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Yadkin Valley, Caldwell County, North Carolina

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SAMUEL LEGERWOOD PATTERSON.
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Samuel Legerwood Patterson was born at "Palmyra," the family home in the Happy Valley of the Yadkin, in Caldwell County, North Carolina, on March 6th, 1850, and was the second son of General Samuel F. and Mrs. P. C. Patterson, nee Jones. Educated at the Finley High School, the Bingham School, and at the Universities of North Carolina and Virginia, he was well equipped for those duties of life, which all will testify he so well performed. In 1890 he was elected a member of the State House of Representatives. The times were stormy and out of joint, and the spirit of faction was such that the best interests of the State seemed in peril. It was to the wise conservatism of Mr. Patterson, that compromises were effected and concessions made that brought peace and order out of confusion. In 1892 he was chosen State Senator, and while a member of that body was selected as Commissioner of Agriculture. He at once addressed himself to the building up of that important department, which hitherto had been in a somewhat unorganized condition. Before the end of his term, the department gave abundant promise of what

it afterwards became under his wise administration. In 1900 and again in 1904 (in the latter year leading the State ticket) he was called to the head of what had become, under his hand, one of the most powerful and useful agencies for the progress of North Carolina.

In early life he married Miss Mary S. Senserman of Salem, N. C., daughter of Reverend Edwin T. and Mrs. Louisa L. Senserman, who was born December 25th, 1849. It was one of those happy and congenial marriages which bring with them perpetual joy. Each was worthy of the other. Radically different in temperament, he gave to her repose of character and fixity of purpose. She to him abounding energy and tireless activity. They were one in a deep conscientiousness, in broad humanity, in an abounding charity and in a reverent and abiding love of God.

For several years before their deaths, they knew that they, both had mortal diseases from which there was no escape. But they faced death fearlessly, and their only dread seemed to be that one might outlive the other.

Not for long were they divided. Mr. Patterson died September 14th, 1908, and Mrs. Patterson, February 23rd, 1909. They lie side by side in the little cemetery of the Chapel of Rest, on the old home plantation; with the sentinel mountains standing round about guarding their last resting place.

Having lost their only child many years before, both left by will practically their entire estates to found the "Patterson School." *Esto perpetua.*

Our So much for the outer shell, the **Problem** body, in which the school is housed. Now for the school itself: what it is trying to do and how it is trying to do it.—Our problem here is, broadly speaking, identical with that of every school or college, namely, to **EDUCE ALL** the character in **EACH** boy; then to help him to throw away the dross and to clarify and strengthen the pure metal. But, concretely our particular problem has its own peculiar features in that our Southern mountaineer boys are, as a class, different from any other class of boys in the United States. Consequently, the methods of educating their finest manhood must be different, in many details, from the methods pursued at other schools. The mountaineer boys do not always come to us from the mountains, strange as that may sound. The mountain families are moving into the cotton mill towns to an extent not alarming but yet noticeable, and four of the boys now with us were formerly cotton mill "hands." The benefit which these particular boys are reaping by the change, in the matter of health