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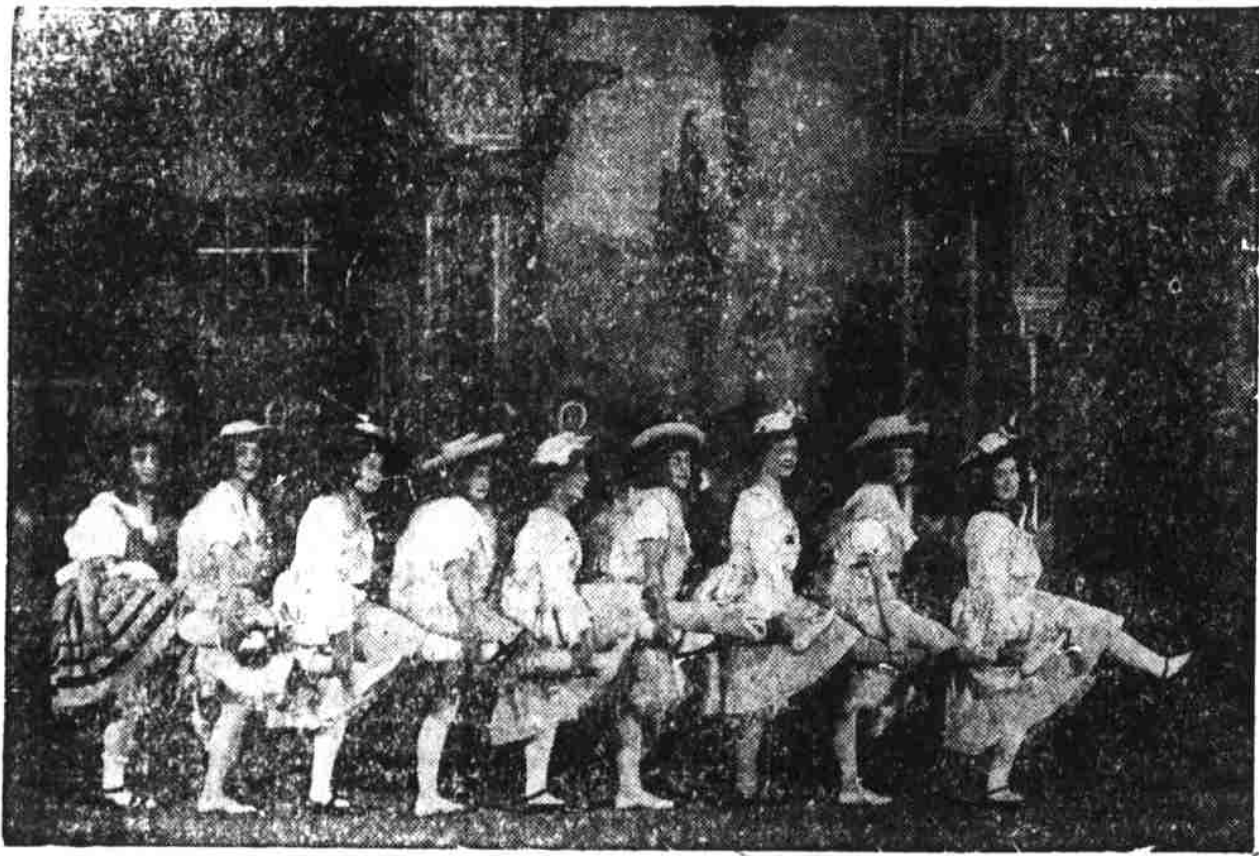
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### CITY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Again The Gazette has put Gastonia's schools under obligation to it by setting aside a column to be known as a column for Gastonia Schools. This is one of a thousand kindnesses and interests shown the schools by the excellent management of our excellent paper. Every friend of education, every patron of the schools, the superintendent, the teachers and the pupils should value very, very much this interest.

In this column each Friday it is the purpose of the superintendent to have things appear that will be profitable to the schools as well as inform the citizenship concerning the schools.

The schools are trying to teach the children habits of regularity and punctuality. Every business man considers this a very important qualification in an applicant for a position in his business. No business will long tolerate an employe who habitually comes to work after the hour set for the beginning of the business day. Yet some of the patrons are letting their children cultivate and form this habit that so unfits one for any and all occupations. Some one may argue that school calls so early. But have you ever stopped to think at what hour the majority of Gastonia's population begin the day's work? The majority of the people must be in place ready for work at six o'clock. Another great class begin at seven. Practically everybody in the work of the world must be in his place ready for work by eight o'clock. School calls at three-quarters of an hour later than this, and yet some pupils come strolling in habitually late.

The attendance honor roll for the first month showed that about 75 per cent of the children in Miss Bryan's room and about 68 per cent of those in Miss Gallant's room were neither absent nor tardy during the month, establishing the fact that this bad habit is not wholly formed by a large per cent of the pupils. The number coming late habitually is even smaller. Let each parent ask of the monthly report if his child is forming this bad habit. Let each one work with the schools and the teachers to form the best habits.

It is to be hoped that all will come to realize, as do some, that parents and teachers are co-workers in the great cause of character-building for the Master. There should be a great sympathy for the parent on the part of the teacher, but there should be a greater sympathy for the teacher on the part of the parent. There are many parents with two or three children giving them so much trouble that it becomes very hard to know what is best to do. The average teacher has from forty to sixty. These all have the same privileges and rights at school as do those that trouble the parents, and many of those that trouble parents are in school. What would a parent do with forty? What would the average citizen do with 500, all sizes, in his yard at one time?

Elbert Hubbard has grouped some addresses and essays which he calls "Consecrated Lives." These he has dedicated as follows:

"To the teachers in the public schools of America, a class that does more work, and better work, for less pay and fewer honors, than any other in the world."

The writer had the pleasure of hearing Hon. Charles B. Aycock in Charlotte Monday night. That gifted speaker, polished orator, able lawyer, peerless politician took time in the midst of a discussion of campaign issues and going for his opponents to laud the preachers and teachers as those who are doing more to uplift mankind than all others. He wished for the power to pay each public school teacher according to merits. These words add much to the life of the teacher, reminding all that the years of hard work are not entirely in vain.

The writer has ever been distinguished for his modesty, and yet he has no hesitancy in saying that Gastonia has as fine a faculty as has been gathered together in any community in this good State. It is his firm conviction that each teacher in the Gastonia schools has the good of the children at heart, that each one is working for the greatest good of those within her reach. It is impossible for any one to realize this to the fullest extent without watching the work and the interest daily. This good work can be fostered, improved, lightened, blessed by the right kind of sympathy and co-operation on the part of citizens, parents, patrons and pupils.

Few of the citizens of Gastonia appreciate fully the value of the schools conducted by the city

through its board of school commissioners. It would make many wonder if they could hear some who have come from other schools compare the two schools. It would cause many more to marvel if they should hear some of the best pupils of the schools tell how they have seen the course of study grow and improve during their term in school. It would be even more wonderful to some if they should see in a communication from a college president a comparison between the courses of Gastonia schools and those of one of the largest cities in the State in which comparison Gastonia was placed far in the lead.

A new and attractive feature of work in the schools is a more systematic study of current history. This will be emphasized in the grades from four to ten. To do this best the children have been asked to subscribe to a little paper called Current Events, costing only twenty cents for the year. The average pupil has not the time to wade through the dailies for the latest discoveries, inventions, the great world movements, etc. This little paper gives all this without all the scandal and other things which makes one better if he doesn't get them. It is hoped that each family represented in the grades mentioned will subscribe to this paper.

Doubtless the friends and patrons of the schools sometimes think they are called on very often. But if they will take the pains to investigate, it will be found that our people get off very lightly and that they get big returns for what they give the school board to invest for them.

In some towns an incidental fee of twenty-five cents a scholar monthly is charged; in others the patrons have to pay for half of the school year. It must not be forgotten that it takes money to run any sort of a plant. Think of the colleges with their high tuition rates! They are constantly calling on individuals for aid, and this is not for the children of the donor's community. If the small calls of your schools could be compared to those made upon a college town, you would wonder why your own schools had been so easy on you. A town is made by everybody's doing his best for it. So is a school.

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#### MR. A. D. JENKINS DEAD.

Native of Gaston County Passes Away in New York City Where He Had Lived for Twenty-Five Years—Son of Former State Treasurer D. A. Jenkins and Brother of Mr. L. L. Jenkins, of Gastonia—Particulars of Death not Known.

A brief dispatch sent out from New York city by the Associated Press Monday night and which appeared in the dailies of Tuesday morning, read as follows:

"When coroner's physician Hanlon commenced to perform an autopsy on the body of a man who died suddenly on the sidewalk on Fifth avenue yesterday, he recognized the victim as Aaron D. Jenkins, an old-time friend and at one time assistant State treasurer of North Carolina. Jenkins had been living in New York with a son."

Beyond the bare fact of his death as mentioned above nothing is known here. Mr. Jenkins had been living in New York for the past twenty-five years or more, making his home with a son, Burt Jenkins, a writer of popular short stories. Deceased was a native of Gaston county, being a son of the late David A. Jenkins, formerly State treasurer. During his father's term of office he was assistant treasurer. He had not revisited his native county in many years and but little has been heard of him in a long time.

Deceased is survived by his widow, who was a daughter of the late Rev. T. H. Pritchard, an eminent Baptist divine of Charlotte; one son, Mr. Burt Jenkins, of New York; four brothers, viz: Mr. W. W. Jenkins, of Wake Forest, N. C.; Judge James Jenkins, of the Philippine Islands; Mr. David Jenkins, of Charlotte, and Mr. L. L. Jenkins, now living in Asheville; and two sisters, Mrs. J. H. Craig, of Gastonia, and Mrs. L. M. Hoffman, of Dallas.

Mr. Jenkins is remembered by many of the older residents of the town and county. During recent years it is understood he lived a very retired life. It is presumed that his body was buried in New York.

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Ethel Clara Leneve, Dr. H. H. Crippen's typist and who was tried in the New Bailey criminal court, London, on a charge of being accessory after the fact in the murder of Belle Elmore, was Tuesday found not guilty and was released.

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