rogress o

The Observer presents herewith brief sketches from some of the leading towns of North Carolina, showing in a concise form the progress each has made along industrial lines in the past 12 months. These sketches will be continued from time to time until the feature is completed.

PAT PTOP

dence of The Observer. Raleigh, Jan. 1,-The capital city de gains during the year along vares, and yet it must be said, at it seems that the reorganized and wified chamber of commerce and affairs as to make a much betchowing during the year which is tically impossible. The town has begun. No new cotton mills have shared, to the fullest extent, the built, but at the three now here, general prosperity of the country at Pilot the Caraleigh and the Raleigh ents have been made that agrate something like \$20,000 while improvements have been made at year, one being the Baker-Lumber Company, capitald at \$20,000, and which has invested money than this and has obtained ant formerly used by the North lina Car Company, where it manucoursed all kinds of house furnishings icluding mantels etc. The capital oncrete Company with \$10,000 capital owned by W. P. Barrett and Charles ord and makes all kinds of concrete pouldings, detailed drawings, and also Rose Cement Tile Company with \$20,000 capital, has built a new plant and is drocery Company, which bought out the business of Mr. W. S. Parker,

in the way of construction of stores, year, the owner being Frank Stronach. new firm, composed of thoroughly The Park Hotel and adjoining property experienced members and which is all owned by Howell Cobb, has been doing a large and increasing busiautumn be thrown open especially for have been some smaller mercantile results than ever before. northern guests, as by that time a businesses begun in the past year. At the same time nearly all the older business houses of the town have im-

be prepared. bank, the Wake County, has been added to the number here, mak-ing the total seven. There has been a considerable increase in the capital stock and the showing made during the year is satisfying. The principle builddone was for private residences, out 124 permits having been granted uses, ranging in value from \$500 to \$6,000. The plans for a \$15,000 high have been accepted and a site site, 87 by 196 feet adjoining the Acadeerect a spacious auditorium to be used many purposes. Work is actively purposes. be known as St. Agnes, at St. Augus-tine's Normal and Industrial progress on a \$15,000 hespital, to d. Arrangements have been made the construction of the Masonic to cost \$130,000, and the Grand Lodge will lay the corner stone in the rly spring according to the present The most ornate and

nsive building completed during the year is the agricultural building. ng the State fair grounds and overcoking the 700-acre farm of the A. and C. College, the cost of this structure being \$80,000. Work is three-fourths

is in progress, so as to make it one of South, the owner of the building ng John C. Drewery. John W. Brown has made a contract for the replacing of the wooden buildings now occupied by him as an undertaker, by a brick

Hding, to cost about\$10,000. The street railway is being extended mile and a quater to a new suburb own as Glenwood, formerly the private grounds and residence of the Major John Deveraux. The mansion and 20 acres of ground here have been ased by William Fuller, of New rk, who will enlarge and remode stately old building and make it winter home. The Glenwood Co. peration and the water, lighting, and verage connections will all be fitted t railway company has also ore than a mile of new and much wier rail, including a new track by on passenger station, and has a number of cars to equipment Tork is half completed on the \$25 600 of the Elics, in which will be es for private use, a natorium, First Colored Baptlet near the Southwest corner of e Capital square this edifice to cost

oss, have been made for the erec of a printing house by William is and Edward M. Uzz-II, for use public printing and binding esreet, between the Park hotel and apital Club buildings, the cost to lout \$25,000, the site having been asked some months ago, r botters have been installed in rater works pumping station and at the Caraleigh cotton mills. A the Caraleigh cotton nills. A blic school, known as the Brook-oot has been added to the school ent of Raleigh township, bring-total number of schools up to the high school was established tember taking the place of the Male Academy, the existence is terminated. The main huld-the foldiers Hame was completed

make a very handsome thoroughdars to the Soldiers Home.

In High task company and the North Carolina shops the persent judge the soldiers Home.

In Soldiers Home.

In High task company has been him the soldiers Home.

In High task company has been him to be procured to supply the denters of the town now tangent to the soldiers.

In Henderson, Jan. I.—The potential in the soldiers Home.

In Henderson, Jan. I.—The Potential House the soldiers Home.

In Henderson, Jan. I.—The Potential House Home.

In Henderson, Jan. In Henderson House Home.

In H disclute frankness that not nearly without exception, in uncommonly was done as ought to have healthy and vigorous condition, there done, and could have been done, is every promise of sturdy growth and ment of business interests is projecting along same and normal lines. new factor in development, the While steady growth is inevitable strial Club will be able to so under these existing conditions, anything like a panic or serious and general commercial backset is prac-

by growth and expansion. three knitting mills, the Melrose, and the Martin, aggregating have been started within the past year is a surrey factory, which, under the same management as the Corbett Among the new enterprises that Buggy Factory, has done a large volume of business, the combined plants being pressed to the utmost to fill The First National Bank of Henderson closes its first year in splendid condition, the entire year having been one of steady progress and enlargement. Its record fully vindicated the wisdom of such an institution, and reflects credit upon the management.

this time, and has transacted a larger

volume of business than ever before

in its history; 1906 must be marked

Two wholesale groceries were established in 1905, the Henderson re has been but little development having fully sustained the credit of tenement houses have been conthat old and reliable firm; and the three having been built during the Sturges & Shell Grocery Company, a experienced members and which is and this hotel will next ness. In taddition to these there proved or enlarged their quarters and in many cases have greatly extended their business.

The past year has been marked by most completed and will be ready for may, will se plainly the signs occupancy in a short while. This growth in the form of new buildi suditorium company has bought a great credit to the town. A commodious brick building has also been soon as started. of Music, on which its plans are to secured for the colored graded school and thoroughly fitted up for school

Nothing accomplished during the past year has added more to the ap-pearance and comfort of the town shop, wheel-wright and blacksmith than the improvements of the streets. shop, drug store, bank, general merdrains put in, and the side-walks of plants, a cotton mill and a furniture the business streets covered with factory, which latter has been comprehentiated by the payements have been laid also to the buildings recently at a cost of several churches, public buildings and many hundred dollars. vitrified brick have been aid on plans are not advanced far many side streets, an improvement to admit of publication.
that is to be extended in the near fuatral Hospital for the insane, this ture. All this has added immensely capacity of some 800, and a handsome ng a wing for use by female patients to the looks of the town, as well as public school building, with an enrollenhancing business interests and the ment of 200 or 300 are additions of the A new fire company was organized in enhancing business interests and the ment becember and has opened offices, this value of real estate, the latter having year. ng the Atlantic, with \$150,000 capital constantly increased, building lots ad-The Buckborn Lumber Company vancing from 30 to 40 per cent. in the en chartered with \$16,900 capital, last three or four years. With the and will operate a plant in the South- new streets, the sewerage system has part of the city. The work of been materially improved and enat complete newspaper offices in ly being introduced into other homes cedented in the history of the town. and business houses.

mercial, social and moral life of the water works was maugurated, and their views and purposes take in second well is at present being bored. more than the mere increase of canital. Having a dispensary, the town is free of the bar-room and comparatively free of its vicious and de- streets of the town, all of the sidemoralizing accompaniments. Hender- walks of all of the principal streets son has scarcely any slums, and is now being laid with granolithic pavesingularly free from junk-shops and ments. filthy and ill-smelling back streets, stands and shops, as dangerous to health and property as the groggery is to morals and good order. old ramshackle from buildings were in evidence a few years ago, here and there, are rapidly disapbeing replaced by brick pearing. stores and attractive residences. Quite a number of handsome homes have been built in the past year, with many more to follow in 1906.

NEWBERN.

Correspondence of The Observer. Newbern, Jan. 1.-Progress in New bern has been steady rather than remarkable. It has really been gratifying and, despite conditions which were thought would cripple trade, business has shown an appreciable increas Even the pessimistic, who said at the beginning of 1906 that Newbern's being without the aid of revenue derived from saloon licenses would be de-trimental to her interests, have to admit that our progress has been as marked as any year, in some respects even greater. Business men generally are well pleased with the volume of trade accomplished and believe prohibition is good for the city. They would not return to the old conditions.

We have added two new enterprises

concerns of the kind in the State. Its capacity is 100,000 feet of lumber and its resources are without computation. It was built on the site of the old Basnight mill and occupies three times as much area. Neighbor to that mill is the Nunger & Bennett Mill, which has also been enlarged, having a capacity of 75,000 feet per day. The Blade Lumber Company has improved one of its plants here to the extent of about \$10,000, it being valued at first at about \$15,000. All Blade's interests (about ten saw mills in different parts of this section) combined makes their business the largest under one control, but, of course, one plant is larger than that of the Newbern Lumber Company. The Blade's in-terests are said to be under putative option at \$2,500,000; the Standard Oil Company being the reputed purchaser. There has been some building here

and the demand for houses is still more than the supply. About 12 houses have been erected, ranging in value from \$2,000 to \$7,500. The Centenary Methodist church, costing \$80,-000, is the most notable. In addition to the betetr class of houses that have been erected, a great many smaller was sold to the amount of \$8,000, and

Newbern's population is conservatively estimated at 12,500. The steady growth is shown by the great demand for houses which can not be supplied. We look forward to a year of better

CORNELIUS

Correspondence of The Observer. Cornelius, Jan. 1.-This little town, whose years of life as yet are few, some municipal improvements of has been growing very rapidly for the great value and importance. A past 12 months, probably faster than handsome and costly graded school in the 12 months preceding. Any obbuilding for the white children is al- servant eye, turn which every way it form of new buildings. building will be complete and up-to- As many as 15 houses have been erectsed for another high school date in all particulars, and will be a ed here this year, or are in progress

The business of the town grows with rapid pace. A furnture the latest addition to the list of stores. The town has now pretty nearly the shops, stores and offices to be The main street of the town has been chandise stores, telegraph and express macadamized, stone curbings and offices, hotel and two manufacturing private residences, and pavements of ing plants are under discussion, but

Two churches, one with a seating

OXFORD.

Oxford, Jan. 1 .- The progress of Oxout the entire town and is constant- ford in the past year has been unpreand the improvements made in all A valuable feature of Henderson lines of business have been marvelous. commercial life is the fact that it Perhaps the greatest addition has been has comparatively little foreign capi- the establishment of an electric light tal, nearly all of its enterprises being plant, the streets, public buildings and owned and run by citizens who are many residences now being well lightthoroughly identified with the com- ed. At the same time a system of town. Its business men are here to purest water being obtained from an live and not simply to make money, artesian well, 340 feet in depth. A

> ience of the wear. Much work has been done on the

An ice plant is another new conven-

Two fire companies have been house. The Exchange Hotel has been en-

larged and improved and now offers to the traveling public every conven- aditional force and for this reason has ience and comfort. The past year has seen many new buildings erected. The Imperial Tobacco Company has built an immens steam plant, costing \$40,000, enabling them to handle an increased amoof tobacco. A modern steam plant on the same order has been erected Murphy is the county seat of one of \$30,000. Two large additions to the The Observer has recently spoken of Oxford Cotton Mills were found nec- as "remote." It is supposed that the essary, for the placing of more ma- editor of The Observer thinks of

puts the town on a third-class basis for insurance, and electric lights; and all this with a tax rate of 70 cents. The water works and electric light systems and ice factory have just been completed at a cost of \$65,000, and Service Corporation, of Washington,

The Graham fire company has been organized and equipped. The Graham \$15,000, is completing a plant with a many capacity of over a million cans per paint

is also a new industry. The Voorhes Manufacturing Comcapital stock of \$30,000; J. H. White, \$25,000. Stock for the second series of the Graham Home Building Company the company has assisted in building about 20 residences during the year The Graham board of trade recently organized, includes in its membership most of the business men. Its officers are J. A. Long, president; J. S. Cook, secretary, and A. M. Hadley, treas-

niture Company. The Patterson Storage building, two-story brick, is nearing completion. The Baptist church has been greatly enlarged and partly The Methodist church refurnished. has been newly equipped with furniture and furnace. And the Presbyterian church, having put in a new electric lights. A number of the new residences erected are substantial additions to the town.

Nellie Green, millinery. The store of Mr. J. L. Scott has been bought by the A. J. Marshburn Company, remodelled, and stocked with general merchandise. The Tribune office has added a job printing department.

DAVIDSON.

Correspondence of The Observer. Davidson, Jan. 1.—The business growth of the town of Davidson during the year just closed has been highly gratifying, but this growth has not been of a kind that would be noticed by a visitor or mere casual observer. It has been rather in the line of increase in the trade. One prominent firm was heard to say that bushnes had increased at least \$30,000 over that of last year. Another sold out its fall stock so rapidly that a buyer had Northern markets. The cotton ceipts for the year will approximate 4,000 bales, more than 3,600 having al-

ready been sold here. buildings, however, there is very little growth to note. Several dwellhouses, easily finding renters, ung have been put up, and one or two rather expensive design will soon begun. A number of cheaper, but at the same time, improved tenement uses, have been built.

In the college the growth is in the number of students and in the promise of larger endowment and buildings in the immediate or near future, rather than in work actually completed during 1905. The water vorks, electric light plant, macadam streets, new dormitory and improved grounds, a remodeled church, last and least, a new athletic field are all marks of progress offering proof that the present inactivity is only the prelude to a large move forganized and a large town bell has ward at an early day.
been placed in the tower of the opera The J. A. White Drug Company has management finds itself unable to

MURPHY.

Correspondence of The Observer.

handle its trade without the help of

Houston.

Murphy, Jan. 1.-Our T. White at a cost the countles in North Carolina which essary, for the placing of more machinery and storage of cotton.

A new lumber plant is in operation under the direction of C. D. Ray, owner and operator.

Work at the furniture factory continues late at night, to enable them to fill orders. The Taylor Cannady Bussey Co. has made such progress as to justify the organization of another buggy factory under the management of Messrs. King & Brothers and R. B. Lassiter, A buggy body factory has been opened by J. H. Harris & Co. A laundry operated by Mr. Jas. Parham is another convenience to the people. The Oxford Realty Company has But this communication was

TROY.

Correspondence of The Observer. Troy, Jan. 1.—Troy's growth during the past year, along all lines, has been are operated by the Southern Public steady and healthy. Perhaps no town in the State can boast of a lower death rate or higher birth rate than can the metropolis of old Montgomery. During the year a few handsome resi-Canning Company, with a capital of dences have been erected, a great \$15,000, is completing a plant with a many operatives' houses, and the many operatives' houses, and the paint brush has been applied more than ever before. To-day there is not a vacant house in town and there is plenty of work for everybody. The Smitherman Cotton Mill has been ensured the capacity of J. C. Bruton's larged the la paint brush has been applied more season. The Carolina Bottling Works than ever before. To-day there is not plenty of work for everybody. The pany has been reorganized as the Smitherman Cotton Mill has been en-Leots Cotton Mill Company, with a larged, the capacity of J. C. Bruton's Cross Arm Factory has been doubled, president; W. E. White, vice presi- while all the merchants are doing a dent, and J. V. Pomeroy, secretary larger business than ever before. A and treasurer. The Citizens' Bank of graded school has been established and organized for business early in the new Graham, has been organized with a two new churches, Presbyterian and capital of \$10,000; J. A. Long, presi- Methodist Episcopal, have been built. dent and C. C. Thompson, cashier. The Without going into detail Troy is Bank of Alamance has increased its "fringed" with probably the richest capital stock by \$5,000, making it now gold mines of any section East of the

WASHINGTON.

Correspondence of The Observer. Washington, N. C., Jan. 1.-Washington has made rapid strides along industrial lines during the last year, including both public and private years. He will be succeeded by Rev. here expended. The most important change will be that of E. C. Deaton almost completed, and the first floor rooms are occupied by the Rich Furniture Company. The Patterson Stormodern convenience. \$20,000 was spent by the town and the property owners in paving with vitrified brick and granolithic pave-ment, those parts of Main, Market and Gladden streets that pass through the centre of the business section, the money for this work having been obtained furnace last year, is now fixing for by a bond issue on the town, while the expense of paving the side-walks was defrayed by the property owners. school build-A large and handson

The Patterson store building has ing for the city graded schools is in been occupied by the W. B. Green process of erection on Second street.

Company, general notions, and Mrs. When completed this building will have 18 large class rooms, besides an auditorium, basement, cloak room, et The estimated cost will be \$40,000. A private sanitarium has been erected by Mr. D. T. Taylor, Dr. Joshua Taylor and Dr. E. W. Brown. building has 30 rooms, fitted up with all modern improvements, heated by steam and cost about \$20,000.

The Chrystal Ice Company is enlarg-ing its plant and when completed will manufacture 50 tons of ice per day, therby doubling the capacity the former plant The estimate cost of up-to-date and enterprising hotel, that these improvements including machinery and new buildings is \$20,000. The Norfolk and Southern Railroad has spent between \$30,000 and \$35,000 It is of brick and of modern design moving and enlarging their depot, building warehouses and widening the tracks from a narrow to a standard

Messrs. J. H. Small and John Havens have erected a large three-story brick to be sent for a second time to the store on the property adjoining Hotel Louise. This building is steam heated The first story will be occupied by a new dry goods firm, Bowers, Lewis and Bowers. The second story has 15 modern offices and the third is composed of rooms to be used as a hotel annex Louise. The cost of this building is \$20,000. Owing to the increase in postal re-

ceipts. Washington in the next few

months will have a free mail delivery. The houses have already been numbered for this purpose.
Messrs. W. W. Bragan and C. W. Little have erected a large brick house on Water street costing about \$3,000. Mr. J. Havens has recently built a large brick warshouse, 35 by 100 feet, on the property adjoining his oil mill and costing about \$3,000. Mr H. Susman has erected two brick houses on Water street at a cost of a bout \$6,000. Mr. W. B. Harding has opened a first class book and stationary store in the Mar-tin building. Mr. J. T. Buckman exerected a three-story brick store on Main street. The Savings and Trust Company will also build a wooden banking house at the corner of Main and Market streets. Including tenehandle its trade without the help of aditional force and for this reason has taken in a new partner, Mr. Lata Level of at least \$25,000.

MOORESVILLE.

Correspondence of The Observer. Mooresville, Jan. 1.—Comparative-ly speaking, no town in the State has enjoyed greater prosperity than Mooresville during the year 1995. Early in January last the Inter-State Realty Company was organized with S. A. Lowrance as president and Z. V. Turlington, secretary and treasurer, with an authorized capital of \$100,000, with \$12,000 paid in This company now owns 3,000 acres of Virginia timber land in Sampson county and other properties. er properties.

Messrs, C. P. McNeely, P. S Boyd, Messrs, C. P. McNeely, P. S. Boyu, J. L. Harris and G. C. Goodman have bought 60 acres of land on the east side of town, within the corporate limits, and have set out 500 shade limits, and have set out 500 shade trees laid off, broad streets and otherwise improved that part of our town. Mr. P. & Boyd has already erected a handsome and commodious dwelling and is now occupying it.

year ago.

The Eagle Clothing Manufacturing
Company, with a \$10,000 capital, is doing a successful busines and will
double its capital and capacity at an installed.

a great has about outgrown its capacity and and the there being a great demand for high

Troutman, the proprietor.

Another bank and a large cotton mill are on foot and will probably be

Two rural free delivery routes were added during the year, giving us a total of five. The Enterprise, our local paper, during the year added new machinery to its plant and now runs by steam power all of the several presses. Among the important changes which

will occur will be the severance of the relations of Rev. J. M. Wharley, D. D., with the pastorate of the Presbyterian church, after serving the congregation for a period of more than 19

HAMLET

Correspondence of The Observer. Hamlet, Jan. 1,-In the beginning of the year 1905 Hamlet was considered the wettest town in the State. There were several saloons and one of the largest government distilleries in the State. Hamlet furnished whiskey to all the nearby towns of this State and South Carolina. By an act of the Legislature of 1905, Richmond county became a prohibition county the first of last July, hence the saloons and dis-tilleries of Hamlet necessarily went out

The effect of prohibition upon the business of the place has been watched very carefully, and upon enquiring we are told that busines along other has increased from 25 to 30 per cent.

during the past six months.

During the year 1905 several new business houses were established here and almost countless dwelling houses erected. Mr. T. F. Boyd one of the leading men of the town, is building an is now nearing completion. It is lo-cated just across the railroad from the famous Jamison and Gresham hotel and when completed will be one of the best equipped hotels in the State. Methodist and Baptist congrega-

tions have each begun new and modern church buildings. These will agregate a cost of \$10,000 when complete. The ice plant here has sold double its capacity. It is now prepared to turn out 60 tons per day instead of 30 as heretofore.
The Seaboard Air Line has recently

installed an up-to-date electric light plant here which they will use in lighting their depots, transfer sheds, etc. Mr. McFreeman is owner of the plant from which the town is lighted. Mr. E. A. Lackey has just finished a tank and water plant, which has a capacity of 15,000 glions per day and that part of the town known as "Lackey Town" is now enjoying the luxiry of water works. Several of the citiz dividual water supplies. Several of the citizens have in-

The merchants here report the best Christmas business in the history of the town. Well in formed parties say that there was less drinking and rowdyism 'uring the Christmas holidays of 1905 than for many ears previous.

CONCORD. Correspondence of The Observer.

Concord, Jan. 1.—Concard, the county seat of Cabarrus county, is a hust-filling city of over 19,000 inhabitants. filing city of over 19,000 inhabitants.

A few years ago it was a vilage. Its growth has been phenomenal, substantial, and is daily increasing. It has a moral, energetic citizeiship. It has a large number of cotton mills, yards, a foundry, an oil mill, a furniture factory (burned but to be rebuilt) and a score of the handsomest residences and store buildings in the State. Surrounded by a rich and fertile country that abundantly yields cotton, corn, wheat, fruit and vegetables, and encircled by vast stores of minerals, by forests of pine, oak and hickory, and with abundant water supply, it thus commands the attention of all seekers after industrial expansion in mine, forest or field. Concord, during the past year, paid out for 30,000 bales of cotton, about \$1,500,000, al of this cotton being consumed in its factories and about one-half of this money going to the-farmers who produced it in the county. The plow-boy's whistle and milk-maid's song are turned to the music of looms and burn of spindles in Cabarrue During the past year we have made great progres.

The Brown Manufacturing Compa-

tion during that period.

The building and loan association has done much toward developing the town, and has increased its subscriptions to twice what they were one

The Mooresvile Furniture Company has about outgrown its capacity and there being a great demand for high has added great things to her former ris building and is commanding a

good patronage. These hotels are adding much to our progress.

During the year the First Presbyterian church was completed and it is one of the handsomest and most elegantly furnished churches in the country. Mr. John Reid is now erecting a large store building near the court house that will add much to the city. And the countless number of reidences built during the year speak eloquently of our thrift and progress. and yet there is scarcely a vacant house in the city. Capt. J. M. Odell and Mr. J. W.

Cannon, who are recognized as two of the most agressive and successful of the most agressive and successful mill men of the State, are almost continually adding to their mill interests in our midst. The former has just completed a large addition to his Magnolia Mill No. I and some of the finest cotton fabrics in the South will be manufactured here, and the latter has added to the Cabarrus Cotton Mills, one of the best paying properties in the State, a large building erties in the State, a large building almost as big as the old factory. Mr. Cannon is also expecting to build soon another large factory, and different sites are now being inspected for this purpose. It is hoped that Concord can add this one also to her others, so that soon it will be the Fall River of the South. Concord has recently made improvements in her water and light facilities. Your correspondent asked Mr. George Rutledge, the efficient superintendent of the city's water and

light systems, for a statement of the improvements in these systems and it follows: "These plants were finished during the last year. The city has ad water and lights for 15 years and has owned them for three years. Unler private ownership the city paid \$7,000 for water and lights and got poor service; today she gets the best service at less cost. The power house is equipped with the latest machinery. The source of water is from artesian wells, the three aggregating 3,300 feet in depth. The stand-ppipe is 110 feet in depth. The stand-ppipe is 110 feet high, 15 feet in diameter and holds 156,000 gallons of water. The capacity of the plant is 1500,000 cellons of the plant is 1,500,000 gallons of water daily. This water contains several valuable mineral properties. The new light plant was first operated December 5th. The city has 14 miles of pipe line, ranging from 4 inches to 10 inches, and nearly as much small line. We have 17 miles of electric lines. We are operating 60 arc lamps and about 50,000 incandescent. The plants were installed at a cost of \$170-00 and are to-day self-sustaining. The price paid for water and lights has been reduced by one-third since the city has been operating the plants. They are operated on a meter system which is entirely satisfactory to the city and to release tory to the city and to private con-

With all these improvements Concord still needs a street car public park, a public library and a public hospital.

ASHEBORO.

Correspondence of The Observer. Correspondence of The Observer.

Asheboro, Jan. 1.—The population of Asheboro has increased 33 per cent. during the year 1905. Seventy-five new residences have been built, among the number being some elegant residences completed and occupied by the following: Messrs. W. J. Armfield, Jr., T. H. Redding, Stanbuck Lewis, C. J. Co. G. G. Hendricks, Mrs. E. A. Mofflit, John T. Mofflit, A. E. Burns, Rev. Mr. Swain and Presbyterian manue. The John T. Moffitt, A. E. Burns, Rev. Mr. Swain and Presbyterian manse. The Lexington Grocery Company is just completing a handsome brick office at a cost of \$7,000, the second story of which will be used as a city hall. Messrs. Laffin & Parish have built a double brick store on Fayetteville street; it will be occupied by Messrs. Yeargin & Parish as a general store. Asheboro's mills and factories are all running full time and are making money for their owners. County and town are both free from debt, the county having a neat surplus deposited to its credit in the Bank of

tion is easily over