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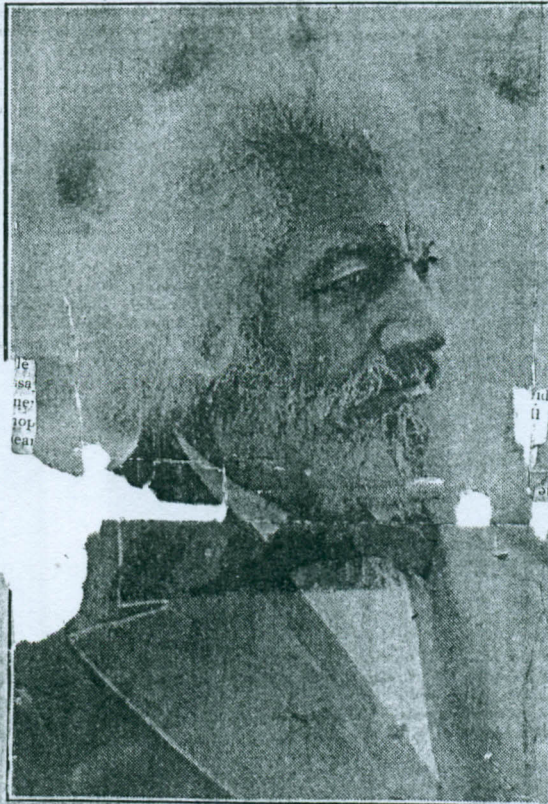
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The Douglass Memorial and Historical Association

BY PRESENTING THE CUTS OF the face and mansion of the lamented, and immortal Douglass, and the plea of Dr. Washington, THE MONTHLY is trying to push along a meritorious undertaking. The significance of such an earnest request falls too lightly upon unresponsive hearts. As few as are the men, incidents, and places to whom we can point with pride, or reverently bow our heads, great sacrifices should be made by us to hand to posterity such an heirloom as the last dwelling place of our greatest leader—save one—with all its wealth of art and literary treasures. THE MONTHLY has started a local subscription which will be reported later.

TESKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALA.
FEBRUARY 1, 1907.



HON. FREDERICK DOUGLASS

... a permanent memorial to Douglass and the Negro people.

An association, known as the Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association, has been formed to effect this purpose. The people of our race have a rare opportunity to honor the memory of Frederick Douglass and to show their reverence and love for the man, who, during the trying times before and after the war, embodied in his own life more than any other man of our race, the aspirations and the cause of the Negro people. I have been asked by the officers of the Memorial Association to assist in securing the comparatively small sum of money amounting to some \$5,400 and interest necessary to clear off the mortgage on the property for all time to the Association and the Negro people of the United States. We should make Cedar Hill to the Negro people what Mount Vernon is to the white race.

All of this can be accomplished if every member of the race would contribute, at once a small sum of money and send it to me by Post Office order, check, or otherwise, as soon as this communication is read. I am making this appeal by the authority of the officers of the Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association, and

with the approval and sympathy of Mr. Douglass' immediate family. Now is the time to honor Douglass' birthday as being celebrated and talked of in all parts of the country; for the race to show its love for Douglass not only in words, but in deeds. I shall hope to receive, within the next few days, this money, which can be sent in sums of twenty-five cents, up. Each contributor will receive a receipt for whatever he sends. After the money has been secured to clear off the mortgage, I am sure steps will be taken to put the place in condition to serve the purposes mentioned.

The following letter, written to me by the officers of the Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association, will make the situation clear:

WASHINGTON, D. C., DEC. 17, 1906.

DEAR MR. WASHINGTON:

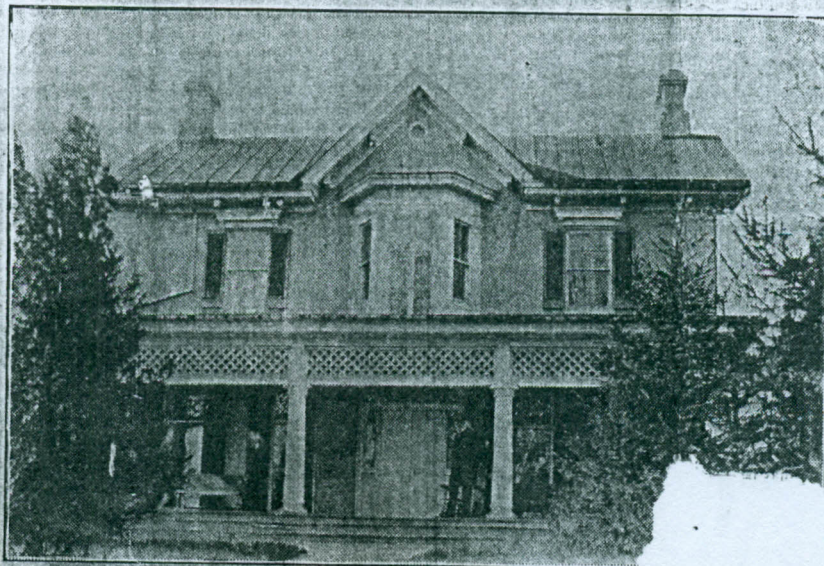
There is an encumbrance of fifty-four hundred dollars (\$5,400), bearing 6 per cent. interest, payable semi-annually against the Douglass property. This property consists of about fourteen acres on the east side of a hill giving a beautiful view of the Potomac River and out for several miles. It is the property of experts that when the Government completes the new bridge and the reclamation of the flats, this property will be worth at least \$5,000 an acre. Its actual worth is now \$1,500 an acre. It is exempt from taxes by the act of Congress incorporating the Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association. The Association needs at least the \$5,400 to lift the mortgage. In the course of time about nine acres of the property could be cut up into building lots and sold, and with the proceeds of such sale, Cedar Hill could be endowed with ample funds to meet the wants of the Douglass Memorial Association in perpetuity.

(Signed)
Archibald H. Grimke,
President.
Whitfield McKinley,
Secretary.
Francis J. Grimke,
Treasurer.

I hope that much additional money will be sent at once. All money will be acknowledged with proper receipt. The heads of churches, Sunday schools, literary societies, and other organizations are urged to raise and forward collections for the above purpose.

I shall be glad to furnish such additional information as may be desired.

(Signed)
Joker T. Washington
Teskegee Institute,
Ala.



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OUR COURSE OF STUDY

CRITICISMS have fallen fast and furious upon us for the past few years on account of the fact that our course of study has not been as large as formerly. Some of this criticism has come from members of our alumni, some from others less interested, and some from people who did not quite understand just what changes had been made in our curriculum.

Now that the State Superintendent has decided that our Normal and Academic Courses shall be the same as the courses followed in the other Normal Schools of the State, the Normal Schools of the State have two courses to follow, one for the Normal and one for the Academic. The Normal Schools have an Academic Course and a Science course, the first requiring two years of Greek, the second the study of Latin, French and German.

The difference in our Normal course and the Normal Courses of the other State Schools, is simply the difference between compulsory Latin and Elective Latin—only this and nothing more.

We are to have the Academic Course restored and the Science Course added. The teachers of the school feel that a diploma from our school should stand for as much in scholarship as a diploma from any other similar institution in the State. For this they have incessantly contended. The Alumni and friends of the school are to be congratulated that a better day seems to be drawing.

The Tuskegee Conference closed last week. The success of this gathering makes us wonder if an annual meeting of some kind could not be held at Institute.

It is true that our small colored population could not bring out the crowds, the quaint and picturesque surroundings that may be seen at Tuskegee on the great day of the conference, but we might hold a meeting that would be equally helpful. Our teachers, preachers, business and professional men could meet and discuss such questions as our conditions necessitate. We know too little about each other. We are too far apart to be truly sympathetic. We need to touch elbows as we grope through the darkness of the desert that we may be sure that we are not alone.

Living in a free state numbered blessings do more for the general. Will somebody write suggestions, expressive of such a meeting?

The General Election Bill after being covered with amendments in the lower House, went down under the load. It never reached second reading. The bill contained many good features but it was too modern for the great majority. Our greatest objection to it was that it disposed of the Negro Schools without so much as asking the most interested parties a single question. It proceeded upon the supposition that a "child race" can be disposed of without consulting its wishes. This was not a fair conclusion; since negro public men are in constant touch with their own people, conversant with their needs, and might have submitted suggestions, if interrogated, which would have helped the committee in reaching these needs.

As we go to press, the future of our school hangs in the balance. We can not say what slip may occur in the next few days of the Extended Session of the Legislature. The Appropriation Bill which is the very breath of life to us has not been passed but we are hoping for the best. Our needs are many, and any "skimpy" allowance, at this time would retard our progress for years.

We publish in another column of this issue notice of our spring review for teachers. This cause has been specially planned to meet the needs of teachers desiring to take the uniform examinations. It is thorough and cheap. Knowing the value of fresh study under competent instructors, we throw our doors wide open and invite all to come, who will come.

Retribution

The mills and the gods grind slow, but they grind sure. In some cases, the house are suspended, and punishment taken.

We notice that the "Atlanta News," the cadron in which the hell broth of the "Atlanta Riot" was brewed, has gone to the wall. In a frantic effort to pander to the depraved populace, in order to get much needed support for a bankrupt effort, it overstepped the journalistic deceptions of the south as shattered as it precipitated the clash between the races, and then financial retribution came thick and fast. It offered \$1000 for any one who could prove that he was the murderer of a rapist, but had not a dollar for the liquidation of its honest debts. While the nation deplored the unfortunate occurrence, yet it has served to bind the races of Georgia closer than they ever have been for good government, and better citizenship.

The pendulum of public opinion of that section swings in accord with the best thought of the century which stands for the live-and-let-live policy.

Laity and Clergy are united for the good name of the state and we do not hesitate to say that we believe that there is rejoicing over the demise of the odious cause of this blot on the honor of the State of Georgia.

The New York World, in a recent discussion of the failure of the news, denies that "The News" ever gave expression to the true sentiment of the South about racial conditions.

It draws attention to the fact that, although every Southern state has two Senators in the Congress of the United States and every Southern state has a Governor, yet, out of all these, only Southern Senators, and one Southern Governor, stultify themselves by bearing sentiments akin to those of the yellow columns of the desecrated.

like chickens, come home to roost. The end is not yet.

WHEATLEY-DUNBAR LITERARY SOCIETY

The Junior Class gave a very pleasing programme on February 8th. The programme was originally intended for a Burns Day recital, but owing to several unforeseen happenings, the program was postponed until the next Friday following the celebrated Scottish Bard's birthday. Mr. Henry Patterson gave a very good declamation entitled Territorial Expansion. Mr. Patterson put much expression and energy into his piece, and is worthy of much commendation for the very successful effort he made. The piece was spoken a little too rapidly and the gestures were very conspicuous by their absence. We are sure Mr. Patterson has shown very much improvement in the several times he has appeared before the society, and we hope that the gentleman will still keep on climbing, and in the near future will reach the goal toward which, most of us are striving, and which not all of us are able to reach.

Miss Ella Dickerson read a very well constructed essay on Burns. It showed that the lady had devoted much time to the preparation of the essay. The writing of essays is an accomplishment which few of us possess, and those who do possess the ability should make the most of it. Miss Dickerson was much hampered by the absence of sufficient light, and she therefore was not able to do her level best in presenting the essay. The lady has shown much improvement since her first appearance, and we believe that she will continue to develop in her future efforts.

Miss Mary Bear read a declamation and was very well received. Miss A. ... Juniors ... and ... the ... gentlemen members of the ... Miss Beau seems to follow in the steps of her illustrious brother Gilbert Beau, who entertained the literary societies last year.

Miss Eva Brown gave a very entertaining review, and she did not fall in the tracks of some of her predecessors who seem to pay more attention to the quibs and jokes of the Institution than they do to the current events of the week.

Our honored president, Mr. George Eldridge, gave a very entertaining declamation. This is the first time that we have had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Eldridge speak, and the editors think he does honor to the Institution from which he came. The Junior class, in reserving him until late in the season, seemed to put themselves in the light of an epicure, who, justly estimating the resources of his leader, always saves the good things to the last.

Miss Lee sang a very pleasing song, and as usual, made a very decided hit with the audience. Miss Lee needs no comment or praise, because the school has been entertained so highly at different times by the lady, that it would look like sacrilege for the writer to attempt with the modern language to compliment or criticize.

The Sophomore class gave a very entertaining program on the 15th of February. The quotations were, in general, very good, but the practice of some of the members of saying funny things with no meaning and no moral to them just for the purpose of getting the sweet incense of laughter, which they fondly imagine is a tribute to their directed powers of humor, but which in reality is directed at their poor taste in selecting verses for quotation, somewhat destroys the harmony of the society, and makes it look

DOMESTIC SCIENCE AND ARTS DEPT

The Domestic Science and Arts Department of the school is progressing nicely. A few new students have entered since Christmas.

One of the most interesting and profitable features of the department is the "Literary Hour," conducted every other Wednesday from three to four P. M. At this time the students of the department discuss the articles found in the several magazines of the department; this brings the girls into close contact with some of the best authorities on the work.

Some lengthy articles have been discussed, for example: "The speech of American Women," as appearing in Harper's Bazaar, with comments in the Independent, also "The ideal kitchen of the actress, Julia Marlowe," and "New Style Hats," as appearing in The Illustrated Millinery. The program of Wednesday, February 6th, was discussed and outlined very intelligently. The subject discussed consisted of three Phases:

Phase 1. Women in the house; house agricultural construction; light, colors and general decoration, and arrangement from front gate to back gate.

The discussion was opened by Miss Amealie Wilcher. Her opening showed very plainly that some thought had been put into the subject, which she intelligently discussed.

Phase 2. "Women in the Home" Queen of Home; Necessary intellectual qualifications for the position. At home

Phase 3, was opened and discussed by Miss Beatrice Quarles. Her paper showed that considerable care had been used in preparing the subject.

Program for Wednesday February 20th, 1907:

- Subjects discussed from Table Talks. Laundry Work, Domestic Abb., Making Water Soft, Nepertia Allen, Famous Banqueting House, Abbie Friend, Labor: vs for Women and Children, Blanche Christian.

He who knows not, and knows not that he knows not, is a fool; avoid him. He who knows not, and knows not, is simple; teach him.

He who knows, and knows not that he knows, is asleep; wake him.

But he who knows, and knows that he knows, is a wise man; follow him.—ARABIAN PROVERBS.

to a stranger as if the student body of the school laugh away their time and waste precious moments in finding things at which to laugh. We know that the members have not looked at this in this light, and we know that as soon as they realize their mistake they will take steps to remedy this very important matter.

The Declamation by Master Delbert Prillerman was very good, but rather short.

Miss Blanche Christian rendered Lincoln's Gettysburg Speech. The declamation was fair, but the lady seemed to be in a great hurry to finish it, and therefore in her hurry made quite a number of her words unintelligible to the audience.

Mr. William Eggleston's oration was very good, and, although it was his maiden effort, he acquitted himself in such a manner as to give promise of very pleasing results in the future.

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AROUND THE INSTITUTE

Mrs. Lotta Taylor has returned to her home at Piedmont, W. Va.

Mrs. Mary Brooks has returned from her prolonged visit to Cincinnati and other points.

Receptions galore are the order. The students reap much social pleasure from such functions.

Prof. C. E. Jones entertained the Sunday Evening Club on the 15th. Prof. Jones delivered a very appropriate address.

Prof. Burgess entertained the Sunday Evening Club, the 24th inst. Prof. Burgess made a spiritual appeal, whose force was felt by all.

President Scott, of the Board of Regents, was a business and social visitor a few days ago. The President visited each class room, and every department, and made several timely addresses to the different classes.

Pres. Jones, Messrs C. E. Mitchell, C. E. Jones, J. W. Lovette, E. M. Burgess, and Mesdames Mary Eubank, B. V. Morris, and B. A. Guss, were among the number who attended the lecture of Rev. Webster Davis at Charleston on the night of the 22nd, inst.

Mdmie Dorsey presented a special program for the entertainment of the Sunday Evening Club, the 8th, inst. It was both secular and sacred in its nature, and only the reverence for the evening prevented audible appreciation of the various numbers.

The annual luncheon of the First Year Class was held in North Hall, St. Albans, Va. This class has made a record of being the best entertainers and the best organized classes of the Institute. Members of the faculty were the guests of the Class, and after listening to music, sat down to a very dainty spread.

The Seniors are preparing to present "Hearts of Gold". The play is the dramatization of the interesting novel, "Hearts of Gold", written by President Jones some years ago. President Jones has put the care and finish in the stage preparation of the novel that made the book such pleasant reading. The date for the play has not been fixed yet.

Miss Mary Beane, of Clarksburg, made her initial bow in "Charity" and was well received. Miss Effie Mason rendered "The Dying Alchemist" to the accompaniment of "Meditation". Miss Mason has won the name of an entertainer. The musical numbers, while familiar, were spiritedly rendered and generously received.

Principal S. H. Guss attended the closing exercises of the Cedar Grove School, the 22nd, inst. Miss Emma Meadows, the teacher, finished quite a successful session, and there were many expressions for her return. Miss Meadows begins another four months session of school at Tomsburg, in the Cabin Creek district, immediately.

Andrew Young was elected foot ball captain by the lower classmen under a spirited protest. No objection was offered against Mr. Young, save his inexperience and lack of knowledge of the game. Young is very popular, and represents the younger element who aid the sports mostly with their loud cheering. Eldredge and Harris, old veterans, are the logical candidates for the position. There is some talk of a reconsideration of the first election.

The following program was rendered by the Kings Daughters, the first, inst.

Instrumental Solo by Harris

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

Some of the features of the Etude Music Club programs during the month were: Talk on "Haydn," followed by informal discussions and compositions; Piano Duet, "Surprise Symphony" Haydn; Major and Minor Scales played with metronome; Recitation, "The Metronome Man;" Current musical news with informal discussion of Richard Strauss's, opera, "Salome" and special explanation of the Telharmonium.

Performers for the month: Misses Ethel Spriggs, Eva Brown, Nannie Cobb, Alene Harper, Carrie Fairfax, Elizabeth Evans, Effie Mason, Virgie Kieffer and Hazel Dillard.

The piano students are very grateful to the Printing Department for the new note books, and to the Carpentry Department for some necessary repairs on chapel piano.

For our Paul Lawrence Dunbar evening, two of his poems, "The Poet's Song" and "Lead Gently Lord and Slow," were specially arranged for the program. The former was sung as a trio for female voices by Misses Charlotte Campbell, Lourania Lee and Carrie Fairfax, and the latter as a hymn by the choir.

Our Advertisers

We take occasion in this issue, to speak of the rest of our Advertisers, whose ads. were received too late to be commented on in our last issue.

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Agricultural Training a Necessity

By J. A. BOOKER, '03
TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, FEBRUARY 14, 1907

The age in which we live is indeed a remarkable one. This is an age of sharp competition, and the requisite for success is thoroughness.

The idea of one pursuing a scientific course in agriculture was once by many regarded as an absurdity, but it is encouraging to note that this erroneous idea is fast disappearing, which is clearly shown by the fact that our Agricultural schools have grown faster than any other educational institutions in the country. Young women as well as young men are realizing that these institutions are more nearly fit them for real life than any other kind of school.

Never in the history of the world have the demands on agriculture been so great and so exacting as is true of the present time.

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Knowing, as he does, the needs of plants, he is thereby enabled to intelligently apply his fertilizers, which is indeed an important matter.

The real farmer does not drive to town every Saturday with an empty wagon and return with it loaded with produce, as is the case with so many persons who are simply eking out a miserable

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Teachers Spring Review

According to its established custom, the West Virginia Colored Institute will begin its eight weeks of Teacher's Review Course, April 1, 1907. The facility and ability to carry on this work is as favorable as can be offered anywhere in the State.

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Protest of Prof. Prilleman Against the Odious Jim Crow Bill of Judge Evans

While it is not the policy of the MONTHLY to engage in political issues, or lend its columns to the free discussion of any matters that would militate to the detriment of the interest it represents, yet since a manly man is the noblest work of God, and an honest expression of a free man about the curtailing of a dearly bought liberty rises like a sweet incense finding condemnation from no just person, and since there has been requests from many who do not take the papers in which the original article was published, we feel that we are wholly within our scope in reproducing the following article:

Elsewhere in our issue is published a letter from Rev. J. J. Turner, an alumnus, giving his view as to the effect the article produced:

"Will the legislature of West Virginia pass a 'Jim Crow Car' law? The Charleston News was right when it said, on the 5th, inst., that the report of the committee would surprise everybody. Will the state which refused to join the South in secession and slavery now join that section in its attempts to discourage and humiliate the rising and self-respecting negro? Yes, everybody, not only in West Virginia, but throughout the United States, would be surprised at the enactment of such a law. The Negroes all over this state and the entire South, and the statesmanship of West Virginia that have been and will be in favor of the education of our negro youth.

The lawmakers of this state have created a monstrous and unchristian and statesmanlike and unfair and impudent measure which they have tried to force upon Judge Evans. They will not have his coal operators to build school houses and churches and employ respectable educated teachers and preachers to teach the ignorant people they bring from the south, as the operators on the C. & O. have done, his race problem will be solved in a few years. Will a republican legislature pass a law that a democratic legislature refused to let come to the floor? Mingo county is the youngest child of this great state. Will the fathers of this state be led by a child who is just beginning to pull up by a chair?

Judge Evans seems to be trying to make the impression that the best class of negroes in this state are in favor of his bill. He pretends that the bill does not legislate against the negro. Read one paragraph from his petition and judge for yourself. "We feel that we voice the sentiment of each man in your honorable body through whose veins flows the red blood that fought the battles of the republic from 1776 to 1865, when we say that these conditions are intolerable when it is considered that the white womanhood of this state is compelled to ride upon the same coach or in the same seat with a black man."

I am a negro and I have lived in Kanawha county 39 years. This state has paid out \$12 to have me educated. I now pay a yearly tax to the amount of \$25. I know nearly all the respectable negroes in the state, and I know that we are not in favor of the measure. But the reason we have not said anything: we thought no self-respecting citizen of this state would be willing to put any law on our statute books that would reflect discredit on the name of our state. We are not anxious to

ride with white people, but we hate to be continually branded as inferiors. What if we are an inferior race? The Bible says that the strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak. Does the author of this bill know that the first blood shed for American liberty was shed by a negro slave in the streets of Boston? Does he know how the negro fought to defend our flag at New Orleans in the war of 1812? Does he know that 200,000 negro soldiers offered their lives in the late civil war that the nation might live?"

BYRD PRILLEMANN,
Institute, W. Va.

MT. CARBON, W. VA., Feb. 9, 1907
PROF. B. PRILLEMANN,
INSTITUTE, W. VA.

DEAR SIR:—I read your letter concerning the Jim Crow Bill, with care and I feel that it caused the people, especially our law makers, to see more of our good qualities, and that it had much to do with defeating the bill.

We as a race should be proud that we have such men as you, that can appeal to the men of power in such a manner as to cause them to withhold the hand of oppression.

I'll close school the 22nd, and I am thinking of spending about three months at Athens, and it may be that I'll call at Institute on the way.

May your life be crowned with the rich blessings of God, is the desire of
Yours truly,

J. J. TURNER, '02.

Agricultural Training a Necessity

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existence on the farm. But, on the contrary, the real farmer's wagon is not going to town, instead, which shows conclusively that he is patting brains into his work.

All the professions and the various industries hold out their inducements, but agriculture is by far the most independent of all, and along the line of which there is the least resistance. The consumer does not stop to ask whether the producer is white or black.

By the advance of civilization the markets have become more fastidious, and he who supplies the demands of the market, controls that market, regardless of color.

How much grows everywhere if we do but wait! Not a difficulty but can transfigure itself into a triumph; not even a deformity but, if our own souls have imprinted worth on it, will grow dear to us.—CARL LUE.

Nathan M. Rothschild said: "My success has always turned upon one maxim, and that is, 'I can do what another can, and so I am a match for all the rest of 'em.'"

The purpose of libraries and books in general has been variously defined. John Morley, in an address at the opening of a free library said: "The purpose is to bring sunshine into our hearts, and to drive moonshine out of our heads."

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