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## LETTER TO EDITOR PRICE.

### Interesting Letter to Rev. D. Vance Price on Woman Suffrage.

(The Dixie Methodist.)

My Dear Brother:  
I write you this as a communication to your paper, and in answer to your article "She is Coming."

Perhaps you do not know it, but your father is a Woman Suffragist, also your mother and your two sisters, and your brother believes in it. Your uncle Will is an ardent suffragist, and your aunt Hannah is a violent one. Your kin folks and friends are flocking to the women's standards, and you will soon be left alone unless you come over. I hate to see a brain as good as yours clinging to medieval ideas. Come out in to the broad path and develop and grow along with your relatives.

No, you need not say "Good-bye to the sweet, refined, retiring woman of the earlier days of the republic," as you say. Just walk down some quiet street to a clean decent place where you will find a booth some day, and you will see her there with her mother and her sisters, or at least the same types, and you can bid her "good morning" instead of "goodbye."

As to the jury, women have served on the jury already with great credit. So far as fighting in battles, is concerned, they have done that only from necessity, and not from the blood thirsty love of war as men have done from time immemorial. I am proud to say that women are the greatest promoters of the peace movement of today, one woman having won the Noble Prize for her book on peace, "Lay Down Your Arms." If it's left to the women, there'll be no more wars. However, when Piet Cronje's wife fought side by side with him in the trenches running with blood during the Boer war, do you suppose he showed her any the less devotion afterwards because of that act? This is a cowardly argument and unworthy of you. How many of you men are unfit for service in war, and yet use the ballot with out compunction? Mary Johnson has said: "More women have died in giving life since the Civil War than fell on both sides in that great struggle."

If such be the case with men, we will cheerfully surrender all claims to what we never had, "the deference, the protection and the worship of poor Man," because this is and long has been a delusion of men's poor befuddled brain, that women lean on them. You cannot find a family where it is so. The men imagine it, but on the contrary, the man leans heavily on the woman, no matter how frail she be. The men are the dependent sex, and always have been. Take a widow with a lot of children. She rubs along, and rears her family in quite an independent way, but look at the pitiful object the man becomes left with several helpless children!

"Let her no longer try to take advantage of her sex in the sharp competitions of life." When has she done so? Every one knows that women have always been taken advantage of in trade. She receives less pay for the same labor. She has no say about her taxes as to how they shall be spent. The laws in regard to women and proper-

ty are all made in favor of the man against the woman. Here in Tennessee a married woman does not own her clothes. Her children can be willed away from her. The wages of her child belong neither to her nor her child who has earned them, but to the husband and father. If she works and receives wages the husband can use them against her will. The law protects him.

## MUST AVOID EXTREMES.

(Charlotte Chronicle.)

The press dispatches tell us of a speech that was made at the Richmond educational conference by Dr. H. L. Whitfield of Mississippi in which he proposes the abolition of the old classical system of education, and the substitution of vocational training. We don't altogether approve of such doctrines. We have steadfastly favored adding vocational education to that obtained in the country schools and the ordinary classical college, but this addition can be made without sacrificing any thing of the old education. An education altogether vocational and industrial would be even more lame and halt than a classical education without these.

Care should be taken also in endeavoring to forward the cause of education, not to make it too much a matter of taxes. Educational leaders seem to be talking too much about school taxes these days, and school teachers lay too much stress upon salaries. Money is no more education than it is religion. We don't want to see the vocational movement go to extremes in any phase of the subject.

An Eastern paper in a headline says, "Father of Waters in an Angry Mood." We must not forget that those 5,000 barrels of whiskey that were lost in the floods of Kentucky have not yet reached the old man's mouth. Exchange.

"This nightmare of our modern restlessness" which you so much deplore, and hope will pass, is just an evidence that the world is in process of progress—the wave of reform is breaking over this old earth and stirring the hearts of men and women to greater struggles upward and onward into the light. It is God's law that nothing shall stand still. The earth is in constant process of change, the sea moves to and fro, neither resting by day nor night, the stars and the planets are in constant and rapid motion, and shall man stand still?

As to woman's sphere, she never had one all to herself, but in it were men and children. And the halo with which you think her adorned is all a myth. It is just as well for some sentimentalists to know this, that women in many respects are better than men, but they are after all just human beings with human frailties, and that no act of the Legislature can change the sex of either man or woman, because it was not the ballot that made man rougher and different in form and face. Such men as you and George Stuart will some day be like the man of whom Mary Johnson said: "Let him sleep; some day he will wake up in mid-ocean."

Tennyson says: "The woman's cause is man's: they rise or sink together, dwarfed or godlike, bond or free."

Your sister,  
HANNAH J. PRICE.  
Morristown, Tenn.

## HOME FOR MASONS.

### Splendid Institution Just Erected by Masonic Fraternity at Greensboro.

This Home has been erected by the Masons and Eastern Stars of North Carolina for their old and indigent Members.

The Building has been completed by funds as follows:

By Masonic Lodges and Eastern Star Chapter of N. Greensboro, N. C. \$6,000.00  
By Masonic Lodges and Eastern Star Chapters through out North Carolina 7,000.00  
By Bond Issue 10,000.00  
\$23,000.00

A State-wide campaign for Funds to furnish the Home is being made and the following donations for this Home are announced from March 15th to date:

Cesar Cone, president Proximity and White Oak Cotton Mills, complete outfit for dining room estimated value \$500.00  
Cesar Cone, outfit for room No. 1 75.00 \$575.00

By Masonic bodies of Bryson City, N. C., for furnishing room No. 2 75.00

Greensboro Chapter No. 14, Order Eastern Star for furnishing room No. 3 75.00

J. B. Stroud, North Carolina representative for Craddock-Terry Co., for furnishing room No. 4 75.00

GENERAL FUND.  
Grand Chapter Order Eastern Star. \$100.00

Charlotte Consistory No 1, Scottish Rite Masons 300.00

Pigeon River Lodge No. 386 A. F. & A. M. 25.75

Mrs. Cora Ransier, Hendersonville, N. C. 1.00

Durham Commandery Knight Templars, No. 3 10.00

Caswell Chapter No. 38 Royal Arch Masons Odell Hardware Co., Greensboro, N. C. 25.00

J. C. Pierce Printing Co., Greensboro, N. C. 50.00

\$1,336.75

These prompt and liberal donations will enable the Home to be opened at an early date. There is no question about the practical need of this Home. Fraternalism will never survive the onward rush of modern activities unless it takes advantage of the passing opportunities to do practical good. The old and indigent Masons of North Carolina are here and many of them destitute and helpless by reason of misfortune and possibility of neglect. They look to us who have been more fortunate for that help which we are under obligations to give. It is a well known fact that many old veterans of the war are Masons, and many of them are today objects of charity. We owe them both a patriotic and fraternal debt. It should be our pleasure to have these old patriots together, where we can give them comfort and pleasure.

The Home is convenient to this city and the citizens are cordially invited to call and inspect the building and grounds. Mr. J. Van Lindley and his son, Paul Lindley, have put the Masons of North Carolina under many obligations for the dona-

## COMMISSION GOVERNMENT

### Every Community Will Eventually Adopt This Modern Government.

(The Merchants Journal)

Eventually every municipality is going to be governed by business principles. At first, the old office-holder may be able to retain his seat on the public ladder; the shrewd ward heeler will manipulate his right of graft on the placing of contracts, but eventually municipalities and public offices will be administered by business men on business principles. The steady increase in taxes, the inequalities of the imposition, the lack of public improvements and the exceedingly high cost of poor and mediocre work called improvements will eventually be corrected. The strength of the political ring is bound to yield to the intelligent growth of community spirit. Where people work together the greatest progress exists. Men are rapidly learning individual weakness and community strength. The community whose citizens pull together expands, develops, attracts, grows, and is most developed; the community that lacks civic pride stands still, contracts and grows smaller. Capital and real men are attracted to the former, the contented and the pessimist to the latter. The great resources of the South compel alertness by the red-blooded, well-bred and educated young men of the South. They will not stand for stagnation. They are fast reaching a stage where they realize that conservation of public funds pays private dividends. They will eventually ask, demand and secure both commission government and qualified commissioners—business men on business principles. The old idea, every man for himself and the devil take the hindmost, is being rapidly displaced by a newer idea: Every man for his community, and the devil take the loafer, the knocker and the parasite.

tion of this magnificent site. This site consists of 25 acres on the suburbs of Greensboro near Pomona. The building stands on a commanding height in the center of the property and is easily seen from the Pomona trolley line and the Winston branch of the Southern Railway.

The importance of this institution to the city of Greensboro may be realized when it is known that the running expenses of the Home, when opened, will be about \$500 a month. Mr. M. W. White, the superintendent, will welcome visitors at all times. The Home is a State-wide enterprise. Every Masonic body in North Carolina has the privilege of sending its indigent members here. Hence the 22,000 Masons from the mountains to the sea are asked to co-operate with the management in the effort to fully equip and open this Home. A joint committee of representatives from the Order Eastern Star and Blue Lodges have met and arranged the following equipment necessary before the Home will be complete:

25 living rooms, to furnish each	\$75.00
1 dining room	200.00
1 kitchen	200.00
1 office	200.00
1 parlor	400.00
2 reception halls, each	200.00

## PLUGHING AT NIGHT.

(Charlotte Observer.)

The rather unusual sight of an immense 60-horsepower tractor, dragging 12 28-inch disc plows and cutting a swath 12 feet wide and 12 inches deep attracted much comment last night out on the Beattie's Ford road. The machine belonged to Mr. G. V. Kellar, one of the most aggressive and up-to-date farmers in the county and he was using it in breaking up the level land on his place north west of the city, which is a portion of the old Barringer farm. The tractor cuts two acres an hour and Mr. Kellar has been running it day and night, thus covering 48 acres in the 24 hours. He figures that it costs him about 60 cents an hour to operate the outfit. There are only two men required to look after it. It does the work of about 40 horses. After going over the land once, Mr. Kellar goes over it a second time, using two 8-disc harrows, with 40 20-inch discs, thus cutting up the soil so that it will retain its moisture all summer.

Mr. Kellar is a great believer in the utilization of modern methods and modern implements in farming. He has another tractor at work in Virginia. In addition to the greater efficiency secured, the tractor is much cheaper considering the acreage covered and besides it is a great saver of time. Many of the farmers have not been able to get much ploughing done on account of the weather. This trouble has been greatly reduced by means of the tractor for it can cover 48 acres in 24 hours. A number of farmers went out to the Kellar farm yesterday to see the big machine work. It uses kerosene oil.

## Buys Cattle and Stops Payment.

Last Monday Messrs Powell Brothers shipped a car load of fine cattle from here to a man giving his name of Levine. The man came here and made the deal, giving Mr. Powell a check for about \$1200, showing letters from persons whom he had dealt with, among them a Mr. J. E. Jones of Hickory who died last week. The cattle were duly shipped and Wednesday the First National Bank here, through which Mr. Powell handled the check, was notified that payment of the check had been stopped. Mr. Powell took his lawyer, Mr. W. J. Whisnant, and followed the cattle to Bristol from which point a telegram was received yesterday saying to return the check and the bank in Knoxville would pay it, so it is presumed the matter has been adjusted.

Mr. J. A. Kelley, was up from Cornelius on business this week.

Water system 2,000.00  
Septic tank system 1,500.00

Up to this writing four living rooms have been provided for and the dining room.

The committee figured the dining room at \$200.00 to furnish in plain furniture, but Mr. Cone, hearing of the plan, has expressed his desire to furnish the dining hall in solid oak, estimated to cost \$500.00.

Any one wishing to take part in this effort to enable the Home to open at an early date may address the secretary and treasurer, John J. Phoenix. All donations will be acknowledged through the North Carolina papers and Orphans' Friend, the Masonic organ, published at Oxford.

## NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

### Interesting Reading Matter of Local and National Affairs in Condensed Form.

Mrs. L. H. Clement, the wife of a prominent lawyer of Salisbury died last Monday at her home in that place.

The recent cold weather is said to have done much damage to early truck and berry crops in the eastern part of the state.

Madison county has recently voted a bond issue of \$300,000 for good Roads and Vance county a bond issue of \$200,000 for the same purpose.

Capt. E. F. Lovill, of Boone, has been endorsed by Senator Overman and Congressman Doughton for Assistant Commissioner of Patents.

The Southern Express Company is said to be considering the advisability of opening a special office in New Bern for the handling the liquor shipments that come into that town.

A man by the name of Liverett a prominent farmer of Henderson county 77 years old had a dispute with his son 48 years old and shot his son with a shot gun inflicting a dangerous wound. He then got another gun and killed himself.

It is announced that ex-Judge W. B. Council, of Hickory, will enter the contest for Collector of Internal Revenue, for the Western District of North Carolina. This will make five applicants for the place, the others being A. D. Watts, of Statesville; S. L. Rogers, of Franklin; A. H. Boyden, of Salisbury; and W. D. Dowd, of Charlotte.

R. S. Sigman, the oldest engineer in the service of the Southern Railway has been retired on a pension for life. He is 76 years old and has been an engineer for nearly sixty years. Never in all his long service had a serious accident or killed any one and was never discharged or given a demerit. He has raised a large family, most of his sons being railroad men.

Miss Annie King, a young lady of Charlotte was killed by an automobile in that place Wednesday. She alighted from a street car and was hit by the automobile which was passing at a rapid rate. The driver who was an employee of the Observer was arrested. The young lady was badly mangled and died in about an hour without regaining consciousness.

## Presbytery.

The session of Concord Presbytery, which closed here last night after a meeting of three days, was well attended nearly every church in the bounds of the Presbytery, which embraces nine counties, being represented. The sessions were interesting and helpful and the reports presented, show that the church in this Presbytery is growing and is making commendable progress along all lines of work. Some interesting addresses and sermons have been delivered and all those who have attended the meetings have been edified and interested. The members of the Presbytery were given a reception at Davenport College Thursday afternoon, which was enjoyed by all who participated. The delegates are loud in their praises of the hospitality shown them by the members of the Presbyterian congregation of Lenoir and others.