

**The Hickory Library Asso.**

In the growth of a town, every enterprise has a separate history and adds its quota to the development. It is always of interest when a thing is successful, to read the story of its start and of the difficulties overcome. When success is laggard, it sometimes helps to lay matters before the public and enlist its aid.

The Hickory Library is an enterprise that was founded in the year 1893. A meeting was held in July and the association organized. C. M. Royster offered the free use of a room and Prof. R. K. Meade, gave his services in setting the library in running order. The office of Librarian was filled by ladies in turn, each serving a month at a time. Starting out with no capital, gifts of books, subscriptions to magazines, and money were thankfully received. Funds for the purchase of books were raised by lawn parties, bazaars and almost any way imaginable. For a long time Col. C. A. Cilley served as president and Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Graves were unremittent in their labor for the furtherance of the work. The helping hand was often held out by citizens and many of the present readers remember the Cake Walk, The Minstrel Troupe and the issue of the Press and Carolinian, by which money was raised. The initiation fee was one dollar, and the monthly dues ten cents, and about forty members were all that could be found willing to pay this much for the maintenance of the institution. It was felt that more members and more general interest were needed before the library could be a really useful factor in the community life. When it is considered that this institution was begun without the assurance of a cent of income, it is wonderful that it has survived. For thirteen years the library struggled along, without one cent of public assistance, except voluntary contributions, never paid a librarian one cent, and that at the end of that time, it was still in running order, seems remarkable. In Feb., 1906 a meeting was held to consider conditions, resources, and lack of resources the result being that the officers of the library made a proposition to the Board of Aldermen offering to turn over the entire equipment of the Association if the Board would guarantee a small monthly sum to assist in its maintenance. The Board accepted the proposition and the Hickory Free Library became the Hickory Free Library Association, incorporated, and at that time the rules were changed, under the Charter and the Library became free to all white residents of the town.

Since that was accomplished, the number of visitors has steadily increased and the attendance, on open days averages more than double the former number and instead of the forty who were the only supporters for thirteen years, the membership now numbers, in barely two years, something over one hundred and fifty with over one hundred and eighty books taken out during the month of June. Does anyone doubt approval of the action of the Board in making the appropriation for the library in the face of the fact?

Young people of both sexes frequent the rooms and the books are read and re-read until many will have to be replaced with new copies or rebound. The rooms are kept open by a paid Librarian three nights in each week and are well lighted, airy and comfortable.

There is little furnishing, but an effort is now being made to provide a few rugs and comfortable chairs so that when one desires to spend an hour pleasantly, he will know where to go and where he will be welcomed and where it is hoped he will go.

Of course the great need is of funds. New books are constantly demanded and the well worn backs show that they are eagerly read. Better equipment calls for some assistance and greatest of all public interest is needed to push forward and uphold the work.

**NOTICE TO DEMOCRATS.**

**Senatorial Convention.**  
The Senatorial Convention of the 31st District, composed of Lincoln and Catawba counties, is hereby called to meet at Newton, at 12 o'clock m. August 23rd for the purpose of nominating a candidate for State Senator and transacting such other business as may come before it.  
This the 8th day of Aug. 1908.  
A. L. Quickel,  
Chairman Lincoln Co., Democratic Executive Com.  
E. L. Shuford,  
Chairman Catawba Co., Democratic Executive Com.

**Sale Postponed.**  
On account of the inclemency of the weather and the inconvenience to prospective buyers the sale of the Weston library and other personal property was adjourned from August 6 to August 15th and to take place at the Kilian building, beginning about 12.30 o'clock p. m. Besides a fine library there are bed-room furniture and a quantity of fine table linen, much of it never having been used.

Remember the date and place, Saturday afternoon at the Kilian building.

**In The Police Court.**  
Daisy Reinhardt, Florence Bost and Florence Blackburn were taken up by the Police Friday on the charge of cursing and using profane language in the streets. They were hailed before the Mayor and fined \$3.00 and costs in each case. All three were colored.

Bud Leach, a gentleman of color, was fined \$3.00 Saturday on a charge of assault.

Greensboro. T. W. Eickett Democratic candidate for Attorney General addressed a large audience of Confederate Veterans.

Greenville. J. C. Garlington of the Independence executive committee has resigned and is denouncing the party as an instrument of Taft's.

Statesville—The Tennessee Synod of the Lutheran church meets here to-day at St. John's church.

Montreat. Ten thousand dollars were raised here at the great Presbyterian conference. The funds will be used to support foreign missionaries.

**Woman Beat Two Men.**

We suspect you'd like the tale, how a woman beat two hardware dealers in Girard, Pa.

Devoe salesman tried his best to get those men to sell Devoe lead-and-zinc in that bright town; and failed. Reluctantly took Mrs. E. R. Rowman, druggist.

They said they couldn't sell paint for more than \$1.25 a gallon. Mrs. Bowman, can. She has sold about all the paint, that has been sold there since.

She knew Devoe; had sold his artists' materials. Had some sense and force, besides; she easily learned that cheap is dear in paint, and told the people.

Mr. Burt Young bought a gallon Devoe for rooms that had always taken a gallon of other paint; had half left.

Mr. John Hanna, grocer, though it expensive before he bought it; brought back nearly half of his paint, and said it was the cheapest job he ever had.

Mrs. Bowman reports universal satisfaction. So much for a cheap paint town with a bright woman in it.  
F. B. Ingold.

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**Moslem Architecture.**

The moslem architecture at Agra and Delhi, so splendid, yet so short-lived, is so distinctive of a dynasty and so alien to the country as to be chiefly significant of the influence of the west on the east and stands alike in its permanence and in its feeling of ideality in remarkable contrast to all that was before it. It is indeed curious how young India is in art and how old in her literature, her customs and her social framework. There is no social institution surviving in Greece or Italy that can in respect of age or of interest compare with the Hindoo castes, and there are no buildings or monuments in India that can boast an antiquity equal to much that can be found in the Latin and even in the Teutonic countries of Europe. Only a few of the ruder and smaller rock temples go behind the Christian era, the greater and more elaborate belonging to a more recent date, and it is but what the later history would lead us to expect when we find as regards recently recovered Buddhist sculptures that a sense of form begins to appear just as Greek influences become active in India, though the imitations stand at an immense distance from the originals.—Contemporary Review.

**A Misnamed Island.**

The island of Madagascar is misnamed. It should be called St. Lorenz Island. Marco Polo in his work on Africa named a stretch of land on the east coast, south of the equator, Madagascar. Some time after this Martin Behaim of Nuremberg prepared a chart of Africa, using Marco Polo's works as a guide, but misunderstood the report on Madagascar, thinking it meant an island. He thereupon deliberately added an island to the east coast. This imaginary island was mapped on the charts of the geographers of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. In 1500 the Portuguese sea captain, Fernando Svarez, discovered the real island of Madagascar and gave it the name of St. Lorenz, and for a time thereafter two islands found their place on the charts. In 1531 it was known that there was really only one island, and in accordance with this discovery the original name of Madagascar was retained, and the other name was dropped.

**The Way of Heather.**

Where Sonnerbo township touches the boundaries of Halland there is a sandy heath which is so far-reaching that he who stands upon one edge of it cannot look across to the other. Nothing except heather grows on the heath, and it wouldn't be easy to coax other growths to thrive there. To start with, one would have to uproot the heather, for it is thus with heather: Although it has only a little shrunken root, small shrunken branches and dry, shrunken leaves, it fancies that it's a tree. Therefore it acts just like real trees—spreads itself out in forest fashion over wide areas, holds together faithfully and causes all foreign growths that wish to crowd in upon its territory to die out.—"Adventures of Nils," Translated from the Swedish of Selma Lagerlof by Velma Swanson Howard.

**Protecting Her Cake.**

The woman who had charge of a certain village postoffice was strongly suspected of tampering with parcels entrusted to her care. One day a rosy cheeked youngster, dressed in his best clothes, entered the postoffice and carefully laid a huge slice of iced cake on the counter.

"With my sister the bride's compliments, and will you please eat as much as you can?" he said.

The postmistress smiled delightedly. "How very kind of the bride to remember me!" she cried. "Did she know of my weakness for wedding cake?"

"She did," answered the youngster coldly, "and she thought she'd send yer a bit of it this afternoon, just to take the edge off yer appetite before she posted any boxes off to her friends!"—Exchange.

**The Artful Passenger.**

"Here, you," said the conductor angrily, "you rang up a fare. Do that again and I'll put you off."

The small man standing jammed in the middle of the car promptly rang up another fare. Thereupon the conductor projected him through the crowd and to the edge of the platform. "Thanks," said the little man. "I didn't see any other way to get out. Here's your dime."—Philadelphia Ledger.

**Real Dialect.**

At a traction line ticket office in Dayton, O., the other day I overheard the following conversation, the parties thereto being a German woman and the ticket agent:

"A dicket too Zinzin-nay-tee."

"One way?"

"Zwei ways."

Then as he stamped the ticket the purchaser asked:

"I haf time to valdt how much?"—Chicago News.

**Two Ways Out.**

"What would you do," asked the excited politician, "if a paper should call you a liar and a thief?"

"Well," said the lawyer, "if I were you I'd toss up to see whether I'd reform or thrash the editor."—Pick-Me-Up.

**When Women Claim Age.**

At two periods in life femininity declares itself to be older than it really is, before it has reached eighteen and after it has reached eighty-five.—Health.

**The Dignity of the Subtreasury.**

We are wont to imagine an imposing structure of stone when any one speaks of the subtreasury. But back in 1854 things were different. One of the official examiners of subtreasuries at that time was one George, and he tells us in one of his reports that the subtreasury at Jeffersonville, Ind., in that year was in a tavern adjoining a barroom and connected with it by a door with glass lights. The purpose of the glass was to make easy for the assistant treasurer when in the barroom to keep an eye on his office. This office consisted of two rooms, and the public got in through a back passage under a stairway. The gold was kept in an iron safe and the silver in wooden boxes. The assistant treasurer, armed, slept in one of the rooms. That was in 1854!—Metropolitan Magazine.

**Color of the Lungs.**

Much has been written about the coloration of the lungs of workers in mines in the coal regions. Physicians declare that men live just as long with black lungs as with pink ones, the natural color. I am sure of it. This has been proved in the soot of Pittsburgh, in children the color of the lungs is rose pink, but as life advances they become more and more of a slaty hue, mottled with streaks and patches of dark gray and black, which are due to deposit in the lymph spaces of dust inhaled on the breath. Eskimos and others who live in an atmosphere free from dust retain the color of childhood, while, on the other hand, the lungs of coal miners become often of a uniform jet black shade.—New York Press.

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**The Winds of the World.**

Apart from the winds of regular habit there are the many local winds which occur in different parts of the world and are generally unkind in character. Of such may be mentioned the monsoon, shoom, sirocco, harmattan, the puna of Peru, the bitter north-easter of Britain, the mistral of Marseilles and that coast, the rampero of the Andes. With all these local breezes, though, in fact, they are oftentimes gales of some velocity, many curious effects are coupled, and one of the most noticeable of these is that the blowing of the genuine north-easter at home is always coincident with the greatest number of deaths from consumption and brain disease.—Singapore Free Press.

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