

The Home as a Producer of Happiness.

The influence of the home upon happiness can hardly be overestimated. The family is the great American institution, and yet for some reason, no scholar has given us a history of the influence of the home upon individual happiness and cultured civilization in general. If Bishop Bryce has written the history of our laws that make a man's house his castle, it remains for their students to trace the rise and growth of rich affection that turns a house into a real home. Every member of the family should pride himself with the fact that it is his duty to lend a helping hand in making the home a place of happiness.

They who love their own and are beloved can say, "Let events do their best, I have a happy home." Immeasurable, the influence of the home upon a man's commerce and industry.

The history of invention and tools is very largely the story how when some new want or hunger has arisen in the home, man has gone forth to provide some means for satisfying the desire of his loved one. For the sake of his home, man will shiver in the Arctics, searching for gold and furs; for his home man will penetrate all forests, climb all mountains, brave all seas.

In seeking out the most popular poems of Burns, we pass by all those in which the poet exposes the hypocrisy of the "Unco guid," or asks sweet songs to teach revellers the joy of the drinking cup, or laughs at woman's frailty, or punishes man's sins. The greatest times of Burns' genius were in those hours when he sang of home and love and friendship. And now, the love of home lends sweetness to the songs of this poet, not otherwise has it been with other great authors and poets. Asked to name the great works of any writer it

is always safe to give the name of the one in which the author described the scenes of his childhood. Indeed history has no great poem, no drama, no novel, whose theme is not home and love and God, who ever kindles the divine flame. Take home out of music and literature and it would be like taking warmth out of fire, sweetness out of the rose, ripeness out of the peach, the soul from the body, God from the sky.

Thus, to the millions of young men and maidens in the land comes the dream of home, to be a glowing centre of peace, beauty and security. It is this vision of home that redeems the multitudes from obscurity, drudgery, squalor and poverty. But later on, when life's battles are fierce, and events go hard with men, it is the home that enables them again to bear up against the troubles that sweep over life like sheeted storms. For it is the home that underlies morals and is the spring of light and beauty for the soul. Through the education of its children, indeed the home sustains divine relations toward the future of society and civilization. Home also sustains vital relations to man's thought of God. Having seen an earthly father love his wandering child, the more he needed pity and help, man opened his theology to draw a black mark across those pages that made the heavenly Father pass by as non-elect any of his erring children. An earthly home full of love for six days in the week makes it impossible for man on the seventh to think of God neglecting or passing by one-half his children through all eternity. Theology has done something for the home, but the home has done vastly more for theology.

Now, friends what we need is a revival of hospitality and a return to the fireside affection. Parents need to make their home so beautiful that their sons and daughters

will pass by any club to bring their friends to their dearly loved home. Fathers should make companions of their sons, and see to it that no boy without can draw that son away from his father, who is more interesting than any or all companions. When this is done, the youth will be seen with streaming eyes and leaping heart and shining face, he saw the "vision splendid" and will exclaim, "There is no place like home," and sings of hope and heaven.

For all the memories of the home that was and all the dreams of the immortal home that is to be, are but foretokens of that fair life we soon shall lead. The vague longings for ideal truth, the yearnings for love and sympathy and satisfaction, oft denied us here, are God's ways of aluring men into the home that awaits us all.

Respectfully,
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Wake Forest, N. C.

Citation Notice.
County of Marlboro.
By Milton McLaurin, Esquire,
Judge of Probate.

Whereas, W. C. Stubbs and L. P. Stubbs has made suit to me to grant unto them letters of Administration of the estate of and effects of Jas. L. Stubbs, deceased. These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Jas. L. Stubbs, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the court of Probate to be held at Bennettsville, S. C., on the 6th of Feb. 1908 after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand, the 21st day of January A. D., 1908.
Milton McLaurin,
4-8 Judge of Probate.

FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR
Burns' Golden Prevents Pneumonia

Tax Returns.

Office of Auditor of Marlboro Co. Bennettsville, S. C., Nov. 30, 1907. Notice is hereby given that this office will be open from Jan. 1, to Feb. 20, inclusive, 1908, for the purpose of receiving the returns of the tax payers of Marlboro county.

All persons having property in their possession as owner or holder, or husband, parent, guardian, trustee, administrator, accounting officer, agent, attorney or factor on the first day of January, 1908, are required to list the same for taxation within the time required by law, or receive the penalty of fifty per cent. which attaches in case of failure to do so. This return is intended to cover any and all kinds of personal property as well as all changes, improvements, etc., in real estate.

There is a poll tax of one dollar laid upon all male persons between the ages of 21 and 60 years except those who are maimed and unable to earn a support. All Confederate soldiers are exempt from poll tax. There is also a capitation tax of fifty cents levied on all dogs.

The auditor or an assistant will attend at the following places in the county on the dates below for the convenience of the public:

- Red Hill, Blenheim, Tuesday, Jan 7.
 - Brownsville, Bristow's store, Wednesday Jan 8.
 - Hebron, J M and L A Hamer's store, Thursday Jan 9.
 - Red Bluff, Ohio, Friday Jan 10.
 - Red Bluff, Octoraro Mills store, Saturday Jan 11.
 - Red Bluff, McColl, Monday Jan 13.
 - Red Bluff, Tatam, Tuesday Jan 14.
 - Adamsville, Adam's store, Wednesday Jan 15.
 - Brightsville, Goodwin's Mill, Thursday Jan 16.
 - Smithville, Kollock, Lashley's store, Friday Jan 17.
- My office in Bennettsville will be open during the time prescribed by law, Jan 1st to Feb. 20th, 1908, where parties in Bennettsville and those who neglect to return at above places can be accommodated.
J. P. Campbell,

Aftermath of Fire

Bennettsville has suffered a heavy loss, but her people are not complaining or despairing. They are up and doing, with faces to the future, not brooding over the past. Sol Brown, who was one of the heaviest losers by the fire, expressed a sentiment that all feel when he remarked:

"There is no use to cry over spilt milk. Call up the cows and milk again."
Before the fire stopped burning, Mr Matheson had a force at work getting out the brick and cleaning them off. He says he does not intend to build another hotel where the Skye stood, as it was not a paying investment and was a constant source of worry. He will build something else or sell the land for others to build on. If the new Planters bank building had not been begun, he would build it on the corner of the burnt block.

The fire will not interfere with Mr Matheson's trip to Europe. He expects to leave on St Valentines day, with Mrs Matheson, Miss Mayde and their cousin, Miss Thodosia Jones, the local editor of the Marion Star. They will be gone three or four months. In the mean time nothing will be done on the hotel lot, unless it is sold.

C E Exum, E D Moore, S J Pearson, Dr Crosland and Mrs Crosland all intend to rebuild during the year.

C T Moore and E M Rowe will probably build new residences. Judge Hudson and the Bristows will probably not rebuild. It is understood that the Bristow property is for sale. Misses Florence and Fannie Bristow are at the home of their brother, A J Bristow.

Judge Judson is at the home of his daughter, Mrs J Jordan. W R Crosland and family are at the home of his sister, Mrs J N Weatherly.

home of his brother, W S Rowe. C T Moore has moved into the G W Waddill house, on Everett street.

The insurance adjusters were here Monday and yesterday, and the claims have about all been satisfactorily adjusted.

Two extra policemen—W M Atkinson and James McArthur—have been on duty since the fire to preserve order, protect property, and prevent accidents. Most of the brick walls that were left standing have been pushed down. Mayor Breeden has been doing his best to protect the interests of the property holders and the citizens, and has been personally supervising the work of removing the dangerous walls and clearing away the debris.

J F Jones says that he does not know what his plans will be for the future. Mrs Jones has gone to Gibson, where she has a sister, Mrs Peck, at the hotel there.

Since the above was written, The Marlboro Drug company has bought from Mr. Matheson the corner lot, and will build a handsome drug store on it. R J Easterling has bought from C T Moore his residence lot, and will build a home on it.

Negro Woman Burned.

Monday morning Dr. Crosland was called to the home of David Williams, colored, two miles south of town. He found Williams wife with one side of her face badly bruised and her ear nearly torn off. The other side of her face and one hand were burned, and her hair was singed. She had lost a great deal of blood.

Williams says that he went off and left his wife cooking breakfast and when he returned he found her in the condition above described. The woman was not, at the time Dr. Crosland saw her, in any danger of life.

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