

The Watchman and Southron.

OLLA PODRIDA.

A Model School Teacher.

ESSENTIAL No. 2.

AN APPROPRIATE RULE WELL—There can be no successful teaching without good discipline. When discipline ceases instruction ceases too. Discipline does for a school what the sinews do for the body. A teacher might as well attempt to check an earthquake as to teach a school without discipline. Discipline enforced will secure prosperity. If neglected, disaster and ruin to any school.

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The Model Teacher never forgets that when the wall of discipline falls instruction is buried under the debris.

J. F. BURR.

What Our Editors Say.

Time to Call a Halt.

It is seldom that we give advice to anybody but the farmers, and we are particularly careful not to intrude our views upon the editorial fraternity as to the conduct of their journals. Perhaps it is because we have been favored with so much advice ourselves that did not good. Then advice is a cheap commodity and most people are furnished with a full stock of it ready for any occasion or subject. We think, however, the time has come when we may venture a few suggestions to our esteemed contemporaries the News and Courier and the Register, as to the quarrels of the colored churches. Of late, there has been too much in their papers about these unbecomingly wrangles. Too much dignity and importance have been attached to them and too much space devoted to them to the exclusion of more important matters. A man must have a singular taste to read the recital of these troubles, day after day, without becoming nauseated. They are not edifying. Their tendency is far from advancing the morals of the people and do not promote mental improvement. Indeed we can see no good to be derived from such publications.

The Ferguson Trial.

The evidence and speeches, including the judge's charge in the case, occupied from Tuesday morning until Thursday evening about seven o'clock the jury after remaining in the jury room for nearly forty hours reported that they could not agree and a mistrial was ordered. It is reported that the vote stood eight for conviction, and four for acquittal, with the further report that three of those who voted for conviction were willing to vote for conviction, if the other dissenting juror would join them in a verdict to that effect.

We do not republish the evidence and the speeches. We have already published them twice. The people seem to have lost much interest in the case. We believe further they have made up their minds one way or the other, and we do not believe that any of the speeches or any of the evidence on this trial changed anybody's opinion. It is reported that the counsel for the defense will move for bail for their client. Of this we know nothing. The decision and frankness of the jurors in their respective opinions was a matter of note.

Editorial Note in S. C. Advocate.

There is some discussion in the secular press on the character of the popular plays now monopolizing the stage with their nude exhibitions. There is but one side to this discussion; whatever may be the difference of opinion as to the legitimate drama, all pare minds will agree that such spectacular orgies as now draw the multitudes are lascivious in fact, and in tendency, and are really as amenable to the laws against obscenity as the blackest sheet of printed matter suppressed by police.

Will it Pay?

The Cotton Plant publishes an article from a farmer who gives his experience in the use of commercial fertilizers. In 1880 he used Peruvian Guano to the value of \$6.50 per acre, on sandy land, which had been previously sown in rye. On part of the land he used no fertilizer at all. The extra cotton made on the land where the fertilizer was used was worth just \$3.25 per acre—half enough to pay for the guano, without allowing any pay for putting the fertilizer in the ground or for picking the cotton. In 1881 he used different brands of fertilizers with results that barely paid for the extra labor; but that was a dry year. But in 1882, perhaps the best year known for making cotton, he made experiments and gave a tabulated statement of results. On that year he used home made fertilizers on all his land, but on one field he used in addition, commercial brands. The

highest gain in production where he employed guanos was 861 pounds of seed cotton per acre, and the fertilizer used cost \$2.25; the lowest gain per acre was 85 pounds of seed cotton, where he employed Kaint to the value of \$1.85. The same brand of fertilizer gave different results in different fields, but he estimated his gain, by the use of commercial fertilizers, at from two to four dollars per acre. These experiments were made by a systematic farmer, in one of the best years known for the growth of cotton. Will it pay the average farmer, who is very often unsystematic in his work, and to buy guano at the risk of making, at best from two to four dollars per acre? You cannot count on this much gain now, for the price of cotton is lower than it was in 1882, and in a very dry year there is no gain at all in production by the use of bought manures. Farmers make more cotton to the land now than they did many years ago, but much is due to improved methods of cultivation. The sooner the farmer abandons the use of commercial fertilizers the better it will be for him and the country.

In Cupid's Meshes.

Clarendon Enterprise.

Mr. Editor: You will please condescend to note and publish a few more lines from your unworthy correspondent. I have just arrived at home from a trip in Sumter County, South Carolina, among my many relatives and dear friends who extended all the courtesy and hospitality imaginable to such an one. Therefore I feel greatly constrained to relate to the public what a delightful time I had; though in consequence of an incidental occurrence that happened to me during my sojourn which I would like to omit, as it was really dangerous on the part of myself and shocking to me, is why I would like to omit it, but as I conjecture there will be so many erroneous reports concerning the same, I deem it prudent to chronicle facts about it, as you know, Mr. Editor, I never exaggerate, or write anything save that of truth. Now it was in the little town of Shiloh at the residence of Mr. C. T. Player, Jr., where I was invited to attend a little sociable entertainment. I was there on the evening of the 25th inst., and enjoyed the occasion ever so much, and the material cause of such felicity was, that I met a very fascinating and beautiful, refined, intelligent and loquacious. Now, Mr. Editor, I presume you will only imagine that I am partial to widows, but you must consider that I am a truthful and sincere in my remarks, and only wish that I could command language sufficient to describe the attraction of the one I met that evening. I was pleased to have her entertain me that evening and she granted me the pleasure of driving her home that night about 10.30 o'clock. I had my horses geared up by a colored man by fire light. When I thought everything was ready out we went, and as soon as we could get into the buggy we moved off. The night seemed to me to be darker than the darkest. I couldn't see the horses, but thought as soon as we would get a little distance from the light of the fire, we could see so as to go all right, but unfortunately for us, there was a ditch at the opposite side of the public road about 4 1/2 feet deep, 3 1/2 feet wide, which was in front of us as we drove out from the house, and only a distance of about two hundred yards—we didn't have time to have a word said that of remarks about the extreme darkness. When I thought we had neared the road, the horses in a moderate trot, I saw the dirt that was thrown from the ditch in the road side. I thought that was the road and reined the left horse in the ditch, consequently he jerked the other one in, and before I had time to think the buggy was also in the ditch, the two wheels that were on the side of the ditch, myself and lady were thrown to the opposite side of the ditch, fortunately we were both unharmed, but somewhat frightened, the horses so completely wedged in the ditch that no exertions they could render would even move the buggy. I could not realize the position of horses and buggy until fire was brought forward, when, as well as we could perceive, they were unharmed. We cut and loosed the buggy from the horses as soon as possible, and with the aid of eight or ten diligent working men with hoes and spades, the horses were taken out in about half an hour's time unharmed, the buggy pole was not broken, the buggy was injured by having one front wheel badly crushed, but through the kindness of a friend who loaned me a wheel I was able to return home next afternoon; and now, Mr. Editor, the prompting cause for diving in the ditch I cannot assign altogether to the extreme darkness, but am satisfied it was providential that we were not hurt and no more damage to horses and vehicle, and feel grateful to omniscient hands for such mercy; and am going back to see her again soon, and my anticipations are sanguine and blissful, and I sincerely hope that when we meet again and start out driving our pleasures will not be marred by falling from buggy over a ditch. From this I will digress. Times in Salem are quiet, some sickness prevailing in this section, I do lamentably regret to state that my most highly esteemed lady friend, Mrs. Anna DuBoe, has a very ill child, been sick for several days with pneumonia, I am unable to say if it is convalescent or not, but truly hope it is improving. I hear that Mr. Robbie McFaddin, at the same house is also sick, but an unable to say anything concerning his afflictions. We are still having hard weather over here, cold enough to freeze widowers; I sympathize very much with them, and also "the bachelors." Mr. Editor, I hear you are going to get married, but when I was unable to ascertain, I will congratulate you when I come over court week. Please you Manning people remember that campaign time is nearing and extend your hospitality court week. I am a juror. The Watchman and Southron will please copy and oblige a friend and Good Templar.

SALEMITE.

McFaddin's, January 28, 1886.

There are depths of love in Christ beyond all that we have seen. Therefore dig deep, and take pains for him, and set as much by him as you can. He will be won by labor.—Rutherford.

When a believer is in darkness, and endeavors to reason against his unbelief he will find all his reasoning but lost labor. There is only one thing he can do to purpose, and that is simply to cast anchor on God's naked promises.—Madan.

Sentence of Saloon Keepers.

Hon. F. M. Hubbard, District Judge of the Eighth Judicial District of Iowa, in passing a sentence upon some liquor dealers for violation of the prohibitory laws of the State, said:

While there are greater crimes known to the law which are punishable with great severity there are none which involve more of those qualities known as despicable meanness and audacity than the selling of intoxicating liquors.

There is something in the taking of human life by violence so instantaneous that it shocks and terrifies the minds of all, and yet we look upon the man who takes human life quite as surely, but by a slow lingering process—if not without condemnation, at least with horror. You who stand before the Court for sentence are in every moral sense murderers, and you, are within the spirit, if not the letter, guilty of manslaughter; for the law says that whoever accelerates the death of a human being unlawfully is guilty of the crime. Your bloated victims upon the witness stand, and who undoubtedly committed perjury to screen you from the law, not only abundantly testify that you are accelerating death, but that you are inducing men to commit still greater crime than your own.

You still maintain the appearance of respectability, but how morally leprous and scrofulous you are inwardly. The ruin, poverty, and idleness which you are inflicting upon this community declare, as from the house tops, that you are living in idleness, and eating the bread of orphans watered with widows' tears; you are stealthily killing your victims and murdering the peace and industry of the community, and thereby converting happy, industrious homes into misery, poverty and rags.

Auxiliary wives and mothers wail and pray in tears nightly with desolate hearts for the coming home of your victims, whom you are luring with the wiles and smiles of the devil into midnight debauchery.

In fine, one can have no adequate conception of a "catastrophe" until he has seen Niagara, nor of the terrible fury and grandeur of a "storm" in mid-ocean until he has witnessed one; so no one can know the utter degradation and total depravity to which his species can be brought until he looks upon the desolate ruin caused by your hellish traffic.

You are persistent, defiant, law-breakers; and shamefully boast that, in defiance of the law and moral sense of the community, you will continue in your wicked and criminal practices.

It has therefore now become the imperative duty of this Court to let fall upon you so heavily the arm of the law, that you shall either be driven from your nefarious traffic, or ruined in your fortunes or wicked prosperity. You have become a stench in the nostrils of the community, and all good men are praying that you be speedily reformed or summarily destroyed. By the providence of God and the favor of this Court, these prayers shall be speedily answered by signal and exact justice for your crimes.

And finally, let me entreat you, if you are not lost to every sentiment of humanity, to desist from your criminal, vagabond traffic and betake yourselves to some honest calling for a livelihood; and you may yet become virtuous, useful citizens, and entitled to the respect of a Christian community; while if you persist in this way, your ruin is certain, and you will receive, as you deserve, the execration of mankind.

You may think that the sentence of the Court is harsh and unjustly severe, but the Court assures you that compared with your crimes and the desolation you have already brought upon the community, it is mild in the extreme.—Northwestern Presbyterian.

Nuggets of Truth.

To bridle the tongue is not to stop it, but regulate it. Do not withhold from your Lord the fruit of your lips.

Natural conscience testifies to the eternal connection between wrongdoing and penalty.

We never graduate in religion; because the nearer we are to God, the more we see there is to be learned.—M. H. Seelye.

Your heart is only a tiny room after all, and if you cram it full of the world, you relegate your Master to stable outside.—Maclaren.

The Church of the Lord is the strongest thing there is in this world, because the Lord himself is with her.—Zion's Herald.

Persons called to much active work must study how they make their devotions short, frequent, and fervent.—Goudburn.

To grow old is quite natural; being natural it is beautiful; and if we grumble at it we miss the lesson and lose all the beauty.—Friswell.

The fascination of the preacher's office is very great to weak minds, and hence I earnestly caution all young men not to mistake whim for inspiration, and a childish spirit for a call of the Holy Spirit.—Spurgeon.

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