

HONORABLE CHARLES MATHER COOKE—AN APPRECIATION.

In looking backward over the fifteen years I have been at the bar, an incident occurred at one of the terms of Wake Superior Court held in the fall of 1903, that I love to remember.

The court room was well filled with spectators, court officials and witnesses. The really important case to be tried at that term was about to be entered upon. The brilliant array of eminent counsel was ready for the fray. The jurors had been called and one by one they had been examined as to their fitness and competency.

I received my license a month before. A case in which I had just been employed was reached in the call. My associate counsel was out of the court room at the time and somehow or other, I wonder now how I had the "nerve" — I arose with as little show as possible and told the judge that we expected to be ready and were anxious to try the case.

"Who are you," came to me for the time being as the sternest question and couched in the harshest voice I had ever heard. That great man looked over his glasses and searched me through and through while I tried to tell him.

"I have a great mind to send you to jail for contempt of court for sitting in here all the morning without having made the acquaintance of the Court," he said. I wished solitary confinement could save me in my utter helplessness. But I soon came to know that this was one of his characteristics and from that time on I came to know and to love Judge Cooke as the friend of the young practitioner and this little incident and his fatherly talk with me at the time served to bind us closer and to increase our friendship as I knew him through his remaining years.

We were always delighted to have Judge Cooke visit us in our home, and having been a warm personal friend of my wife's father's, I thus had frequent opportunity to be and talk with him and to know him as a man. No man was more loyal to his clan and his country than he, and no man was more perfectly devoted to his family.

I knew him intimately as an administrator of the law. He had the power of searching the very conscience of a witness for the truth. He could scan the testimony and distinguish the true from the false. Where justice demanded he knew how to mete out punishment commensurate with the wrong done, and he too had the ability to tell when an innocent man was being wrongly accused and he had the courage to stand for his convictions.

He was one of that school or thought who believed that the certainty of punishment had a more deterring effect upon crime than the severity of it. As a judge of the law I remember him especially in a case in which I was defending a man charged with murder. A verdict of manslaughter was rendered and in the course of the vigorous and strenuous appeals made to him to give my client the maximum sentence, he said: "When you take two years out of a man's life that is a long time. I spent four long years in the Civil War. I know what a year means. This man has been in jail over Christmas and when you take three Christmases and two watermelon times out of a poor negro's life you have about ruined him." My client got two years.

COMPLAINT IN HARRIS.

From the following complaint, it would seem that there is trouble brewing in Harris township over the working of the roads.

Louisburg, Jan. 26, 1920. The Franklin Times.

Dear Mr. Editor: Will you allow me a little space in your paper to have reprinted a copy of an agreement that the Road Commissioners of Harris township agreed to in case the Bond issue was carried in the township. The following is the agreement:

NOTICE. We the undersigned Road Commissioners of Harris Township hereby agree to work R. F. D. No. 1, from Louisburg, N. C. before any other in said township are worked.

This agreement does not hold good only in case the Bond issue is carried for good roads in Harris township and so far as our power as Road Commissioners may exist.

F. W. Justice, J. E. Harris, J. L. Byron.

The Bond issue was no doubt carried on account of that promise. And we folks down this way would like to know why that promise is not being carried out. We don't feel like we are getting a square deal in the building of the roads. They seem to be building nearly altogether on one side of the township now, and not on R. F. D. No. 1. I don't believe there is a road in the township that is traveled any more than the one from Bunn to Louisburg, and yet all of this piece of road has not been finished. And where it is pretended to be finished it is a very common road to be called a good road. (Heard of one good road builder saying that if he had built it he would not own it.)

Then there is 3 1-2 miles of the road that leads from the Bunn-Louisburg road to the Dunn township line near the Bill Harris Cross Roads that R. F. D. No. 1 passes over and under together for it is almost impassable at times. Yet they have left this piece of R. F. D. No. 1 off and are building up other pieces that are in good shape, after agreeing to work Route 1 first.

I think I will be safe in saying that 99 per cent of the people down this way would like for the Road Commissioners to publicly explain why they are not doing as they agreed to do.

H. A. STRICKLAND.

ANNOUNCES ENGAGEMENT.

Mr. J. Cade Hayes announces the engagement of his sister, Miss Una May Hayes to Mr. Henry C. Ranson, of Brevard. The wedding will take place early in March.

Miss Hayes is one of Louisburg's most cultured and attractive young ladies, and has a host of friends in this and adjoining states who will hear with much interest of her approaching marriage. She is the grand-daughter of the late Rev. Baylus Cade, and has inherited many of the intellectual traits of this distinguished gentleman. Mr. Ranson's home is in Brevard where he is one of the leaders in the social and religious life of the town. He is in the railway service.

stances and conditions. He realized that the office of chancellor was a solemn one, for in his conscience and in his breast he was the keeper of all that was best for the orphaned and the hope of the orphaned boy.

A great man has come and gone. The curtain of life has dropped. He has ebbed away until he is no more, but his life has been a flood-tide of good and charitable deeds and he has left to us a rich heritage in his personal association and friendship. A long vigorous life of usefulness has been nobly spent and as its sunbeams slowly and dimly fade from the horizon of everyday activities, they leave in their wake in the straight pathway in which he walked, examples to be emulated by us all and the warmth of his unflinching friendship, his zeal for the right and the noble traits of character with which he was endowed will serve in the years to come as a blessing to us who had the privilege of knowing him intimately and to increase our love for the truly great and good man that he was.

W. H. LYON, JR., Washington, N. C. Jan. 20th, 1920.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The service at the Methodist Church Sunday night was under the auspices of The United Daughters of the Confederacy. It was a patriotic memorial service in observance of the birthdays of Lee and Jackson.

The exercises opened with singing by the choir of Kipling's Recessional, prayer offered by Rev. T. D. Collins followed by a solo by Miss Dodson. The offering was for the benefit of the U. D. C. The congregation joined the choir in singing what Mr. Smith announced had been Gen. Lee's favorite hymn, "How firm a foundation."

Rev. F. S. Love in an eloquent address rendered glowing tribute to the life and character of the two greatest heroes of the "Lost Cause."

HEARD GALLICURCL.

Louisburg was well represented among the music lovers who gathered from all parts of the state to hear Gallie-Curcl in Raleigh Wednesday of last week. Among those who attended the concert were Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Watson, Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Fleming, James King, Mr. and Mrs. Love and a number of the College girls, Mr. and Mrs. McBrayer, Mrs. O. Y. Yarboro, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Allen, Miss Lucy Allen, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Pleasants, Misses Gifford, Honrine, and Smaw, Mrs. W. R. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McKinne, Miss Mamie Brown, Misses Sallie Williams, Stuart, Felton, Onnie Tucker, Elizabeth Furgerson, Dorcas McKinne, Mrs. Frank McKinne, Mrs. David McKinne, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. White, Misses Dodson, Board, Yow, Henninger, Spiers, Mrs. Perry Neal, Miss Fannie Neal, Dr. and Mrs. Smithwick, Mr. Robt. Smithwick, Misses Beatrice Turner and Francis Barrow, J. C. Jones.

MRS. BICKETT ADDRESSED MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Mrs. Bickett addressed the members of all the Missionary Societies of the town in a joint meeting at the home of Mrs. Frank McKinne Tuesday afternoon of last week. The subject of her address was "The Overseas Work of the Y. W. C. A." After a brief historical sketch of the Y. W. C. A. in this country, Mrs. Bickett gave an interesting account of the conditions and circumstances in France which render the work of some organization, such as the Y. W. C. A., so much needed. This account was enlivened by the recital of many incidents which came under Mrs. Bickett's own observation while she was in France. The women of impoverished France are asking the women of America to aid in the great work. Louisburg was asked to raise one hundred and fifty dollars, and the following committees were appointed to have it in charge; from the Methodist church, Mesdames M. C. Pleasants, F. B. McKinne and F. S. Love; from the Baptist, Mesdames T. W. Watson, T. D. Collins, and W. B. Morton; from the Episcopal, Mesdames G. A. Cralle, H. H. Johnson, and M. S. Clifton; from the Presbyterian church, Mrs. W. P. Neal.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist church observed their regular week of prayer for Foreign Missions during the past week. The meetings were well attended and the members felt that both themselves and the cause were benefitted by them. The meetings were held as follows, Monday with Miss Onnie Tucker, Tuesday with Mrs. F. B. McKinne in a union meeting with the other societies, Wednesday with Mrs. Wingate Underhill, Thursday with Mrs. J. S. Howell, and Friday with Mrs. E. C. Allen. A member was enrolled, Mrs. Luther Whitaker, who comes from the New Bethel church. Mrs. Whitaker has great musical talent and the society is very fortunate in this addition to its membership.

AT METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. J. C. Wooten, Raleigh Districts new presiding elder will preach at the Methodist church on Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. G. F. Smith will preach at the morning hour. Sunday School will be at the usual hour Sunday morning.

STUDY CIRCLE.

The study circle of the Methodist Woman's Missionary Society met with Mrs. E. W. Furgerson Monday afternoon. The class took up the first lesson in the new book, "Adventures in Faith in Foreign Lands." In the absence of the regular teacher, Mrs. David McKinne, Mrs. Parham conducted the lesson. In spite of the snow there were ten present. At the conclusion of the lesson Mrs. Furgerson assisted by Miss Onnie Tucker served refreshments.

ROCK-BRIDGE PARTY.

A unique feature in the social events of the past week was the progressive Rock-bridge party given by Mesdames J. W. Mann and G. A. Ricks. Six tables at Rock were reserved at 10:30 a. m. and five tables at Bridge at 3:00 p. m.

The living room and dining room were thrown together for the occasion and were attractively decorated in Killiney roses and ferns. Those playing Rock were Misses Lorne and Susie Meadows, Fannie Mumford, Grace Hall, Bette, Sue Alston, Sallie Taylor, Mesdames O. Y. Yarboro, B. T. Holden, S. A. Newell, D. W. Spivey, W. Underhill, J. A. Hodges, T. D. Collins, G. F. Smith, O. H. Harris, F. B. and D. F. McKinne, Georgia Boddie, W. E. Morton, S. P. Burt, W. E. White, S. P. Boddie, B. B. Perry, and W. H. Yarborough. Mrs. David McKinne made the highest score and was presented with the prize, a dainty luncheon set. A salad course with coffee was served.

Those playing bridge were Misses Virginia Foster, Annie Green, Mesdames Harry McBrayer, J. M. Allen, A. W. Person, L. L. Joyner, F. H. Allen, G. A. Cralle, E. L. Best, K. K. Allen, S. P. Boddie, B. B. Perry, S. J. Parham, R. C. Beck, G. M. Beam, T. W. Ruffin, J. L. Palmer, M. S. Clifton, D. W. Spivey, and J. B. Yarborough. The score tied between Mrs. Beam and Mrs. Ruffin. They cut for the prize and Mrs. Ruffin being the lucky winner was presented with a beautiful gold-wicker basket of cut flowers, narcissus and maiden hair ferns. The hostesses served a salad course with coffee.

Mrs. M. S. Clifton entertained the Friday Afternoon Bridge club at three tables of bridge. After a most interesting game the hostess served a salad course with coffee.

CURRENT LITERATURE CLUB.

The Current Literature Club Thursday at its regular session. The topic for the afternoon was "The Renaissance of the South." The first number on the program was a paper by Miss Beits, subjects "Early Educators of the South," "The Passing of the Free Skule," "The Public School assumes its rightful place."

This was followed by a talk by Mrs. F. B. McKinne on "The Industrial Awakening in the South, or Modern Methods and Labor Saving Devices, Revolutionizing Farm Work."

Mrs. S. P. Burt made a talk on "The Benefits to the South of the Rural Free Delivery, Good Roads and the Press."

FARMERS UNION TO MEET.

The Franklin County Farmers Union will meet in Louisburg, Thursday, Feb. 5th, at 10 o'clock. Each local is requested to have a full delegation present for officers for 1920 will be elected at this meeting and there will be other business of importance to come before the meeting.

TRUCK MADE THE TRIP.

Information given us the past week is that the school truck that brings Prospect school children in to the Louisburg Graded School is the only vehicle that braved the weather on Monday. While the weather was such that some of the patrons living within two or three blocks of the school would not allow their children to go, the truck made its six and one-half mile trip and return without mishap and carried fifteen or twenty children. Mr. Young, the driver, claims that if no worse weather that that of Tuesday comes there will be no need of the Prospect children missing a single day from school.

SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S SUNDAY.

Administration of the Holy Communion at 7:30 A. M. Morning Prayer and sermon by Rev. N. Colin Hughes, Rector. A cordial invitation is given to all services.

YOUNG WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Young Woman's Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. O. Y. Yarboro Tuesday evening, Jan. 27th, 1920, 7:30 o'clock in a study circle. Miss Honrine, our splendid leader, conducted the meeting.

1. The purpose in studying women of the Orient. Will not only inform but help us to become better fitted for the selection of our trained people to go over.

2. Problems: Industrial Economics. 3. Countries: Turkey, India, China, Japan. 4. Changes: Industrial social.

In connection with assignment, Mrs. Ernest Thomas discussed Home Makers in the New Testament. Woman's Inheritance by rights what ought she to be, and to become, Miss Spears.

The Home as a center for Interpretation of need, Miss Smaw. Industrialism as a basis for training women in non-Christian countries, Miss Dorsett.

The Missing Link, Mrs. Pleasants. Man's attitude as interpreted from this study, Miss Lorne Meadows. Chinese Mothers, Mrs. Best. What we have supplied, Mrs. Allen. What we must supply, Mrs. Yarboro. Last on our program was a solo, My Task, Miss Maud Ashley. Those present were Mesdames Ernest-Thomas, J. M. Allen, M. C. Pleasants, O. Y. Yarboro, F. M. Fuller, Misses Sue Alston, Honrine and Maud Ashley. Mrs. Yarboro served a delightful salad course, sandwiches and hot tea. The Society adjourned to meet with Miss Sue Alston, Tuesday evening Feb. 3, 1920, 7:30 o'clock in a business meeting. All voting Mrs. Yarboro a charming hostess.

BAPTIST CAMPAIGN.

The Baptists are launching a big training campaign covering the entire State. From Jan. 20-24th a hundred pastors gathered in Greensboro and prepared themselves to teach in the twelve schools to be held March 8-12.

During this week representatives from the churches will meet for real work. There will be courses as follows, Sunday School, Baptist Young Peoples Union. The book of Acts and Evangelism, World Survey, Pastors and Evangelism and the Business side of Church Life.

The school for the Tar River Association will be at Henderson. Each church is urged to send its pastors and two or more representatives paying their expenses of course. Beds and breakfast will be furnished by the hosts, railroad fare, dinner and supper will be paid by the individual attending. A large number of schools will be held in July.

T. D. Collins will be one of the faculty at Henderson teaching the business side of Church Life.

RED CROSS SEWING.

Every one who has any sewing of any kind either made or unmade, for the Red Cross are requested to send it at once to Mrs. J. A. Turner, as these garments must go to Atlanta at once if they are to be of any service this winter.

TO ADOPT ORPHANS.

In response to the appeal for food and clothing and a chance to live, the people of Franklin county have been asked to adopt 38 homeless Armenian orphans who are today facing death in a land where hopeless natives know nothing but sorrow. Beginning Sunday, February 1, a campaign of relief will be waged in the county under the direction of E. H. Malone as chairman of the drive. The campaign will run for three weeks.

THE WAR HAS ADDED 2,000,000 TO THE POPULATION OF ITALY, DESPITE ITS LOSSES.

But King Vic is not the only one who can crow. Emma and Alexander have been restored to Russia.

PERSONALS.

Mr. W. H. Allen visited Raleigh Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. McKinne are spending a few days in Richmond.

Mrs. W. T. Person and Mrs. E. F. Thomas visited Raleigh Friday.

Messrs. W. M. Person and T. W. Ruffin visited Raleigh the past week.

Dr. and Mrs. D. T. Smithwick left Tuesday for a visit to his brother-in-law in Florida.

Mrs. J. T. Mills, of Middleburg, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Bobbitt.

Dr. H. G. Perry left Tuesday for a business trip to Washington, Baltimore and New York.

Rev. T. D. Collins attended the sessions of the Mobile School faculty held in Greensboro the past week.

Mrs. H. G. Perry and little son, Douglas, left Tuesday for a visit to her people at Adrian, W. Va.

Mrs. D. H. Hayes, nee Miss Laura Mills, from Clinton, S. C., is on a visit to relatives and friends here.

Miss Louise Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin, Mr. J. F. Lifsey, of Raleigh, visited Louisburg Sunday.

Mr. H. R. Howard, of Raleigh, was in Louisburg yesterday looking after the proper installation of the Town's electric pumps.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Love are attending a meeting of the executive committee of the Epworth League in Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. W. H. Allen, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Tomlinson, left this week for Ocala, Florida, to visit relatives. She will be away two or three weeks.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB.

Mrs. R. C. Beck was hostess to the Tuesday Afternoon Book Club, Jan. 27th, at 3 p. m.

The subject of the program was Immigration from South Eastern Europe. The Slavs. Mrs. W. H. Yarborough read an interesting paper on "The General Characteristics of the Slav Immigrants and the Home From Which He Comes." Miss Sallie Williams and Mrs. A. H. Fleming favored the club with an instrumental duet. Mrs. G. A. Cralle gave a book review entitled "Items from Current Periodicals on the Slavs and Their Americanization." Mrs. Parham read Current Events and the program closed with a vocal duet by Miss Williams and Mrs. W. E. White. After the program a salad course with mints and coffee was served.

Those present were Mesdames T. W. Watson, W. R. Mills, W. E. White, A. H. Fleming, W. H. Furgerson, S. J. Parham, J. L. Palmer, M. S. Clifton, W. H. Yarborough, S. P. Boddie, G. A. Cralle, G. F. Smith, B. B. Perry, G. A. Ricks, T. W. Ruffin, F. B. McKinne, H. McBrayer, H. H. Johnson, Elmore and Misses Williams, Stuart, Smaw, Gifford, Dorsett, Tucker.