

CALL TO OPPORTUNITY

G. B. WINSTER,
EDITOR
NASHVILLE
CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

THE SOUTH'S DUTY TO THE NEGRO.

The people of the south somewhat insistently demand that they be left to solve the negro problem in their own way. They have at length about gained their point. There is scarcely an influential man outside the south, interested in the welfare of the negro race, who is not now disposed to consult with his friends in the south and to be governed by their judgment. With only two or three exceptions, all the able periodicals which now discuss this question do so with marked deference to southern views, if not with entire acquiescence in them. The south, therefore, which, as a matter of fact, has had all the time to shoulder this burden, is about to be left unmolested to manage it as best she may. That she will get on the better free of outside interference is certain. But the problem is not yet solved.

One of the things that southern people may as well face, and the sooner they face it the better, is that they must take a larger share in the training of the negroes. In slavery days each master and his family felt the responsibility of their dependent slaves. Women of the highest type spent their strength in the industrial, intellectual and moral training of negro boys and girls. The daughters of the family perforce bore themselves with dignity and nobleness, knowing that all around them were slave girls who looked to them for an example and an ideal. The boys played together indiscriminately, white and black, and the negroes instinctively acquired instruction in honor, gentlemanliness, industry and affection for the whites. The slave owners themselves, able and conscientious men, exerted executive capacity to no mean order to make a clumsy industrial system productive and to see that their duty to their slaves was scrupulously performed.

It was a great burden, no doubt, that the white race thus carried. Vexed and impoverished by the war, they fondly persuaded themselves at its close that they were rid of the negro, who, they declared, must now shift for himself. The negro was childish enough to be delighted with the experiment. Officious and ignorant intermeddlers came in to widen the breach between those who had before been friends—the master and his slave—but who now rapidly grew into an attitude very like that of enemies. Separate churches, schools, business houses, railway coaches, and even street cars were provided, and for a generation the two races living side by side have tried to see how far apart they could be.

The negro has suffered by it. The white people of the south, rallying upon that indomitable Anglo-Saxon resourcefulness which they more than any other class of our nation have inherited, in a single generation have wrung from their impoverished land a fortune far superior to that lost in the civil war, and are now again ready for a share and a place in the affairs of the nation and the world.

They cannot any longer neglect the claims of the negro upon them. They have given him schools, it is true, in generous measure. But what the negro needs is not merely schools taught by negroes, or churches with negro preachers: he needs contact with the whites. We do not mean social contact. The settlement of that question is one which southern people, white and black, arrive at by intuition. It will take care of itself. But we mean that contact in which the white is the teacher and the negro the taught. This does not signify simply schools. As, for that, the prejudice against teaching a school of negroes is one which the white Christians of the south ought to be ashamed of. Their grandmothers were not above doing such a thing; why should they be?

But the training of an untrained race is a much wider undertaking than the mere keeping up of schools. The leaders of the negro race especially ought to be in constant and confi-

dential contact with intelligent Christian men and women among the whites. The old, affectionate dependence upon "de white folks" is a feeling that easily reasserts itself. But the initiative must necessarily be with the superior race.

We have been too long easing our consciences concerning this matter. What a pitiful modicum of help, for example, has the great Methodist Episcopal church, South, given the Colored Methodist Episcopal church! And how many men and women are there among us that have helped individual negroes with personal advice, that have sought to win the confidence of negro preachers, teachers, or Sunday school superintendents? How many representatives of our church are teaching negro Bible classes? It is shocking to think how willing we are to send missionaries to the heathen abroad and how we neglect these poor, dependent souls at our very doors.

Many southern people, even Christian people, cherish feelings of unkindness towards the negroes. They are lazy, they say, and impudent and immoral and thievish. Are not these but so many proofs that the present provisions for training them are inadequate? Suppose they do have a church; if their preacher is as ignorant and immoral as his members, what good can he do them? Suppose they do go to school; if they learn only to despise work and dislike their white neighbors, a little grammar and arithmetic will be of small service to them.

The moral qualities which had been imparted to the African slaves in America previous to 1861, as exemplified by the slaves during the war, are unparalleled in history. The behavior of the blacks in the south while their masters were at the front and the white women and children and all their possessions were wholly in the power of the negro slaves is rather an honor to the men and women who had trained them than to the negroes themselves. Yet it shows what training may do for the negro. Will the sons and daughters of the generation that helped him then once more walk in the steps of their fathers and their mothers? The task is more difficult now, but noblesse oblige. Christians especially dare not shirk. We are debtors to these helpless ones, for they are Christ's.

Our New Postmaster.

It is now Postmaster Crom. Mr. G. C. Crom received yesterday a very handsome official document from Washington bearing the personal signature of the president and the great seal of the United States which conveyed to him the very pleasing intelligence that he was the postmaster for Ocala for the next four years, or until his successor is appointed and duly qualified.

Mr. Crom presented the document to Postmaster Groves and Thursday the two were engaged in checking up the books of the office, and Mr. Crom assume the duties of the office.

Mr. Groves retires bearing the good will of the patrons of the office. The general verdict is that he made a superior officer, and under his administration the office expanded more than in any previous term.

Serious Stomach Trouble Cured.

I was troubled with a distressed in my stomach, sour stomach and vomiting spells, and can truthfully say Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets cured me. Mrs. T. V. Williams, Lainsburg, Mich. The tablets are guaranteed to cure every case of stomach trouble of this character. For sale by Anti-monopoly drug store.

The Palmetto Park Stock Farm has this week shipped two Shorthorn bulls to J. H. McCullough, proprietor of a 50,000 acre range, about twenty-five miles southeast of Kissimmee. This company has also shipped two Shorthorn heifers to the Fredonia Improvement Company, near Fort Meade.

The democrats also won in St. Louis.

The Fire Yesterday Morning.

From Friday's Daily. Yesterday morning about eight o'clock the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Palfreeman on Exposition street a mile from the courthouse was discovered to be on fire. The alarm was sent in but being beyond the fire limits, the companies were unable to put out the flames but rendered very valuable personal assistance. Mr. Faucett was the first to arrive at the fire and with the help of several others he helped to take Mr. Palfreeman from the house and to rescue the furniture. The home was a total loss and some of the furniture was destroyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Palfreeman are in a destitute condition. Mr. Palfreeman has been bedridden for over a year and is entirely helpless.

Mr. S. L. Bitting and Mr. Maurice Strauss interested themselves in getting up a subscription for the unfortunate family and our citizens responded very liberally, about a hundred dollars being raised for them in a very short while.

The B. Y. P. U. Reception.

The B. Y. P. U. reception given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan W. Blount on Fort King avenue in compliment of Rev. Louis B. Warren was a very delightful event. It was largely attended, over one hundred persons being present. Many of this number were the children with whom Mr. Warren is a great favorite and who are very much distressed because he is leaving Ocala.

A great many interesting and exciting games were played and among other things an "advertisement" contest was enjoyed. The advertisements were taken from the leading magazines and were tacked on the walls and the one guessing the greatest number was awarded the prize, Miss Vera Griffin being the lucky contestant. Several other guessing contests were introduced during the evening, refreshments were served and everybody had the jolliest sort of a time.

Praise For An Ocala Boy

Tallahassee, April 4, 1905. To the Friends of Valmore Izlar: We take pleasure in saying that this young man acted most nobly in his race for page in the house of representatives, session of 1905.

After finding there was a probability of defeat to both of the candidates from this county for the position, he gracefully withdrew, in favor of little George Reddick, and did all in his power to elect George. There were fifteen candidates and only four to be elected hence Marion county could not expect to elect two of them. CARLOS L. SISTRUNK. E. L. WARTMAN.

Brother Setzer's Beautiful Bouquet for Miss Bell.

While at the Press association in Lake City last week we enjoyed the royal distinction of being introduced to Miss Jefferson Bell, by Hon. C. L. Bittinger, of the Ocala Star. Miss Bell is the quill driver of the profound eruditions on the Daily Capital, whose sublimities are echoed and re-echoed the state over with absorbing interest. She is a lady of ennobling and lofty bearing who achieves marvelous success with every expectation at her hand. She was the guest of Hotel de Blanche. — High Springs Hornet.

In his message the governor recommends a uniform system of text books for the schools of the state. This would be a good thing, especially if the selecting board chooses the right books and takes steps to enable parents to buy them at reasonable cost. There is no branch of business in the country more thoroughly permeated with scandal and graft than the supplying of text books to the public schools. The parents pay from 50 cents to \$2 for books that cost from 5 cents to 20 cents to print, and this wide margin not only permits but compels chicanery. — Tampa Times.

The Jacksonville Sun says that Royal C. Dunn is criticised sharply for sending a copy of Broward's message to the Savannah News before it was released.

Providing ample funds for the deaf, dumb, blind, insane and destitute should be the first consideration of the state.

HOUSE COMMITTEES

Marion Delegation on Several Important Committees—Important Resolution Adopted.

Special to Ocala Daily Banner. Tallahassee, April 6th.—Speaker Gilchrist this morning announced his committees. Marion county fared very well. Wartmann is on the committees on claims, public roads and highways, and militia and state troops; Sistrunk has the judiciary, constitutional amendments, enrolled bills and rules. He is also chairman of the latter committee.

The committees on education and appropriations are shorn of much of their power by the adoption of Wall's (the watch dog of the treasury) resolution providing for a special committee to which all the measures affecting state institutions, educational and otherwise, must be referred. By the terms of the resolution no member can be appointed on this committee who represents a county in which is located one of these institutions.

In the senate this morning Senator Blount introduced a bill providing for the appropriation for the University of Florida of \$40,000 for the construction and equipment of a building for the mechanic arts; \$7,500 for residence for president of the university; \$10,000 for addition to new brick barracks; \$6,000 for balance due on construction on brick barracks; \$5,000 for purchase of additional lands and \$3,500 for current expenses for the six months ending June 30, 1905.

Miss Louise Frances Dodge, formerly society editor of the Tampa Tribune, was given a large reception several afternoons ago in that city at the residence of Mrs. Peter O. Knight by all the women's clubs of that place. The house was beautifully decorated and the reception was an immense success. Miss Dodge was presented a handsome gold watch and chataleine pin by these clubs, many of which owe their origin to her untiring efforts. Miss Dodge leaves in a few days for California to make her home in that state.

ITS FOR YOU



THE DRINK OF THE TROPICS

A Syrup Dispensed at all Soda Fountains

METTO is made from the ripe berries of the Sabal Serrulata or Saw Palmetto combined with Fruit Acids and Aromatics. There is nothing in Metto that will harm an infant, but for all that, it will!

Quench Thirst
Calms Excitement
Banish Fatigue
Build Tissue
Stimulate the Liver
Act Directly on the Kidneys

Manufactured by
The Tropical Man'g Co.
Jacksonville, Fla.

\$2.25 EXPRESS PRE-PAID!
OUR CELEBRATED COBB COUNTY CORN IS GUARANTEED 3 YEARS OLD.
Copper distilled in the good old fashioned style over an open furnace, which gives a delicacy of flavor not to be had in other brands. Order to-day and we will ship in plain case one gallon of this excellent Whiskey express pre-paid for \$2.25.
Harris Favorite Rye
11 Years Old
4 Full Quarts, Express Pre-paid, \$5.00
This fine old Rye Whiskey has no equal no matter what you pay. It is the kind of mellow taste, good, too, for medicinal use. We will also ship 1 gallon Cobb County and 1 quart Harris Favorite Rye together for \$3.00, express prepaid. Send us your trial order to-day.
OUR GUARANTEE. If you are not entirely pleased and our goods are not as represented, we refund your money by next mail. We make no C. O. D. shipments. Our references: Third National Bank or Express Office. Send Express or Postoffice Money Order.
A. H. HARRIS,
12 Walton Street, ATLANTA, GA.

PRICE LIST OF
EUREKA WINE & LIQUOR CO.,
The Great Southern Mail Order House.

EXPRESS PREPAID.	Full Quart Measure.			
	Gallon	Four Quarts	Six Quarts	Per Case
Hatchett's Private Stock	\$4.00	\$1.00	\$1.50	\$12.00
Hatchett's That's Whiskey	4.50	1.10	1.65	13.75
Hatchett's Old Rye	3.20	0.80	1.20	9.60
Eureka N. C. Apple Brandy	4.75	1.19	1.78	14.00
N. C. Apple Brandy	3.25	0.81	1.21	9.70
Eureka Malt	4.00	1.00	1.50	12.00
Eureka N. C. Peach Brandy	4.75	1.19	1.78	14.00
N. C. Peach Brandy	3.25	0.81	1.21	9.70
Eureka N. C. Corn	3.25	0.81	1.21	9.70
Eureka N. C. Corn XX	3.00	0.75	1.12	9.00
Eureka N. C. Corn XXX	2.75	0.69	1.03	8.30
Eureka N. C. Corn XXXX	2.50	0.62	0.93	7.50
Old Crow Bourbon	4.50	1.12	1.68	13.50
Sunny Brook Rye	3.75	0.94	1.41	11.30
Sunny Brook Sour Mash	3.75	0.94	1.41	11.30
Echo Spring	4.50	1.12	1.68	13.50
Silk Velvet	5.00	1.25	1.88	15.00
Oak and	3.75	0.94	1.41	11.30

Gin From \$2.50 to \$3.50 per Gallon Delivered.
Save twelve labels of Hatchett's Private Stock and secure a bottle free. Save twelve labels of Hatchett's That's Whiskey and secure a bottle free. Save twelve labels of Eureka N. C. Corn and secure a bottle free. Save twelve labels of Eureka N. C. Apple Brandy and secure one bottle free. Save twelve labels of Eureka Malt and secure one bottle free. Price of all goods bought at company's store are 70c per gallon less than when delivered. No charge for jars, boxes or drayage. All of our bottles are full measure. All standard brands of whiskies sold over my bar at 10c per drink—to front 5 leaves 5 for you. All wines quoted on application. We also carry cheaper liquors than those quoted. Special prices on large quantities; packed any sizes desired. Money refunded if goods not satisfactory.
EUREKA WINE AND LIQUOR COMPANY
135 W Bay St. Jacksonville, Fla.

WHISKIES, WINES, BEER AND MALT.

EXPRESS PREPAID.	Bulk goods—Jugs free—Not prepaid.
Full Qt. Measure	4 Qts 6 Qts 12 Qts
Hunting Club Rye	\$4.50 \$4.00 \$7.00
Nelson County Rye	2.90 4.25 7.50
Monogram Rye	3.20 4.60 8.00
Hanne's "41" Rye	3.75 5.00 9.00
Social Drops	4.50 6.00 12.00
Malt Whiskey	3.75 5.00 9.00
Peach Brandy	2.75 3.00 9.50
Apple Brandy	3.75 5.00 9.50
Holland Gin	2.80 4.25 7.25
Geneva Gin	3.75 5.00 9.50
North Carolina Corn	2.65 4.00 7.00
Mountain Corn	2.75 5.00 9.50
Jamaica Rum	2.00 4.25 7.50
Medford Rum	3.75 5.00 9.50
Grape Brandy	3.75 5.00 9.50
King of Kentucky Bourbon	3.75 5.00 9.50

Assortment Allowed on all Goods of Same Price.
Prices by the barrel on applications.

HANNE BROS.,
246-258 West Adams St. Jacksonville, Fla.

WE WANT
EVERY GROWER IN THE STATE TO HAVE OUR BOOKS

"FLORIDA VEGETABLES"—A complete manual on Florida crops.
"FLORIDA ORANGES"—Book of special interest to Orange Growers.
"FLORIDA STRAWBERRIES"—Booklet on "Soil, Varieties, Cultivation, and Fertilization."
"IRISH POTATOES"—Booklet on "Soil, Seed, Planting, and Cultivating, Effect of Fertilizers, Digging and Shipping."
"PINEAPPLE FERTILIZING"—Of special interest to pineapple growers.
"IDEAL FERTILIZERS"—Book showing all our different brands, analyses, prices, etc.

NEW AND REVISED EDITIONS OF ABOVE JUST PUBLISHED, SENT FREE FOR THE ASKING.

Wilson & Toomer Fertilizer Co.
Jacksonville, Florida.

"REFLECT A MOMENT."

Have you decided on the kind of fertilizer you are going to use? It's not a question of how much, but what kind when the best result can be obtained. You can't make a mistake when you use our high grade fertilizers.

Highest cash price paid for dry bones

FLORIDA FERTILIZER MFG. COMPANY,
Gainesville, Fla.