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EDITORIALS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1921.

Boys help to save the other fellow's sister.

Plant an early garden in well prepared soil.

Meet your friends at the great Race Conference next week.

Stop knocking the other fellow and let's all pull together.

Merchants who advertise usually have something to sell they are not afraid to have examined.

No better evidence has a pastor that his officers and members are with him than when he knows their reverence him and respect his wishes.

Taking Stock.

Like all business concerns, last week was stock taking week with us, when it was ours to use our "carving knife" on "dead heads" and get a better start for the year's work that lies before us.

Sorry, but The Indicator will not visit many this year that it did visit last year. But we are glad to say that many new ones are being entered on our list to take their places.

We solicit the co-operation of each of our subscribers this year more earnestly than ever. No better friend has any paper than the one who will pay promptly for the same and encourage others to do likewise. And no worse enemy has a paper than the one who will receive a paper year in and year out and never pay for it unless he is asked in person to do so when he happens to see the editor or representative, and sometime never.

Newspaper statistics show that 81 newspapers and magazines were forced to suspend publication during 1920 because during the high cost of material and every other item that went into the publishing of these publications were so much in excess to the returns from advertising and subscriptions.

The Indicator will not be suspended, but hereafter will pay strict attention to subscription list and without notice suspend the paper to delinquent subscribers.

There are some who are honest and thoughtful enough to pay up their dues when due, to these, be they ever so few, The Indicator will visit.

The Good Samaritan Hospital.

Among the many prosperous business institutions hereabouts The Good Samaritan Hospital and Training School for Nurses comes in for special mention.

No one can fully appreciate the real good work this hospital is doing but one who visits this institution and inspects it. Hundreds of patients from all parts of the State enter this institution in the course of the year and are relieved of their many and varied afflictions, by the best medical skill obtainable and the best hospital accommodations including the tender cares of the kind nurses. It can be said to the credit of this hospital that it has more registered nurses throughout the State than any other hospital in the State and that her nurses meet the examination tests with success.

This hospital stands as a monument of the great accomplishments of Mrs. L. J. Rhodes, the owner. Not only Mrs. Rhodes but the womanhood of Columbia and South Carolina in general can point to this hospital with pride and receive new inspiration.

Information comes to The Indicator that Mrs. Rhodes offers the Negro Baptists of South Carolina this well equipped and well established hospital. In our mind the denomination would not and could not go wrong on accepting this institution if the price and terms can be arranged to suit and we have not the slightest idea that they cannot be so arranged.

THE ROYAL THEATRE.

From all reports afloat in the city, something is radically wrong with the ownership and management of The Royal Theatre, also the Lincoln,

which has again opened its doors to our people, for patronage without which both would soon go out of business.

The information comes to us that for some time The Royal Theatre is owned and managed exclusively by white, and while this theatre is wholly supported by colored patronage, no employment of importance is given our people. This affair is being discussed on every side by our people as unjustifiable. And in our judgment it is unjustifiable and should not be tolerated. And, like many others, we say such must not and will not be upheld. There are competent, honest and reliable men among its only patronage to manage this theatre and operate any and all of its machinery, and from among its patronage should come such. Unlike the druggist, the grocer, or clothier, the owner of a theatre exclusively for colored is at the mercy of the colored and in which case he must give due recognition or suffer irreparable loss. Though this condition is being strongly discussed and actions planned among those whose word stands for something, we would advise that no actions be taken until a representative committee waits on the owner of this theatre and allow a fair chance to grant due consideration. And if he is unwilling, then, and not until then is the time to act.

The ministers of Columbia composing this committee would, we are sure, get a favorable report to make, for certainly the owner and manager are considerate men and know what it would mean if all colored papers, ministers and leading men and women would turn their influence against them.

In our judgment this is what should be done first. Let the ministers get together first.

SHALL WE FORGET THEM?

BY DR. H. M. MOORE.

"The evil that men do lives after them. The good is often interred with their bones."

Too often is this really true. Judging from people's general action. When parents through hard toil and the most sacrificial struggle put their children through school thereby placing them in position to live honorably then these same children forget the loving consideration due their parents. They ought bear the mark of the world's condemnation. In fact, any who have used their opportunity in contributing to the bettering of one's condition ought not be lightly esteemed and never forgotten. But how to the contrary!

Perhaps no set of men living or have and will ever live to whom the world owes a greater debt of gratitude for real godly, unselfish, unpaid, earnest service than to that class constituting the ministry. To say that he is easily forgotten, especially by Baptist, is stating a well known fact which our denomination must accept with shame.

Just fifty-eight years have passed since the iron heel of oppression has been lifted and our forefathers went forth with songs of praise. Marvelous has been the upward progress of our people, too numerous indeed, to mention here. We proudly boast in swelling acclamations that often become ebullient over our educational advancement. Our church is the only institution of permanent duration. This institution has grown to be a world power, and is still increasing in favor with God and man. Today the church is doing vastly more permanent and lasting good than all the other institutions of the world. The undisputed fact is, all other institutions aiming at the uplift and bettering of humanity owe to the church their exalted ideas.

The questions of vast importance are, who were the prime promoters of these organizations? What were the circumstances under which this and that church were erected? These are facts essential to the history of any denomination. How many Baptist churches in the State can furnish such data from their church records.

The shame is these men who wrought so nobly have about been forgotten. Among our denomination there are less than one dozen of these pioneer pastors active who made it possible for these young pastors to boast of their present accomplishments. We are but reaping where they sowed and gathering where they strewed. Every young pastor ought forget his anniversary, if need be, and gather the scattered information of those grand good men who labored, often without money and without price and have annual meetings in honor of those who have crossed the bar.

There is to be a real history of the Baptist denomination in South Carolina in the near future. Professor C. P. T. White, editor of the Rock Hill Messenger, Rock Hill, S. C., is president of this historical society, through which this record is to come. He is one of the best informed laymen in the State, a writer of note and in every way worthy of this task. The history

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of these men will suddenly furnish a splendid fountain of inspiration and information from which the denomination may drink with pleasure and profit.

These men have doubtless done a work that could hardly be accomplished by us and to their sainted memory we owe our all as a denomination. Shall we forget them?

IN MEMORIAM.

One year ago, February 3d, my dear sister, Mrs. Julia A. Kenner, of Ridge Springs, passed into that great beyond, where pains and sufferings are felt no more. Even though the months are gliding into years, her presence is sorely missed, and we yearn constantly for her, whose memory still lingers with us. 'Tis hard to think of her as gone forevermore, for she was a loving sister, wife, mother and a consecrated Christian.

Sister, thou wast mild and lovely,
Gentle as the summer breeze;
Pleasant as the air of evening,
When it floats among the trees.

Peaceful be thy silent slumber,
Peaceful in the grave below;
Thou no more wilt join our number,
Thou no more our songs shalt know.

Yet again we hope to meet thee
When the day of life is fled;
Then in heaven with joy to greet thee,
Where no farewell tears are shed.
Her sister,
Mrs. Mary B. Butler,
Chester, S. C.

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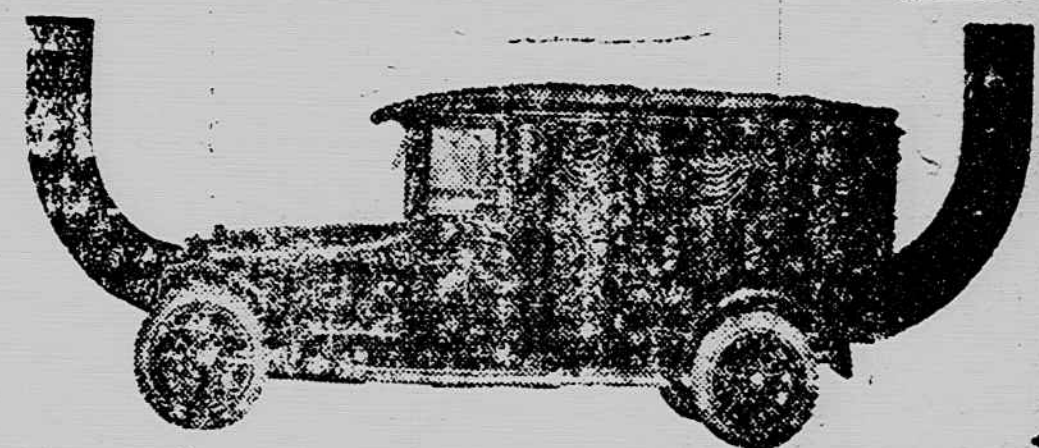
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Ridgeway, S. C., Jan. 20.—Our graded school went down in ashes yesterday. We had just let out for recess when the fire was discovered. The wind was in the fire's favor, so it burned down quickly. The building was worth \$1,000 with no insurance. The trustees say the school must go on, so we are teaching in a nearby church for the time being.

They are going to rebuild at once, I understand.
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