

PROGRESS OF THE TOWNS 1905.

HENDERSON.

Correspondence of The Observer. Henderson, Jan. 8.—During the year 1905 Henderson has made rapid and substantial progress. The city council for the first time made an appropriation for printing advertising matter...

ROXBORO.

Correspondence of The Observer. Roxboro, Jan. 15.—While there has been very little public improvement made during the past year in the way of streets, lights and school buildings...

KING'S MT.

Correspondence of The Observer. King's Mountain, Jan. 15.—For push, vim and healthy growth, King's Mountain is second to no town in the State. Fifteen years ago the population was 400, to-day it is 5,000 or more...

NEWTON.

Correspondence of The Observer. Newton, Jan. 15.—The past year has been a year of remarkable growth and improvement for Newton. A handsome graded school building has been erected at a cost of \$10,000.

THOMASVILLE.

Correspondence of The Observer. Thomasville, Jan. 15.—The year 1905 marks one of the most prosperous years in the history of Thomasville for all classes. The manufacturer, merchant, professional man, carpenter, laborer, and in fact every one...

CHINA GROVE.

Correspondence of The Observer. China Grove, Jan. 15.—Our town is steadily progressing. Last year a building and loan association of 430 shareholders was organized. Through this association several new residences have been built.

LEAKSVILLE.

Correspondence of The Observer. Leaksville, Jan. 15.—In the past year Leaksville has been steadily advancing. A handsome large store has been erected, half of which is occupied by the enterprising jeweler, Mr. C. T. Ross...

LEXINGTON.

Correspondence of The Observer. Lexington, Jan. 15.—The year 1905 has been, beyond all doubt, the brightest and best year in the history of Lexington. The town has not been on a boom, while its growth and prosperity have been unprecedented.

WAYNESVILLE.

Correspondence of The Observer. Waynesville, Jan. 8.—The year 1905 has been a prosperous year in every way. The conditions in western North Carolina are favorable for industry and progress. The town of Waynesville is now on a boom and has been for at least four or five years.

SHELBY.

Correspondence of The Observer. Shelby, Jan. 15.—Owing to the numerous smaller towns, dotted all over the surrounding country, in every direction (some of them towns of no small commercial note), Shelby does not advance with leaps and bounds as it might do, had it not so many rivals.

SALISBURY.

Correspondence of The Observer. Salisbury, Jan. 15.—Salisbury has been a town for 153 years. It was settled by some English about 1753 and named for the cathedral city of Salisbury in the mother country. The charter was granted about 1755 and from that day to a very recent past this present city slumbered and slept.

ASHEVILLE.

Correspondence of The Observer. Asheville, Jan. 8.—Asheville's progress during 1905 has been most satisfactory, and those who have watched for years the steady growth of the city are convinced that never before has Asheville enjoyed such prosperity as last year.

LUMBERTON.

Correspondence of The Observer. Lumberton, Jan. 15.—The growth of Lumberton during 1905 was steady, gradual and substantial. The demand for residences has been greater than the supply. The mercantile houses are in a flourishing condition.

WARRENTON.

Correspondence of The Observer. Warrenton, Jan. 15.—In 1905 Warrenton enjoyed great prosperity. The business was revived by adding two banks and a third tobacco store. Several new buildings were erected and others improved.

VICTORIA KEENE'S CEMENT.

The best and most economical material known for plastering and imitation tile work. J. O. GRINNAN, 175 Main St., Norfolk, Va.