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Be on the Alert.

The Heath Spring school will open on Monday, September the 8th. It is urged that all students, who expect to attend be present on that day. Let me emphasize the importance of this, and what I say in regard to the Heath Spring school will apply to all schools.

A teacher who has at heart the interest of his pupils will have before the opening of the school carefully mapped out the course of study and plan of work. If the child is present on that day he begins the execution of those plans along with the teacher and the class, and is thus made to feel that he is an incoherent part of the school; thus that civic, or perhaps better school pride, which is so essential to the success of the school and to the advancement of the pupil, is aroused. If the teacher's business is to "ring the rising-bell in the dormitory of the soul," then let all be present that they may rise together, breakfast together, labor together; the rising of one gives warning to another; the enthusiasm of one gives enthusiasm to another. What takes place when the child comes in late is apparent from these remarks. The child is behind his classes and hence has no incentive to work. If the teacher stops to "ring him up" the school loses. The same arguments hold for the regular and punctual attendance of pupils.

Let me beg that the parents throughout Lancaster county will at the beginning of the school year resolve that every other interest shall subserve to the interest of their children. Shall their Maker when He comes to claim them find them buried in the clay of ignorance, corrupted by vile canker worms of sin and degradation that are so often found in the soil of ignorance? God has entrusted them into your keeping and will hold you responsible. You hear them when they cry for bread, will you hear them when they cry for intellectual and spiritual food? As surely as the body needs food so surely does the mind and soul need food. But I need not stop to argue the need of education. The question

is that you be on the alert that your child shall not lose a single opportunity to get the most and the best. Think of this. Put your child in school on the first day of school and keep him there every day of the school year. Then you will have fulfilled your duty and will no longer be held responsible. Don't wait to see if your child is endowed with some special talent; it is, at least, endowed with the capacity of growth, and what is more wonderful? The mighty oak of the forest developed from so little a thing as an acorn, and what may your child develop into?

In conclusion I would say that it is the object of the Heath Spring school and I hope of all schools, to create such an environment as will result in the growth of the students into noble manhood and womanhood. It aims at "character, culture and learning" and thorough preparation for entrance into civilization and into the life to come.

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Bronson, Fla., Aug. 30.—L. B. Lewis, one of the wealthiest and most prominent citizens of this county, and his wife were found murdered about 8 o'clock last night and the entire county is shocked and aroused over the horrible affair. The tragedy occurred at their residence, five miles south of here, and was not known until this morning. They returned from their son's residence, a short distance away, and Mr. Lewis was preparing to retire when two loads of large shot ended his life.

From indications at the scene this morning Mrs. Lewis was near by writing when her husband was shot and when she rushed to his assistance a ball was fired from a rifle, penetrating her mouth. This, it seems, did not prove fatal and she managed to reach his side, when a load of shot was fired which ended her life and she fell across his lifeless form, and it was in this position they were found. It was learned that an effort had been made to rob his safe during his absence, which proved futile, and it is believed that fear of the detection by Mr. Lewis caused the fiends to commit the awful crime. The belief is that the murder was committed by two parties and the general impression is that they are white men who are acquainted with the premises and knew of his wealth.

Sheriff Sutton, with a large posse, is scouring the county for the fugitives and bloodhounds have been brought from Marion and Alachua counties and developments are momentarily expected. If captured lynching will follow it is thought.

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