

THE STORY OF BABINGTON'S ACORN

Gaffney says: Bob Babington was born on a farm in Lincoln county, North Carolina. He was regarded as just an ordinary country boy, and there seemed little prospect of his ever achieving anything great. However, after spending his early youth following the usual pursuits of farm life he drifted to the city. Later he went to Gastonia, became the manager of the Piedmont Telephone and Telegraph Co., which operates in a number of North and South Carolina towns, including Gaffney. He is an untiring worker, a genial gentleman, and has achieved distinction in the business world, made lots of money, traveled around the world, and seen much of life.

Some years ago Babington had a dream—a dream that concerned poor suffering humanity—and when he awoke he proceeded to make that dream a reality.

Under the caption of "The Acorn That Babington Planted," The Charlotte Observer tells the story of Babington's dream, and because we love Babington and are enthused when we hear him talk on the subject we are herewith reproducing what The Observer had to say:

"Mr. Robert B. Babington worked six years, with the assistance of Shriners and other organizations, before he could work up interest to the going point into establishment of an institution which is now recognized as one of the greatest benefices in the state. The North Carolina Orthopedic Hospital, at Gastonia, came into being on a small scale, but from the day it was opened it made demonstration of the usefulness of its mission. It was a hard struggle to get the institution on an operative basis, but once that was accomplished, the balance was easy. The hospital has not lacked friends, and lacking these, has not lacked money. It is but three years old, and in this short time it has sent back home as many as 583 children, the majority of whom are able to walk and run and play as other children, while before going to the hospital many of these same children did not know what it was to wear a shoe, or place a foot to the ground. Out of the hundreds of children treated, only 20 were discharged with no improvement in their condition. All manner of deformities have been remedied; club feet have been made straight; crooked spines have been adjusted; infantile paralysis has been conquered; fractures reduced; joints reset and even the tongue has been tuned. As many as 1-

234 children have been handled at the hospital in this brief space of time. The 20 discharged as incurable were mentally defectives and the treatment went no further than the examination stage. Eighty-three of the 100 counties in the state have sent patients. In the annual report it is stated that the hospital is equipped with modern facilities for the treatment of crippled children. Every effort is made by the workers to obtain any possible new apparatus and methods to further improve the scientific work and clinical results.

"About \$225,000 has been spent in acquiring, building and equipping the present plant. The greater portion of this was appropriated by the state. Some represents the gifts of friends. The Legislature of 1921 appropriated \$35,000 for annual maintenance, and the hospital operated a lower number of beds and a short or personnel to make this meet expenses. The Legislature of 1923 appropriated a more substantial annual maintenance and the hospital has operated since with its full bed capacity and a sufficient personnel.

"With the growth of the work at the hospital and its further extension throughout the state," says the report, "there has gradually developed a greater demand for beds. Tubercular joints are chronic conditions and often need years of institutional keep to effect a cure. The hospital beds are being more and more taken by children with this disease, and fewer beds are therefore available to meet the needs of other types of patients. For the past year our waiting list has been about 100 children and we have been unable to reduce it with our present bed capacity. In view of this situation it seems that the time has now arrived to add additional wards to properly handle all the cases applying for treatment. It is expected that the Board of Governors will ask the Legislature of 1925 to authorize the addition of another ward for white children and an annex for colored children."

"We have stated that in the earlier days of struggle, Babington's main reliance for help was the Shriners. The institution was developed into the particular pet of the Masons, but meantime, other agencies are being enlisted, because of the good work being done. The Good Fellows, the Kiwanis and other organizations are active in contributing money and equipment. In fact, the great event of the past year, as recorded in the report, was 'a whole-

sale and whole-souled visit by the Almas Temple Patrol and Band of Washington, under the leadership of Potentate Harry Carey, and escorted by a delegation from Oasis Temple, of Charlotte."

Service And Posterity.

Our part is not fitly sustained upon the earth unless the range of our intended and deliberate usefulness includes not only the companions, but the successors of our pilgrimage.

God has lent us the earth for our life; it is a great entail. It belongs as much to those who are to come after us, and those whose names are already written in the book of creation, as to us; and we have no right, by anything that we do or neglect, to involve them in unnecessary penalties, or to deprive them of benefits which it was in our power to bequeath. And this the more because it is one of the appointed conditions of the labor men that in proportion to the time between seed-sowing and the harvest, is the fulness of the fruit and the generality; therefore, the further off we place our aim and the less we desire to be ourselves the witness of what we have labored for, the more wide and rich will be the measure of our success.

Men cannot benefit those who are with them as they can benefit those who come after them; and of all the orbits from which the human voice is ever sent forth, there is none from which it reaches so far as from the grave.—John Ruskin.

They All Advertise.

(By Ellis Hayes.)

A hen is not supposed to have
Much common sense or tact,
Yet every time she lays an egg
She cackles forth the fact.

A rooster hasn't got a lot
Of intellect to show,
But none the less most roosters have
Enough good sense to crow.

The mule, the most despised of beasts
Has a persistent way
Of letting folks know he's around
By his insistent bray.

The busy little bees they buzz,
Bulls bellow and cows moo,
The watch dogs bark, the ganders,
quack,
And doves and pigeons coo.

The peacock spreads his tail and
squawks,
Pigs squeal, and robins sing,
And even serpent know enough
To hiss before they sting.

But man, the greatest masterpiece
That nature could devise,
Will often stop and hesitate
Before he'll advertise.

Surprise Birthday Dinner.

(Special to The Star.)

Mrs. S. J. Sanders entertained quite a number at her home on East Marion street at a surprise birthday dinner given in honor of her husband Mr. S. J. Sanders Sunday March 1.

The dining room was beautifully decorated with winter ferns, jonquils and roses. Those who enjoyed Mrs. Sanders hospitality were: Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Harrill, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scenter, Mr. J. P. Toms, Miss Wilma Harrill, Mr. J. P. Gladden, Mr. L. L. Wortman, Mr. Jack Harrill, Master Kenneth and Max Williams. The out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Coforth and children of Forest City.

Marries Union Negro.

New York, Feb. 27.—Despite the protests of her friends Olive Edwards white, an artist's model, was married here today to John W. Williams, negro, whose home is in Union, South Carolina.

"I love him, that's all that matters," the Edwards girl told City Clerk Cruza, who officiated at the ceremony. Williams is 28 years old, and was born in Union, and is captain of bell boys at a local hotel. His bride is a New Yorker.

BOBBED-HAIRED BANDIT GETS \$200 IN MEMPHIS

Memphis, Tenn., March 3.—Stylishly dressed, with her face partly covered by a mask, a "bobbed-haired" young woman bandit stepped into a cafeteria here tonight and with the command to "put 'em up" forced the cashier to hand over the night's receipts which amounted to \$200. She made her escape in a waiting automobile.

Poor Boy.

Monroe Enquirer. It is related that on a Monroe boy's report card his teacher wrote: "Bobby does creditable work, but he talks too much." The boy's father signed the report card, adding, "So does Bobby's mother."

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Rutherfordton, March 12, 7:30 a. m. to 11:00 a. m.
Ellenboro, March 12, 2:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m.
Ellenboro, March 13, 8:00 a. m. to 1:00 p. m.
Shelby, March 14, 8:30 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.

Hens	21c per lb.
Broilers (under 2 lbs.)	30c per lb.
Cocks	10c per lb.
Ducks and Geese	10c per lb.
Turkeys	20c per lb.

This sale is being operated by the Southern Produce and Commission Co., Hamlet, N. C. in co-operation with Mr. R. E. Lawrence, County Agent and the Development Department of the S. A. L. Railway Co.

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