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THE HOMESTEAD ON THE HILL.

Fair, fertile fields and grassy meads,
And orchard slopes between,
A verdant lawn and garden rare,
Bush-rind by forest green,
Morn's earliest sunbeam glides the
brow,
And Spring's first kisses thrill,
All nature loves thee well, I trow,
Fair homestead on the hill.

For many years I've wandered far,
Mid scenes and scenes new,
Yet memory shows like constant star
Still pointing back to you.
Each lovely spot some story holds,
And all my pulses thrill
With memories of past days and loves
Sweet homestead on the hill.

These rocks my dear grandparent
loved,
These flowers their beauty gave
To festive scenes of days of grief.
To bridal or to grave,
Each duty, sorrow, hope, or joy
That a woman's life may fill,
You've seen my mother meet them all.
Old homestead on the hill.

This tree my brother set with care,
As though to leave some sign,
Some symbol ever pointing where
The stars in splendor shine,
Still sprays of hope to hearts bereft
Still whispers, "Peace, be still!"—
Though heaven's home has left
The homestead on the hill.

We meet but seldom round thy board,
Nor oft thy welcome share;
And many rooms are vacant now,
New footstaps press thy stair,
But when life's checkered curtains fall
And evening shades grow dull
May heaven's peace rest over all—
Dear homestead on the hill.
—Mrs. C. Pomeroy Shields, Monroe Center, Mich.

Cold Comfort from Doctor.

Doctor say neuralgia is not dangerous. This is poor consolation to a sufferer who feels as if his face were pierced with hot needles and torn with a thousand pairs of pinchers. A word of advice to him: stay indoors and use Perry Davis' Painkiller. The blessed freedom from pain which follows this treatment cannot be told. There is but one Painkiller, Perry Davis'.

Baptist Historical Collection.

Some of the members of the Baptist denomination may not be aware of the existence in America a very large and valuable collection of Baptist literature, which is accessible to all who may desire to consult it.

It is the purpose of this sketch to inform our readers concerning the Samuel Colgate Baptist Historical Collection, which is permanently located in the fire-proof Library Building of Colgate University, Hamilton, Madison county, N. Y.

Some years ago the late Samuel Colgate, of Orange, New Jersey, found it impossible to obtain certain information concerning one of the Baptist Societies. This experience led him to see the necessity for collecting material bearing upon Baptist history, that in the future there might be some center from which facts relating to the denomination might always be obtained. The result of his labors for many years is found in this collection, which is the largest of Baptist historical material in this country, if not in the world. It contains at the present time 3,500 bound volumes, as well as about 75,000 unbound pamphlets and reports. It is rich in histories and memoirs of distinguished men of the denomination. In reports of conventions, associations, societies and records of missionary work, English and America, from the time of William Carey, it far surpasses all other collections. In fact it constitutes a library in itself. No expense has been spared in thoroughly cataloguing the material collected, by the use of the well-known Dewey system, so that the vast amount of information contained in its volumes may be available in the shortest possible time. The maintenance of this collection, to say nothing of its original ones, is considerable each year, but by a wise provision in the will of the late Samuel Colgate, an ample endowment has been provided for carrying on the work.

An extract from the Curator's report for the academic year 1902-1903, may be of interest as showing the growth and population of this collection. "The number of volumes added this year has been 316. Of this number 18 were donated. Beside these volumes 275 reports and 673 magazines and papers were received."

"We have at present in the Historical Collection 2,500 volumes and perhaps 75,000 pamphlets.

"The growing tendency to consult the collection for reference and study, both at home and abroad, has largely increased during the past year."

There is no charge for consulting the Collection to anyone willing to visit Hamilton for that purpose, and a Secretary is constantly on hand to afford the visitor every facility. Those, however, who cannot find it convenient to make a personal search, may write the secretary, who will secure the services of some of the students of the Hamilton Theological Seminary who are familiar with this collection, and can easily obtain the information desired.

Thousands of printed reports and pamphlets are still needed to make this Collection complete. Probably by far the greater number of these are now in existence, but are in the hands of persons who cannot appreciate their value to the denomination. Anyone having works bearing upon the history of any part of the Baptist church, such as historical addresses and sketches; ordination, installation, dedicatory, memorial, anniversary and occasional sermons; church manuals and old records, reports of societies, minutes of associations and conventions, college catalogues, etc., will confer a favor upon the management of this collection by communicating with the Secretary at Hamilton, N. Y.

The Negro's Right to Sit on Grand Juries by the United States Supreme Court.

The Associated Press dispatch to day brought to the colored people of Montgomery and Alabama word as to the successful fruition of one case carried to the United States Supreme Court by Hon. Willard H. Smith, 150 Nassau Street, New York City, the colored attorney who has represented them in the contest. Mr. Smith has been prosecuting in the state courts attack upon the validity of the Alabama constitution which has disfranchised so many of our best citizens. One of these cases was submitted to the Supreme Court January 3, without argument, and two others were argued by Mr. Smith on the following day, January 4. The case submitted January 3, is the one in which a decision has now been handed down. It is a case carried to the Supreme Court to establish the right of Negroes to sit on Grand Juries in every Southern state, or wherever the Negro is brought before state courts on criminal charges.

The following is the report sent out by the Associated Press, and establishes this right most clearly:

Washington, January 19th. "The United States Supreme Court today re-affirmed the ruling made some time ago in the case of Carter vs. the State of Texas, to the effect that the exclusion of Negroes from grand juries in cases involving criminal charges against members of their race is in violation of the Constitution, and therefore, not permissible. The decision was delivered by Justice Holmes, in the case of a resident of Alabama, named Dan Rogers, who was indicted for murder by a jury composed entirely of white men, in which, it is charged, all Negroes were excluded because of their color. The Supreme Court of the state upheld the regularity of the action, but Rogers brought it to the Federal Court on a writ of error, with the result that the decision of the state court was reversed, and the case remanded to the state courts for further proceedings not inconsistent with today's opinion.

"The decision was based on the Carter case, in which it was held that exclusion of all persons of the African race from a grand jury which finds indictment against a Negro in a state court, when they are excluded entirely because of race or color, denied equal protection of the laws, in violation of the Fourteenth amendment of the Constitution of the United States, whether such exclusion is through action of the Legislature, or through the executive or administrative officers of the state.

"Now it is up to the Negro people themselves to contend for their rights in this matter. The highest judicial tribunal in the land has vindicated the right of the Negroes to representation on grand juries, and our race throughout the union owes Mr. Smith a debt of gratitude which it will hardly be able ever to pay.

—OBSERVER.

Negro Education Not a Curse.

Mr. Editor—Having read carefully the account of the recent address of James K. Vardaman, published in your paper, relative to "Education Being a Curse to the Negro." I beg leave to give an explanation to those who have made such requests of me: and also to our friends who are likely to be misled because of such statements being herald abroad.

It is but with respect to Mr. Vardaman to say that he is purely a representative specimen of his constituency—the position of the state of Mississippi holds toward the colored people is too well known. He having been elected upon the issue that the school of education should be closed to the Negro, such an address as given before the assembly was a necessity in catering to the wishes of his people, even though all laws of philosophy and psychology should suffer.

Education has its origin from "education" which in its simplest term means to lead, to draw out. Philosophically meaning to develop those "latent" faculties given by the Creator, it is making a more useful subject, capable of moving in the society of men and more intelligently using those talents by which he shall be rewarded in after life.

We have proved the fallacy of the statement "education is a curse," and shown that the lack of it would not only destroy the hopes of good citizenship, but would curtail the happiness of the soul.

Rape and assault, which seem to be so prevalent in Mississippi and the South, cannot be traced to education. Its origin is earlier than Negro education. It originated from example and practice encouraged for 250 years by those who were dealing in human souls and the propagation thereby, meant dollars and cents.

Nature must change her course. Wisdom says emphatically, when asked of the 250 years practice to produce mulattoes and quadroons for money. If it can be wiped out within 40 years of abuse and brutality. The injustice of the parents have been laid upon the people of Mississippi, of the South, and the United States, and all of us shall pay the price, till that which was taken shall be wholly returned.

To say that the slave committed but few unmentionable crimes, rests upon the lack of education by the writer, in failing to properly compare the conditions of the present and past, together with the progress of the Nation. In those days the desire of the slave were encouraged and paid, regardless of color, so far as his master was concerned—it was money. Therefore rape and assault were unnecessary. Again, stating that there were many cases of unmentionable crimes against the fairer sex, it would not have been circulated through the papers as today because daily, with their vast number of reporters, and press associations had not reached their present efficiency. Those are the facts that one must carefully consider before condemning Negro education.

Mr. Vardaman claims that the cause of the paper being bisected by the account of some crime, committed by a Negro brute is but the aspiration for social equality, encouraged largely by the character of education. We claim the responsibility rests largely upon the reporters of the crimes who magnify the details and too often send false reports, similar to a case that happened to me in my vicinity where a Negro and a woman of color had been closely associated, their actions were whispered around till an inflated day she, fearing detection, cried rape, she was hauled by a fiendish mob; her name associated and beloved name, in startling headlines. "A Negro Brute," scattered throughout the land, placing its stigma upon the whole Negro race.

To attempt an experiment in this late age, 1894, to educate the heart and hand only—ignoring the mind, the seat of intelligence, by which all other faculties of man are governed—such an experiment, contrary to all natural and physical laws could only originate from men of Mr. Vardaman's calibre, and tolerate by the people of Mississippi.

W. L. I. RATTY
—Dayton Daily Press.

UNIVERSITY NOTES.

S. U. Rah, rah, rah, rah,
S. U. Rah, rah, rah, rah,
Hurr-hi Hurr-hi
State University, rah, rah, rah.

The Literary Society last Friday night presented an excellent treat to all who were present.

The selections rendered by Prof. Hathaway showed that he is a master in elocution. He carried the house by storm.

The address by Miss N. H. Burroughs was well received.

We are always glad to welcome to our exercises all who enter so readily into the spirit of our University.

Prof. Hathaway closed the society an student in the chapel Friday morning. He exhibited a yeast plaster of this plastic art and had to leave them with us. He was glad to do so.

Dr. Puce preached at Berean Sunday evening to a very appreciative audience.

The new members of the choir added much to the music.

Examinations are over and we are reading our energies toward the closing up of the second term.

The third term will begin March 1st. March 4th is Rally Day, let us not forget to begin in time. We need one thousand dollars, and we ought to give it. It can be done if we will pull together.

Deacon Haley's wife and son were with us Sunday evening.

Berean will have communion next Sunday evening.

Mr. Hugh Jefferson, who is in Chicago, sends for his church letter from Berean to unite with Rev. Fisher's church.

Miss Mary B. Whitaker, one of our very best young ladies, leaves school to go to C. Reynolds, Kan., with her parents who will make that their future home. Kentucky does not like to lose such a worthy family.

Mr. K. S. Whitaker who is in the graduating class will not go to Kansas until he receives his diploma.

Mr. G. W. Neighbors, proprietor of the Blue Grass Art Store, Lexington, Ky., was in the city last week circulating among his friends. He did not forget to visit his Alma Mater.

Rev. C. D. Douglas, D. D., of Lexington, Ky., is now pasturing in Illinois. Our worthy pastor is scattering themselves over the state.

Several new students enrolled last week. And still they come.

The white theological seminary students will give a banquet at the time and place for holding the Southern Baptist convention next summer for the purpose of bringing former students of the University together and to raise money for their school. Why can we not do the same thing in Winchester when the General Association meets? Let the graduates see to this.

Let the graduates and friends of the University begin to plan now to make themselves felt in Winchester as they never have before. Let us have a united effort to make "Old State" what we would have it be.

The graduates of some schools give, every year, a certain percent of their income to their Alma Mater to raise an Endowment Fund, why can our graduates not do the same? Let us do it and thereby, though in a feeble way, show our appreciation of what has been done for us.

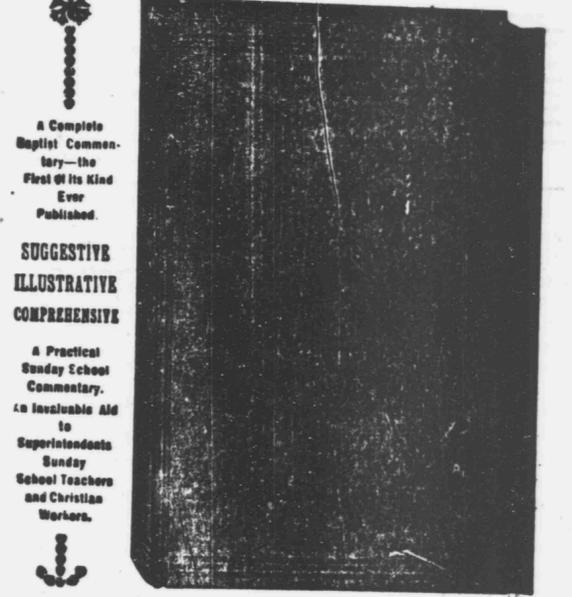
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Dear Sisters: I again appeal to you in the interest of the Children's Band. We came from our last Convention very much encouraged over our financial success; but we must continue to work to accomplish our undertaking. This work should not be confined to a few, but to the many Baptists of the State of Kentucky. The women are making a double effort; we children want to do likewise. Plan some way that you can get the children interested in the work, have them meet regularly. We're not only sitting around the children and us for our work, but we want them trained to do religious work—

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that of giving without receiving—as our beloved Master has said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." By the assistance of the Lord we hope to do more this year than we have in any previous year. May peace and prosperity remain with you and every one of you is the prayer of your humble servant. I will visit the following Sunday Schools on the dates mentioned: February 7 N. Street S. Louisville " 14 Hill Street " 21 N. Hope " 28 Antioch March 6 Good Shepherd " 13 Centennial " 20 Emmauel " 27 Zion April 3 Zion " 10 Grand Street " 17 Little Rock " 24 Leighton Street May 1 Union Street " 8 Canal Street " 15 Beulah " 22 Green Castle " 29 Ashboro and Potosi June 5 J. J. Stewarttown " 12 Newburg MOLLIE WILLIAMS, State Secretary of Children's Band, 3501 S. 5th St., Louisville, Ky.

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FROM OWENSBORO.

Knowing as I do that information from this part of the purchase is always palatable, I therefore, whilst the waters seem to be disturbed will make a little effort to step in that I or what I say of some might be a sweet solace. Rev. William Allen formerly of Lexington, and for near two years the accepted pastor of the Sweeney street Baptist church during which time he has so lived that none in these parts speak of him only in praise. He is a shepherd indeed, one that is well worthy of his vocation. The first of December he had a slight attack of pneumonia but has recovered praise the Lord. A little over a month ago the National Correspondence College of Vincennes, Ind., conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon the Rev. William Allen for which we are proud, so let God be praised all ye ends of the earth. We close with a plea for the prayers of the righteous which availeth much.

NEW ERA INSTITUTE.

Rev. R. F. Butler, Missionary for the Eastern District, will hold New Era Institutes as follows: First Church, Georgetown 27 Nov. 28 and 29. First Church, Paris, Dec. 10th 11th and 12th. Broadway, Winchester, Dec. 28th 30th and 31st. Pastors, Ministers and Sunday-school teachers, deacons and all Christian workers are urged to attend and see to it that the great work of building up our Master's kingdom. Bring your Bibles with you.

World's Fair March 1904.

Mr. John C. Weber, director of Weber's Military Band of Cincinnati known as the "Pride Band of America," has composed the St. Louis World's Fair March 1904—and dedicated it to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. It will be distributed through the publisher's department of the H. O. S. W. R., World's Fair Route, at 10 cents per copy.

The music is in sheet form, arranged for the piano, being very handsomely gotten up, with highly illuminated title cover. Mr. John C. Weber is not only a great Musical Director, but he has written some very catchy and popular marches. The St. Louis World's Fair March is the latest success, and will add far for his fame.

Mr. Weber and his great organization of artists has twice defeated all comers in the national contests at Elkhart, Ind. The latest triumph was at Baltimore, Md., on the 21st of last July when a notable contest, composed of the leading bands of America won the first prize of \$1,000.00. It is confidently expected that Mr. Weber's World's Fair March will become a popular air during the next year, and every household should have a copy of this music.

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