

"BABBLING TONGUES."

We have read with very keen interest in one of our Sunday papers, published in the State of New York, a little article which informs us of the very delightful fact, that the State of Kentucky is credited with having very recently passed a law which permits of stiff fines for those who gossip.

The article goes further to express the opinion that that is one of the finest laws ever passed in any State and is just exactly what New York and all other states need to suppress and restrict the limits of those who are possessed with that apparently irremediable and destructive disease.

The article further sets forth the suggestion, that we could well get along with a public ducking pool or pond, but that you can hurt a woman worse if you take a dime or two out of her purse. That lessens the chances for finery and the latter inevitably breaks her heart.

We cannot but consider this recent law, as a very timely and beneficial piece of legislation. A law is only a law when it is universal in its application; when it fulfills or realizes its reason. Such a law will undoubtedly tend to promote and produce Peace and Harmony, and will prove to be of infinite benefits, both to the gossip and to the victim of gossip.

Too long have we tolerated rumors which only had as their basis the common prelude, "They say," "They tell me," "Do you know," "A man told me," "I heard someone say," "The people are saying," etc.

Invariably these publications are productive of discord and unpleasantness, and it is high time that an effort be made to promote and perpetuate public Peace and Happiness.

To the Gossiper, such a law would be of infinite educational value, if complied with, for there is no doubt as to the truth of old saying that "Silence is Golden." It is better to listen than to be listened to.

We only learn by silence and study of the things that are seen and heard. When we listen to, and study the thoughts and actions of the millions of individuals around us we have the advantage of millions to one.

When we take the floor in order to tell what is in our meager minds, we are up against the disadvantage of being one against a million, or one against millions. We only think of what we are saying, and some of us do very little thinking then; but to listen to and observe the thought and actions of the masses, we have far more than 57 varieties to draw from and add to the store that is already ours.

Carlyle, in his "Sartor Resartus" has said that, "Silence is the element in which great things fashion themselves together; that at length they may emerge, full formed and majestic, into the daylight of Life, which they are thenceforth to rule."

Longfellow, in his work, "The Three Silences of Molinos," tells us that, "Three Silences there are:—the first of speech, the second of desire, the third of thought."

The writer is reminded of a little poem that was printed on a little card, which was presented by Mrs. Mary E. Dunton, the beloved wife of ex-President, Dr. L. M. Dunton, of Claflin University, to each member of the student body assembled at Claflin some years ago on a Thanksgiving morning. The little poem read:

"A wise old Owl once lived in an Oak, The more he saw, the less he spoke, The less he spoke, the more he heard; O, might we all be like that bird."

Thus we have endeavored to show the benefit of such a law to those who gossip.

As regards the victims of idle gossip, the readers cannot but admit that many good men and women have met with social, financial and physical disaster because of thoughtless or malicious work of idle gossiping tongues.

Thus has been destroyed the peace and happiness of homes, communities and countries. "The evil that men do live after them; the good is oft interred with them." The Gossiper seems inclined only to publish those things that will bring ridicule, shame or condemnation upon the head of the victim. As one has said:

"There's a lust in man no charm can tame, Of loudly publishing our neighbor's Shame; On eagle's wings immortal scandal fly, While virtuous actions are but born and die."

The law against gossiping, as passed by the State of Kentucky is indeed a timely, God-send, and the result of the deliberation of a group of very thoughtful legislators. It is productive of Peace, Happiness and Justice, the promotion of which alone can insure domestic tranquility. It might be worth while if all of our States were to follow the lead set by the State of Kentucky. George

Elliot, in her "Daniel Deronda," sets forth the suggestion that "Gossip is a sort of smoke that comes from the dirty tobacco pipes of those who diffuse it; it proves nothing but the bad taste of the smoker."

If such be true, it is the opinion of the writer that it is only fair and just that the Smoker should pay for his own tobacco and for whatever brand he selects.

Atty. H. F. McGirt, Camden, South Carolina.

CHESTER PARAGRAPHS.

The congregation and friends of the Calvary Baptist Church were delighted to listen to a splendid sermon preached on Monday night, by Mr. John Honor. Mr. Honor is a student at Brainerd Institute, and is in this year's graduating class, after which he plans to enter Benedict college. He is now the financial secretary of the Calvary Baptist Sunday school and is the son of Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Honor. He was licensed upon the unanimous vote of the church.

After an illness of more than a year, Mr. Walker Ellison died at his home on Columbia street, leaving a widow, six daughters, one sister, and a host of sorrowing friends. For years he was the assistant superintendent of the Calvary Baptist Sunday school, chorister of the choir, and teacher of Class No. 2, until declining health confined him to his home. Rev. J. W. Coleman, the pastor, preached the funeral sermon, and the body was laid to rest in Hebron cemetery with Undertaker J. E. Spann in charge, with Odd Fellow and Ruth honors, beneath a mound covered with beautiful floral designs from every organization of the church and from many friends.

Mr. Harold Cox is at home from the Chester sanatorium, and is slowly improving at his home on Loomis St. The Knights Templars are giving a banquet on Friday night at the Masonic hall. The Easter Star chapter is invited as guests.

Mr. D. R. Starks of Columbia spent Sunday in the city, the guest of Mr. Robt. Richburg. Mr. Starks made a very pleasing talk in the B. Y. P. U. meeting.

Mrs. Boozer and daughters and Mr. John Rollerson of Columbia spent Sunday in the city with relatives and friends.

Cards announcing the marriage in January of Miss Sarah Ayers and Mr. James Massey, Jr. were received with surprise by the many friends of the young couple.

Mr. Wallace Shiver and Miss Ethel Vance were married on the 5th of March. Mrs. Shiver is now in Washington, D. C. and Mr. Shiver will join her in a few days. Friends wish both of these couples years of prosperity.

Miss Mamie Douglass, who has been making her home for the past four years with her uncle in Fort Meade, Fla. is now visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Waddell Douglass, Mobley Street.

Mrs. Belle McCullough died at her home on Walnut Street, after an illness of several years. The funeral services were held at Calvary Baptist church. Rev. J. C. Gilmore preached the sermon. Undertaker E. N. Isom was in charge. Interment was in Black Rock cemetery.

Madam M. E. Woods went to Dur-

ham, N. C., on business last week. Madam Woods is one of the leading hair dressers in the state.

Mr. Peter Younque of Los Angeles, Cal. is visiting relatives here.

The numerous friends here of Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Moore of Columbia are very sorry to learn that they are leaving the state, although they will be nearer Chester, while in Charlotte, we regret their leaving South Carolina.

Rev. D. C. Baum, Mr. and Mrs. Will Gordon and Mr. James Foster spent several days in Washington last week.

On the sick list are: Mrs. L. L. Maxwell, Mr. Dumovant, Comey Street; Miss Adling Fair, Walnut Street; Mrs. Annie Macen, Mrs. Alice Caldwell, Columbia Street.

Mrs. Annie Mae Gilmore and little daughter, Eunice Louise, of Portsmouth, Va. are in the city, because of the impaired health of Mrs. Gilmore's mother, Mrs. Louise Maxwell. Miss Elyse J. Lowry of the graded school faculty spent the week-end with her parents at her home in York. Besides teaching in the fifth grade, Miss Lowry has charge of playground activities and is succeeding admirably.

Mr. Frank Barber and family are to make their home in High Point, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. Boulware are among our best citizens and Chester regrets their departure.

Miss Sarah Baum celebrated her birthday last Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hunter, Wylie Street. A joyous evening was spent and many useful and pretty gifts were received.

Prof. Finley and several of his teachers are planning to attend the State Teachers' Association in Columbia next week.

MRS. A. E. WALKER DEAD

After an illness of two months duration, Mrs. A. E. Walker of Booker Washington Heights passed away peacefully at her home last Wednesday. Mrs. Walker was the wife of Mr. Alex E. Walker, well known painter of this city, and long time choir master of the First Calvary Baptist Church. Mrs. Walker was a woman of a sweet christian disposition, a loving wife, a good neighbor, and a tireless worker for the church. She leaves to mourn her home-going a faithful husband, and a bright manly little son, a host of relatives and friends. Peace to her ashes, and rest to her weary soul.

Her funeral will be held from the First Calvary Baptist Church, Sunday coming at 3:00 o'clock, P. M. The Rev. L. W. Long, Pastor, officiating.

Matinee For The School Children

A special matinee for school children will be given at Allen University Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock by the Morehouse College Glee Club and Orchestra. Admission 25 cents. Parents will please send their children to the matinee so the adults may have the space at night.

LAURENS NEWS.

Mary A. Fowler, Reporter, Laurens, S. C., March 16, 1925. The Sunshine Club of Bethel A. M.



REV. J. J. HARRISON, State Master

THE UNITED SONS OF ABRAHAM & D. of J.

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E. Church entertained on last Friday afternoon, March 13, 1925, at the home of the president, Mrs. Emoline S. Nelson, on 236 Burns avenue. The members were on the job numerically and financially. The meeting opened with song and prayer, after which the acting secretary, Miss Julia Fowler, called the roll and each member readily responded with their Bible verses. The recitation rendered by Miss Ludie Higgins was excellent, also the essay rendered by Mrs. Bunzema Hunter was very good. We were glad to have with us during the afternoon Miss Emma L. Fuller of St. Paul Baptist church. The president spoke very timely on the betterment of the boys and girls of the Sunshine Club. I am sure every one enjoyed this instructive talk, and will also profit by it. The Sunshine Club is doing much for the upbuilding of the young people of the city.

We are planning to organize in the club what is called a "Club Council." The purpose of this is to arouse the interest of those that do not seem to realize what the Sunshine Club stands for, and to bring those into judgment that violate the rules and regulations of the club. The Sunshine Club is working to produce men like Booker T. Washington, Frederick Douglass, and the great Negro author, Paul Lawrence Dunbar, and women like Mary M. Bethune, Helen Keller and Maude Cunnie Hare. To the members of the Sunshine Club I would like to say, Do not become discouraged of that which the outside world says of you, but so live that when it has come your time to be laid at rest, your names will be like these great characters I have mentioned, that is to say, that they will live forever, and stand most prominent among the pages of history.

The meeting was a successful one on last Friday, although our pastor, Rev. McClellan, could not be with us.

We carried the word out, but we regretted his absence very much. During the close of the hour a delicious course of jello with whipped cream and cake was served by Miss Suppearl Simpson, assisted by Miss C. A. Fuller. The club sang the closing song and repeated the mizpah in concert. We adjourned to meet again on March 20, 1925, at the home of Mrs. Mary Morris, on Downs street.

Sunday morning, March 15, 1925, was a beautiful day, and there were an immense crowd of people out. Our pastor preached a wonderful sermon, using as a subject "Constant Rejoicing." He said that joy is like a diamond, it glitters in the night as well as the day. Joy fills the eyes with tears, makes the heart burn, revives the soul, and makes the true-born children of God rejoice in him. So, therefore, rejoice in the Lord and rejoice again. This is just a short synopsis of some of the good things that he said to us.

Mr. John Suber, officer of the New Brookland A. M. E. Church, Columbia, S. C., worshipped with us and prayed a most spiritual prayer, which we all enjoyed. We were very glad to have and feel that he is one of our own. We wish to welcome him, and

any other visitors at all times. We were also glad to have the Higgins to worship with us. They are here on account of the illness of their mother, and contributed loyally to the church on Sunday morning, for which we thank them and wish to express to them our deepest sympathy.

The Sunday school is doing nicely and is planning to put over one of the very best programs for Easter. The little folks are anxiously awaiting for the practices to begin.

The A. C. E. League is still progressing. The young people are doing everything in their power to make the league successful. The president, Miss Mattie O. Duckett, is doing splendid work. We trust that she will hold out until the end.

Sunday at 7:30 o'clock we assembled to listen to the last sermon of the day. The pastor used for a subject "The three gifts." Mrs. Lizzie Cromer connected herself with the church, also Miss Louise James joined Sunday morning.

Rev. McClellan preached a spirited sermon on Sunday afternoon at Boon's Chapel church, of which Rev. I. S. Ried is pastor. He used as a subject "Church Idleness."

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