

LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

Mr. Louis Ashley, from Greensboro, spent Sunday in the village.

Mrs. J. B. D. Rhoads has returned to her home in Harrisonburg, Va.

Miss Carrie Boyd, Mr. Leon Smith and Mrs. W. A. Harper went to Greensboro Friday, shopping.

Miss Cornelia Bryan spent Saturday night with Miss Annie Holt and Sunday with Miss Ivie Coble, in Burlington.

Miss Pattie Preston led in Y. W. C. A. Sunday afternoon, using as her subject, "The Give and Take of Life." The meeting was good.

After an able sermon at eleven o'clock last Sunday, Dr. Atkinson administered the ordinance of baptism to twelve persons, by immersion, in the afternoon.

Senior examinations closed Saturday, 21, and on that day the examinations for all other classes began. These examinations run through this week, closing Saturday afternoon, 28th.

One of Rev. C. C. Peel's little boys developed a case of diphtheria a few days ago. The county health officers promptly quarantined the patient, who is coming out all right under the skillful treatment of physicians.

It was announced this (Monday) morning that Mr. J. W. Barney had won the thesis medal, given by Dr. R. M. Morrow, of Burlington, N. C., for the best graduating thesis written by any member of the Senior Class.

In Christian Endeavor Society Sunday evening, the subject was, "What is it to be a Christian?" A union meeting with the Juniors; Mr. J. W. Barney was leader. The meeting was interesting and very inspiring.

Mrs. J. P. Huffman, who has been sick about two weeks, is able to be out again. Mrs. Sadie Jones has been sick several days. She is suffering from over-taxed nerves. Mrs. W. L. Smith is in poor health, so is Mrs. W. S. Tate.

Mrs. E. L. Moffitt came down last Monday from the hospital in Greensboro, where she has been with Dr. Moffitt. Miss Clara Moffitt, of Asheboro, accompanied her. Mrs. Moffitt returned to Greensboro Tuesday, and the children, Rhodes and Margaret were taken by Miss Clara to Asheboro, until Dr. Moffitt's condition is such that Mrs. Moffitt can leave his bedside.

Mrs. Alma Morse Wilson gave a pleasant "At Home," on Thursday afternoon, in honor of her sister, Mrs. Robinson, of Boston, Mass. The home was beautifully decorated with roses and various seasonable flowers. Miss Cornelia Bryan and Miss Linda Barnes assisted the hostess in receiving, while Miss Mary Louise Pitts and Miss Bessie Urquhart

presided in the dining room, where delicious refreshments were served.

Mr. R. J. Kernodle and Miss Ruth Jones marvelously escaped a serious accident, Saturday afternoon, while out driving. The horse became frightened at the west-bound passenger train at the station, and in attempting to run, struck the front wheel on Mr. Kernodle's side against a stump, breaking the spindle. Now with the lines slackened for an instant the horse lost no time in gaining speed. The buggy soon turned over and threw both occupants to the ground. Mr. Kernodle swung to the lines and after being somewhat bruised up by being dragged some distance, succeeded in stopping the horse. Miss Jones was not hurt, and the only serious damage was to the buggy, which was pretty badly torn up, the top being demolished.

The same day, but earlier, a team of Mr. D. W. Brown's ran away with a wagon loaded with baled hay piled high. As they turned the corner at the station the wagon almost turned over. The driver and bales of hay went flying down on the side-walk like mill stones. Mr. O. B. Barnes happened to be passing just at this time and narrowly escaped being struck by the flying bales. Mr. Barnes is unable to walk without crutches, having never entirely recovered from a broken ankle a few years ago, but he cannot exactly remember whether the crutches were of any service in escaping the artillery of the hay wagon. The team was stopped by running into an out-building, with no serious damage other than the breaking out of the wagon tongue.

Affie Griffin.

Some Seventeenth Century Books and Authors.

(By W. P. Lawrence.)

ROBERT BURTON.

The "Anatomy of Melancholy" is one of the few books that I have not been able to lay down, once having started to read. I was so surprised at my fascination that I have been trying to find the secret of the author's charm, but without satisfactory results. The title of the book smells so much of the dissecting room and there are so many Latin quotations, that would prove endless stumbling blocks in any other book, that I am puzzled to know how these objections are so easily overcome. The power in the third portion, for it was this that I read, must lie in the theme—three-fold—dealing with the three greatest passions of the heart, love, jealousy, and religion, and the author's mastery of his subject through close, accurate observation and wide scholarship. Then, added to this, is his easy, clear, charming style.

SIR THOMAS BROWNE.

This author sets me thinking more than any other prose writer of this period. "Religio Medice," written when Browne

was only thirty years old, as he says in the eleventh section of the second part, is profound enough for one of fifty years. The style is well suited to the matter, yet there is no humor, no passion, no wit, other than that of a penetrating, observing, learned intellect, expressing itself without conceits, and with no attempt at striking phraseology.

Like Feltham, he wrote resolves, but all (in my copy of his works) on prayer.

Almost any one of the thirty-six sections of "Christian Morals" is a sermon in miniature. "Urn-Burial" is a learned treatise on the disposal of the body after death, as Burton's "Anatomy of Melancholy" is of that subject.

"Vulgar Errors" shows a remarkable knowledge of the origin of popular superstitions and his dissent from much of it.

Browne believed in prayer, lived charity, taught wisdom, and died a philosopher.

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To see oursel as ithers see us,"
And it might help a lot, my brothers,
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