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## JOHNSTON LETTER.

### Miss Wheale Made Instructive Talk. Egg Hunt Saturday Afternoon. Minstrel by High School.

Mr. Charlie Austin was buried here on Thursday, and the burial was attended by many sorrowing friends. Mr. Austin resided here many years and he and his family were held in love and esteem by all. A few years ago they went to Augusta to make their home. The cause of his death was pneumonia, and he was ill only a short while. Besides his widow he leaves two daughters, Misses Magdalene and Viola Austin, and a sister, Mrs. Nettie Jacobs. Miss Magdalene Austin who was in Norfolk, Va., at the time was wired of the critical illness and subsequent death of her father, but it is feared that she did not receive the message as she had not been heard from when the family left for Johnston with the body.

Mr. John Hoyt who has been ill with pneumonia, is now improving.

Miss Dorothy Wheale, a National W. C. T. U. speaker, who is making a tour of the state, by visiting each union, was present at the Baptist Sunday school, being with the local W. C. T. U. president, Mrs. T. R. Denny. She made a most instructive and impressive talk based upon the watchword of the W. C. T. U.: "Agitate, Educate, Organize." This being one of the Temperance Sundays, Anti-cigarette Day, she also spoke on the harmful effect of the cigarette, illustrating this by a story that must have caught the ear of every boy present. From here she went to Phillippi, where she was to make an address, and will return to Johnston at an early date to make an address that will be relative to the work of the young people, and the organizing of the Y. P. B.

Mrs. James H. White entertained the teachers and officers of the Baptist Sunday school in a pleasant manner on Friday evening, the time being spent in a way that was not only entertaining, but most profitable. A well arranged program was had of scripture, prayer, songs and a solo by the hostess. There were talks, followed by discussions on "The movie as an educational factor in the Sunday school," this to portray the Bible. "The intermediate lessons," and "The teacher's meeting." During the latter part of the evening a sweet course was served.

Judging from the number of reapers and binders bought here last week by the farmers, there must be a splendid harvest of grain coming on.

Mr. F. L. Parker, Jr., spent the week-end here at home. It is always a pleasure to have him come, and doubly so, when he furnishes such sweet music as he did at the Easter service at the Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Tarrant of McCormick are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wright.

Miss Edith Black of Columbia has been visiting Miss Edith Jones.

Mrs. Charlie Brunson of Augusta visited the family of her brother, Dr. J. A. Dobby during the past week.

The School Improvement association had an egg hunt Saturday afternoon on the campus of the High School, this being to raise some funds for the benefit of one of the departments. The eggs were contributed by patrons and friends, so there were many hundreds of them. The admission was only ten cents and was limited to the 6th grade. It seemed that every child in town really came, and it was a beautiful sight to see them as they entered the campus to begin the hunt. The fun and pleasures of it all was so infectious that even the grown ups wished they were not beyond the age limit. A good sum was realized.

The minstrel that the High School will present on Friday evening promises to be the most fun provoking one that has been had here yet. Previous to the minstrel there will be the Maypole dance and other attractions. The proceeds all go to the High School.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Clark have been for a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kneese at Ridge Spring.

Miss Sallie Dozier is spending this

week in Columbia attending "Palmafesta."

Johnston, as usual will be well represented at the State Federation Women's clubs which is in convention this week in Columbia, the Jefferson being headquarters and where all sessions are being held. The Apollo Music club will be represented by Mrs. O. D. Black. The New Century club by Mrs. P. B. Waters and Miss Malie Waters. Mrs. J. H. White, chairman of library extension of western district and Miss Zena Payne, state chairman American citizenship, will also attend. While in Columbia Mrs. White will also attend the Tuberculosis convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mitchell of Leesville were welcome visitors here on Sunday.

Miss Louise Boyd, who is teaching at Graniteville, spent the week-end here with friends.

Everyone is delighted to welcome Mrs. Susie J. Latimer back from Griffin, Ga., where she has been visiting the family of her son, Rev. Leon Latimer.

News comes that Mr. James Quinby, Sr., of Graniteville, is now better, having been critically ill all of last week, after an operation at the University Hospital in Augusta. He has relatives here and many friends who are happy over his favorable condition.

Miss Antoinette Denny was unable to attend to school duties during the entire past week, being quite sick.

Mrs. John Mobley is now up again after a two weeks' illness.

Dr. and Mrs. C. P. Corn spent Sunday at Walhalla with the latter's parents.

Miss Mary Walker went over to Columbia on Monday to participate in the pleasures of Palmafesta, going in the capacity as the queen candidate from Saluda county. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. J. L. Walker.

Mrs. Julian Bland was hostess for the New Century club on Tuesday last with a full meeting. The club voted to give \$10 to the Endowment fund. The library committee reported 17 new books on hand at the library, 12 of these being for young people. The program was occupied with talks on citizenship by Miss Zena Payne and Legislation by Mrs. J. H. White. The hostess made the social period very pleasant and served strawberry cream and caramel cake.

Miss Frances Turner entertained the Bridge club on Thursday afternoon in a manner that made each one present greatly enjoy the two hours spent with her. Quantities of roses gave a pretty touch of color to the rooms. The top score being held by Mrs. L. S. Maxwell, she received a set of hand embroidered handkerchiefs, and Miss Orlena Cartledge was given the consolation, a little Easter basket filled with tiny candy eggs and a rabbit. Mrs. Bettis Bouknight was presented with the guest prize, an embroidered guest towel. A dainty repast was served.

### The Wandering Jew in Brazil.

The Baptist Mission Society will begin the study of Dr. Solomon Ginsburg's autobiography in a series of four afternoons, beginning Monday at the pastor's home, when Mrs. Allen will be hostess.

The book from which the lectures are taken is "The Wandering Jew in Brazil," and all the Baptist women of Edgefield are most cordially invited to attend all four meetings. While Mrs. Allen who has kindly consented to conduct the class, and the text book used by her will be as stated above, it is not expected that all who come shall have books.

Tuesday afternoon the class will be entertained at the home of Mrs. A. E. Padgett; Wednesday with Mrs. J. L. Mims; Thursday with Mrs. Tillman, president of the Mission society.

### Notice to the Farmers.

There will be a meeting next Monday night, April 24th in the Edgefield Court House for those who will have early potatoes and string beans for market. It is very important to meet the growers and to give instructions about packing and shipping. If you are interested, be sure to attend. Don't wait until the time comes to gather your crop and then seek this information.

Edgefield Produce Exchange.

### Mrs. Boozer Conducted Mission Study Class Last Thursday.

On Thursday in the Methodist church, a very delightful occasion was enjoyed, when Mrs. A. Earle Boozer, of Columbia, conducted a Mission Study class.

The book used was "The Kingdom and the Nations," and Mrs. Boozer made a very effective presentation of the political, economic and religious conditions of the mission fields which had been surveyed by Eric North, the author. These countries were Japan, China, India, South America and Africa. Mrs. Boozer emphasized the importance of our making sacrifices to send the gospel to the peoples of these countries, but that we should be interested in the representatives in our American government who come in touch with the pagan countries in their international relations, and see to it that our government always sets an example of Christian principle in government.

There was a good attendance, and the Methodist women had very generously invited the officers of the other mission societies to be present, and all availed themselves of the happy privilege.

Rev. G. W. M. Taylor opened the morning meeting with devotions stressing the opportunity and responsibility of women in service for the gospel.

Mrs. T. H. Rainsford, who has charge of the Mission study program for the church, introduced Mrs. Boozer.

Just before adjourning at the noon hour, Mrs. A. T. Allen of the Baptist church led in a service of praise.

The lunch was served in the Sunday school rooms which have recently become such a helpful addition to the church.

Immediately after lunch, Mrs. F. M. Feltham, of the Episcopal church, presided over the devotional service, and the study class was continued, taking up the chapters on Mahomedanism and the remaining countries.

Mrs. Boozer was the guest of Mrs. T. H. Rainsford while in Edgefield, her home being in Columbia.

At the close of the afternoon session Mrs. Tillman gave a most gracious expression of appreciation to the Methodist Mission Society for their hospitality and according to many the privilege of being present and also thanked Mrs. Boozer for her very beneficial and uplifting exposition of the book, The Kingdom and the Nations.

### Dixie Chapter Reorganized.

Monday afternoon a goody number of lassies between the ages of 14 to 18 met at the home of Mrs. B. B. Jones to organize the Dixie chapter, an auxiliary of the U. D. C. Soon after the meeting was called to order a permanent organization was effected by the election of the following officers: Miss Elizabeth Lott, president; Miss Isabelle Byrd, vice-president; Miss Leila Bland Tompkins, secretary; Miss Ann Lawton, treasurer; Miss Gladys Lawton, historian; Miss May Rives, corresponding secretary; Miss Mary Lyon, current events. The music committee consists of Miss Eleanor Mims, Miss May Rives and Miss Mary Marsh.

Misses Isabelle Byrd, Ann Lawton, Elizabeth Lott, Leila Bland Tompkins, May Rives and Eleanor Mims were appointed ushers for Memorial Day exercises and Misses Hammie Scurry, Mary Marsh, Mary Lyon and Elizabeth Ouzts were appointed col. lectors.

The necessary standing committees will be appointed at a subsequent meeting. The regular meetings will be held the afternoon of the first Monday in each month. At the conclusion of the business session Mrs. Jones served delicious punch and sandwiches.

I herewith announce that I am a candidate for the place on the Board of Public Works of the town of Edgefield made vacant by the recent resignation of Mr. L. T. May and solicit the support of the people of the town.

W. J. DUNCAN.

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### Miss Florence Mims Gives Some Effects of School Discipline.

Dear Advertiser:

Tonight, several of the faculty, some from the East and some from the west, were discussing schools, as it is sometimes our habit, and comparing those of the south-east with those of this part of the country.

My ideas of education are paradoxical, and while admiring the idea of knowledge, I condemn the systems of imparting it, even as Dickens did. Far be it from me however, to think that my pen would ever shape such thoughts on paper as did his. There are reformers in all ages, but so few of them leave their statues in Halls of Fame, so few are quoted years after their death, as authorities, and so few are recognized by their contemporaries as successful revolutionists, that I fear to cast my lot with them, but rather choose to make no pretensions and to write as one who knows little, but thinks much and feels more.

My remarks may be a combination of mud and gold, mostly mud, which latter part will crumble away. The former will only be a minor re-echoing of what other people may have said.

Though my ideas of education are, so far as I am conscious of them, original, it is with no malice aforethought, no premeditated judgment born of prejudice, that I write, but rather with an understanding that wishes to be constructive.

As I look back upon the seven lean years of my early school life, and the seven lean years that followed them, I marvel at the blind faith and the large-eyed wonder which I felt toward my teachers. Their desks were Mt. Olympus, and they were gods or goddesses reigning there. I was only a mortal, and as such, keenly felt my inferiority. But I was not inferior, and I should have taken no such disparaging attitude toward myself. I may be inferior now, for I am grown, and may have fallen far short of accomplishing at my age what they did at theirs. But a child is never inferior. He is not ignorant, because knowledge is not expected of him. He is not of lesser importance, he is just a child. He does not take his place as an inferior or a superior until he has tried himself in the great wide world.

And these remarks bring me to my first point. Education tended to make me, and does still tend, I think, to make the student depreciate himself. I read the life of Joan of Arc; I heard of great singers; I was told of great inventors and learned long passages from poetry, but I was never told that I or the little freckle faced boy who sat beside me, might some day do what these people had done. Like the teacher, they lived on Mt. Olympus, and I was a thing apart, who trembled and obeyed because in scholastic things, the teacher was infallible.

My idea is here that the student should early learn that he has possibilities however much he may have them hidden under a bushel.

I often think of how Caruso was laughed at in the early days of his singing career, because people underestimated his abilities, and how he proved himself great in spite of it. Lest I wander too far afield, I must say again that the student early learns self-depreciation, and through the long after years strives again for that which was his birthright, deep, abiding self-respect, and self-confidence.

I should be fool hardy to recount these things only as a sort of autobiography, and I would take another person as an example did I know any other child heart half so well as I knew my own. My idea is this, that having self confidence and trust of our innate good judgment stifled in us, the student early lacks initiative, and without initiative he can never hope to succeed in the world. It is the relation of these early impressions to his after life that I am interested in.

The first school experiences are at once an environment and a hereditary influence, for the man inherits, so to speak, these weaknesses instilled into him at the age of ten and eleven and twelve, perhaps, and later, too, as well.

And my second accusation is that the school as I know it, and more es-

pecially knew it, fosters fear, that thing which I must call a dragon, for the better name, green-eyed monster, had been applied to jealousy. I learned a beautiful poem about "fringed gentians" because I was afraid not to, and now when I can sometimes sit alone in my room unannoyed by the ringing of a school bell, unconscious that there is such a thing as a mark, and with no stern eye gazing at me, waiting for me to repeat the next line exactly, I can read the poem and enjoy it, and I know that it is beautiful.

While still a child in the grades or in High School, or even college, I did not know it was beautiful, I only knew that I had been commanded to learn it, that the ten commandments of the Bible had had one scholastic law added, the harsh and unlabeled word—obey.

There were no seven fat years following the first seven lean ones, only summers in which I forgot some of the fear and the self-depreciation. However September rolled quickly around again and I again yoked myself with text books and did not know that beyond these "mountains of wearisome height" there were "brook gladdening meadows ahead." My lips said "two and two are four," and my heart said "I am afraid," and again, I said that the word happy, was an adjective, and my heart said, "what terrible thing will happen to me if I make a mistake?" So it would have come to pass that if the room had furnished itself with all the terrors of my imagination, there would have been two edged swords hanging on the walls instead of pictures, and tongues of flame leaping through the windows instead of breezes.

The rooms were well enough ventilated. Our physical and mental well being was looked after, but I turned hot and cold at unexpected times regardless of the temperature inside of the school room or out. One should not learn fear, he should rather be taught to understand that all things work together for good for those who try, and even those who don't will not absolutely be shot at sunrise. There have been cases of pardoning.

My last thought is that modern education tends toward hatred of authority on the part of the student. There is such a thing as understanding authority, and working with it and not in spite of it, or against it. But the student doesn't know that.

I once heard one of my teachers at college say, "When I meet a student a barbed wire fence goes up between us." The point was this: The teacher possessed authority. The student didn't, and the student had no reason to believe that that authority would be exercised with kindness and sympathy. Kindness and sympathy! I had forgotten that those two words could come into such a discourse as this. I have left certain classes when a student, with tears in my eyes, I thought then that it was a terrible thing, and it was. There could have been few worse things, but I have resolved that all that I failed to enjoy shall be meted out ten times over in every sort of joy and pleasure and kind understanding that I can give a student, that my studio shall be a haven of refuge for the oppressed, a place or rest for all that labor and that are unhappy.

My authority, now that I can exercise it, fosters, I hope, no hatred of itself, no fear and no self-depreciation on the part of those who are subject to it.

You doubtless think that I have had an evil dream and are glad to see signs of my awakening from its spell. My peculiar conclusion to it all is that the students here are little concerned with hatred of authority, they rather utterly disregard it, though not rudely or disrespectfully. They are not afraid, for they are as free as the coyotes that roam the plains, and they do not depreciate themselves, but rather have a wholesome self respect that in some it amounts to decided self-appreciation.

This all comes of the school system, which is almost as extreme in its leniency as the Southern systems I mentioned above were extreme in the rigidity of discipline. They are both at fault. Where is that mystic borderland that lies between the one extreme and the other? Perhaps somewhere in Arkansas or Missouri. But I have no reason to believe that

## RED OAK GROVE.

### Sunday School Third Sunday. Death of Mr. John Robertson. Easter Exercises at Church.

We have no Sunday school at Red Oak Grove on the third Sunday. Have two sermons each month, on fourth Saturday afternoon and the following Sunday morning, by the pastor, Rev. T. E. Seago.

Flat Rock Sunday school has adopted the graded literature and finds it very helpful. Since using the Bible references, we find the juniors are becoming more familiar with the books in the Bible, which enables them to locate the references more readily, and at the same time get proper conception of the Bible story from which the lesson is taken. The junior quarterlies are very attractively arranged and seem to have a drawing fascination for the pupils.

The W. M. Society has two active and growing circles. Number 1 has as secretary, Miss L. E. Parkman, the meetings are well attended and interest increasing, assured by an occasional subscription to Royal Service.

The death of Mr. John Robertson on the 16th cast a gloom over our community. He had won for himself many friends here by his cheerfulness and patience during his long illness. Had he lived until the 22nd, he would have reached his seventy-fifth year. He has left to mourn his departure quite a large family connection, and here as well as elsewhere many friends who admired and esteemed him for his refined and gentle manner. Our heart goes out to the bereaved ones, and especially to his daughter, Mrs. D. C. Bussey, in whose home he lingered and suffered so long. All that loving hands could do, and aid of medical skill was done. We loved him, but God has need of his presence there, that heaven might be made sweeter and more to be sought by those to follow.

Rev. J. M. Edwards from Johnston came over Sunday and preached at Red Hill.

There was quite an attractive and interesting Easter exercise rendered just before the sermon by several little girls, which made the service that followed very impressive. The exercise under Miss Mattie Stainaker was highly complimented as being very pretty and attractive, the Easter idea and symbol being impressive.

The Flat Rock school closes on the fifth of May. It is with regret we part with our good neighbors and friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bussey, as they return to their home at Parksville.

Miss Cornelia Bussey leaves on the 24th for Orangeburg to be present at the commencement of O. H. S. and will be the guest of her brother, Mr. Tom Bussey, who is a junior student there.

Misses Kathleen Kenrick and L. E. Parkman and Mr. Frank Kenrick were delightfully entertained in the home of Miss Lullie Timmerman last week-end in honor of the former's birthday.

Little Mary and Master Davis May Bussey are on the sick list this week.

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those mid-central states partake any more of the virtues of each system than of the vices of each.

I would not modify anything that I have said. If I did anything, I would rather intensify my statements, for they are true. I only hope that some day the word education may be synonymous with the words joy, happiness, pleasure, inspiration, and that fear and hatred of authority and self-depreciation may have no place in it.

FLORENCE MIMS.  
Tonkawa, Oklahoma.  
April, 1922.