

OUR SCHOOLS.

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MORRIS: "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 been 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. Hand.

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Why She Did Not.

A little girl asked her teacher why she did not open her school with a prayer and song? The teacher replied, "I can't sing and I don't know how to pray." A teacher in this country who does not know how to pray? Must it be so? It is fearful. Don't know how to pray? We find many such teachers. They do not care for the future of the child or its present welfare. They just teach for the money.

We must continue to raise the standard of teachers. I am an ardent admirer of Winthrop and Clemson and want to see these schools prosper, for they will build up our rural schools—Winthrop girls to teach and Clemson boys to build up the country in agriculture. We regret that one of our representatives does not believe in the beautiful work done in the kindergarten. We have this much to say: That he does not know the work of the kindergarten. The Bible plainly says, "Train up a child in the way it should go, and when he is old he will not depart therefrom," and if the children are taught well in infancy they will give cause well later. We all must have objects to teach us. If a child is taught to spell the word "rat" and if a picture of a rat is before him, he will know what it is and how to spell it. We say give us kindergartens.

We hope the teachers will look after the school rooms more. See that they are swept, dusted and all germs killed. At recess open wide the windows and let the fresh air in. Make each child run out in the sunshine. "Sunshine" is good for them. While a school visitor we saw a child drink and then throw back into the bucket the remainder of water left in the dipper. How nasty and dangerous! We have pledged to fight the white plague and want the teachers to help us. Do you know that bed-bugs carry diseases? There is no excuse for them, and no up-to-date housekeeper has them. When you rise open your windows, air each piece of linen; then if you have killed the bugs and destroyed the eggs, and keep up this practice both winter and summer, you will never be eaten up, and no germs will be yours.

The school is the place to teach things that fit one for life, and a teacher cannot teach what he does not know. So we must get only those who have "studied" to learn how to teach.

We are glad that the Sunday School Convention was a success. There is no difference between a modern model Sunday school and a model public school.

Miss Stribling will write for this column later. She writes that her school room is brightened up with flowers.

We still hope for the co-operation of the teachers in making this column a success. Write for us. Our county is often criticized for not having a teachers' association and a woman's club for school improvement. Why not? Are our teachers so selfish or are they careless as to progressiveness? No teacher can stand still—progress and study are the life of the teacher.

How many teachers observed Lee's birthday? This is the best way to teach love of country. A child never forgets these days. When I was small I went to school to Miss Beard, of Vermont, who was a pupil of Philip Brooks. Often she would tell us of the great man. Then I did not love or care for him; yet I never forgot his name, and learned in after years to love him just because Miss Beard had told me of him.

Sousa, the great march king, has written a beautiful, helpful story of his life, and tells the boys never to get blue or give up, for success will come to those who try.

We are delighted to know that some of the young ladies are trying for the Mell prize. The prize is very valuable.

The friends of the editor of this column will be glad to know that she is making a success of the Sunshine work in South Carolina. She is now State leader, and will be glad to have the names of all the "shut-ins" in Oconee.

"Pass On" Reading Depot.

Miss Mary R. Shelor, State leader, of the International Sunshine Society, Westminster, S. C., wishes the name of any teacher or woman who will be willing to keep a "Pass On" Reading Depot, and asks any such to write her. The duties are to collect and pass on good, wholesome reading to those who do not have it. The reader is requested to read this literature and pass on to some one else who has not got it. We know of one Ladies' Home Journal that started in Columbia and was passed on and read by ten families. Oh, the good we can do if we but think and try. This reading is free to all, rich and poor. Please try it. Read and pass on. M. R. S.

Special Announcement Regarding the National Pure Food and Drug Law.

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FIGTING OVER DYNAMITE.

Armenian Church Hurled High in Air by Explosion.

Vienna, Feb. 13.—Many persons were killed and the greater part of the Armenian quarter at Van, Asia Minor, was wrecked by the explosion of a magazine, the seizure of which by the Turkish soldiers an Armenian band was resisting, when the blast occurred.

The Armenians, who were evidently preparing for an uprising against the Turks, had concealed a large quantity of dynamite, cartridges and rifles in a church. The Turkish soldiers had found the hiding place and were carrying the arms and ammunition away when the Armenians, determined to prevent its loss, attacked them, and a furious fight followed.

The explosion occurred during the fight, the church was hurled high into the air, and the combatants were hurled in every direction. Many buildings were demolished, and a large number of people are buried in the ruins and killed by flying bits of wreckage.

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LOCALS FROM FALL CREEK.

Personal Items—"And all Things Like That, You Know."

Fall Creek, Feb. 12.—Special: A very pretty home wedding took place in our section on January 28th, when Mrs. Mollie Mills and Gaston Lanning were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. They have the best wishes of a host of friends in this section for a long life of happiness and prosperity.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith and two children were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Billingsley last week.

James Fendley is teaching a flourishing school at Fort George, in the Stamp Creek section.

Charles Alexander is erecting a nice cottage on Burt Alexander's place. We wonder what that means—"and all things like that, you know."

Mr. and Mrs. John Fendley are residing at present with Westley Fendley. It was reported that John Fendley and wife were going to Oklahoma, but we will be glad to have them remain in South Carolina.

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Nevertheless, if they go, we wish them much joy and prosperity—"and all things like that, you know."

Miss Addie Grogan is teaching a flourishing school at Fall Branch. We wish her much success, as this is her first school at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Cull Porter visited in this section recently.

B. Smith made a flying trip through this section last Sunday. Wonder what that means—"and all things like that, you know."

We listen for wedding bells to ring loudly in this section at an early date—"and all things like that, you know." S. G.

This May Interest You.

No one is immune from kidney trouble, so just remember that Foley's Kidney Cure will stop the irregularities and cure any case of kidney and bladder trouble that is not beyond the reach of medicine. Sold by all druggists.

Locomotives Lost at Sea.

Paterson, N. J., Feb. 13.—Word has been received here by the Cooke Locomotive Company that sixteen locomotives built by them for the South Manchurian Railroad were lost at sea in a vessel which foundered off the coast of China last week. The engines lost were part of an order for thirty-five that the Cooke Company had for the road. They were of the standard American size and were for passenger traffic.

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