

CHINA'S RAPID PROGRESS

due to the Bible, and in order to make the Chinese not only equal but superior to their Western competitors, he orders the New Testament taught, alongside the Confucian Classics among the 36,000,000 people over whom he rules.

Perhaps the most striking indication of the Chinese desire for western progress is found in the recent imperial decree attempting to establish the Christian Sabbath. The decree makes the Sabbath day a legal holiday. It is not probable that the decree will be largely followed throughout China, as indeed it is not probable that Chang Chai-tang's desire in regard to the New Testament will be largely observed. These decrees, however, show the aspirations of the Chinese for Western civilization.

DANGER OF REACTION. Some American and English officials and indeed some of the missionaries here are convinced that unless Western influences are swiftly and strongly reinforced the present movement may result in a reaction which will indefinitely delay the emergence of the Chinese into modern civilization. Indeed the recent radical decrees putting two native Chinamen in charge of the imperial customs is likely to lead to the retirement of Sir Robert Hart, the ablest English official in China and to the demoralization of the customs service. Only the hearty and speedy co-operation of Western nations in the present struggle of the Chinese can prevent similar radical attempts at reform by the natives followed by similar reactions. In a word China is to-day where Japan was 30 years ago; and if Americans and foreigners respond to one of the greatest opportunities which ever confronted the Western nations and guide this groping empire into modern liberty, modern education and modern inventions, 47,000,000 human beings will emerge into Western civilization within a generation.

NEWTON COMMERCIAL CLUB. New Organization Will Occupy Hand-some Quarters—Hosley Mill to Make Its Own Boxes—Building Operations—News Notes and Personal.

Newton, Sept. 17.—The Newton Commercial Club completed its organization Thursday night. Its charter was drafted and the following officers elected: President, George McCorkle, vice president, R. R. Williams; secretary and treasurer, T. C. Clifton; board of directors, A. H. Crowell, J. P. Yount, R. B. Knox, E. M. Deal, W. C. Feimster, S. L. Rhyne, D. J. Carpenter, J. A. Gaith, R. P. Farum, J. B. Little and D. P. Rowe. The club will fit up handsome rooms for the use of its members and their friends, and no efforts will be spared to make it in keeping with the improvements of this wide awake town.

Among the foremost of Newton's business men for push and energy stands Mr. D. J. Carpenter, owner of the Newton Hosley Mill, whose "Black Crow Stockings" have made him such a name. The business of this mill has increased so rapidly that the demand for its goods is so great that Mr. Carpenter has decided to make all his own boxes in the future. To this end work will begin Monday on a box factory adjoining the hosley mill. The factory will be 40 by 60 feet, two stories high. Messrs. Hardister & Moore are getting the materials on the grounds preparatory to the erection of their double brick one on which will probably begin next week.

Mr. George McCorkle is adding a long, wide porch to the front of his handsome home. Other improvements, which add greatly to its appearance. The handsome residence of Mr. W. C. Feimster is rapidly nearing completion, and will be one of the finest homes in town. Mrs. F. S. Ramsauer is hurrying on the work of finishing her home opposite the Piedmont House. Mrs. Ramsauer has remodeled the home of her girlhood and returned from Texas to make her home again with her parents here. Newton is truly glad to number her again among its citizens.

The Virginia Shipp is completed to the top of the third floor, and the nearer it reaches completion the more it is admired. When finished it will be one of the finest hotels in North Carolina, and speaks volumes for the energy and determination of the woman, who planned and carried out such a work.

Friday night Mrs. L. F. Long entertained a party of friends at her hospitable home in North Newton in honor of her guest, Miss Adrian, of Wilmington. Her commodious porch was busy with Japanese lanterns, which shed forth a soft and mellow light upon the young guests assembled to enjoy the hospitality of this charming hostess. What was the game of the evening and delicious refreshments were daintily served. The guest prize was presented to the lady in whose honor the entertainment was given, Miss Adrian. The lady's prize was carried off by Mrs. J. A. Gaither, while Mr. R. R. Williams was the lucky winner of the gentlemen's prize. Besides the guest of honor, those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gaither, Misses Mary Fleming, Losh, Coleman, Isabel, Marie and Mabel Bell; Messrs. R. P. Farum, R. B. Knox, B. L. Losh, R. Williams, Donald Witherspoon, and R. E. Clapp.

The first bale of new cotton placed on the market in Catawba county was sold here at Foreney Wilson Tuesday and weighed 491 pounds.

Mrs. Lucy Rutledge, of Vance, Tenn., is visiting Mrs. George A. Rutledge and other relatives. Mrs. Rutledge is a native of Catawba, but married about thirty years ago and moved away. This is her first visit to her native home.—Mrs. S. L. Williams has gone to White Hall, Ill., to visit her son.—Miss Annie Lee Shuford left today for Greensboro, where she will resume her duties as register at the State Normal.—Messrs. C. E. McIntosh, of Danvers, and Junius Koiner, of Conover, have joined the Catawba contingent at the University.—Dr. J. H. Yount and son Clarence; Mr. James A. Gardner and son; Mr. J. H. Hatfield; Messrs. E. P. Shrum, P. O. Carpenter, Charles Rowe and Miss Miller, of Newton, and Mr. John Inshour, of Conover, left Thursday for a trip to Canada. On their way back they will stop at various mountain cities.—Miss Edie Snuggs, of Baltimore, is the guest of her sister, Miss Ella Hoover.—After an absence of twelve years Mr. Walter Hewitt has returned home to see his mother.

Mechanicville News Notes. Special to The Observer. High Point, Sept. 15.—Mechanicville, a thriving suburb of High Point, is rapidly coming to the front. Should the electric car line be extended from Winston-Salem there would be a regular boom in real estate.

Mr. J. W. Johnston has just completed a handsome new brick store house and several new residences are nearing completion. The town already has a commodious graded school building and two churches.

In this State it is not necessary to serve a five day notice for eviction or to hold the original lease for a week. No opinion sold by Hawley's Pharmacy.

DAVIDSON NEWS NOTES.

Increase in Number of Students. Mr. Reader—Enlargement of Church. Necessary—Personal Mention. Special to The Observer. Davidson, Sept. 17.—Morning prayers were held yesterday in the church in order that students might be assigned seats in classes for the Sabbath services throughout the year. The very large freshman and sophomore classes and full senior and junior classes, together with the big group of men from the North Carolina Medical College, practiced the one side of the church and all of the annex, so that if both institutions continue to grow in the near future as they have in the recent past, the congregation will soon be faced with a new proposition, viz., how to accommodate everybody who worships in this building during the college year. Dr. Graham preached in the morning from the text: "But cover earnestly the best gifts; and yet show unto you a more excellent way." The theme was the duty of every one to reach the highest development of his powers possible, but the higher excellence is found in exercising these under the promptings of the greatest of all gifts, "charity," or love for one's fellow. At night the subject was in a sense continued, emphasis being laid on the thought that this charity compels one to humble himself to the plain of the lowly and to stooping to raise the fallen and the degraded. The evidence of love to men is not found in sentiment and feeling, it is shown in act. God's feeling we can not know except as evidenced by His deeds of love and kindness.

Miss Lucy Martin left this morning for Charlotte. From there she goes to-night to Lewisburg, W. Va., where she is to teach this year in the Lewisburg Seminary and Conservatory of Music. Miss Tillie Davis is also a member of that faculty.—Rev. Dr. M. E. Bentall was absent yesterday, preaching in Salisbury.—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Scott, of Charleston, S. C., returning from Blowing Rock, have been spending a day or two on the hill. Mr. Scott was a student here in the '70s.—Messdames Casler and Long were on the campus Saturday, interested in seeing that their sons, who are just entering college, should start out with neat rooms and comfortable fixtures, such as only a few members of the faculty could put in proper form. Quite a number of mothers have been here on similar errands the past week or ten days.

—Mrs. Frank Brown, of Salisbury, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Dupuy. Miss Isabelle Brown, of Salisbury, in the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Reid. —Mr. S. P. Daniel, of Virginia, a civil engineer, now engaged at Marion with the surveying force of the South & Western Railroad, spent yesterday at Dr. Gray's.

Rev. William Black's latest meeting was at Old Fort, where gratifying results were to be noted. This week he is at Sioval, Granville county.

Some days ago, in the list of those who passed the examination for admission to the bar, should have appeared the name of Professor A. Currie. The typoist made a pass at his name, but neither friends nor foe could have recognized it. Last year Mr. Currie studied at Columbia.

Mr. Z. E. Scott, the Charlotte photographer, is filling an engagement of four days in the practice of his profession.

Mrs. Josephine Worth is visiting at Asheboro.

The White-Jetton Drug Company is spreading out and has had built, in the rear of the store, a good brick warehouse for storing pains and oils and the heavy supplies handled by the firm.

SHOOTING SCRAPE IN IREDELL. One Negro Dangerously Wounded by Another at Pine Valley Church—Cotton Oil Mill Nearing Completion—Mooreville News Notes. Special to The Observer. Mooreville, Sept. 17.—The Mooreville graded school began its session this morning with a very flattering attendance and demonstrating the efforts of the school board were appreciated. Work on the new graded school building has begun and it will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible.

The Lorene Cotton Seed Oil Mill, one of Mooreville's new enterprises, is nearing completion and will soon be ready to begin operations. The work has been delayed on account of delay in receiving machinery, but advices have been received that the machinery is now on the way and is expected every day. Mr. Brown, the enterprising manager, says that he expects to begin making oil within 20 days, and Mooreville will then hear the whistle of another new enterprise.

Work on the electric light plant is being pushed as rapidly as possible and the town can soon boast of as good a plant as is to be found anywhere in the State, and it will be the object of much pride to its citizens and the town will witness itself the appearance of a city by night.

The executive committee and officers of the Zeb Vance Democratic committee met at Democratic headquarters Friday night and appointed sub-committees to solicit members and funds and to prepare a schedule of the campaign. An effort is being made to get some prominent speaker to make an address here next Saturday.

A negro shooting scrape took place at Pine Valley school house about four miles from here, yesterday afternoon. The negroes were holding services in the school house. Just as services had been concluded there arose an altercation between Gu Sloop and White Byers, which Sloop pulled a pistol and shot Byers twice, both balls taking effect, one between the eyes and one just above the left eye. The Byers negro is in a very dangerous condition this morning. Sloop is still at large but the officers are after him.

ACROSS THE SEA TO MARRY. Illinois Girl Will Travel Alone to the Philippine Islands to Meet Sweet-Heart. Havana, Ill., Special, 16th, to New York Herald. Miss Martha Lacy has departed upon her journey to the Philippines, where she will meet her betrothed at Manila, George K. Larrison, and be married. Mr. Larrison is the only son of the late W. S. Larrison, and has been employed as civil engineer in the Philippines the last two years.

Miss Lacy makes the journey alone, and will go directly to Seattle, Wash., where she will board the steamer Shawmut, on which elegant quarters have been secured for her long sea voyage.

Miss Lacy is the elder of the two beautiful daughters of former Judge and Mrs. Lyman Lacy, and was reared in Havana. The youngest daughter is now Mrs. C. P. King, of this city.

WELL WORTH TRYING. W. H. Brown, the popular pension attorney, Friday advised that "Best is a pension, the best thing to get is Dr. King's New Life Pills." He writes: "They could be the original, genuine health." Quick cure for headache, constipation and biliousness. Be Guaranteed, at R. S. Jordan & Co.'s drug store.

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DEED WAS PREMEDITATED.

Will Weaver, Arrested in Lincoln County, Tells of Dastardly Attack on J. H. Faysoux and His Son at Gastonia—Held Under \$500 Bond. Special to The Observer. Gastonia, Sept. 17.—Will Weaver, one of the principals in the terrible cutting affray near the Lory Mill September 1st, in which the life of Mr. J. H. Faysoux was all but taken, was captured last night at the home of his father, six miles above Lincoln. On the night of the trouble he left town and by Sunday night was at his home, where he has remained ever since. He says that he told his parole all about the trouble and that he fully intended to turn himself over to the authorities this week. He was arrested and brought to Gastonia this morning by Sheriff D. K. Kline, of Lincoln county. He was in a terrible condition physically, being very dirty and ragged. For they were going to have it out with Faysoux that night.

The accused plead guilty to the charge of cutting young Hunter Faysoux, but denied the charge of cutting the other Faysoux. He claims that he does not know who was in the crowd that attacked the two men, other than himself and McDonald, his partner. He said that he supposed he would know the others if he should see them, but he didn't know about that.

After a two-hour session Squire Morris bound the prisoner over to court under a \$500 bond. Being unable to give the required bond, the boy was committed to jail.

WEDDINGS AT GASTONIA. Miss Carrie Arthurs Married to Mr. Robert Pratt—Mrs. Jimmie Pratt Weds Miss Annie Lanier. Special to The Observer. Gastonia, Sept. 17.—A pretty home wedding took place at the Avon Cotton Mill yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, when Mr. Robert Pratt, an employe of the Gastonia Furniture Company, took as his bride Miss Carrie Arthurs, daughter of Mr. Amos Arthurs. The groom is from Statesville, but has been in Gastonia in business for some months. While here he has made many friends. Miss Arthurs is known not only here, but all over the State, having at different times conducted religious revivals under the banner of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, or the Sanctificationists, as they are sometimes called. The couple left this morning for a visit to the home of the groom at Statesville. They will stay there a short while and will then come to Gastonia to live.

Another marriage of interest to many took place at the Lory Mill yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock. The ceremony which united the hearts and lives of Mr. Jimmie Pratt and Miss Annie Lanier was performed by Rev. R. C. Anderson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. A dinner followed the wedding, a bounteous dinner at which there were many guests.

Miss Lanier is the daughter of Mrs. W. A. Wallace, and is one of the most popular ladies of that section of the town. Mr. Pratt is a machinist at the Lory, has been here for three years, and is a well known member of the work of placing the machinery in the mill and of stringing the wires for the lighting. While employed in this work he was injured by a falling piece of machinery, and since that time he has worked as machinist for the company.

No Second-Hand Goods. Hinton, W. Va., Independent-Herald. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Garden are the proud recipients of a new girl baby.

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