

OUR SCHOOLS.

Published Monthly.

Motto: "Is it not time we were doing something to keep the rural districts from being depopulated by people seeking better schools than they have? Whenever rural communities have to be drained of their best blood and brain, and the remaining citizenship reduced to a kind of peasantry, South Carolina's prosperity is at an end."—W. H. Hall.

Communications for this column should be addressed to Miss Marye R. Shelor, Westminster, South Carolina.

Pickens Schools Improving.

The following letter has been received from Superintendent Hallum, of Pickens county:

"Miss Marye R. Shelor, Westminster, S. C.—Dear Madam: Yours to hand and contents noted. Pickens county has grown in so many ways since 1903 that it would take considerable space to enumerate—i. e., in an educational way. Better school buildings, better prepared teachers, better equipped school houses, a good number of libraries, and, above all, the sentiment of the people in general is for the betterment of their schools, and to have the minds of their children prepared to encounter the world when the time comes for them to enter it. Yes, my schools are better, and we propose to put them in the superlative column—best. Your work was a success in Pickens county. I will visit schools next week and perhaps all next month. I love my work more than ever. Success to you. Your friend, "R. T. Hallum."

Build Schools to Heroes.

We admire greatly Col. John Dargan, of Statesburg, the man who has done so much for the history of this State. But history is not all that he has done—the building of Gen. Sumter Academy is his greatest work. Why not induce this grand man to come to Oconee and build schools to our heroes, for we have many? Col. Dargan has a large family of cultured daughters, who are like their father in patriotism. Miss Theo is taking an active part in the Federation of Women's Clubs and the School Improvement Association, and is a sweet singer, a young woman just out of her teens.

Why is it?

Why is it that Oconee cannot have a Woman's Rural School Improvement Association? Do we not want better schools and new ideas? How many parents have secured good reading for their children? Think of this! You can visit nine out of ten homes and find fashion sheets, but not good religious papers. Fashions change, but good thoughts last. Do the parents teach current events to their children? How many parents have taken their children to Clemson and showed them the grounds and grand buildings and told them of that great man, John C. Calhoun? What are you doing to bring law and order to your State? Now, when the school begins, go with your child, help him in his plays and studies—see that his head and heart are being educated.

Improving School Property.

The teacher who does not try to improve the school property and the morals of the school is teaching for money alone. How can a child teach a school? Here we have young girls out teaching who themselves clearly need their mothers' "don'ts". They cannot teach what they do not know. They do not know how to govern with judgment or care for the health of the school. The younger the child is the finer the teacher should be.

A young woman said, I want to go to New York on a visit. I will go up in the mountains to teach. I don't care if I can teach well—they don't know any difference. The dear little lady found out that the mountain folks were not so green as she thought.

Graft in Education.

Graft has entered even into the ranks of education. A man said, "I have a large family, and I mean for the State to educate them. Half have graduated at State colleges, and I want the rest to get scholarships also." Is it right that one family have all the scholarships while others need them? We owe the State—not the State us. The scholarship pupus, when through school, should be active to help build up their country. Of all the boys and girls educated by Oconee county, how many now are taking an active part in developing the county schools?

Religious Instruction.

Human nature is so constituted that worship of some kind is essential to a rational existence. So true is this that, not knowing God, two-thirds of the human race worship false gods of their own creation. The other third worship what they believe to be the only true God, but alas, as a whole, be it said to our shame, with a devotion less sincere and devout than that accorded by the children of darkness to their idols of wood, stone and bronze. With us money and the lust for gold are be-

ing more and more enthroned in our hearts and lives, while the God of our fathers is being dethroned and dishonored. We are so money-mad that the figure of the dollar mark is larger than the figure of the cross; wealth, no matter how obtained, often has a greater power than character however noble and sublime.

In some pagan countries, emperorship and filial piety are the badges of honorable citizenship; those who possess their virtues are counted among the best in the land, though in other respects they are notoriously wicked and immoral. In our own country there is but little difference; those who are wealthy are respected and honored regardless of their moral character, while poor, but honest and honorable men are without influence in the community, the State and nation.

It is generally admitted that a very large majority of the children of our country are growing up ignorant of the finer traditions of the past, ignorant of the lives of those who have suffered and endured for righteousness' sake, ignorant of the Holy Scriptures and the ways of God to man. In many instances they receive no religious instruction in their homes, none in the churches, from which they are absent, and none in the public schools, where such instruction is not permitted. In some schools the Scriptures may not even be read because the courts have decreed that the Bible is a sectarian book. In the matter of religious sects and denominations it would seem that we are sensitive beyond belief; so sensitive in fact as to believe that some unsuspecting school teachers are so eager and anxious to proselyte our children that we don't want them even to mention the name of God in their presence. Away with so narrow-minded a prejudice; away with so unreasonable a sensitiveness!

We need the Bible in our schools and we need its influence in our national life to correct the immoral, lawless and money-worshipping tendencies of the time. That instruction in the Bible will do this, reference need only be made to the law-abiding spirit of those countries in which religious instruction, based on the Bible, is regularly and systematically given in the public schools.

If all these things are true, and experience and common sense prove that they are, is it fair, reasonable, or just to present or future generations to deny our children instruction in a book that has done more for humanity and the world than all other books combined? Our intelligence answers no, but our prejudice answers yes. Hitherto our prejudice has triumphed over our intelligence in these matters; shall it continue to do so in the future? No—not if we are wise.—Prof. Dreher, of Columbia.

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Courier-Journal Building Burns.

Louisville, Ky., August 30.—The Courier-Journal building burned to-night at 12 o'clock. The flames spread with remarkable rapidity and in a short time the third floor fell in. The building was five stories in height. The building of The Courier-Journal Printing Company is threatened.

Cures Woman's Weaknesses.

We refer to that boon to weak, nervous, suffering women known as Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

Dr. John Fyfe one of the Editorial Staff of THE ELECTRIC MEDICAL REVIEW says of Unicorn root (*Helonias dioica*) which is one of the chief ingredients of the "Favorite Prescription":

"A remedy which invariably acts as a uterine invigorator and makes for normal activity of the entire reproductive system. He continues: 'In Helonias we have a medicinal which more fully answers the above purposes than any other drug which I am acquainted with. In the treatment of diseases peculiar to women it is seldom that a case is seen which does not present some indication for this remedial agent.' Dr. Fyfe further says: 'The following are among the leading indications for Helonias (Unicorn root): Pain or aching in the back, with leucorrhoea; atonic (weak) condition of the reproductive organs of women, mental depression and irritability, associated with chronic diseases of the reproductive organs of women; constant sensation of heat in the region of the kidneys; menorrhagia (flooding), due to a weakened condition of the reproductive system; amenorrhoea (suppressed or absent monthly periods), arising from or accompanying an abnormal condition of the digestive organs and arsenic (thin blood) habit; dragging sensations in the extreme lower part of the abdomen.'

If more or less of the above symptoms are present, the invalid woman can do better than take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, one of the leading ingredients of which is Unicorn root, or Helonias, and the medicinal properties of which it most faithfully represents.

Of Golden Seal root, another prominent ingredient of "Favorite Prescription," Prof. Finley Gilgwood, M. D., of Bennett Medical College, Chicago, says: "It is an important remedy in disorders of the womb, in all catarrhal conditions and arsenic (thin blood) habit; dragging sensations in the extreme lower part of the abdomen."

Prof. John M. Scudder, M. D., late of Cincinnati, says of Golden Seal root: "In relation to its general effects on the system, there is no medicine for which there is such general unanimity of opinion. It is universally regarded as the tonic useful in all debilitated states."

Prof. J. B. Morrow, M. D., of Jefferson Medical College, says of Golden Seal: "Valuable in uterine hemorrhage, menorrhagia (flooding) and congestive dysmenorrhoea (painful menstruation)."

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The Candidate.

Who says he loves the workingman? The candidate. And works him every time he can? The candidate. Who is it greets you with a smile, And treats you in the finest style, And looms up his little "pile"? The candidate. Who stops to grasp you by the hand? The candidate. Who is so hard to understand? The candidate. Who hands the "bunc" out good and strong. Who never would do you a wrong, According to his little song? The candidate. Who calls you honest "sons of toil"? The candidate. Who has a tongue as smooth as oil? The candidate. Who makes those promises to you About what he is going to do, And when elected says "skidoo"? The candidate. —Exchange.

Locals from Cheochee.

Cheochee, August 29.—Special: On the second Sunday in September at 10 o'clock there will be four converts baptized at Cheochee Baptist church. Preaching at 11 o'clock. The meeting will begin on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock before the second Sunday in September.

Misses Nora and Mattie Moody and Sam Lay have returned from a two weeks' trip in Pickens.

Miss Mamie Harrison, of Walhalla, is teaching the Cheochee school this term. She is a most excellent young lady and has made many friends here. S. A. Haynes and wife, of Fairview, were in Cheochee visiting relatives last week.

Fodder pulling will soon be the order of the day in this community. After so many big meetings I guess all of those preachers are just as fat and saucy as they can be. M. S. G.

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Ebenezer News Notes.

Ebenezer, August 26.—We are having some very hot weather now.

Farmer: are beginning to pull fodder and cotton is opening rapidly.

We are glad to know that Miss Grace Chandler, who has been quite sick for some time, is improving.

Miss Bedie Harden returned to her home in Walhalla Sunday afternoon, after spending last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sulkey.

Charlie Pace, of Seneca, visited relatives in this section last week.

Mrs. Tom Bellotte spent the latter part of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Brucke.

Mr. and Mrs. Eb. Cason and family, of Anderson, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. John Cason.

Ben Tolson left Sunday morning for Greenville, where he will spend a few days.

Mrs. D. J. Galloway and two daughters of Atlanta, spent last week with the former's sister, Mrs. C. A. Brucke.

Miss Nena Chandler returned to her home last week from Westminster. X.

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Tidings from Townville.

Townville, August 29.—Special: Miss Maggie Tribble, of Elberton, Ga., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. D. Babb. Misses Alice and Maude Walker, who have been spending a while with their sister, Mrs. H. D. Grant, have returned to their home in Birmingham, Ala.

Miss Blanche Nelson, of Piedmont, who has been spending a while with her cousin, Miss Varina Smith, has returned home.

Miss Ollie Mitchell, of Honea Path, spent Tuesday night with Mrs. W. N. Woolbright.

J. R. Bruce and G. C. Spears visited the latter's sister, Mrs. J. B. Felton, of Long Branch, recently.

James Bruce and little sister, of Oakway, spent Saturday night and Sunday with their grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Bruce. They were accompanied home by their sister, Bessie, who has been spending some time with her grandmother.

Mrs. Bonnie Henderson, who has been spending a while with her mother, Mrs. W. A. Dickson, has returned home.

Miss Marion Campbell spent Wednesday night with her cousin, Miss Neta Bruce, at Oakway.

W. M. Thrasher is very ill at this writing.

Jeff Boggs, of Central, spent Sunday with his brother, J. C. Boggs.

Tom Prater and niece, Miss Maud, of Slattown, visited Mrs. Oscar Prater last week.

Preston Grant, of Anderson, spent a few days with O. H. P. Woolbright last week. Pansy.

MUST PRESERVE FORESTS.

Secretary Wilson Says Something Must be Done Quickly.

Chicago, August 28.—"If better care, more general propagation, and a fostering of present conditions are not observed, the forests of the United States will be practically wiped out inside of another ten years," was the declaration made by Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson at the Auditorium Hotel yesterday.

The Secretary had just reached Chicago on his way to Washington from a tour of inspection of the government preserves in the West.

"The pine timber of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota," he said, "is practically wiped out. Forest fires are the great thing to be guarded against, and for that protection the government has employed thousands of men to watch for fires. A person can ride for miles through Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota and see barren sections where formerly grew our great pine forests. Fires, started either carelessly or otherwise, have wiped out millions and millions of dollars worth of the best of our hardwood. Unless something is done we will not have enough hardwood left in fifteen years at the latest to make an old-fashioned bedstead with."

"President Roosevelt has done much for the preservation of our forests—more, I might say, than all of our other Presidents combined."

The Secretary expressed the belief that the next Congress should immediately take up the forestry matter.

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The Ever Fruitful Cowpea.

(Prof. A. M. Soule, in Southern Farm Magazine for September.)

Cowpeas provide one of the finest forms of hay for use in the South. Experiments have demonstrated that within reasonable limits cowpeas can be substituted for expensive concentrates like wheat bran and cottonseed meal. For instance, as much as ten pounds of finely chopped cowpea hay may be made to replace six pounds of wheat bran. As cowpeas can be grown on practically every farm, and gather their nitrogen from the air, and even when cut for hay leave thirty to forty pounds of nitrogen on each acre of land in the roots, stubble and fallen leaves, it is a crop of vast economic importance. The cowpea is also a splendid smother crop and holds weeds in check very effectively. It has a very fine effect on the physical condition of the soil, bringing it into an ideal state for succeeding crops. There are some drawbacks to using cowpeas for hay, as the crop is difficult to cure; but where wooden triangles or even rough construction not over two feet high are used underneath the stacks and hay caps provided, excellent hay can be made even in a very unfavorable season, as the crop can be put up under these conditions in a semi-dry state and will cure out perfectly.

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Summons for Relief.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF OCONEE, Court of Common Pleas.

Wm. Oscar Johns, Plaintiff, against Alice Miller nee Johns, A. P. Johns, Rosa Wooten nee Johns, Heirs-at-Law of Mary Anna Verner nee Johns, deceased, to wit: Singleton F. Verner, Maud V. Stribling nee Verner, and Brevard M. Verner; Heirs-at-Law of Ida J. Ballenger nee Johns, deceased, to wit: Maud Ballenger, Walter Ballenger, Paul Ballenger and Ida Ballenger, Defendants.

YOU are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which was filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for the said County, on the 17th day of August, 1907, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber at his office, on the Public Square, at Walhalla Court House, South Carolina, within twenty days after the date of this summons, or if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated Walhalla, S. C., August 17, A. D. 1907.

ROBT. A. THOMPSON, Plaintiff's Attorney.

[Seal] C. R. D. BURNS, C. C. P.

To the Defendants above named: You will take notice that the Summons and Complaint in this action is on file in the office of the Clerk of the Court for Oconee county. The object of the action is the partition of the real estate of Samuel H. Johns, deceased.

ROBT. A. THOMPSON, Plaintiff's Attorney.

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Columbia's New Postmaster.

Oyster Bay, Mass., August 28.—The President to-day appointed Geo. H. Huggins postmaster for Columbia, S. C.

Mr. Huggins was recommended for the post by Capt. John C. Capers, who is Republican referee and State Committeeman for South Carolina, and the recommendation was gladly O. K.'d by First Assistant Postmaster General Hitchcock. With these endorsements, the application immediately received favorable action at the hands of the President. No fight will be made upon the confirmation of the appointment, and within a short time the post office will be running smoothly under the Higgs administration.

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SUMMONS FOR RELIEF.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF OCONEE, Court of Common Pleas.

Robert T. Jaynes, Plaintiff, against Robert A. Ervin, Defendant.

Summons for Relief.—(Complaint not Served.)

To the Defendant Above Named: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which was filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for the said County, on the 19th day of August, 1907, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber at his office, on the Public Square, at Walhalla Court House, South Carolina, within twenty days after the date of this summons, or if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated August 19th, A. D. 1907.

[Seal] C. R. D. BURNS, C. C. P.

B. A. BENTLEY, Plaintiff's Attorney.

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SUMMONS FOR RELIEF.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF OCONEE, Court of Common Pleas.

Robert A. Ervin, Defendant.

Summons for Relief.—(Complaint not Served.)

To the Defendant Above Named: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which was filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for the said County, on the 21st day of August, 1907, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber at his office, on the Public Square, at Walhalla Court House, South Carolina, within twenty days after the date of this summons, or if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated August 21, A. D. 1907.

[Seal] C. R. D. BURNS, C. C. P.

R. T. JAYNES, Plaintiff's Attorney.

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