of miracle or magic, but had their origin in provident forethought and owe their magnificent development to untiring energy backed with a spirit of brave enterprise.

Between the northern and southern boundaries the State is literally studded with cotton mills. Their number in Gaston county alone exceeds the aggregate now operated in the populous Southern States. Gaston, the county seat, contains thirty-five, with five miles of continuous new factories now under construction.

The glory to Carolina of this splendid exhibit of thrift and multiplying wealth is mainly in the forefront, pluck and perseverance, which her people have brought to bear on a great undertaking. A textile school is attached to the State College of Agriculture and Forestry, where one hundred and thirty students were enrolled last year for study of every detail in the theory and practice of cotton manufacture.

Answering a query received at the executive office Friday, Governor Bickett yesterday sent a telegram to the Chicago Herald and Examiner informing that paper that North Carolina could absorb 25,000 negroes, "who may desire to come to this State for the purpose of securing honorable employment at remunerative wages."

utive office, Governor Bickett was out of the city, as was his private secretary, Col. Sanford Martin, but upon his return here yesterday he sent a lengthy telegram to the paper in answer to this query: "Anxious to Return South. Many negroes who came here for war work are anxious to return South. The South needs them. Their spokesman asks us to inquire how many would State can absorb. They are of the more industrious class, distinct from the bad element responsible for the difficulties here. Please rush answer at our expense."

In his answer, the Governor adverts to the rioting in Washington and Chicago, and says that it has confirmed his conviction that the South is the best place in the world for a decent negro to make a decent living. "The farms, the lumber plants and the companies engaged in building public highways in North Carolina will gladly absorb negroes who may desire to come to this State for the purpose of securing honorable employment at remunerative wages. But, during their residence in Chicago, any of these negroes have become tainted or intoxicated with dreams of social equality or of political domination, it would be well for them to remain where they are, for in the South such things are forever impossible."

The full text of the Governor's reply to the Chicago paper follows: "Absence from my office prevented an immediate answer to your telegram," the Governor wired. "By its pertinence, by association and by a sympathetic understanding of his virtues and his limitations, the Southern white people are the natural and constant friends of the negro."

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One answer to the high cost of living is that people are holding their money too cheaply. Thousands of Americans who never were more than a day's ride from the breaking are today owners of Liberty Bonds or some other form of securities and they have never learned the lessons which Ben Franklin sought to teach a growing nation.

Some one remarked very sagely that the wealth of the rich were equally distributed among them; who have little or nothing, the rich would soon have it back again and the other class would be in the same position as before the division was made.

When spenders are free and easy, prices go up with equal ease. Those who hold their "easy" money too cheaply make hard buying for those who are part sparingly with their limited funds, by the same token, those who demand luxuries without accounting the cost may expect to pay more for necessities.

THE IDEAL FREEMASON. If you see a man who quietly and honestly moves in the sphere of his life, who without blissful fulfill his duties as a man, a subject, a husband and a father; who is plain without hypocrisy, benevolent without ostentation, and aids his fellowmen without self-interest; whose heart beats warm for friends; whose serene mind is open for licensed pleasure; who in vicissitudes will not despair nor in fortune will be presumptuous, and who will be resolute in the hour of danger; the man who is free from superstition and free from infidelity; who in nature beholds the King of the Heavens; to whom faith, hope and charity are a more names without any money to whom property, may even life, is not

too dear for the protection of innocence, and virtue and in defense of truth. The man who, towards himself, is a severe judge, but tolerant with the delinquents of his neighbors; who knows how to prepare intelligence without precipitation and to rebuke errors without arrogance; who knows how rightly to estimate and employ his means; who honors virtue in the most humble garment and does not favor vice though clothed in purple and who administers justice to merit, whether found in palaces or cottages.

The man who without vaunting himself, is loved by all noble-minded men, respected by his superiors, revered by his subordinates; the man who never proclaims what he has done, can do, will do, but whose deeds, will lay hold with dispassionate courage, circumspect resolution, indefatigable exertion, and a rare power of mind, who will not cease, till he has finished his work and who then without pretension, retires into the multitude, because he did the good work not for self, but in the cause of good.

Mrs. J. P. Caldwell, in Charlotte Observer: "In thinking of the dreadful tragedy which occurred several days ago at Wrightville," said a woman of thought as well as sympathy, "the lines that Shakespeare made Hamlet say came to me: 'There is a destiny that shapes our ends.' And then I thought how true it is that life is controlled by the unseen hand of fate, or destiny—call it what you will. Fate's rearsy is an endless chain of sorrow, each link a heart, each heart a soul. We are all creatures of a mystic destiny, some to weal, some to woe. The young girl who lost her life in Banks channel had bathed there every day and no ill befell her. The young man who lost his life in trying to save her, had been through the war without injury and yet fate was waiting for him in the waters of Wrightville Sound."

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ON GROWING OLD

Be with me, Beauty, for the fire is dying. My dog and I are old, too old for roving. Man, whose young passion sets the spindrift flying, is soon too lame to march, too cold for loving. I take the book and gather to the fire. Turning old yellow leaves. Minute by minute The clock ticks to my heart; a withered wire Moves a thin ghost of music in the spinet. I cannot sail your seas, I cannot wander Your mountains, nor your downlands, nor your valleys. Ever again, nor share the battle yonder. Where your young knight the broken squadron rallies; Only stay quiet, while my mind remembers The beauty of fire from the beauty of embers.

Beauty, have pity; for the young have power, The rich their wealth, the beautiful their grace, Summer of man its fruit-time and its flower, Spring-time of man all April in a face. Only, as in the jostling in the Strand, Where the mob thrusts, or loiters, or is loud, The beggar with the saucer in his hand Ask only a penny from the passing crowd. So, from this glittering world with all its fashion, Its fire and play of men, its stir, its march, Let me have wisdom, Beauty, wisdom and passion, Bread to the soul, rain where the summers parch. Give me but these, and though the darkness close, Even the night will blossom as the rose. —Igha, Massfield, in Atlantic Monthly.

THE WORLD SHOULD STUDY THE COTTON SITUATION (Manufacturer's Record) With corn at \$2 a bushel and wheat at \$2.25 and over, with farm labor costing two or three times as much as formerly, and everything else on a proportionately high basis, the cost of cotton production will for a long time to come be much higher than ever before. The old day of low-price labor and low cost of cotton has gone forever. The old economic chains of the all-cotton system have been broken and gone to the scrap heap, never again to be forged. But the world is hungry for cotton. The supply of cotton goods has been steadily wearing out for five years, and now the world must be clothed just as it must be fed from its famished condition. High prices of cotton as compared with former years must inevitably be the result of the high cost of production. However, unless prices are high enough to have a stimulating effect upon cotton production the world

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nently decrease the world's supply of a famine condition, for when once the farmers of the South have become thoroughly alive to diversified agriculture, to live stock raising as a business, and to the opportunities of profitable employment in industrial pursuits, even 40 to 50 cents a pound for cotton will not bring them back to the all-cotton system. Patterson, cashier of the Bank of Coats, will be pleased to learn that he is able to be out again after illness which confined him for more than a week. MR. HUBERT MENTER RETURNS. Mr. Hubert Menter, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Senter of Kipling, was in Lillington Monday in company with his father. Young Mr. Senter has just been discharged from army service after about seventeen months in France. Everybody was much pleased to see Mr. R. O. Senter able to be out after his long illness. It is sincerely hoped his recovery will be complete into the plant beds from contaminated seed. It has recently been found, states Dr. F. A. Wolf of the Agricultural Experiment Station, that the wildfire organism will produce characteristic lesions upon the floral organs as well as upon the leaves. This fact should be employed in determining what disposition is to be made of the plants which have not been topped, and from which the seed is to be harvested. If the leaves of these seed plants, or other plants near them, are affected with wildfire even though the injury is slight, the seed are liable to become contaminated. The avoidance of contaminated seed is one means of prevention of wildfire which can best be put into operation at this season. MR. PATTERSON OUT AGAIN. The many friends of Mr. N. T.

MATTERS OF BUSINESS BEFORE COUNTY BOARD Ordered that A. A. McDonald and Chas. Ross complete and arrange the court house library. Petition for road bond election for Lillington township was granted. Report of school election in Hectors Creek remitted in tie—12 for, 11 against, 1 not voting. New election necessary. O. S. Bordeaux, W. L. Senter and M. L. Ballard appointed road commissioners for Hector's Creek township. All members of the county board were present except chairman J. D. Barnea, who is absent from the county, but is expected to return this month. He is now at a health resort in the North. Mr. J. C. Byrd acted as chairman.