

WINNSBORO, S. C.

Wednesday, September 15, 1897.

JOIN THE ROAD ASSOCIATION.

The road convention will meet again on Saturday, 25th inst., pursuant to notice already given. The object of this meeting is to perfect a thorough organization throughout the whole county. Committees have been appointed in every township, and these committees have been requested to organize and to induce the citizens of their respective townships to join the society. The committee appointed at the last meeting will report a constitution and such regulations as may be necessary for this society on the 25th inst.

It is impracticable to succeed in any great enterprise without an efficient organization. It will prove the same way with road improvement. The best way to arouse an interest is through a road society, and it must be through this society that our roads will be improved.

We have before us a circular issued by the United States Department of Agriculture showing the origin and work of the Darlington Road League, of Harford County, Maryland. The circular states that Harford County "is a good rich farming country, but it has been noted for the deplorable condition of its highways. The Maryland legislature failed, or refused, to enact any special road laws. The circular says:

"For a long time the people of Harford County endeavored to devise some plan looking to the improvement of the roads. Public meetings were held in almost every town in the county and schemes innumerable were suggested. Among others, an effort was made to have a county engineer appointed, who should supervise and repair the roads, but this, with all other endeavors, failed, and the farmers continued to plod through the mud to market.

"Among the numerous small towns in Harford County is the village of Darlington, a place of about two hundred people, located in the northeastern part of the county." The people in this vicinity, we are told, urged on by the deplorable condition of the public roads, called a public meeting in 1877, and about fifty men responded. The result was that a road league was organized. At the first meeting, a resolution was passed pledging the league to co-operate with the county commissioners and road supervisors. "The business of the league and the direction of its affairs was entrusted to a council of twelve of the best citizens." "The council of twelve was the working force of the organization." They held many meetings, having full reports of the overseer and members of the league. We are further told that the league proceeded upon "the theory that in order to insure success in road improvement the work must begin at home among the people."

The first thing the league did was to have the county commissioners entrust to it the improvement of certain roads about two miles in extent. The league got a small appropriation, and "in less than thirty days they had constructed two miles of good shell road." This encouraged them and the domination of the league was increased. "During the first year of the league's existence \$350 in road warrants, \$900 special appropriation from the county, and about \$800 raised by private subscription, constituted the working fund of the league. With this money they managed to construct some entirely new roads, and to improve and keep in repair almost fifteen miles of roadway, and at the same time reserve a balance of \$400." Even the boys formed a league, and so great was the enthusiasm that the highways will soon be thoroughly macadamized. We have given this brief sketch, because these people were suffering from bad highways just as we are, and it is given with the hope that their experience may guide us. Let everybody join the association on the 25th inst.

GREATER NEW YORK, now the second largest city under one government in the world, is trying to rise above politics. The Citizens' Union have organized to give the new municipality a clean government, and they think that they can do this by nominating a man who is not a partisan and not prominently identified with any political organization. Sen. Low, President of Columbia College, is presented as such a man. The Republicans and Democrats are fighting to draw party lines, each party having its own candidate. It is thought that the Citizens' Union will draw principally from the Republicans, and weaken their party more than the Democratic, and that the chances, therefore, are in favor of the regular Democratic candidate.

Mr. McInnes has raised the price of wheat. Why has it not raised the price of cotton? The truth is the Republican tariff has brought prosperity to no one except a few favored manufacturers by an artificial raising of the price of their products. Wheat has risen because it is a short crop. Cotton does not rise because there is plenty of it, and more than enough to supply the demand of the world. It is the plain and simple operation of the law of supply and demand.

The Columbia Register is now one of the very best papers in the State. It is now published every day in the week. The subscription for the daily is only \$6 per annum.

"As New York goes, so goes the Union." This has been the political history of this country. I refer especially to New York State, but on account of this invariable rule in our national politics, a great deal of interest centres in the campaign for Mayor of New York. Greater New York is a very large part of New York State, and politicians will attach a great deal of importance to the result of the election.

THE ORIGIN OF MORMONISM

Mr. Editor: As much interest has been attached to the Mormon question of late, and many comments reflecting upon the good name of the people of this country have been published in the papers throughout the country, I beg that you will publish the following sketch of the origin and spread of Mormonism taken from the Encyclopedia Britannica—recognized as standard authority on all subjects.

The Mormons or the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints are a religious sect founded by Joseph Smith at Manchester, New York, in 1820, and for the last thirty-six years settled in Salt Lake City, territory of Utah. Smith was born on the 23rd December, 1805, at Sharon, Windsor County, Vt., whence ten years later his parents a poor, ignorant, thriftless, and not too honest couple, removed to New York, where they settled on a small farm near Palmyra, in Wayne County. Four years later, in 1819, they removed to Manchester, six miles off, and from this place, when fifteen years old, Joseph began to have his visions, in one of which on the night of the 21st September, 1823, the angel Moroni appeared to him three times, and told him that the Bible of the Western Continent, the supplement to the New Testament, was buried in a certain spot near Manchester. Four years later and after due disciplinary probation, Smith went to the spot and had delivered into his charge by an angel of the Lord a stone box, in which was a volume, six inches thick, made of thin gold plates, 8 by 7 inches, and fastened together by three gold rings.

The plates were covered by small writing in the reformed Egyptian tongue, and were accompanied by a pair of supernatural spectacles, consisting of two crystals set in a silver bow, and called Urim and Thummim; by the aid of these, the mystic characters could be read. Being unable to read or write fluently, Smith employed as clerk Oliver Cowdery, to whom from behind a curtain he dictated a translation, which with the aid of a farmer, Martin Harris, who had more money than wit, was published in 1830 under the title of the Book of Mormon, and accompanied by the sworn statement of Oliver Cowdery, David Whitmer and Martin Harris that an angel of God had shown them the plates of which this book was a translation. This testimony all three of them later denounced as false, but in the meantime helped Smith to impose on the credulous, especially as the gold plates had disappeared mysteriously. The Book of Mormon electing Smith to be the prophet of God, &c., &c., goes on to give an account of America from its first settlement by a colony of refugees from the crowd dispersed at the Tower of Babel to the year 1492, and winds up with an account of a battle between the Nephites and the bad Hebrews, in which the former were nearly annihilated, but Mormon and his son Moroni escaped and Mormon collected the sixteen books of records, which were buried and found as has been narrated above. This is Smith's account of the book, but in reality it was written as an historical romance by one Solomon Spaulding, a crack-brained preacher, in 1812, and the MSS. falling into the hands of Sidney Rigdon, an unscrupulous compositor, was copied by him and given to Smith.

So much for the Book of Mormon or Bible of the Mormons; but Smith, who was evidently a gold digger, also a "ville corporation," to use the highest type of man, "flew toward God" the surest incentive to the fall of the discharge of all the duties toward man, the truest and most unselfish inspiration of honor, the strongest safeguard of personal integrity, the most efficient aid in the pursuit and attainment of virtuous and noble ends, and, last and true, and lovely, and of good report.

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Just a few words in conclusion. I think it is a duty incumbent on every one of us to read our Bible from day to day, to keep it before us as a guide, a teacher and a skeptic. It should be taken as a criterion by which to shape and mould our entire subsequent actions before God and man, and if we do not receive the approbation and co-operation of the great mass of people we will have sufficient reward in our own conscience, and the light of the lamp of learning and having the people properly instructed. Persecution in every era of the world's history has done more to perpetuate than eradicate heresies; either political or religious. But when the preaching of Smith and his brother Hiram in 1844 there would have been no Mormonism to-day.

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A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF AN ADDRESS DELIVERED BY REV. R. JEFFERIES

Before the Baptist Young People's Christian Union in New York City.

An upright life is the theme of my discourse. I hesitated to say anything, knowing as I do that there are others better able to discuss this important subject. There are many things that constitute an upright life. In order to enable a man or woman to live an upright life it is very essential that both the mind and heart should be properly trained from childhood until they learn their majority and are thrown on their own resources. I believe the man or woman who can teach as how to manage correctly these most important years of our lives will be the benefactor of the human race. In order to train the heart correctly we should let only pure thoughts dwell there. Like truth the best things, the heart needs cultivating. In order to properly cultivate the heart we should keep only true, good and noble truths within. Realizing as we all do that when noble aspirations dwell within the heart, there is but little room for anything mean, selfish and unscrupulous to dwell therein. The proper training of the heart is more essential to an upright life than that of the mind. But do not understand me to say that the mind should not be cultivated. I would be far from indicating such an idea into the minds of the young people of this or any other community. Next to the heart the mind is God's noblest gift to mankind. It is capable of an almost indefinite amount of work, and it is therefore very important that it should be properly trained in order to attain the best results possible in the intellectual field. The mind thinks and the heart acts. There is a concert of action between the two that prompts us to wise expressions and noble deeds, or to illogical conclusions and unwise sayings. This is that which should be properly trained in order to enable us to attain a spiritual and intellectual degree of proficiency that will enable us to walk an upright life. In my opinion an upright life consists in noble aspirations and noble deeds. It consists in being truthful, honest and sincere in your reports, the spirit of forgiveness and appreciation constitutes two of the most essential elements in an upright life. One of America's most famous men was once interrogated concerning some letters that had been published reflecting discredit on himself and family, and he said by way of retaliation, "I have nothing to say, I regard life altogether too short to devote to any system of retaliation, however great may have been the provocation."

What magnanimous spirit exemplified in that expression. Then I thought what seeming possibilities there are in the youth of our country if they are endowed with noble aspirations and proper motives coupled with those rare gifts of intellectual attainments so essential to attain high eminence in the great competition in the intellectual arena.

My friends, a man or woman may possess a versatility of genius, but if they are devoid of the spirit of forgiveness and appreciation they cannot long retain the respect and admiration of their fellowman. Without the spirit of forgiveness and appreciation the Christian religion would be a fable, a fable! Oh! how can it be? In order to stimulate the mind and heart to noble aspirations it is necessary to read the history of famous men, men whose lives are worthy of emulation. I like to study the lives of those who have been born in the depths of obscurity and yet by their own personal assiduity have risen to the most exalted positions in both church and state. Dr. Talmage says that he believes the typical American is yet to come. I do not agree with him, but I believe that the typical American of the future will be a man or woman whose disposition contains all the characteristics that I have mentioned as a true Christian and might be appropriately termed a typical man or woman.

There is diversity of opinion as to what are the chief characteristics that constitute an upright life. I believe the first requisite to the highest and most symmetrical development of what is noblest in man, be he learned or ignorant, is sincere heartfelt piety. There are indeed more natural virtues which command our respect and admiration, but after a Christian is the highest type of man. Fly toward God is the surest incentive to the fall of the discharge of all the duties toward man, the truest and most unselfish inspiration of honor, the strongest safeguard of personal integrity, the most efficient aid in the pursuit and attainment of virtuous and noble ends, and, last and true, and lovely, and of good report.

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DOTS FROM THE RIDGE.

Quite a pleasant dance was given at Valencia, the hospitable home of Mr. E. G. Palmer, on Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Agatha Davis of Clinton. A wagon and several buggies carried the Ridgeway party. The chaperons were Mrs. Pinf and Mrs. Meares. Miss Annie, and Messrs. Palmer, Meares and Dan Davis, of Winsboro, were among those present.

The fire alarm sounded on Saturday about 10 a. m. It was soon found that the ginney was on fire. The steam fire extinguishers were turned on and in a few minutes the fire was out. This is the first fire at the gin this season.

Mrs. Jas. Q. Davis, accompanied by her daughter Miss Annie, returned to her home in Winsboro on Sunday after a visit of several days to Mrs. Herbert Ruff.

Miss Agatha Davis returned to Clinton on Wednesday.

Mr. Frank Sawyer left on Saturday for Trenton where he has gone to accept a position as drug clerk. He was succeeded at this place by Mr. Olin Sawyer of Johnston, S. C.

Mr. W. Percy Mood has gone to Johnston, S. C., to accept a position at that place.

Mr. Will Boyd, of Rockton, spent Sunday here.

Mrs. Boozer, of Norway, S. C., accompanied by her daughter Miss Mamie, is visiting Mrs. A. Talley Moore.

Miss Wilhelmina Sain left for Rowlesville on Saturday. While here Miss Sain was the guest of Miss Iola Kennedy.

Hon. J. P. Thomas, of Columbia, spent Thursday here.

Messrs. Jas. Q. Means and Palmer Davis came down from Winsboro on their wheels on Sunday.

Mr. Wilson Hanahan and Miss Lou Eggleston, of Winsboro, spent Sunday here, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Des Jours.

Mr. Jas. Team and Miss Alberta Team, of Camden, are visiting Dr. Jas. Team.

Mr. John A. DesPortes, Jr., leaves for Texas this week. Mr. DesPortes is going to represent the wholesale house of R. M. Hughes & Co. of Kentucky, at that State.

Ridgeway, Sept. 12, 1897.

RE'S AN HYPNOTIST.

The following from the Bridgeton (N. J.) Pioneer will be interesting to Mr. Herbert Ferris' many friends and acquaintances in Winsboro:

Pretty much everybody in Bridgeton has been thoroughly converted to the theory of hypnotism, but there are few who know that in this city there is a young man who can exercise this rare gift. Those who have seen him have been wonderfully impressed, and indeed the private performances he has given have been unusually satisfactory and highly successful.

The young man is Herbert Ferris, and has just turned his 18th birthday. His father is Rev. Jabez Ferris, a State missionary of South Carolina. The family came to Bridgeton about a year ago from their Southern home, being attracted by the exceptional educational advantages, and young Ferris is a pupil at the South Jersey Institute, together with his sister and brothers.

Ferris first became aware of his hypnotic power when about half his present age. At that time he would exercise his power on his own body, controlling cats, dogs and horses. He was fearful of using his power upon persons in his earlier days, not having confidence in being able to throw off the hypnotism. He continued practicing upon animals, until recently when he put human beings under his mysterious power, and has been giving some decidedly interesting private exhibitions. With these he has had wonderful success, and competent judges declare that his powers are greater than that of either Dr. Fitzgerald or Samsonides, who created such a furore here last winter and spring. While Ferris has little idea of making hypnotism a profession, he is giving the matter careful study and experimenting in all its stages. It is quite likely that during the coming fall and winter he will give public exhibitions, possibly appearing in this city on one or more occasions.

Ferris has also another attainment, and as a clairvoyant has had great success. The two mysterious powers together will give him wonderful opportunities to make a successful public appearance.

UPPER LONGTOWN ITEMS.

We are having very dry weather now. Crops of all kinds are about to burn up. We haven't had a good season in about a month. Cotton is opening rapidly; the crop will fall far short of what we expected. Unless we soon get rain the immature bolls will commence opening.

Young corn, peas and potatoes are suffering greatly for want of rain, and unless we soon get rain these crops will be a failure.

Some of our farmers are making up their molasses now; not much cane planted here, we are sorry to say. We should all strive to make everything to eat at home that we possibly can, and thereby cut our expenses.

A series of meetings has been in progress at the Baptist Church during the past week. The pastor, Rev. H. K. Ezell, was assisted by Rev. Jno. Isenbower. One or more members were added to the church. The meeting, we trust, did much good.

Mr. Ivey Poovey, who moved from the Wateree section to Blythewood, thinking the change would benefit him, died there on Sunday. He was afflicted with that dreadful malady, consumption. His remains were interred at the Presbyterian Church at this place on Sunday. He leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

Mrs. Dye, Miss Lida Dixon and Mr. Ed. Dixon, of Rossville, are visiting relatives and friends in Longtown and vicinity.

The friends of Dr. L. Vess Douglass, and his name is legion, will be pained to hear of his death, which occurred at his home in Blacksburg 14 Sunday morning. He had been in a declining state of health for quite a length of time, suffering with a complication of diseases. The immediate cause of his death, however, was heart disease. Dr. Douglass was one of the most prominent men and physicians of Chester county, having practiced there since 1855. He was a son of the late Dr. Jno. Douglass, who was a prominent physician and statesman, and represented Chester county in the legislature. He leaves, besides a wife and three sisters, a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his loss. We trust and feel that his loss is his eternal gain.

Sept. 10, 1897.

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