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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Wilmington & Weldon Rail Road and Branches.

CONDENSED SCHEDULE. TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

Dated Feb. 28 '92.	No. 23 Daily	No. 27 Fast Mail Daily	No. 41 Daily ex Sun
Leave Weldon.....	P M 12 30	P M 5 43	A M 6 00
Arr. Rocky Mt.....	1 40	6 33	7 03
Arrive Tarboro.....	* 2 13 P M 12 58	7 00	7 40
Leave Tarboro.....	P M 12 58	6 00	
Arrive Wilson.....	P M 2 13	7 00	7 40
Leave Wilson.....	* 2 30		
Arrive Selma.....	3 25		
Arr Fayetteville.....	5 20		
Leave Goldsboro.....	3 15 7 40	8 30	
Leave Warsaw.....	4 11	9 39	
Leave Magnolia.....	4 27	9 44	
Arr. Wilmington.....	6 00 9 55	11 25	

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

	No. 14 Daily	No. 78 Daily	No. 40 Daily ex Sun
Lea. Wilmington.....	A M 12 35	A M 9 15	P M 4 20
Leave Magnolia.....	1 54	10 57	6 02
Leave Warsaw.....	2 11	11 11	6 15
Arrive Goldsboro.....	2 55	12 05	7 10
Lea. Fayetteville.....		* 9 30	
Arrive Selma.....		11 25	
Arrive Wilson.....		12 50	
Leave Wilson.....	A M 2 35	P M 12 58	P M 8 41
Arr. Rocky Mt.....	4 03	1 30	6 39
Arrive Tarboro.....	6 20	2 18	
Leave Tarboro.....		12 58	
Arrive Weldon.....	5 05	2 55	10 09

* Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 4:00 p.m., Halifax 4:22 p.m., arrive at Scotland Neck 5:15 p.m., Greenville 6:52 p.m., Kinston 8:00 p.m. Returning, leaves Kinston 10 a.m., Greenville 8:25 a.m., arriving at Halifax at 11:00 a.m., Weldon 11:25 a.m., daily except Sunday.

Local freight train leaves Weldon at 10:15 a.m., arriving Scotland Neck 1:05 a.m., Greenville 5:30 p.m., Kinston 7:40 p.m., Returning, leaves Kinston 7:20 a.m., Greenville 9:55 a.m., Scotland Neck 2:28 p.m., arrive Weldon 5:15 p.m., daily except Sunday.

Trains on Southern Division, Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leaves Fayetteville 7:30 a.m., arrive Rowland 12:15 p.m. Returning, leaves Rowland 12:15 p.m., arrive Fayetteville 3:15 p.m., daily except Sunday.

Trains on Midland N.C. Branch leaves Goldsboro, N.C., daily except Sunday, 6:00 a.m.; arrive Smithfield, N.C., 8:30 a.m. Returning, leaves Smithfield, N.C. 7:30 a.m., arrives Goldsboro, N.C. 9:30 a.m.

Trains on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 5:15 p.m., arrives Nashville 5:55 p.m., Spring Hope 6:30 p.m., Returning, leaves Spring Hope 8:00 a.m., Nashville 8:35 a.m., arrive Rocky Mount 9:15 a.m., daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leaves Warsaw for Clinton, daily except Sunday, at 6:00 p.m. and 11:15 a.m. Returning, leave Clinton at 8:20 a.m. and 3:10 p.m., connecting at Warsaw with Nos. 14, 78 and 78.

Southbound train on Wilson and Fayetteville Branch is No. 51 Northbound is No. 50. *Daily except Sunday.

Train No. 27 South and 14 North will stop only at Rocky Mount, Wilson, Goldsboro and Magnolia.

Train No. 78 makes close connection at Weldon for all points North daily. All rail via Richmond and daily except Sunday via Bay Line, also at Rocky Mount daily except Sunday, with Norfolk and Carolina for Norfolk and all points North via Norfolk.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., via Albemarle & Raleigh R. R., daily except Sunday, 4:40 p.m. Sunday 3 p.m.; arrive at Wilmington, N. C., 7:18 p.m. and 4:50 p.m.; Plymouth 8:30 p.m., and 5:10 p.m. Returning, leaves Plymouth, N. C., daily except Sunday 6:00 a.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m., Wilmington 7:50 a.m., 9:58 a.m. Arrive at Tarboro, N. C. 10:40 a.m. and 11:20 a.m.

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Mch-31-91.

THE MODEL STEWARD.

The steward is an important member of the Methodist economy. The well-being and harmonious movement of the system is to some extent independent on his fidelity. The condition of his Church, its unity, efficiency, and liberality, result from example and efforts. The preacher comes and goes, but the steward never itinerates; he is fixed, and around him as the center the itinerancy revolves. He welcomes the new preacher, holds up his hands during his pastorate, and sends him to other fields free from financial stress and strengthened in heart and hands. A good steward is without price. A bad one is a nuisance and a sin. The model steward is to be with frequently, and their model work is the highest praise. The signs of spiritual thrift are seen on every hand. An inefficient steward is worse than an incubus; he not only hinders the good, but educates in evil.

By his neglect the preacher suffers in purse and honor, and the church suffers with him; the grace of giving, and with it all other graces, are arrested, and church affairs have the air of looseness. The steward gives character to his church, the grace of giving being a chief one; the church which habitually falls behind in that will be behindhand in other things.

The model steward must be a Methodist in deed and in truth—a Methodist inside and out. One who loves the Methodist church; is jealous of its honor; most sensitive to everything that concerns its welfare. One who is devoted to its economy, familiar with its doctrines, careful of its discipline. A Methodist by conviction, and if to conviction there be added education, heredity, and tradition, it will be well. Men listless in their devotion to Methodism, ignorant of its doctrines, history, and essential features, untrue to its discipline, should not be put into the office of steward. Their relations and functions are not wholly financial, and if they were there is much in thorough loyalty in strong convictions, in ardent devotion to secure success in church finances as in other departments of church effort. While devotion to Christ is first, and must be so much so as to have no other first, but devotion to Christ works through the agency of devotion to a particular denomination. It is an orbit limited to, and shining in, its fixed sphere. A thorough Methodist may be a poor Christian, but it would be an anomaly to find a devoted Christian in the Methodist church in official relation who was not a devoted Methodist. The higher works through the lower.

The model steward, a Methodist in warp and woof, must add to this deep spirituality, that is, his piety must be "solid" as the Discipline enjoins. Religion in the steward must take no second place. To estimate financial ability as the first, and religion as a secondary matter, is to degrade the office. When the apostles saw the necessity of separating the secular from the higher spiritual work of the church they did not propose to relegate the matter to secular or indifferent men—to men of finance or influence merely; but they weighed the matter, and the men they sought out were men of high character, "of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom." Stephen, the first martyr, is an illustration of how deeply spiritual the men consecrated to the temporal affairs ought to be. The more spiritual a Methodist steward the better suited he is to his work. The tendency is to allow these officers to be lowered by the spiritual degener-

acy of the men who fill them. Devoted as the steward's office is at many points to the secular, his spirituality is the more important that by this spirituality he may spiritualize the secular, and not allow it to secularize him, his office and the church. Mr. Wesley guarded this point with great care. He provided that the Methodist stewards, "are to be men full of the Holy Ghost and of wisdom; that they may do all things acceptable to God. They are to begin and end every meeting with earnest prayer to God for blessings on all their undertakings." "You are," says Mr. Wesley, in his direction to the stewards, "to consider whenever you meet God is here; therefore, be serious, utter no trifling word, speak as in his presence and to the glory of his great name. You are to continually pray and endeavor that a holy harmony of soul may in all things subsist among you. It will be seen how spiritual conditions were part of the conditions of the office of Methodist steward. For these times of secular handling of sacred things these directions are a good tonic.

The model steward is concerned about raising the collections and meeting in full the assessments, but beyond this and of far greater importance he labors diligently to train his people into liberal spiritual giving. He is concerned about securing the present demand in full, but he is more concerned that his people be educated in the Bible principle of giving. His method's look more to that permanent and salutary end than to the present, as important as it is.

The model steward looks also to the reaching of every member of his church. He works under the conviction that a vigorous and healthy condition of things can only be secured by engaging the interest and calling into action the ability of each and all, the poor as well as the rich, the young as well as the old. He estimates the littles and the many, and looks to their aggregate to meet the burdens of the church rather than to large gifts of the few. Every shoulder with its full strength to the wheel is the perfection of church effort.

The model steward knows his people, their two main points, financial ability and willingness. By all legitimate methods he seeks to enlarge their willingness till it becomes cheerful and liberal, and that generous giving keeps pace with increased ability.

The model steward keeps his church full informed as to the demands on them, and the receipts and disbursements. Ignorance is the parent of many things besides superstition. "God's people perish for lack of knowledge," is a truth as applicable to finance as anywhere else. Information often surprises as to the situation—the church was not aware of the demands. Information quickens conscience, awakens sympathy, arouses to prompt and liberal response.

The model steward is always conscientious and punctual in attendance at the official meeting. With the model steward church duties are first, private interest subordinate. He has a zeal for duty that leads to sacrifices. His office, its duty, and the honor of his church engage him. He is concerned that his church pay its debts and meet to the full its obligations as honestly as he meets his personal obligations. He has conscience about paying what they have agreed to pay. While on the part of his self-deceiving pastor there is no suspicion that with him it is hire and salary. Yet this is the more reason

why the church should respond faithfully to the last cent of its promise, and even beyond the mere letter. As nature is said to abhor a vacuum so the model steward adorns a deficiency. He will not allow it, if in the range of possibilities. He will pray and plead and work until the foul blot is erased.

The model steward is a liberal man. He will set his people an example of large and unselfish giving, as well as of fidelity in office and loneliness in life. He will have an eye, a heart, a hand, not only to keep his pastor from actual need, but from any concern as to the generosity of his support; not only supplying his present wants but anticipating the future. He will not only labor to pay up the last cent of the outgoing pastor's claim, will manage the church finances as to have a surplus in hand to greet the incoming pastor. The steward who allows his pastor to wait among strangers till the first Quarterly Conference for financial help is far from being a model. The model steward labors as hard to bring up in full the first quarter as the last, for he knows his pastor needs it at the first as badly, and, perhaps, more so than at the last.

The model steward looks to his functions outside of the finances. He will not allow his office to be narrowed and hardened by being the mere financial agent of the church. The steward is not only the Almoner to disburse the alms of the church, but it is his duty to seek out the needy and distressed, not only to give financial aid, but to comfort the distressed. This will enlarge his sympathies, keep his heart mellow, his solitudes vigilant. The steward dishonors God and prostitutes and enslaves his church by looking at every member from a moneyed standpoint, and measuring the new convert by the dollars and cents value.

The Discipline among other duties of the steward, declares that "he is to seek the needy and distressed in order to relieve and comfort them; to inform the preachers of any sick or disorderly persons; to tell the preachers what they think wrong in them." We see from these how large and important, how tender and delicate, his functions outside of the finances are. The steward is a helper, by virtue of his office, to discipline the Methodist people, to keep them in line and in battle trim, by a watchful oversight. The model steward is the preacher's wise and faithful counselor; the friend of the poor, the useful honored servant of the church, whose name is written on the hearts the church and in the Book of Life, and whose value is priceless.—Raleigh Christian Advocate.

Specimen Cases.

S. H. Clifford, New Cassel, Wis., was troubled with Neuralgia and Rheumatism, his Stomach was disordered, his Liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years standing. Using three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Speaker, Catawba, O., had five large Fever sores on his leg, doctors said he was incurable. One bottle Electric Bitters and one box Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold by Harper & Hood Druggist.

NOTICE.

North Carolina, } In the Superior
Harnett county, } Court.
Williams & Sons, } Notice of
vs } Execution
N. T. Creel, } Sale.
By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the Superior Court of Harnett County in the above entitled action I will on Monday, the first day of May 1893 at 12 o'clock m., at court house door of said county, sell to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said execution all the right, title and interest which the said N. T. Creel defendant, has in the following described real estate, to-wit: Being the entire interest, title and estate of said N. T. Creel in lot No. 2 in Block P in the plan of the Town of Dunn, N. C. and being house and lot recently occupied by said defendant as a dwelling house.
C. McARTAN Sheriff.
April 6t.

NOTICE.

Having qualified as Executor of Wm. Tutor, deceased, of Harnett county, N. C. this is to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of the deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before 3rd day of April, 1894, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This April 3rd, 1893.
A. Y. TUTOR,
Apr 6w pd.] Executor.

NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE.

By virtue of an execution in my hands for collection, I will on Monday the first day of May, 1893, at the Court House door in Lillington, N. C., at 12 o'clock m., sell at public sale to the highest bidder for cash a certain tract of land lying in the Town of Dunn, adjoining the lands of the heirs of D. A. Jones, deceased, E. A. Jones and others; said land being all of Lot No. 3 in Block "CC" in the plan of the town aforesaid, and which has been levied on as the land of E. A. Jones Adm'r of D. A. Jones, deceased, for the purchase money and to satisfy a judgement docketed in the Superior Court of Harnett county. This March 24th, 1893.
C. McARTAN,
Sheriff.
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NOTICE: SALE OF VALUABLE LAND.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain Mortgage Deed executed Feb. 23rd, 1892, to the undersigned by J. L. Johnson and wife, L. J. Johnson, I will, on the 24th day of April, 1893, at the Court House door in Lillington, N. C., at 12 o'clock m., sell at public sale to the highest bidder for cash a certain tract of land in Neills Creek Township, Harnett county, adjoining the lands of W. M. Sexton, James A. Johnson and others, containing 90 acres, being the tract of land on which said J. L. Johnson and wife resided at the execution of said Mortgage Deed. For a more definite description of said land reference is hereby made to Book F, No. 2, Page 160, etc., in Register of Deeds office of Harnett county. This March 21st 1893.
J. H. POU, Assignee of
D. W. FULLER, Mortgagee,
L. J. BEST, Attorney.
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