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DURHAM CHRONICLE

W. IRWIN, Editor and Proprietor.

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This is the season of the year when merchants and others find it necessary to send out accounts. There seems, no reason why people should be obliged to run accounts, and the sooner a purely cash system or its equivalent is adopted the better it will be for all parties concerned. Many a man will buy an article he could well do without provided he can get credit, but the credit must be a long one or pay day will surely come too soon to the reckless purchaser. The better plan in ninety-nine times out of every hundred cases is to buy and sell for cash on all small deals, and large ones too where the seller has not properly secured his payment. A very strange feature about the cash system is the extreme touchiness of many who take a mortal offence at those who favored them, as soon as an account is rendered and payment asked. Business men themselves are quite accustomed to getting monthly statements, and furthermore having drafts made on them as soon as the accounts are due. With this they take no offence so long as the account is a just one, no matter how big or how small the account may be. The accounts are generally large enough and to meet the pressing demands of the wholesaler a number of small accounts have to be collected, and why those who owe small accounts should be offended is something we cannot understand. If some of those pigmy souled creatures were in business for a time they would get their eye teeth cut in matters of business, and a little petty howling would give them no redress. The man who owes a dollar has just as good a right to pay it as the man who owes ten, and the creditor to whom he owes the money is not doing a small thing in looking out for his own. If people must go on credit, they should do so with the intention of paying the amount when due, and paying it, too, without any reluctance. Every man has a right to all that's coming to him whether it is twenty-five cents or twenty-five dollars and the honest man will take no offence at being asked for the small sum more than for the large one, providing he owes it. The credit system has ruined many a man, especially the man who is inclined to be reckless in his buying.

Speaking of accounts reminds us that in a few days or weeks at most we shall have to remind personally or by mailed statement a large number who are indebted to us for years. No business can be successfully operated on wind and fair promises, though some by their actions seem to entertain the opinion that a newspaper can be run without money. When we get round to the point of sending out accounts we hope every one will accept them kindly and without any thought of giving offence on our part. If errors occur, or appear to occur, we shall be pleased to make things right, but so far we have had very little difficulty on that score. Our accounts individually are small, but in the aggregate they amount to much more than we can afford to be out of much longer. The subscriber who has been reading our paper from one to seven years without paying for it should now give us a thought or two followed by a cash remittance. If we get money we do not intend to use it for corrupt political purposes, 'cornering' the corn market or building a transcontinental railway, but simply in improving our paper and giving our readers better value than we have been able to give in the past, owing to our handicapped position, caused in the main by delinquents. To every one who is paid up we wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. To the others we wish some good spirit would put it into their hearts to remit at once.

A sanctimonious countenance that would stop an eight-day clock or curdle a bowl of buttermilk is no guarantee of inward piety. If we were to go by appearances, "a new heart and a bad liver" would often be a more appropriate Scripture apothegm than "a clean heart and a right spirit." It is the same in business. There are some men who imagine business sagacity is best evidenced by what they are pleased to call bluntness, but which other people interpret as ill nature or bad breeding. There is no excuse for a man being ungentlemanly in business except the possession of a diseased liver, and even then, with the departmental store competition of to-day, pills are so cheap that very little allowance should be made on this score. If one is to believe the reports of travellers, there is quite as much need throughout the country for liver sanitariums as for inebriate asylums.—Solomon.

There is a great deal more trouble in this world than there need be. If people would only keep out of strife

that does not belong to them there would be fewer broken noses. A man was passing down one of the side streets in one of the slum districts the other day and came upon a fellow who was thumping his wife more vigorously than law or custom allows. He interfered and managed to pull the brute off when suddenly he received a blow from behind with a coffee pot. The wife, resenting this outside interference, had joined issue with her husband and the stranger, finding that it was two against one, made his escape a somewhat wiser man. "Whoso breaketh an hedge a serpent shall bite him." If you interfere in trouble that is not your own you may expect to smart for it. If you go where a row is in progress do not grumble if you get hit with a brick or get clubbed by a policeman. Hedges and fences are to keep people out, and it usually pays to go round to the gate when you want to get within the enclosure. Of course, if you are looking for snakes that is another story. Hedges are the place to find snakes and double-barrelled shot guns with men behind them, and if you are really looking for trouble you will find plenty waiting for you. Law breaking will always be more or less popular with a class of people with whom restriction invites opposition. All you have to do with these idiots is to make some regulation and you will see them wear their hair off on the inside trying to get around it. This kind of a spirit is most contemptible whether found in the common criminals or the refined "thug" who esteems it a light thing to break faith with individuals or the community.—Solomon.

If people would eat less they would think better and accomplish more. The reason some of us are such failures physically, mentally and morally is that the stomach has so much to do that our whole vital force is expended in digestion. Men don't stall feed race horses. The reason you have no zest for business is that you let your mind run on broiled steaks and pate de foie gras. You get your stomach so full before you go down to the office or store that your brain gets no chance. "If there is anything I like," said a prominent business man, the other day "is good eating," and he rolled off some of the exquisite dishes with which he is in the habit of tickling his palate. The man who lives to eat will never accomplish much. It is the fellow who can say to his appetite "thus far shalt thou come and no farther" who has learned the secret of success. "He that ruleth his own spirit is greater than he that taketh a city." It is the man who gets in a good day's work before he turns loose his nervous force on the act of digestion who gets the most out of his physical and mental organism. Says the Wise Man, "Woe to thee, O land, when thy princes eat in the morning." Blessed art thou, O land, when thy princes eat in due season for strength and not for drunkenness. If you feel that you are not putting the vim you ought into your work, or that your spiritual condition is not up to the Pauline standard adopt the old-fashioned remedy of giving your brain a chance to catch up to your stomach. "This kind goeth not forth but by prayer and fasting." The sin of the individual to-day as well as the church is gluttony.—Solomon.

The schools close next Tuesday for the present term. During the next two weeks the teachers will be happy, many because they haven't to change and many because of pleasant thoughts over entering a school of their own for the first time. The glorious anticipations of the new school ma'am are not always realized to the full extent of her expectations, and in many instances the initial stages are not well entered before real and unexpected trials loom up to mar her pathway. The teacher is not always favored with a bed of roses and he or she who enters the school room for the sake of having an easy time most assuredly does so with the idea of cheating the section out of good service. The faithful teacher is in duty bound to give his or her very best service no matter what the salary may be. The public will find out the good teacher and the time will not be far off when his services will meet with a better remuneration. Like everything else experience has something to do with making teachers, and the pinfeathered recruit is assuredly unable to give the best instruction during the period of his apprenticeship.

There are a great many people in the world who have large ideas of the importance of their own children. Some children may be very good, but in nine cases out of ten the parent is not the best person from whom to get a good square estimate. Those who have ever read the "Letters of a Self-Made Merchant to His Son" will find, according to our way of thinking, about as much common sense in the father's estimate as can be found to the square inch in any parent. The silly gaw-gaw of a mother or the flat-headed father who interceded for a pampered fool of a young one because he was brought up a pet, hasn't any

more sense than the boy had when he was a month old, and those in the world who have any sense left should sit on all parents who waste their time in rearing such stock. The spoon-fed calf of a boy had better be let loose as soon as possible and get his hide well toughened for the hard knocks he's sure to get later. Not only are boys found of a calfish make up, but full grown men with whiskers are easily to be found who are mere babies when compared with a good square man. They were raised pets of course and they've remained pets ever since.

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Coming through the door,
Pushing, crowding, making
A tremendous roar.
Why don't you keep quiet?
Can't you keep the rule?
Bless me, this is pleasant,
Teaching public school!

Forty little pilgrims
On the road to fame;
If they fail to reach it,
Who will be to blame?
High and lowly stations—
Birds of every feather—
On a common level
Here are brought together.

Dirty little faces,
Loving little hearts,
Eyes brim full of mischief,
Skilled in all its arts.
That's a precious darling!
What are you about?
"May I pass the water?"
"Please may I go out?"

Boots and shoes are shuffling,
Slates and books are rattling
And in a corner yonder
Two pugilists are battling:
Others cutting dios—
What a botheration!
No wonder we grow crusty
From such association!

Anxious parent drops in,
Merely to enquire
Why his olive branches
Do not shoot up higher:
Says he wants his children
To mind their p's and q's,
And hopes their brilliant talents
Will not be abused.

Spelling, reading, writing,
Putting up the young ones:
Fuming, scolding, fighting,
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Gymnasts, vocal music—
How the heart rejoices
When the singer comes to
Cultivate the voices!

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