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OUR SCHOOLS.
Published Monthly.

Morro: "Is it not time we were doing something to keep the rural districts from being depopulated by people seeking better schools than they have? When rural communities have been drained of their best blood and brain, and the remaining citizenship reduced to a kind of pauperism, South Carolina's prosperity is at an end."—W. H. Hand. Communications for this column should be addressed to Mrs. Marye R. Shelor, Westminster, South Carolina.

The Death of Prof. Brodie.

The death of Prof. Brodie, of Clemson College, causes a great gap in the educational circles of the State, for he was a learned man, who taught to better humanity and raise the standard of teaching. "To know him was to love him."

Some twenty years ago Prof. Brodie was elected to teach White Rock school. He accepted, came to go to work, but on arriving was told that as he was a college bred teacher they did not need him. One trustee pleaded for the bright young man, but in vain. The manly bearing of Prof. Brodie won the heart of the trustee, and notice his life afterward, which proved what he said that bay at White Rock. Prof. Brodie always had a high regard for the trustee and showed his daughter many kindnesses, and his word of encouragement and advice in her work will be kept in memory and be "passed on."

We are glad that Lieut. Julius Knox wrote home of his army life. The readers of this paper remember his letters. Such letters are helpful and the thoughts that prompted this letter (love for Oconee) is to be valued greatly. Teachers get "Cadet Days at West Point" for the boys in your school to read.

Do encourage the children to use the library freely. There is plenty time that children can read.

When are the flags donated to the schools by the Youth's Companion? Mr. Upham requested the trustees to make a flag pole; the teacher to appoint a child to be color bearer for each day, to raise and lower the colors. There are great lessons to be learned by this. What if Jasper had not loved his flag and the same spirit had not been in the Americans; would they wave now? No; so let us teach that sentiment. When a school does not love the flag, close the door and write "Ichabod."

We pass so many schools in vacation with doors wide open, windows up, with a silent invitation to tramps to come in. While school visitor we asked a child why his school house was not locked. He replied: "Taint nothin' in thar to lock!"

The meeting of the Woman's Rural School Association during Christmas, in Columbia, will be splendid, and our teachers should count it in their Christmas pleasures.

Why not try to have a teachers' association in Oconee? We have some splendid teachers.

We are delighted to know that Superintendent Craig is to visit the schools in December. The superintendent is the maker or destroyer of the school's progress. "Like priest; like people." We are sure when Superintendent Craig visits the schools they will move on.

Oconee has made rapid progress in the last few years, but there is room for a vast amount yet, for we were told recently there is a trustee in one of our once prosperous districts who can not read.

"God to human soul,
And all spheres that roll,
Wrapped by her soul, in their robes of light,
Hath said: 'The primeval plan
Of all the world and man
Is forward! Progress is your law,
Your rights.'"
—Marye R. Shelor.

How to Read Properly.

Nature confers the blessing of a voice of adequate strength upon mankind. She seldom adds the desirable flexibility or modulation desired in a good reader. The reader must acquire this flexibility and moderation of tones largely by willing it into his possession.

A bad voice is a bad habit to be got rid of, just as any other bad habit is to be disposed of, by turning the will against it, and set the will to acquire a good voice.

Listen to your own reading in private and become familiar with the sound of your own voice. Unless you read with a full comprehension of your subject, you will not hold the attention of your listeners; then, too, you must forget self and read as if reading to self, bringing out the full meaning of the author in tones most expressive as it appeals to you.

Articulation should be clear. It is impossible to over-estimate the importance of a good trustworthy, uniform articulation to the appreciated reader.

Indistinctness is a vice to be cured by remembering yourself and thinking of your object, by an exercise of the will; by turning an ear upon your own voice and knowing what you are about. Even whispers when clear and distinct will penetrate a large room. One of the most accomplished articulators of our age was a woman—Charlotte Cushman. She said when asked about her elocution, "God gave me a demonstrative soul and power to use it. Whatever I feel, I speak just as I feel it, with the passion, the utterance which nature dictates."

Another function of the will is to compel the lips to form the words and the throat to make the tones. To become a good reader one must possess self-reliance. The reader must first conquer himself if he would conquer his hearers.

Be natural in manner. Read as if only to one intimate friend who wishes to enjoy the selection as much as yourself, never dreading criticism. Try to interpret as nearly as possible the author's thoughts by giving expression to his words.
Katie E. Harris.

Bee's Laxative Cough Syrup for coughs, colds, croup and whooping-cough, grows in favor daily with young and old. Mothers should keep it on hand for children. It is prompt relief to croup. It is gently laxative, driving the poison and phlegm from the system. It is a simple remedy that gives immediate relief. Guaranteed. Sold by J. W. Bell, Walhalla; W. J. Lunney, Seneca.

Rev. G. T. Harmon, Sr.

(Laurens Herald.)
Rev. Geo. T. Harmon, Sr., on his way to the annual conference of the Methodist Church, held at Gaffney this week, spent Monday night and part of Tuesday with friends in the city, all of whom were glad to see him, and where he is so pleasantly remembered as the earnest, able pastor of the Methodist church here during the conference years of 1885-'86. Although he is now on the superannuated list, and not in the regular work, he still labors in the Master's cause with all his former devotion and consecrated efficiency. His present residence is Williamston. (Mr. Harmon is the father of Rev. G. T. Harmon, Jr., who has been in charge of the Westminster Circuit during the past two years, and he is known and loved by many in Oconee county.)

Danger in Asking Advice.

When you have a cough or cold do not ask some one what is good for it, as there is danger in taking some unknown preparation. Foley's Honey and Tar cures coughs, colds and prevents pneumonia. The genuine is in a yellow package. Refuse substitutes.
All Druggists.

Methodist Statistics.

At the recent session of the South Carolina Methodist Conference, held in Gaffney, the following statistics were given out:
Local preachers (not including members of the conference) 77; members, 85,084. Total 85,161.
Infants baptized, 1,886; adults baptized, 2,072.
Epworth Leagues, 51; members, 1,701.
Sunday schools, 681; teachers, 4,813; scholars, 44,612.
Raised for worn out preachers, their widows and orphans, \$10,488.49.
Contributed for missions: Foreign, \$21,813.01; domestic, \$16,454.49.
For church extension, \$5,887.10.
American Bible Society, \$630.48.
Paid to Presiding Elders, \$22,582.10.
Paid to pastors in charge, \$174,961.97.
For bishops, \$3,069.56.
Number of church societies (organizations) 775; houses of worship, 764.
Value of houses of worship, \$1,412,300. Indebtedness on same, \$41,049.
Number of pastoral charges, 235; number of parsonages, 190.
Value of parsonages, \$367,525. Indebtedness, \$14,219.50.
Number of districts, 12; district parsonages, 9. Value of parsonages, \$50,000. Indebtedness, \$1,339.
Number of churches damaged by fire or storm, 5. Amount of damage, \$2,113.
Insurance carried, \$509,983.50. Losses, \$1,615.
Number of schools and colleges, 6. Value, \$573,000. Endowment funds, \$115,560.

Preacher Files Suit for \$50,000.

Malvern, Ark., Dec. 1.—Methodist Episcopal church circles, south, have been stirred from center to circumference by the reinstatement of Rev. J. S. Hawkins, and by a sensational slander by Rev. James Thomas against G. W. Hester, a Texas banker, living at Devine, who is accused of having formally charged Rev. Thomas with leading a Jekyll and Hyde life in his domestic life, and with being a horse thief.

Rev. James Thomas is a central figure in a church war which has disturbed the Methodist church, south, for four years. The suit was brought to secure service on Hester, who accompanied by his wife, came here to testify before the Little Rock conference in regard to his often repeated charges that Rev. James Thomas was none other than Otto Brock, alleged to have deserted his wife and children in Texas years ago, after having been accused of stealing a horse.

This suit is just the beginning, says Mr. Thomas' lawyers. This is understood to mean that a number of other suits will be brought.

This is the season of decay and weakened vitality; good health is hard to retain. If you'd retain yours, fortify your system with Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, the surest way, 35c.—Tea or Tablets. J. W. Bell.

RICHLAND NEWS.

Death of A. Calloway Stone—Local and Personal Paragraphs.

Richland, Dec. 2.—Special: Miss Verna Stribling, of Seneca, spent several days last week with Miss Lynn Verner.

Miss Ella Sitton, of Pendleton, visited Miss Amy Hughes recently.

Miss Pauline Davis is recovering rapidly from a recent illness.

Misses Pauline and Christine Anderson, of Seneca, spent several days last week with Mrs. S. N. Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jarriss and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Burriss spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. M. J. McDonald.

Miss Mae Haley, of Oakway, visited Miss Henrietta Verner recently.

Misses Ada and Janie Wyly spent several days with Miss Mary Shelor, at Tugaloo last week.

Rev. Geo. T. Harmon preached his farewell sermon at Rock Springs the fourth Sunday. We regret very much to lose Bro. Harmon.

A. Calloway Stone died at his home in Newry last Tuesday, after a few weeks' illness. He was in his 47th year. He leaves a wife, one daughter and seven sons, two brothers and three sisters to mourn his death. After appropriate funeral services, conducted by Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick, of Seneca, his remains were laid to rest in Rock Springs cemetery. We extend our sincerest sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Miss Pearl Verner left last Monday for Tamassee, where she will have charge of the school. We wish her much success.

Mrs. Dr. Stokes and little son, of Belton, spent last week with Mrs. S. N. Hughes.

Charlie Verner carried a number of his friends on a "straw ride" to Seneca on the carnival Friday night. The party consisted of Misses Janie Wyly, Henrietta and Lynn Verner, Cornelia Foster, Amy, Freda, Pauline and Theodocia Hughes, Marla, Sue and Emily Dendy and Verna Stribling; and Grover and Dean Davis, Marcus McDoald, James and Henry Hughes, Edgar Shanklin, Byrd Wyly, Charlie and Ed. Foster. All report a pleasant time.

Miss Callie Blackwell returned to her home in Rock Hill last week, after a visit of several weeks to her aunt, Mrs. J. P. Blackwell.

Oliver Wyly, of Carnesville, Ga., visited his brother, T. B. Wyly, last week. He will soon leave for Texas, where he will make his future home.

Mrs. N. S. Sligh visited in Seneca last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Blackwell are on a visit to the former's mother at Ruffin, N. C.

Mrs. Mildred Williamson, of Belton, visited her sister, Mrs. S. N. Hughes, last week.

Mrs. Trimmer and two sons, and Mrs. Lloyd Trimmer and children, of Seneca, visited at the home of W. T. Hubbard last week.

Misses Ada and Cora Wyly spent Friday and Saturday with relatives in Fair Play.

Miss Marie Dendy spent the latter part of last week in Seneca. E. S.

When the stomach, heart or kidney nerves get weak, then these organs always fail. Don't drug the stomach, nor stimulate the heart or kidneys. That is simply a makeshift. Get a prescription known to druggists everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Restorative. The Restorative is prepared expressly for these weak inside nerves, build them up with Dr. Shoop's Restorative—tablets or liquid—and see how quickly help will come. Free sample test sent on request by Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis. Your health is surely worth this simple test. J. W. Bell.

Townville News.

(Received too late for last issue.)
Townville, Dec. 3.—Special: Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Dickson, of Westminster, spent Thanksgiving with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Woolbright.

Miss Alice Smith, of Fair Play, visited friends at this place Sunday.

J. C. and Wyman Boggs spent Saturday in Anderson.

Miss Jessie Stribling spent the latter part of last week in Westminster with home folks.

Miss Louise Farmer, who is attending the high school in Anderson, came home Wednesday evening and stayed until Sunday.

Dr. W. K. Sharp, of Rivoli, was in town Saturday.

Rev. R. J. Williams, of Greenville, has been elected pastor of the Baptist church at this place.

Mrs. N. W. Grant, who has been very ill, is improving and we wish for her a speedy recovery.

Rev. C. S. Blackburn, of Seneca, and Rev. J. A. Campbell exchanged pulpits Sunday.

The Knights of Pythias gave an oyster supper at the school house Thanksgiving evening.

Elijah Tribble and family have moved to Anderson. F. M. C.

Union Meeting at Madison.

Below is the program of the union meeting to be held with the church at Madison December 28th and 29th, 1907. The two divisions will meet together and all the churches are urged to send delegates. Speakers appointed please come and help make the union what it ought to be.

Saturday, 10 a. m.—Devotional exercises, to be conducted by T. M. Elrod. Introductory sermon by Rev. A. P. Marett; alternate, Rev. J. H. Stone.

Adjourn for dinner.

First Topic: What is the highest exercise of Christian freedom?
Second: Are we, as Christians, doing our duty as laid down in God's Word? If not, why not?
Third: What general courtesies are due to pastors in their office as pastors?

Sunday at 11 o'clock: Sermon by Rev. C. S. Blackburn.

Sunday school mass meeting at 10 o'clock.
Each subject open to general discussion. Study the queries and come prepared.
T. D. Poore, for Committee.

RINGS DYSPEPSIA TABLETS
Relieve Indigestion and Stomach Troubles.

Farm Implements
Chattanooga Reversible Disc Plows.
Remember that I have a car load of these PLOWS, two and three-horse sizes. They have been tried by many farmers in all sections of our country and have proven perfectly satisfactory. They have passed the experimental stage, and stand master of all PLOWS to-day. See them at SENECA and WESTMINSTER.

IMPROVED PLOWS!
I have about 100 Two-Horse IMPERIAL CHILLED PLOWS, about 15 HILLSIDE PLOWS, 5 MALLORY PLOWS, 30 Disc Harrows, 7 Farmers' Favorite Grain Drills and a lot of other Implements---the same kind I have been selling for four years---that I will close out
At Cost and Below Cost.
Nothing wrong with these goods. I am simply going out of that line of business.

Horses, Mules, Wagons, Harness,
Buggy, Wagon and Harness Stock always full.
Will have Stables full of all classes HORSES AND MULES from now until April 1st.
I build and repair Harness. Shop at Seneca.
If you will come to see us, we can trade with you.

T. M. Lowery
Seneca Westminister