The Sweetest Things of Earth.

What are the sweetest things of earth?
Lips that can praise a rival's worth;
A fragrant rose that hides no thorn;
Riches of gold untouched by scorn.

A happy little child asleep;
Eyes that can smile though they may weep;
As brother's cheer a father's praise;
The minstresly of summer days.

A heart whose anger never burns;
A gift that looks for no returns;
Wrong's overthrow; pain's swift release;
Dark footsteps guided into peace.

The light of lover's eyes;
Age that is young as well as wise;
A mother's kiss; a baby's mirth—
These are the sweetest things of earth.

SCHOOL LIBRARY.

An Earnest Call for the Establishment of School Libraries.

Two years since a committee was appointed by the State Teachers' Association to make a report on the condition of school libraries in this State; and to formulate any suggestions which might aid in that work. When this committee made its report it was freely discussed and the committee was instructed to prepare, and distribute very widely, a circular letter, to the teachers of South Carolina, in order to aid those already seeing the importance of such work but without the experience necessary to carry it to a successful completion.

Acting under this authority this committee has prepared the enclosed letter and list of books: we beg to express the hope that this matter will not be disposed of as so many circulars are, but will be read by every one interested in education.

Respectfully yours,
J. W. Thomson,
Patterson Wardlaw,
A. M. Ranklin, Committee.

In order that this paper may not be of unreasonable length, we have confined ourselves closely to the question of school libraries.

We need not stop to argue that school libraries are productive of great benefit; but will content ourselves with calling your attention to the sure and rapid mental growth to be observed in all who read: and also to the fact, acknowledged by all who are posted on the subject, that no school is thoroughly first-class, without having within reach of the pupils a collection of good books.

The first question of course is, what books are to be thus used? Our answer is, what ever you can get, excluding, of course, always, any book that is of vicious tone: but remember that the only books which will be of any service are those which will be read by children. There are many written for this purpose, and we urge you to provide them, as by their use you can cultivate the reading habit. This habit once formed will find food for itself. We earnestly advise against the purchasing of dictionaries, books generally called classics, encyclopedias, or works of reference at first. These will be very profitable additions to your list after a short time, but experience has shown that such purchases during the first few years of the library results in "locking up" a large proportion of your funds when every cent ought to be in active use: provide at first only such books as will suit juvenile tastes; but you may be assured that with reading the taste will improve and mature.

The all-important question is, how are books to be procured. The consensus of opinion seems to be that, in any effort of this kind, the teacher must be the mover. We know that in many cases, probably in most, teachers hold positions for one year only, and that to engage in this work under such a condition is to sow where another will most likely reap. Notwithstanding this we beg you to remember that it is for the good of the children that this work is to be done, and we call on you in their name to interest yourself: it may be missionary work, but it is one in which no step carefully taken will ever be lost; and though you may not see the fruit of your labors, you will have sown good seed, and a harvest must follow. Besides this, some one must make the beginning, and it may be that elsewhere a beginning is being made for you.

In order to secure books a large amount of money is not necessary: the first twenty-five cents may buy a book that will do immeasurable good; but those who furnish the funds must remember that great results must not be expected from the use of insignificant means; that to stint a young enterprise is to prevent a bountiful return. After the first supply is purchased, and the children given a taste of what is in store, we know of no case in which the growth of the library has not been sure, though perhaps slow.

As this money is to be expended for the good of the school, it ought to be supplied from the public school fund: but experience has shown that Boards of Trustees, as a rule, are deaf to appeal of this nature. However, to make the application cannot hurt your cause, and, if you fail to secure an appropriation, your effort will tend to bring this work to the favorable consideration of those who, perhaps, have never thought of it before, thus beginning the education of public sentiment on this question.

There is a better founded hope of success in an application to the trustees as individuals, and to patrons as such. If the need is clearly and forcibly presented, it will hardly be in vain.

If all other means fail, there is a last resort—try the children. If parents cannot or will not give money themselves, it is not likely they will give through their children. But almost every child has a fund of his own: or each may be induced to bring a contribution of poultry, chickens, or of something salable. In one case reported to us, success was attained through the gift of an egg every Monday morning, from each pupil. The duties of general manager of such enterprises must be assumed by the teacher.

We have left to the last any mention of another source of supply. For some years past Miss Sarah P. Brigham, of Grafton, Mass., has been distributing, throughout this State, reading matter contributed by the "Lend-a-Hand" book mission These contributions are sent to any one who will receive them, free of charge, even freight being almost always prepaid. There is no obligation resting on the recipient save the moral one to improve the opportunity thus afforded. Much valuable reading matter has been supplied in this manner to those who lacked, the contributions consisting mainly of magazines and illustrated papers which are of great service in inducing children to read. Some bound volumes have been contributed, but not many.

In conclusion, let us beg you personally to try some or all of these plans until you have set in motion the library work, which, whether you remain or go to another field of labor, will surely educate the children among whom you are laboring.

We inclose with this a list of books, with prices, such as we consider suitable for school libraries. Every book named has been tested and the grouding of the books is the result of the experience of the committee and others whom they have consulted.

The members of the committee will gladly correspond with all teachers wishing to consult them further, and ask especially for reports of all progress made.

J. W. Thomson, Rock. Hill, S. C.
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50 PER CENT PENALTY For Not Returning.

If you should be unable to meet the Auditor at the places below named, remember that the office at Abbeville is open for the purpose of taking returns from the 1st day of January to the 20th of February except on such days as below indicated. I would respectfully ask every white man in the County to inform his employees of the time and place of the Auditor's appointments in his community and in case they fail to meet him there, to send them to Abbeville within the time above named.

Under the recently adopted constitution of this State, every man within the age of 21 and 60 years, capable of earning a support, except Confederate Soldiers over 50 years of age, is liable for poll tax.

Remember when you sign a return, for yourself or for another, you take an oath that you have returned the property therein named at its true value.

Remember also if you have credits, and return none, or only a small fraction thereof, you lay yourself liable to an investigation by the Assessing Board and to prosecution before the Auditor. We wish only a fair and honest return.

For the purpose of accommodating the public in the matter of taking tax returns, I will fulfill the appointments below mentioned, either in person or by deputy. Note the dates and save yourself a trip to Abbeville, or 50 per cent penalty.

The appointments are as follows:

Greenwood—Monday and Tuesday, January 11th and 12th.

Ninety-Six—From arrival of down train, Tuesday, the 12th, to the arrival of the up train Thursday, 14th.

Coronaca—Friday, January 15th.

Verdery—Saturday, January 16th.

Calhoun Falls—Tuesday, January 19th and until the arrival of up train, Wednesday, January 20th.

Lowndesville—Thursday and Friday, January 21st and 22nd.

Bradley—Tuesday and Wednesday, January 26th and 27th, from the arrival of down train Tuesday.

Troy—Thursday and Friday, January 28th and 29th.

McCormick—Saturday January 30th, and Monday, February 1st, until time for departure of Anderson train.

Bordeaux—Tuesday, February 2nd.

Wellington—Wednesday, February 3rd.

Mt. Carmel—Thursday and Friday, February 4th and 5th.

Hodges—Monday, February 8th and till the arrival of up train Tuesday, February 9th.

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Antreville, at McAdams' store—January 15th and 16th.

Cedar Springs—January 16th, at Hunter's store.

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Abbeville—The office will be open to the entire County for the purpose of taking returns from January 1st to February 20th, except on the following dates, viz: Monday and Tuesday, January 11th and 12th.

Tax payers will observe the following instructions:

Where you have land in more than one township, don't fail to make separate returns, giving the exact number of acres in each.

Present your plats and deeds to the Auditor where you have detected an error in your former return, in order to verify a correction.

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