THE GASTONIA GAZETTE.

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Sacrifice for Books. Madeleine Sweeny Miller, in Pitts-

burgh Christian Advocate. A country's culture is genuine only when her people are willing to endure sacrifice for the sake of good books, and no man is truly educated until he is willing to forego some of life's necessities for the luxury of a worthy book. Consider Francis Asbury, for example, swinging around his three-thousand-mile circuit always saving room in his saddlebags for the Bible and one or two other volumes, and employing his scanty leisure so admirably that he was able to read and make notes on scores of ponderous volumes. We wonder how this apostle to the American wilderness of the eighteenth century was able to manage it, but such entries as the following in his invaluable journal explain the fact: "My present mode of conduct is to read about a hundred pages a day." And again "Arose the next morning at five. though very weak, and spent a great part of the day in reading and writ-

Another great reader of this century of expansion was Benjamin Franklin. The story of his early sacrifices for the sake of securing books is familiar to the youngest of us, and it was this youthful impulse that helped his father in his decision to make of him a printer, little guessing that this trade would be the entree to a public career of distinction and the introduction to the contemporary citizens of the world.

But what of the present generation on this subject? Perhaps it is no longer necessary for us to deny ourselves for the sake of books. Let us see. Public libraries have placed at the disposal of almost every individual more volumes of the world's great literature than he is able to master. The sacrifice of money, then. is obsolete; but what about time? A man must be willing to give up an extra round of golf and a woman an added strip of fillet crochet if they are to be considered eligible to the title of "literati." Formerly it was a matter of finding sufficient books to fill the leisure hours; today the difficulty is to find enough leisure hours for the books we ought to

Written literature originated in the longing of man to immortalize his thought life. "O that my words were now written!" exclaims Job. "O that they were inscribed in a book! That with an iron pen and lead they were graven in the rock forever." And out of this instinct books have evolved through the selfdenial and sacrifice of their authors. The cost of a volume is not measured by the amount you pay for it at the stationer's, but the actual amount "of what we call life," as Stevenson says, "which goes into it." Especially is this true today, when authors are standing on the far-flung battle line in Europe, risking their very blood for the sake of the words that

they shall write.
To be sure, "of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh." significant in its truth than today. when the market is being burdened with all manner of works. But at the same time it is true that there have never been so many "centrifugai" forces pulling us away from "the bliss of solitude." As Mabie says in his "Study Fire": "The man who goes to books instead of life, who gets his knowledge of humanity out of Shakespeare and of nature out of Wordsworth, will never know either profoundly." But as he continues: "Nothing so redeems a life from the barrenness of continued activity so completely as a stream of deep, silent meditation running under all one's work and rising into light when the day of solitude comes

TODAY'S POEM

THE REGULAR MAN.

Lord, let me live like a Regular Man, 1 With Regular friends and true. Let me play the game on a regular

plan. And play it that way all through: Let me win or lose with a regular smile

And never be known to whine, For that is a "Regular Fellow's style And I want to make it mine!

O give me a regular chance in life, The same as the rest, I pray, And give me a regular girl for wife To help me along the way: Let us know the lot of humanity, Its regular woes and joys, And raise a regular family Of regular girls and boys!

Let me live to a regular good old age, With regular snow-white hair, Having done my labor and earned my wage

And played my game for fair: And so at last when the people scan My face on its regular bier, They'll say, "Well, he was a Regular Man!"

-Benton Braley.

And drop a regular tear!

Burlington is on a boom. Here are a few of the things they are doing there now: Spending \$75,000 on street improvements, \$40.000 on new graded school building, \$30,000 for city hall, \$65,000 for postoffice, in addition to which there is much other building going on.

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Library Notes

Every one is praising "Prudence of the Parsonage." This is the recent book by Ethel Hueston and she makes wonderfully interesting the life of the five girls in the parsonage. their father being a Methodist minister. Prudence, the eldest daughter of the minister, has many problems, amusing as well as serious, to perplex her in bringing up three younger sisters in a strange community. With all the optimism of 18 years, she bravely takes up the task, and helped along by a wonderful sense of humor and perseverance, wins for herself and "her" family the love and respect of everybody.

It is a book one loves to speak of and recommend, bright and amusing, and yet at times one's laughter is very close to tears. Some one has said of "Prudence of the Parsonage" that "it is altogether delightful after the mass of realism with which we have been sickened. It is like a breath of garden air after a clinic.'

'The Co-Citizens', Cora Harris' new novel is among the recent additions to the fiction shelves in the library. Can you imagine what happened in Jordantown when Sarah Moseley died and left most of the assets of the community, acquired through various mortgages, to a committee to advance the cause of universal suffrage? Whether you are for suffrage or against it won't matter at all for Mrs. Harris is not here concerned in the least with writing ampaign literature. What she is mightily concerned with is this story of Bob Sasnett, Judge Regis, Selah Adams and Mrs. Susan Walton, all residents in the town mentioned above, and what they did with the funds left by the lamented Sarah. That is the story Mrs. Harris unfolds with a more continuous play of humor than she has ever brought into one novel before. The "Co-Citizens" fairly bubbles with fun. "The Story of Julia Page"

Kathleen Norris tells us of a daughter of the poor, who grew up in rather unpromising surroundings. She and her not too congenial parents dwelt in comparative obscurity in San Francisco. What the child saw of life and domestic relations in her early days was such as to make her frankly skeptical of the world and the gifts it bore. But nothing can really sully or dim a shining soul. and that Julia Page had and kept. She had the vision to reshape her whole mental horizon to a new conception of family life and affection upon the occasion of her bitterly humiliating visit to the Loland home and her entrance into the work of the neighborhood house was the first step on a bridge, that, having crossed, she resolutely burned behind her, Julia Page hungered for the better things of life and was determined to have them, cost what they would, and it is this picture of unfaltering faith and courage that dominates Mrs. Norris' story. It shines out in Julia's love for young Dr. Studdiford, a thing too precious to be lost it any price and yet too dear to her to be taught by silence; and so she placed in the balance against her love, her whole truth.

HAD SPLENDID YEAR.

South Point School Closes Session With Delightful Exercises—Misses Alexander, of Huntersville, the

Correspondence of The Gazette. BELMONT, Route 1, May 12 .- After a term of six months the South Point school, under the efficient management of Misses Violet and Lutie Alexander, of Huntersville, had its closing exercises Saturday and Satur-

day night, May 6th. A program beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. consisted of recitations, songs, declamations and a May-pole dance following which a bountiful dinner was served on the grounds. The aftermoon was given over to a game of captains ball by the girls. But, in spite of the sun's rays, both sides

played for the sole purpose of fun. Quite a number of people were present for the evening program. which was well chosen. Among the different selections a pantomine, "Jesus Lover of My Soul", by five girls and a song, "Quarrel", by Elva Rumfelt and Yates Neagle, deserve special mention. "Mr. Bob", a play in two acts, was given by the young people of the school and community. The cast of characters was as fol-Miss Luke, alias "Aunt Becky", Edna Armstrong; Catharine Rogers, Aunt Becky's niece, Mary Leeper; Marion Bryant, alias "Mr. Bob", Cora Sanford; Philip Royston, cousin of Catharine, Jerome Hagerty; Jenkins, a butler, Earl Armstrong; Patty, a servant, Eulalia Neagle; Mr. Brown, solicitor for the firm of Benson and Benson, Tom Leeper.

As the play from beginning to end was full of jest and humor it seemed as if the chief function of each character was to raise a laugh. The players did well and earned the heartiest congratulations.

After a courtship lasting 42 years, P. L. Yates and Miss Kate Reagro, both of Rutherford, Tenn., were married Friday. The groom was 67 and the bride 65. The groom had long ago decided to marry when he had a thousand-acre farm. \$10,000 in the bank and a home paid for. Only recently he attained this.

DECK-GUFFEY WEDDING.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

BESSEMER City, May 10. - The marriage on Thursday evening, April 27th, of Miss Mary Alice Guffey to Mr. Adam P. Deck, solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Guffey, was one of signal

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As the hour of seven was tolled off by the big clock, Miss Sue Guffey, sister of the bride, struck the first note of the bridal chorus and the bridal party descended the stairway. First came the flower girls, little Ophelia Guffey, a niece of the bride, and Catholeene Dobins, a cousin of the bride, each dressed in a beautiful gown of white batiste with blue sasa and hair bow, carrying baskets full of white roses and strewing flowers on the way.

All eyes were then riveted on the bridal doorway, whence in a few minutes the bride and groom appearshe was a vision of real beauty, leaning on the arm of the gromm. She wore an exquisite gown of ivory satin combined with real lace, the skirt being short and without train. The wedding veil of tulle was cap shape held by a coronet of orange blossoms. She carried an immense shower bouquet of bride roses, and her wedding slippers were white satin embroidered in pearls. The groom wore conventional black.

In a ceremony of impressive beauty the nuptial yows were said by Rev. Joseph Berryhill, pastor of the Presbyterian church, the bride and groom standing under the white bell. Mr. and Mrs. Deck immediately took a car for his home a little north of Bessemer City.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Guffey, their former home being near Westminster School in Rutherford county. Mrs. Deck became a teacher immediately after leaving school. She is a young woman of exceptional mentality and inellectuality, as well as of charming personality.

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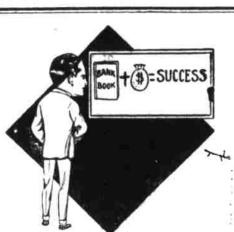
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