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Here's an Advantage

On any day of the week, excepting Wednesday, a "rush" order for poster work, etc., reaching the Reporter office in the morning will be completed and returned on the evening train.

THE MODELITES' BANQUET

The model class of 1903 celebrated the close of what they had good reason to feel had been a successful term by holding a banquet at the Gamble House on Tuesday evening last. In this way they also demonstrated, incidentally, the happy relations that exist between the teaching staff and trustee board, for they had them as guests, and all spent a most delightful evening. Among those present, outside the charmed circle of the teaching profession, were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Earl, Mr. and Mrs. James Ross, Miss Jessie Taplin, and the Reporter editor. After an hour or so of pleasant social converse in the parlors, adjournment was made to the banquet hall, where a superb supper awaited. The dining room had been decorated for the occasion by the model students, the school colors—red and khaki—prevailing everywhere. The mural embellishments consisted of flags and patriotic mottoes. Occupying a prominent place in the hall was a beautiful crest in colors, executed by Mr. B. M. Stewart, designed after the fashion of the tin worn by the modelites. It occasioned much favorable comment.

Mr. Thompson, chairman of the trustee board, presided at the banquet, and when the covers were removed, after full justice had been done to the elaborate repast, he opened the evening's programme with a neat speech. In response to an invitation, Mr. Donnelley spoke briefly along educational lines, and then Principal McIntosh was given a pleasant surprise. Miss Grace Wing read and presented to him an address, in which the modelites expressed in feeling terms their gratitude for the instruction he had imparted and regret at the severance of the ties that had so closely united them as teacher and pupils. This was accompanied with the presentation of a beautiful gentleman's dressing-case by Mr. S. F. Tackaberry in behalf of the model class. Before Mr. McIntosh could respond, the banqueters arose and sang "He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Mr. McIntosh then expressed in appropriate terms his appreciation of the honor conferred, and delivered a short but forceful address relative to the teaching profession, delineating and emphasizing the high ideal that should inspire all who engaged in such work.

The chairman's formal address followed. His subject was "Education" and he treated it in a broad, liberal way, showing that the word "educated" admitted of a much wider application than was generally accorded it.

Mr. Ross followed in a humorous vein, concluding with a short earnest exposition of the importance of his subject—"Home Training."

Mr. Earl was assigned the subject of "Manual Labor," and his brief, pithy speech was full of good points.

Probably a fine banquet was never prepared in Athens, and the short address recognizing its excellence, delivered by Mr. B. M. Stewart, was heartily endorsed by all.

The banqueters then repaired to the parlors where all very much enjoyed a musical programme, which consisted of instrumental music by Miss Jessie Taplin and vocal numbers by Miss Beall and Mr. James Ross.

Though diligent students, the model class of 1903 found time to add to the social sunshine of the village, and will long be pleasantly remembered.

CARD OF THANKS

Editor of Athens Reporter

Allow me through your valuable paper to express my deep gratitude to the officers and members of Lodge No. 177 A. O. U. W. for their many kind acts in promptly obtaining for me the check of two thousand dollars, being the amount of certificate held by my husband, the late Geo. Lawson. The remembrance of their kindnesses shall always be with me, and point me to the brotherhood of the A. O. U. W. May the lodge ever have a full measure of success.

Mrs. GEO. LAWSON
 Athens, Dec. 19, 1903

A little blind girl was writing a composition on rabbit, and never having seen one, inquired of her teacher whether the rabbit had a tail. "Yes, a small one—none to speak of"—answered the teacher. The little girl a short time after introduced the matter into her composition thus—"The rabbit has a small tail, but you mustn't talk about it!"

OUR CUBAN LETTER

Editor Athens Reporter:

Dear Sir—I will in this letter try to draw your attention and that of the readers of the Reporter to the people and the climate of Cuba.

From what I have heard said, I have reasons to believe that some people of the North (and a good many, too) think that the Cubans are a sort of a barbarous people, and that they are very dark in color. But kindly allow me to say that they are not. As a rule, they are docile, domestic, well-meaning, and temperate. You will most always find a Cuban genial and friendly, providing that you are the same to him. There is almost an entire absence of drunkenness. Americans admit that about the only evidence of intoxication they have seen on the island has been exhibited by the Americans. I myself, can say that I have only seen one person in a state of intoxication.

Seventy three per cent of the people in Pinar del Rio Province are white and twenty seven per cent colored.

While the average Cubans here go dressed a little more roughly around their homes than the Americans, yet when they do dress to attend a ball or any state function, why, they are entitled to the front seat, if the flashy color and the perfect fitting of their garments count much.

Speaking of balls, the "darkies" here have their dance on Sabado (Saturday) night, and the "whites" have their dance on Domingo (Sunday) night. On one occasion I did see both colors in the same room, which had been partitioned across the centre. The coons were in one end and the whites in the other. All young ladies (Senoritas) here must be chaperoned, no matter where they go. And just imagine, de aud ledy in one corner of de room, and probably smoking her cigarette, if you please. It is customary also for a joven hombre, if he wishes to take his senorita to a show or any other public doings, to ask all of the family to go too. And sometimes they accept the invitation! But the pocket purse!

Some of the customs here are exactly the opposite to what they are in the North. For instance, a person is not supposed to wait to be made acquainted under any circumstances. Just walk into any house you like, shake hands, and make yourself at home; that is if you can talk Spanish, which is said to be a nicer and softer sounding language than the Ingles lengua.

The Climate:—Probably no place on earth has a finer climate than the main portion of Cuba. And the beauty of it is that there is so small a change from the summer to the winter months. The atmosphere is seldom misty and does not lose its transparency with the departure of day. A glorious and beautiful sunset daily. The winter months here are delightful, in fact, ideal, while the summer months are said to be more endurable than most parts of the United States. The evenings here are always cool and the heat does not interfere with sleeping as much as in the North, even in the summer months. The mean annual temperature is 77°. The range of temperature between the mean of the hottest month and that of the coldest is from 82° to 71° or only 11°. The highest temperature on record in Havana is 100.6° and the low-st 49.6°. I have seen the temperature here as low as 52° and as high as 85°.

The mean annual rainfall at Havana, derived from observation of many years, is 52 inches. The record shows in different years a rainfall ranging from 49 to 71 inches. The rainy season is from May to October, and the dry from November to April.

The prevailing winds throughout the island are north-east trade winds, which blow with great persistence, but seldom with violence.

Frosts and sunstrokes here are unknown.

Mr. Abbott, a surveyor living in Havana, who has been in Africa, India, and other oriental countries in connection with the British army, and who has been in Canada and U. S. as well, was asked which place he would prefer making his home. He very readily replied, Cuba.

Will now bid you adios, for this time. Candelaria Provincia Pinar del Rio, Cuba, West Indies. Dec. 7, 1903. A. G. LEE.

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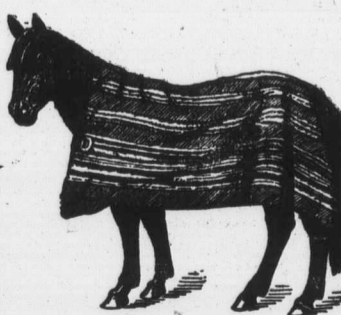
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