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## WILL EDWARDS HANGED TODAY. HE FELL SIX AND ONE- HALF FEET.

The Murderer of Policeman Kerns Pays the Penalty of His Crime on the Gallows in Salisbury—He Confessed and Said the Law Was Right—His Last Night in Jail Passed Quietly—"I Am Ready" Were His Last Words on Earth.

Will Edwards passed Sunday night, his last night on earth, quietly in his cell in the Salisbury jail. He was but little nervous this morning and apparently seemed to have rested well during the night. He was interviewed this morning and confessed that he was guilty and that the law was right. He said that he had made confession to his God and was ready to die. About 10 o'clock Edwards was led from his cell to the scaffold. He seemed considerably nervous as he approached the gallows. Rev. W. H. Bryan, standing beside him on the scaffold, offered prayer for the condemned man. When asked if he had anything to say he replied: "I'm convicted and I'm ready to die." He then turned to the sheriff and said: "I'm ready."

The black cap was then placed upon him and at 10:17 the rope was cut that hurled Edwards soul into eternity. He fell 6½ feet. His neck was broken by the fall. There were only a few muscular movements after the fall and in 11 minutes his pulse ceased to beat.

He had been on the gallows just 20 minutes when his body was taken down dead. The hanging took place a little earlier than intended in order to get his body off on the eleven o'clock train but failed to get through in time. His body, which will be on the south bound train tonight, will be shipped to his sister, Jessie Edwards, at Blacksburg, S. C., for burial. None of Edwards' relatives were present to be with him in his last hours. The colored Lutheran church of Salisbury placed a floral tribute on his coffin.

The hanging was private, only about 20 being present, principally officers and reporters.

The crime for which Will Edwards was hanged today (Monday) was committed September 2, 1899, just one year ago Sun-

day, and was the killing of Policeman Will J. Kerns. Mr. Kerns was coming up depot street when he met three negroes, Will Edwards, Tom Carr and Robert Richardson. Edwards and Carr had been cursing along the street and Policeman Kerns politely informed them that unless they stopped they would have to be taken up town. Edwards told him to go away and not bother him. Later several shots were fired which resulted in the killing of Policeman Kerns. Edwards escaped but was afterwards arrested and tried with Tom Carr. Edwards was convicted of murder in the first degree; Carr plead guilty to murder in the second degree and is now serving out 20 years penalty in the penitentiary. There was no evidence against Robert Richardson and he was discharged.

### MR. HOPKINS KILLED.

Sudden Death of Father of Mrs. Dr. Marsh—No Particulars Have Yet Been Learned.

Mrs. Dr. M. L. Marsh received a telegram Saturday night saying that her father Mr. J. R. Hopkins had been killed. No particulars of the sudden death has been learned.

Mr. Hopkins home was in Baltimore. He has been in good health and his sudden death is a surprise and shock to friends and relatives.

He was a contractor.

Mrs. Marsh has been very unwell since hearing of the sudden death of her father but hopes to be able to go to Baltimore tonight.

### Cotton Report—Shortage of 5,642 Bales

Cotton-Weigher Propst gave us the following cotton figures that will surprise many of our readers. Counting the cotton year from September to September the year just ended fell short 5,642 bales compared with the year before. For the year just ended there were 9,993 bales put on the Concord market while for the previous year there were 15,523.

### Lawing Over a Meadow of Hay.

We are informed today of two farmers who were here one evening last week lawing over a meadow of hay which had been cut. When they returned late in the evening they found that a rain had visited their section and the hay placed beyond the reach of either.

### Editor's Awful Plight.

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Messrs. Lewis and Frank Brown are spending today in Albemarle.

## MINISTER'S RETROSPECT.

St. James Congregation—Its Growth Within Four Years—Improvements Added—Auxiliary Societies.

As announced on Saturday the Rev. C. B. Miller's discourse on Sunday morning referred to his relations with St. James church for the four years just ended.

The brethren from the Central M. E. and the First Presbyterian churches in which there were no services swelled the audience almost to the capacity for seating in the auditorium.

The pastor gave the following statistical facts that must be gratifying to the devout of all denominational persuasions, for all rejoice in the prosperity of Zion.

During the four years there have been added to St. James church 84 communicant members and 26 baptized members. A feature especially gratifying is the fact that 38 of these communicant members have been added during the last year and 12 were baptized during the year, making 50 enrollments for the year.

External and internal improvements, the pastor said, had been made that aggregated in cost somewhat more than \$2,000.

He was gratified especially with the increased interest in the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society and the Ladies' Aid Society and also the Children's Missionary Society, all of which have assumed important positions in the work of the church.

The pastor was peculiarly impressive when he said that he had no complaint to make on attendance on divine service, but rather the opposite. He had had good congregations almost without exception, but that pastors in their studies bare on their minds and hearts the congregation as a whole and as individuals and that he studiously prepares his sermons to meet the wants of those whom he knows to need aid, sympathy, comfort and encouragement. How important then that the attendance on church make it possible for pastors to render this service. He said that in consequence of human imperfection he may have fallen short of the highest measure of efficiency as a pastor, but that he had been faithful in his purposes and his efforts and was willing to stand before the great judgement bar with his congregation to be judged of his sincerity for their spiritual welfare.

He enters upon his fifth year encouraged and strengthened by his relations with the congregation in the four years now ended.

## Cabarrus County Teachers' Association.

At the conclusion of the Teachers' Institute Saturday evening a meeting was held and Cabarrus County Teachers' Association organized. Prof. Amos Penninger was made president, Mrs. Misenheimer, of the graded school, secretary, and the following were appointed on the executive committee: Prof. Chas. Boger, Miss Pauline Means and Prof. Amos Penninger.

A public meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27th. A special program will be arranged for the day and published later.

## Masonic Notice.

Regular communication of Stokes Lodge No. 32 A F & A M on Monday evening at 8 o'clock, Sept. 3, 1900.

Visiting craftsmen are cordially invited.

Brethren be prompt.  
R. H. GRIFFIN, Sec.  
Sept. 1, 1900.

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