

Social and Personal

Miss Helen Liddell, who is a student at St. Mary's College, Raleigh, came home for Thanksgiving and returned last night.

Misses Mabel and Macie Potts, of Lower Steele Creek, and Macie McGinn, of Berryhill, came back to the Presbyterian College yesterday.

Mrs. W. A. Reynolds will entertain at bridge whilst this afternoon in honor of Mrs. D. C. Lyle, Mrs. Montgomery Francis and Miss Ethel Wickersham, of Atlanta, all guests of Mrs. E. W. Thompson.

Members of Trinity Methodist church will give a reception on the 14th from 8:30 to 10:30 to Rev. and Mrs. Plato T. Durham. The grown members of the congregation are expected to attend. The officers and the stewards of the church and their wives will receive.

Mrs. R. H. Jordan, who has been spending several weeks in the North, will return to the city to-morrow.

Mrs. W. A. Ingram and Mrs. W. C. Via, of Wadesboro, are visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Misenheimer, on North Tryon street.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Houston have returned to the city to live. They are making their home with Mrs. H. T. Hall, at No. 404 North Tryon street.

Miss Alice Charles-Craft returned to her home at Wilmington yesterday, after spending a few days with Miss Lois Lucas.

The first expression recital at Elizabeth College for the term will be given next Monday night, the 10th instant. The recital will be in charge of Miss Walker, the teacher of expression.

Mrs. C. H. Wilmoth has been called to Indianapolis, Ind., on account of the illness there of her sister, Mrs. Henry Trimpe.

Among the visitors in Charlotte yesterday was Mrs. C. B. Ashcraft, of Monroe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Blair, of Troy, spent yesterday in Charlotte. They were guests at the Central Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Robbins left last night for New York, where they will spend 10 days or a fortnight.

Miss Annie Wilson will entertain a few friends at her home on South Tryon street this evening in compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Tate and Dr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Wright. The invited guests will be: Misses Florence Thomas, Louie Jones, Sarah Jones, Louise Wadsworth, Lucy Kay, Sadie Belle Mayer, and Mrs. Frank Smith, and Messrs. Robin Brem, E. J. Parrish, Dolph Young, Frank M. Caldwell, Walter Tallaferra, Chase Brenner, Thomas W. Alexander, Thomas Ruffin and Willoughby E. Chambers and Mrs. B. S. Moore and Brodie C. Nalle.

Mrs. L. M. Ham returned to her home at Greensboro yesterday morning after a visit to her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Wakefield, at Elizabeth Heights.

Miss Maggie Brown, of Wilmington, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. D. Alexander, on South Tryon street.

Misses Helen and Laura Hearne returned to their home at Albemarle, yesterday morning after a visit to their sister, Mrs. H. A. Klueppelberg.

Mrs. C. B. Bryant will entertain at bridge whilst at her home at Dilworth this evening at 8:30 o'clock in compliment to Mrs. E. W. Thompson and her guests.

Miss Lizzie Lawrence will give a reception to-morrow afternoon at her home on Tenth avenue, in honor of Mrs. E. W. Thompson and her guests.

Madame D. C. Lyle, Montgomery Francis and Miss Ethel Wickersham will be guests of honor at a church party to be given by Mrs. T. C. Guthrie, at Dilworth, Thursday afternoon.

Miss Anna D. Casler, State secretary of the Y. W. C. A., left last evening for New York to attend the national convention of the association which convenes in New York on Thursday and Friday. After the convention there is a national conference of all secretaries. Miss Casler will spend Christmas at her home in Little Falls, N. Y., and then return to her work in the Carolinas.

Miss Cornelia Shaw, who left Saturday for Greensboro, will join Miss Casler and attend the National Association convention in New York.

Mrs. Henry Wakefield returned to her home in Friendship yesterday morning, after spending some time in the city with her son, Dr. W. H. Wakefield.

The literature department of the Woman's Club will meet this morning with Mrs. J. H. Halliburton, on North Tryon street.

The announcement has been made of the approaching marriage of Mrs. Mary Byrd Stearns, of Mimosas, and Mr. W. W. Graham, of Charlotte, the wedding to take place Wednesday evening, December 12th. Mrs. Stearns is pleasantly remembered by many visitors in the city as the guest last summer of Miss Celeste Wilder. Mr. Graham is a traveling man.

Cards reading as follows were issued yesterday:

Miss Dotger At Home Friday evening, December seventh, from eight to ten o'clock.

Mrs. W. C. Hinson Miss L. B. McClintock

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brawley, of Morehead, were visitors in the city yesterday, stopping at the Central.

WHAT WILL THE REPORT BE? Much Speculation as to the Government Guess on Cotton Crop Which is to be Issued Next Monday.

Saturday, the government ginner's report on the number of bales of cotton handled up to November 1st, will be issued. Monday, the government estimate as to the crop will be announced.

This is the event of the year in cotton circles and is being eagerly awaited by all those interested either directly or indirectly in the great Southern staple crop. For weeks past there has been much speculation indulged in as to what the government guess would be. The figures range from 11,750,000 to 13,000,000 bales. The Charlotte Cotton Exchange has estimated the crop at 12,275,000 bales and this is regarded as a very fair and conservative guess. The government figures will be something under twelve and a half million bales.

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BRIEFS.

A Few Minor Happenings in and About the City. —Mr. G. P. McGee, of Haw River, has accepted a position with W. L. Hand & Co. —Mrs. J. B. Harty continues to improve. It is hoped that she will be able to sit up in a few days. —The city board of school commissioners will hold its regular monthly meeting at the city hall this evening at 8 o'clock.

The meeting of the Charlotte Ministerial Association, which was to have been held yesterday morning, was postponed on account of the lack of a quorum. —Deputy Register of Deeds Benj. J. Powell yesterday issued license for the marriage of Mr. H. L. Patterson, of Lancaster county, S. C., and Miss Maggie E. Campbell, of this county.

The Mecklenburg County Medical Society will meet in the city hall this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for the annual election of officers. A full attendance of the members is desired. —The Covenanters of the First Presbyterian church are packing a great Christmas box for the Plum Tree school in Mitchell county. Mr. J. P. Hays has charge of this school and is doing a splendid work there.

Mr. J. W. Haas is putting in a concrete reservoir, 25x37, for the Standard Ice & Fuel Company, and one for the Hays Manufacturing Company, in Gaston county. The Hays reservoir is to be 80x100 and nine feet deep.

The receipts at the city cotton platform yesterday were 223 bales, and the price ranged from 11 1/16 to 10 1/16 cents a pound. The receipts for the corresponding date of last year, when the price was 11 7/8 cents a pound, were 53 bales.

Mrs. C. M. McDonald will move shortly from No. 507 North Graham street to her new home on North McDowell street. Mr. Sam Maxwell has rented the McDonald residence on North Graham street and will move in as soon as it is vacated.

Messrs. Craig S. Mitchell and John J. Mitchell, Jr., of the James E. Mitchell Company, yarn commission agents of Philadelphia, New York and Boston, arrived in the city yesterday to spend the day with Mr. A. C. Hutcheson, Southern agent.

The ladies of Saint Agnes' Guild will open their bazaar to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock and it will remain open until 6 at Ames' music store. They will observe the same hours both days. Some of the articles they will have for sale are traveling cases, nurses' aprons and caps, work aprons, fancy work bags, fancy hand-painted articles and many other things.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETS.

Oaths Administered by County Commissioners—New School for Sharon.—Other Business Transacted by the Board. The county board of education held its regular monthly meeting at the court house yesterday. The members, all of whom were re-elected in the November election, were sworn in for their new term, which will begin next July. Every member of the board was present, these being Capt. William Anderson, chairman; Messrs. John McDowell, W. M. Ross, C. H. Caldwell and John F. Caldwell.

A delegation from district No. 2, Sharon township, appeared and asked that the new school house ordered for that district a few months ago be built at once. This building had been held up on account of opposition to the site on the Providence road. The opposition has been withdrawn and the work upon the building will begin at once. Mr. Ross, superintendent R. J. Cochran and the local committee were instructed to lay off new bounds for this district.

Mr. Blythe Abernethy's request for an assistant teacher for district No. 1, Paw Creek township, was granted. \$50 being appropriated for this purpose during the rest of the term. The county superintendent was instructed to advertise and sell an abandoned school site in Mallard Creek township. Another site abandoned in this township was sold to Green Bort, colored, for \$20.

A petition for a new school district near the Charles Bell home in Sharon township was tabled. It being the policy of the board to consolidate rather than make new districts. The members of the board agreed to attend the exercises at Dixie school the 11th instant, when the new building will be dedicated. These exercises will be quite elaborate, lasting almost the entire day. The address of the occasion will be made by Rev. Plato T. Durham.

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PERSONAL.

The Movement of a Number of People. —Messrs. J. Lee Kolner and B. D. Springs left yesterday morning for South Carolina in Mr. Kolner's automobile to spend several days hunting. —Mr. Wilbur Huntington returned yesterday morning from a trip North. —Mr. W. S. Lee, Jr., vice president of the Southern Power Company, is spending a few days in New York on business.

Dr. Melvin Page Burnham, superintendent of the New York State Hospital, spent yesterday in the city. —Mr. J. L. Gwaltney, a well-known attorney of Taylorsville, was the guest yesterday of Mr. W. M. Smith.

Mr. Ned Holmes, the clever business manager for Creston Clarke, who will appear at the Academy of Music next Monday in "The Ragged Messenger," spent yesterday in Charlotte. —Mr. F. G. McAllister, of Greensboro, spent yesterday here, staying at the Central.

Mr. F. S. Carlton, of the Salisbury bar, spent yesterday in Charlotte on business.

Among the out-of-town people here yesterday was Mr. M. M. Morrison, of Concord, who was at the Buford. —Mr. F. C. Sherrill, of Cornelius, spent yesterday in the city on business.

Mr. R. R. Little, of Little's Mills, spent yesterday in Charlotte, staying at the Central.

Mr. G. E. Harsbarger, of Salisbury, was at the Buford yesterday.

Mr. J. F. Reinhardt, of Lincolnton, spent yesterday in the city on business.

Mr. E. H. Gaines, of Gaffney, S. C., is spending some time in the city, stopping at the Central.

Mr. O. Max Gardner, of Shelby, spent yesterday in the city. —Mr. J. D. Moore, a young business man of Gastonia, spent last night in the city, stopping at the Central.

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NEW CURE FOR EPILEPSY. —J. B. Waterman, of Watertown, O., Rural free delivery, writes: "My daughter, afflicted for years with epilepsy, was cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills. She has not had an attack for over two years. Best body cleanser and life giving tonic pills on earth. 50c at R. H. Jordan & Co.'s drug store."

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