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## CHOWAN IS REPRESENTED AT STATE LIBRARY MEET

### Miss McDowell Reports Inter- esting Session of N. C. Library Association

Chowan was represented at the biennial session of the North Carolina Library Association, which met at Winston-Salem November 22-23, by Miss Eunice McDowell, librarian.

All sessions were held in the R. E. Lee Hotel. Library progress and plans for expansion of library service were the theme of all talks delivered to the association. The first statement was that North Carolina was leading the South in library work. There were representatives from the Library Commission, public libraries, college libraries and high school libraries.

Miss Mary Flournoy of the Library Commission spoke at the first session of the work done during the year in establishing libraries in rural communities. She was followed by Gerald Johnson of the Greensboro Daily News, who spoke on "An Intellectual Audit". The central thought of his address was that the only way to secure a satisfactory standard by which the intelligence of a community may be measured is for the public library to give to the press each month a statement as to amount and nature of reading done by the public. This suggestion was adopted and given to the Library Commission to formulate some plan by which it could be carried out. After the discussion the association adjourned in order to visit the Carnegie Library of the city.

At eight p. m., the association was the guest of the Public Library at a banquet given in the ball room of the hotel. Colonel Blair was toastmaster. The address of welcome was given by C. L. Creech, chairman of the local library; the response by Miss Mary Faison DeVane of the Goldsboro Public Library. She was followed by Miss Adelaide Fries, president of North Carolina Library and Historical Society, who stated that this organization and the Library Association stand for the same thing in many cases especially in encouraging the writing of books on history.

Mary B. Palmer, secretary of the state library, spoke on the program of libraries for the past two years. Twenty-two new public libraries have large appropriations for establishing libraries. N. C. C. W. has just completed a new library building. Elon has replaced the library which was destroyed by fire. Wake Forest is planning a new building. The only separate hospital library in the country has been recently established at Oteen.

Dr. Wilson, president of the association outlined the program for the two coming years, emphasizing four main points: first, the extension of library service to small towns and schools; second, the necessity of get-

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## "The Little Mark Twain Of Oregon" In Chautauqua Pleasing Personality

### CHOWAN'S OLDEST LIVING GRADUATE



Mrs. I. B. Lake (Bettie Marable),  
Class of 1864

Mrs. Lake is the mother of Professor James L. Lake, who is seen standing behind his mother, in this picture. Professor Lake is now head of the Department of Physics at Wake Forest College.

### MISS MORRIS COMMENDS CHAUTAQUA CAREER

"To a girl who is fond of traveling and meeting people there can be no more delightful work than chautauqua work," declared Miss Morris, advance agent for the Swarthmore Chautauqua. She went on to say that there are unlimited possibilities in the chautauqua work for the girl who wishes to express herself in some other service than teaching or actual missionary work. "I have taught school and was attached to the peace conference in the State Department after the war, but in neither of these could I find means of expression and the real joy of service as I have in the chautauqua."

"Of course there are many hardships in the way of train and living accommodations," she concluded, "but these discomforts seem nothing in comparison with the happiness one finds in doing the work one really loves to do."

### ALUMNI WILL STAGE ANNUAL BANQUET

As has been the custom for a good many years the Wake Forest Alumni will hold a banquet during the Baptist State Convention. The convention is to be held in Gastonia, December 10 to 14. It promises to surpass in number and elaborateness the one held in Winston-Salem last year. The local Alumni Secretary, J. A. McMillan, is cooperating with the local Gastonia Alumni in making arrangements.

M. G. Stamey is to be the student representative at the convention and will deliver one of his characteristic speeches at the banquet.

### Miss Clemens Interesting Per- sonality, Cousin of Mark Twain Altogether Delight- ful, Once Called "The Little Mark Twain of Oregon".

Since celebrating the birthday of Mark Twain on November 30, we feel that we have been, indeed, fortunate in having had as our own guest, his cousin, Mildred Leo Clemens, who gave her famous lecture on "Happy Hawaii" on the closing evening of the Swarthmore Chautauqua season.

"No modern woman can afford not to read the leading periodicals and keep abreast of the times, if she is to get the most out of life and if she wishes to make her type the best the world has ever known" says Miss Clemens in an interview with the Chowanian reporter. She was delighted to know that we have a journalism class in college and added that a class in journalism gave her the vision of the work she is now doing.

Miss Clemens was born in Connecticut, but moved to Oregon when four years old and received her high school education at Portland Oregon High. While there she was for two years editor of her high school paper, and during her summer vacations, she won out in a big newspaper contest twice, writing editorials even at this early age. During the vacation of her senior year at high school she was made manager of these contests all over the state, and canvassing the state on horseback, she became known as "The Little Mark Twain of Oregon." Later she became circulation manager for one of the largest dailies in southern Oregon.

She soon realized, however, that if she really wished to succeed, she must have a college education, so she gave up a splendid position and entered the University of California. "This university", she added, "is so beautiful and is surrounded by such wonderful scenery, that it attracts students from all over the world."

After studying for three and a half years, Miss Clemens was graduated in the famous exposition class of 1915; and out of the nine hundred graduates, she was elected as one of the nineteen who formed the "Woman's Honor Society" of the university.

After graduation Miss Clemens represented California in the Southern Pacific Railroad Building, at the famous Exposition for seven months, giving lectures about the wonderful scenery of that state. While there, of course, she met travellers from all over the world, and received her idea of carrying the story of travel to the millions of people who could not get it otherwise.

Miss Clemens has since then lectured in Australia, New Zealand,

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## CHAUTAQUA GREATLY ENJOYED AT COLLEGE

### Three Days of Interesting Pro- grams Presented in College Chapel

For three days—November 26-28 the students of Chowan College and the people in and around Murfreesboro enjoyed the privilege of attending six programs given by the Swarthmore Chautauqua in the college auditorium. These programs were at once entertaining, instructive and informative. They furnished solid food for thought in its most desirable form, well flavored with good humor and music.

On the opening day, the Victorian Maids gave two concerts, presenting high grade music using voice, cello, violin and piano. Part of the program, however, consisted of the old songs and instrumental numbers of the Victorian period and the Victorian atmosphere was created by the appropriate costumes.

Monday night Dr. Harry Hirschman gave a lecture on "The Law and The Profits". He explained in convincing language the meaning and origin of the reason for, and the profits of living under law. He cited as its alternatives, anarchy and despotism. He went on to say that the two present menaces of law are syndicalism and criminalism. He closed the lecture by naming and discussing six remedies for the lawlessness of America.

On the second day Andrew Vissochi, an Italian, gave two concerts on the piano accordion. That evening Arthur Walwyn Evans, a cousin of Lloyd George, lectured on "What America Means to Me." He told in this lecture, in plain, trenchant and fearless terms, what is wrong and what is right with America.

In the afternoon of the closing day a pageant, "The Woman Who Lived in a Show" was presented under the leadership of Miss Emily Morris. Miss Morris made a very good "Old Woman" while some pupils from the Murfreesboro graded school were the best "children" ever. The pageant was well presented and showed that Miss Morris has an unusual ability as a junior chautauqua leader.

Mildred Leo Clemens, cousin of Mark Twain, traveller, lecturer, writer, and photographer gave an illustrated lecture on the evening of the closing day on "Happy Hawaii". She made "Happy Hawaii" most realistic as she wove around it in beautiful language the history, the customs, and lore, and carried the hearers from scene to scene with a fascination that left a deep impression on everybody present.

A large crowd was present at all the programs. The chautauqua was such a success in every way that the guarantors were eager for it to return the following year.

The Swarthmore Chautauqua was started in 1912 by Paul M. Pearson,

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