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NEW BERNE AS A SHIPPING POINT.

There is a belt of cotton lands along the A. & N. C. Railroad, the N. C. Railroad to Raleigh, and along the Neuse, Trent and Contentnea rivers that produces at least two-thirds of the cotton crop of North Carolina. This cotton should and would be marketed here if New Bern was what she ought, and can be made to be, a good export shipping point.

We propose to show in this article that New Bern can be made a port of call for foreign vessels of heavy tonnage, and also to show the advantages that would accrue to the whole surrounding country if such a cherished object should ever become an accomplished fact. To the question then as to how this important work for New Bern can be accomplished, we answer by opening up the Harlowe creek canal or cutting a new canal through Adam's creek which will bring us within forty miles of Beaufort bar. We have been assured by men who ought to know, that fifteen feet of water can be easily obtained through either one of the routes mentioned if we can only induce the National Government to take hold of the matter and furnish the money. True it would take a considerable amount of money, but it would be comparatively small, for a government with an overflowing treasury, when we come to look at the advantages it would give to a large section of North Carolina. Besides it would be of national as well as local importance. No better fresh water naval station can be found on the coast than Trent river but at present the gun-boats, if the government has any, could not get here. To accomplish this work it will only be necessary to cut about three miles of canal and dredge the two creeks which it would connect. It would then be necessary to dredge some points on Neuse river and the work is done.

Some one may ask, why spend all this money to obtain an outlet for New Bern when we have a railroad running right down to the sea, and right to the point where the outlet for New Bern would lead. We answer, in order to build up a shipping point there must be capital and men; for twenty-five years Morehead City has had the railroad and her sand banks have appealed to capitalists to come here and avail yourselves of the natural advantages we possess, but they "cometh not"; they do not like to build on the sand. The idea of making that a shipping point of any consequence for the present seems utterly hopeless. On the other hand New Bern has the capital, she has the wharves, the city is already here and she has a good back country to sustain her. The receipts of cotton here this year will foot up at least 50,000 bales, but it is all shipped coastwise, and this accounts for the fact that not half the cotton received here changes hands but simply goes through. If shipments could be made direct to Liverpool, cotton would sell for as much here as at Norfolk or Wilmington. If this work should be done it would put twenty-five dollars in every farmer's pocket who sells ten bales of cotton in this

market. The cotton marketed at Raleigh, Goldsboro and Smithfield would seek an outlet here which, bringing them nearer their shipping point, would enable them to pay better prices, and thus benefit the entire country tributary to those points. This would necessitate the erection of a cotton compress, foreign vessels would be continually at our docks, and New Bern would at last begin her second growth.

THE BURDENS OF LIFE.

As the eye of the reader falls upon the title of this paper, I hear him murmur to himself: "I will not take the trouble to read the article. It is a very dull and dreary subject, and the burdens of life are hard enough to bear without being bored by any moralizing about them." Well, you can get your moneys worth out of the *Leader* even if you skip a column or two, and as the writer will never know whether anybody ever reads his paper or not, it makes no difference to him. It is not like seeing a congregation go to sleep while one is preaching.

The burdens of life are usually classified as real and imaginary. The distinction does not amount to much practically for, "as a man thinks so is he." My neighbor, Mr. Groanwell, who owns innumerable stocks, and has his funds packed away in a multitude of pigeon-holes, imagines that he is growing very poor—some of his rents have fallen off during the year, the Grand Junction pays only six per cent. when it is used to pay eight or ten; the everlasting talk about the tariff disturbs the sale of his goods, and he tells everybody that he is going to ruin. He is going to ruin, so far as the comfort of life is concerned,—to all intents and purposes, he is a poor man. Another neighbor of mine, whose name I do not like to mention, imagines that he is afflicted with all manner of diseases, and his sleeping-room looks like an apothecary's shop,—he does himself from morning till night, and from night till morning, and is constantly revising his will, in order that he may be ready for "the great change" whenever it comes. His friends say that there is really nothing the matter with him, and that if he would only give up his pills, and drops, and lotions, he would do well enough. But, the fact is, he is a sick man, in mind, if not in body.

The burdens of life vary according to one's position in society. The load which a rich man has to carry is very unlike that which rests upon the shoulder of the poor laborer. Each has his own cares and anxieties; one, because he possesses so much, and the other, because he possesses so little—one, because he has no room where to bestow his goods and the other has no goods to put in his room. The poor often envy the rich and would be glad to change places with them, the rich sometime say that they envy the poor, but rarely propose to change places with them. The rich man suffers when the wine is sour and the game unpalatable; the poor man suffers when the potatoes are scanty and the bread comes short.

Men in high and responsible stations have their burden—other people's burdens to bear as well as their own; greedy office-seekers to satisfy, ugly compromises to be effected, difficult trusts to be discharged, blunders to be rectified, all of which the laborer as he goes home with his empty dinner pail at night, after the toils of the day are over, knows nothing.

Every period of life has its own burdens. The petty trials of childhood are sometimes very hard to bear. I wonder that we are not more considerate of the sorrows of our children; when we remember how much we once suffered under sharp rebuke for something which we could not help, or when we were put to open shame because of some trifling fault or harmless indiscretion. What can exceed the pangs of home sickness when the boy finds himself alone among strangers shut up at night in a strange room, and let loose at day among a crowd of unsympathizing companions who would only laugh at his tears, if he should dare to indulge in any such weakness. The loss of a favorite pet, or the failure to learn a difficult lesson, or the being sent out of the room because there is company, or marched off to bed in broad daylight when everybody else is wide awake and stirring—these are some of the petty burdens of childhood which only the child himself fully appreciates.

As we advance in years we get used to our burdens, and the habit of endurance, in a great measure, serves to lighten the load. When a man is obliged to do some disagreeable thing every day of his life such as driving into town at three o'clock in the morning with a milk-cart, he makes no ado about it; while if he had to get up at the same hour only once or twice in the month he would regard it hardship.

We may even become unconscious of our burdens after we have carried them for a certain length of time. Human nature has a singular facility in adapting itself to circumstances. I presume that the operatives in a powder mill are about as cheerful as other people. The hardships of the sea are not of much account with sailors. People that work all the year in the dark bowels of the earth get used to the dreariness, and cease to miss the song of the birds and the fresh-blowing breeze. One would think life would be unendurable, without a home; and yet the tramps go whistling on their winding and uncertain way.

A burden that involves the doing of some disagreeable thing grows heavier and heavier the longer it is deferred. At last when we are driven to the wall, we are astonished to find how easy it was to do it. If one disposes of his correspondence as soon as the mail comes in, he may not mind it much; but let the letters lie over for a while and they become a burden. If a tooth must come out, the sooner it is out the better. If a friend must be told some disagreeable thing, the sooner you get it off your mind the easier it will be for you, and perhaps for him. Let the molehill alone for a time, and it may grow into a mountain.

On the other hand, time is a great healer of troubles. You fret and worry, and torment yourself over something which seems to threaten you with very serious consequences; you twist it into all sorts of ugly shapes, and imagine all sorts of possible annoyances, you lose your appetite and your sleep in poring over it, until after a while somehow the cloud has vanished and the sky is clear again. Just when it vanished and what made it scatter, you cannot tell.

Even our substantial and real afflictions, for which there is no help and no remedy, time always softens; if it were not thus ordered, life would be unendurable. Few people go mourning all their days even though they may have been visited with the sorest bereavement.

There is a great difference in people, so far as the treatment of their burdens is concerned. Some find relief in pouring the tale of their sorrows into everybody's ear, while others close the door of their souls and shut in their griefs, and allow no one to see their sorrows. In one case, the fire burns itself rapidly out—in the other it smolders slowly away and dies at last for want of ventilation. The reticent man suffers more than the loquacious mourner, the coals will keep alive much longer when they are covered with ashes than they do when the air is allowed to come to them. The demonstrative mourner gets relief much sooner than the silent sufferer.

The capacity of people for enduring trials differs very much. A burden which crushes one man to the earth, another man will carry without any great effort. The wind that freezes one only serves to brace another. The difference may be constitutional, or the result of discipline, or both. All the burdens we carry either weaken or strengthen us. "To suffer and be strong," indicates the highest style of man. It is not well for one to go through life and carry no burdens. He can never develop his best forces. No lofty summit can be reached without hard climbing. No victory can be won without a battle.

Sensational Novels.

Young people are often told that excessive novel-reading injures both mind and character. It makes the readers keenly alive to the imaginary woes of heroes and heroines, while it hardens them to the real distress of the world about them. The following anecdote conveys its own warning:

An old lady, nearly seventy years of age, went to the shop of an oculist to purchase her first pair of spectacles. He told her plainly that he thought cataracts were forming over each of her eyes; and as glasses would be useless, advised her to consult a celebrated oculist. She soon returned, said he was right, and aded, pathetically,—"But I'm so sorry for I was so fond of reading exciting novels and love-stories, and crying over them and now that doctor says I can't any more!"

Work.

The man or woman who engages in some congenial, regular work will never be on the brink of despair; their names will never be chronicled in the list of self-destroyers, for in idleness alone is despair. Work chases it away, no matter how thickly the clouds may have gathered. Nature is one vast workshop teeming with millions of busy workmen. If we follow in their footsteps, all will be well. The beauties, gifts, and glories of nature may be scattered around us in great profusion, yet she demands toil to reach out and grasp them, and utilize them to our fancied and wants.

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