

LOCAL.

—We expect the mail to soon reach us on the train.

—Mr. J. S. Bell will soon have his new store completed.

—Capt. Blair and his family, of Wilkesboro, are now living at Elkin.

—The street lamps have arrived and will soon be giving light to the benighted ones.

—Mr. R. L. Poindexter's new engine has arrived and will soon be in place for work.

—Mr. John S. Roth is to be associated Mr. R. L. Hubbard in the hardware line.

—Messrs. H. G. and R. M. Chatham recently sold a pair of match horses for \$800.

—A private telegraph line has been put up from Elkin Valley to the depot at Elkin.

—Mr. H. G. Chatham spent several days across the mountains recently buying stock.

—Mr. Paul Chatham, of Charlotte, spent a few days at his father's during August.

—Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Gwyn have spent some time during the summer on Mr. Gwyn's Elk Creek valley farm.

—Mr. C. H. Gwyn is putting ting up a building to be used by the commercial travelers in displaying their goods.

—The lumber for our new parsonage is for the most part on the lot, and it is hoped that the work will be pushed rapidly.

—Mr. R. L. Hubbard is now well established in his new store, and would be glad to have his friends call upon him.

—If you want to furnish your house cheap, go to the N. C. Furniture Company's store, Elkin, N. C. J. T. Shepherd is the agent. Give him a call. See ad. in this issue.

—There are within the corporate limits of Jonesville three springs within a few feet of each other, and it is said that one is iron, one sulphur, and one freestone.

—Mr. E. D. Harris, of Elkin, ran an excursion from Winston to Wilkesboro and return on August 27th, and one from Wilkesboro to Winston and return the 28th.

—Miss Annie Gwyn, daughter of R. R. Gwyn, is at this writing sick with typhoid fever, but is thought to be improving. We trust she will soon be restored to perfect health again.

—The 3rd Quarterly Conference for this charge was held at Jonesville August 16th and 17th. Bro. Hoyle was there in his usual good trim. His sermons were very edifying. They show him to be a man of no ordinary power. He is in great favor with our people.

—The whiskey seller is trying to establish himself in our quiet little town. We earnestly trust that our commissioners and people will see to it that this destroyer of peace be not permitted to enter. Why will anyone desire to set up a business which only tends to degrade and destroy?

CINCINNATI, O., Aug. 26.—For weeks, there has been a great agitation over excluding married women from the position of teachers in the public schools at Cincinnati. Last night, the board after a heated debate decided by a vote of 12 to 11 to make ineligible women living with their husbands.

Horrified!

The good people in a certain village were horrified because the Methodist preacher went away without paying his debts; but they did not seem to think it a matter of any moment that they had failed to pay the preacher his salary. Here is a double wrong. The preacher must learn to live on what he actually gets, be it much or little. He cannot afford to go in debt. It will be far better for him to practice even the hardest and bitterest self-denial rather than incur obligations that he may not be able to discharge. But, at the same time, we cannot see that there is any reason why a congregation of confessedly Christian people should be guilty of the virtual dishonesty of withholding a part of the meager salary which they have agreed to give to the man who preaches them the gospel. A deficit of one hundred dollars would be a little thing if distributed among a hundred people; but it is a very serious matter when it is all saddled upon a pastor.—Nashville Advocate.

Why not an Infidel?

"I once met a thoughtful scholar," said Bishop Whipple, "who told me he had read every book he could which assailed the religion of Jesus Christ, and he said he should have become an infidel but for three things: First, I am a man. I am going somewhere. To-night I am a day nearer the grave than I was last night. I have read all such books can tell me. They shed not one solitary ray of hope or light upon the darkness. They shall not take away the guide and leave me stone-blind. Second, I had a mother. I saw her go down into the dark valley where I am going, and she leaned on an unseen arm as calmly as a child goes to sleep on its mother's breast. I knew that was not a dream. Third, I have three motherless daughters. They know no protection but myself. I would rather kill them than leave them in this sinful world, if you blot out from it all the teachings of the gospel."

For Shame!

One of our Louisiana correspondents sends us an interesting letter in regard to the passage of the lottery bill through the Legislature of the State. He says: "The saddest feature about the passage of the lottery bill is the fact that one Baptist minister, one Methodist Sunday school superintendent and one Farmers' Union man, helped the measure. If either one of them had voted against the bill it would have failed to pass; for it just did get the two-thirds necessary. This fact, however, is no reflection on the Baptist and Methodist churches or upon the Farmers' Union, for all these bodies are pronounced enemies of the lottery; and those men who voted for it can never again enjoy the confidence of their brethren."

This makes us sick. Before, however, any of our friends in the North begin to taunt us with the venality of Southern legislators we beg them to consider that every one of the fifteen Republican members, led by a notorious negro gambler, stood squarely to the lottery. We are all smutted by this dirty business.—Nashville Advocate.

Truthful Pictures.

Skeptics object to the Bible because it boldly tells the truth about certain men. It tells how

after being a preacher of righteousness, Noah got drunk; how David, after making such a fine character, was guilty of adultery; how Solomon became an idolater, and Peter lied and cursed. Why, the divine truth of the Bible is seen in its fearless way of painting man as he is. When Cromwell was having his portrait painted, and the artist, thinking to flatter the great man, omitted painting the big wart on his face. "Paint me just as I am," said Cromwell, "wart and all." There are a great many writers who paint the fair and beautiful features of their favorites, shading or omitting entirely the uncomely. But when the Bible paints the history of its heroes, it paints them just as they are—wart and all. And this is no small evidence of its inspiration.—Raleigh Christian Advocate.

A Convert'd Atheist's Testimony.

Mhegard, professor of philosophy in the University of Copenhagen, has until recently been the apostle of atheism in his country. He has, says the *Semur Vaudois*, just published a second edition of one of his works, and this is what he says in the introduction: "The experience of life, its sufferings and griefs, have shaken my soul, and have broken the foundations upon which I formerly thought I could build. Full of faith in the sufficiency of science, I thought to have found in it a sure refuge from all the contingencies of life. This illusion is vanished; when the tempest came which plunged me in sorrow, the moorings, the cable of science, broke like a thread. Then I seized upon that help which many before me have laid hold of. I sought and found peace in God. Since then I have certainly not abandoned science, but I have assigned it another place in my life."—Sunday School Magazine.

Derrick Alexander, who was a slave of Mr. John R. Alexander, was in Charlotte from Cabarrus county the other day. Derrick is 73 years old, and is the father of 23 children, 14 of whom are living. He was married twice. There were eight twins born to him. His youngest child is 11 months old. His oldest twin daughter is the mother of six sets of twins.

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Half a dozen names are mentioned in connection with the opposition to Governor Gordon in the senatorial race, and the indications now are that Georgia's famous fighter will have on his hands the hardest political fight he has ever had. The Alliance will oppose him.

Five children of Concord, Tenn., were poisoned last Tuesday by taking morphine for quinine. Two of them died, and the others cannot live. The medicine was bought from a drug store and was labeled "sulphate of quinine."

The mad dog excitement in Catawba county continues. The Newton Enterprise of last week reported the death of two horses from hydrophobia.

Mr. W. H. Overman, an old and highly esteemed citizen of Salisbury, died in that place Sunday. He was the father of Hon. Lee S. Overman.

CHURCH SERVICES.

METHODIST.

Rev. J. M. DOWNUM, Pastor.
 1st Sunday, (11 A. M. Elkin, 7 P. M. Jonesville).
 2d Sunday, (11 A. M. Jonesville, 7 P. M. Elkin).
 3d Sunday, (11 A. M. Elkin, 3 P. M. G. Creek).
 4th Sunday, (11 A. M. M. Spring, 7 P. M. Elkin).

PRAYER-MEETING.

Elkin every Wednesday night, and Jonesville every Thursday night.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

Elkin every Sunday at 10 A. M. A. G. Click, Superintendent. Jonesville every Sunday at 3 P. M. I. N. Vestal, Superintendent.

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Oats, " " "	45@ 50
Wheat " " "	90@ 1.00
Flour per sack of 98 lbs.,	\$2 10@ 2.75
Potatoes, Irish, per bus.,	50@ 60
Tallow, per lb.,	4@ 5
LEATHER—	
Upper, per lb.,	37@ 45
Sole and harness, per lb.,	20@ 30
Reeswax, per lb.,	18@ 20
Chickens, @	20
Eggs, @	10
Honey, per lb.,	8@ 12
Feathers, @	45@ 50
Hides, @	4@ 8
Cotton Yarns and Carpet	
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