

MAN'S GREATEST LOVE

BY ARTHUR W. BEER.

As he led along the dark highway the one awful thought that possessed him was the utter hopelessness of the situation into which he had been so abruptly plunged.

He had not meant to kill him. Ah, not such a thought had never found lodgment in his brain for an instant. Why should he harm the father of the woman he loved?

He had gone more to plead his cause with the old man. Words had passed between them, and the old man, in gentle rage, had attacked him. Even then he had not meant to show resistance. His sole thought was to quiet the old man. But as he had struggled with him with that end in view they had slipped on the polished surface of the oaken floor of the library, and in falling the old man's head had struck against the iron-bound corner of a massive ancient chest, and he had lain still.

Presently, in the deep gloom of his chamber being a spark of hope lowered. What if the old man were not really dead? True, he had thought to make sure, but he should not have given up so soon. At any rate, he should have faced the situation manfully; should have aroused old Barnab, the sole do- and Charles—not he never could have told Charles.

He began to retrace his steps reverently. What a distance he had travelled in his insane flight! Suppose that he found the household aroused upon his return!

As at length he neared the house, he perceived that the lowered windows were lighted up.

But surely that dim, starting light was no ordinary illumination! He suddenly recalled that in his struggle with the old man the burning logs of the great open fire in the library had been scattered. He had afterward thrown them back, but some stray coals must have remained behind and now on fire!

He rushed forward, but he might as well have hurled himself against a rock as against that massive front door, and as for the lower window, they were heavily crossed with iron bars.

And Charles! Charles was no doubt sleeping calmly enough upstairs. He dashed madly in the direction of the barn, where he remembered to have seen a ladder only the other day. Presently he returned, dragging his weight after him, and raised it to the upper window.

He broke the glass with his bare hands, unmindful of the wounds it caused him, and making the work easier, he called "The barn is here!"



County School Board Meets in Leesburg

Several strides forward were made for the betterment of the school conditions in Loudoun County when the County School Board met in Leesburg on last Monday. This is especially true with regard to the one room rural school. As the proposition now stands, the order of promotion for teachers is from the one room school to the high school on account of the larger salaries obtained in the high school. At the meeting on Monday it was suggested by Supt. Edmondson that this order of things be changed and that the one room school be made the destination for the teacher rather than the starting point. In short, to make the salaries paid to the one room school teachers greater than that of the graded school and to award the one room school who make the best records, etc. This, it is believed, would lead to the installing of more efficient teachers in the one room schools and make the children better prepared to meet the demand of the High School.

The School Board gives the teachers the usual holidays at Thanksgiving and Easter, and a motion was made and carried that no school day should be taken off for baseball or other sports.

It was moved by Dr. Parker, and the motion was carried, that the district trustees be requested to organize District Institutes, as they had best during the school session. It was moved by Supt. Edmondson, and the motion was carried, that Teachers Institute be held Oct. 2nd and 3rd, and that all teachers be required to attend or forfeit salary.

A list of the dates of the district meetings is published elsewhere in this issue of the Mirror.

In Memoriam

Gheen.—In loving remembrance of our dear daughter who died six months ago, February 24, 1913, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Gheen in Sterling Grave Yard, Lays a grassy mound, And on the little stone you see Ailly like the one in her hand, In the Book of St. John, You will find a name.

Contract With Teachers

A meeting of the County School Board held in Leesburg on Monday, August 25th, 1913, the time and places for the several District Boards to meet and make contracts with teachers named as follows:

- Broad Run District—At Ashburn, September 6th
- Mt. Gleed District—At Lincolnton, September 6th
- Leesburg District—At Leesburg, September 2nd
- Leesburg District—At Leesburg, September 1st
- Horseshoe District—At Middleburg, Sept. 8th
- Jefferson District—At Round Hill, Aug. 26

School Board of Loudoun Co. JOHN R. HUTCHINSON, Clerk.

Paint Better.

After ten years' experience, paint best. Man bought cheap paint; after five or six years it was a rattle. It cost 40 or 50 or 60 or 80 cent more gallons; how much did he pay for painting those ones—a fair day's work is a rattle. How much did he make on the job? A part of his job? Lost a quarter or third of his money? Will it last? not his money, but his health as long as Devco. That no school day should be taken off for baseball or other sports.

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Finia:

City's Office of the Circuit Court on the 15th of August, 1913.

B. Smith, Mary I. Smith, Daniel I. Smith, Compt'rs.

VS.

I. Piggott, Dolly Piggott, Edward Newton, William Newton, Nicholas and Nicholas (husband), John

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