

FIVE CAROLINA GRADUATES

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tered Hartford High School in 1901 and was appointed to the Naval Academy by Congressman Henry, of Connecticut, in 1904. He took the examinations at Annapolis in July of that year and entered the Naval Academy in September following.

Not only was Midshipman Rankin taken a prominent part in athletics, holding a number of track records, but he has stood above five in his classes ever since his entrance, and graduated high up in the list of first-honor men.

At the Naval Academy Mr. Rankin held for some time the record in the half-mile and mile events, making a name for himself by winning a hard run for two miles against a Carlisle Indian in the spring of 1907. In the fall meet of that year between the third and fourth classes he took both the mile and half-mile, and in the spring meet of 1906 he broke the one-mile record, which remained the record until he broke it several times himself. In the spring of 1906 he broke the mile

tary institute. Though not up to that time, intended for the navy, it would seem that his guardian spirit had so directed his training at home and at school as to fit him especially for the life of discipline and hardship, that now, opened, almost suddenly before him. He was appointed by Senator Overman and went on to stand the entrance examination. Robert had never been remarkable for studious habits and Nemesis overtook him—he failed. But his native pluck and early training stood him now in good stead. Without a thought of giving up he went to work and by conscientious application passed the second trial triumphantly and won his place. He entered the Naval Academy in June, 1904, and from that time, through his whole course of four years, his progress has been steadily upward in his class standing and now even his party school training was not more than he has done. His strong, wholesome life, handsome face and splendid physique render him indeed well worthy of a commission in the United States navy.



John Wilkes Rankin, a Native of Charlotte and Grandson of Capt. John Wilkes.

and half-mile record again, doing the shorter distance in 2:04 flat. This same year he was picked for the fencing squad, and would have been entered in the intercollegiate events, but withdrew to give his attention to track work. In the spring of 1907 he made another notch in the mile record, covering the distance in 4:21 3/5, and at the same meet he bested the champion long-distance runner from the Carlisle Indian School. Rankin's exploit gave him a name and fame in Naval Academy athletics that will live for years. The middies had not prepared a man to meet the long distance expert from Carlisle and were blue over the outlook. When young Rankin won from the Redskins in a killing spurt on the home stretch, making the two miles in 10:19, the enthusiasm was great.

Throughout his course he has been allowed to wear the star on the collar of his uniform for class standing. This means that his grade has been considerably over 90 per cent. in all subjects, and only a few middies wear this coveted honor. His general average is expected to give him the coveted emblem for his entire course. A good athlete and personally popular with his class, young Rankin has seen a sharpshooter in rifle practice, and only a few middies had not prepared a man to meet the long distance expert from Carlisle and were blue over the outlook. When young Rankin won from the Redskins in a killing spurt on the home stretch, making the two miles in 10:19, the enthusiasm was great.

ROBERT SIMONTON YOUNG, JR. Robert Simonton Young, Jr., is a native of Concord, Cabarrus county. He is the third of his name, being the grandson of the gallant Maj. Robert S. Young, who sealed his faith with his life blood at the siege of Petersburg.

His paternal grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Virginia Young is one of the best-known and highly esteemed women of Charlotte. He is the son of Dr. Robert S. Young, of Concord, a widely known, not only throughout his own State, but beyond her border, as a wise and skilled physician. His mother was Miss Ervin, of Concord. Distinguished for her beauty in her youth, she has but grown more charming with the passing years, and strangers find it hard to believe that she is the mother of the tall young midshipman.

The subject of this sketch was born on March 10th, 1886, and grew up in the ordinary way of village boys, except that parental oversight and control were more carefully exercised in his case than in most others. And his parents have had their reward.



Robert S. Young, Jr., of Concord.

Trained by them from infancy to unquestioning obedience, he was guided and directed by them in all things. From the high school in Concord he entered the Horner School, at Oxford, and after finishing the course there, spent two years at the Virginia Mil-

WILLIAM R. SMITH, JR.

He was born October 6th, 1886, at Weldon. His father is William R. Smith, for a number of years past engaged in the banking business in Weldon. His mother was Miss Travis, sister of Hon. E. T. Travis, of Halifax. His early school training was under Prof. J. A. Jones, now of the Fayetteville graded schools. He entered Horner Military School in September, at the age of 14, graduating the following June, the first in his



William R. Smith, Jr., of Weldon.

class. He entered the University of North Carolina at 15 and while there was appointed by Senator Simmons to the United States Naval Academy. He began his course at the Naval Academy June, 1904. Young Smith inherited his love for the navy, his paternal great-grandfather, John Kilby, was ensign on the Hon. Homme Richard, under John Paul Jones, in the memorable battle with the Serapis; his maternal great-grandfather, Edward Travis, was captain in the navy during the revolutionary war, while one of his paternal uncles, Abel Upshur, was Secretary of the Navy during President Tyler's administration.

WILLIAM COOK OWEN.

William Cook Owen, who, as an appointee from this district and State, graduated to-day from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, is a native of Fayetteville, and is about 22 years of age. He is a son of the late David S. and Mrs. Emma Cook Owen, the former having died about eighteen years ago. Young Owen spent all the early years of his life in his native town, and received his preliminary education in the schools here. Later he was for one year at Trinity High School, Durham, and when appointed cadet at the Naval Academy he had completed a one-year course as medical student at Davidson College. He was first appointed as alternate to the Naval Academy by competitive examination, and was later appointed as principal, again by competitive examination. His appointment was made by Hon. G. B. Patterson, then Representative from this district, and he received strong endorsement from both United States Senators. He entered the Naval Academy in 1904. As a school boy Mr. Owen was very bright and always stood high in his classes. He is very popular and greatly esteemed by all

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William C. Owen, of Fayetteville.

who know him. He is of fine physique and has developed greatly since entering the academy. His maternal grandparents were the late Col. John H. Cook and Mrs. Mary F. Cook. Colonel Cook was himself a West Point cadet, but not graduated on account of ill health. On his father's side Mr. Owen's grandparents were the late Mr. William T. Owen and Mrs. Sarah M. Owen, the former having been one of the most prominent planters of this section. Among his relatives here are Col. W. C. Cook, Mr. Joseph P. Cook, Hon. Henry L. Cook and Mr. A. J. Cook, who are his uncles. His mother, Mrs. Emma C. Owen, and other relatives are at Annapolis to be present at his graduation. The event is watched with interest here and the young graduate has the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

PAUL LEACH HOLLAND.

Paul Leach Holland, the oldest child of J. L. and Ina Leach Holland, was born at Keyser, Moore county, November 9th, 1887, and while quite a small child moved into what is now upper Scotland county, but then a part of Richmond, his father being at that time engaged in the sawmill business. When he was about 11 years old his parents moved to Laurinburg and he immediately entered the Laurinburg High School, then under the manage-



Paul L. Holland, of Bladen County.

ment of Prof. Frank P. Wyche, and remained under his tutelage until he entered the Naval Academy four years ago. At the age of 15 he was offered an appointment to the Academy, but his mother objected to his accepting it on account of his youth, but one year later he entered a contest for the appointment and won over three competitors in an examination at Asheville. His parents remained at this place until nearly two years ago when they purchased and moved to a farm in Bladen county, where they now reside.

GRASS WIDOWS ALSO.

A Powerful Argument Showing Why They Should Be Prohibited. Richmond News Leader. With plain but without surprise we note in The Newport News Times-Herald these sobering remarks: In the cemetery of Roanoke city is a new grave containing the remains of a young man who was shot to death. In the hospital is a young man with a bullet in his breast, received in the same quarter. In the jail is another young man who did the shooting, and there are three distressed families, including a broken-hearted mother who must go through the agony of all the sources of evil in a court of justice for his life. The cause of the tragedy and the author of all these woes is a grass widow, with a pretty face and comely figure, who has used her charms as a snare for men.

Therefore, moved, that grass widows with pretty faces and comely figures, who use their personal charms as snares for men, be and the same are hereby denounced and abolished and by law forever prohibited. The history of the world is filled with the tragedies caused by the grass widow. She has destroyed homes, ruined lives, caused woe and wretchedness and misery, populated insane asylums and prisons. Now that we are embarked fully in the business of law controlling and regulating each other's morals and conduct, let us by all means extend our prohibition proceedings to the grass widow with pretty face and comely figure. Of course what can be charged against the grass widow with equal propriety and truth may be charged against other widows. So be it. Let us prohibit widows.

Jail Delivery at Beaufort, S. C.

Beaufort, S. C., June 5.—Five prisoners broke out of the county jail last night shortly after 1 o'clock. Two, Sam and J. Herring, convicted of larceny, are white, and had only 20 more days to serve. The three others, negroes, are George S. Emmons, charged with murder; Charlie Hill, arson, and Sam Small, assault. The Harrings were caught 20 miles away at Yemassee and Hill five miles further at Coosawhatchie by Deputy Sheriff M. O. D. White.

BRADSTREET'S REVIEW.

Irregular Weather Conditions Affect Retail Trade—Reports From Wholesalers More Cheerful.

New York, June 5.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: Irregular weather conditions with heavy rainfall Northwest, Southwest and South, has given an uneven appearance to retail trade reports. Reports from wholesale trade lines and from leading industries are, however, more cheerful. House trade in fall goods is reported light, but traveling men are spending in better orders through conservation rules in distant buying. Reports as to industrial resumption at full time are more numerous in cotton goods and allied textile lines, more than offsetting reports of shut-downs, and there are more iron furnaces and coke ovens reported going to work. Collections still reflect the quiet trade doing, in backward payments. Money is tight, but the inflow from the country to the large centers is slackening perceptibly.

Best retail trade reports come from the Eastern quarter of the country while rains of floods have affected trade in the Mississippi and its tributary valleys. Business failures for the week ending June 4th number 225 in the United States, the smallest total reported for any week since October last, and compare with 263 last week, 155 in the like week of 1927 and 1905, 194 in 1905 and 171 in 1904.

SNUB CHARLESTON DISPENSARY.

Estimated Sum of Purchases Outside the City Reaches \$100,000—Beadles This a Lot More Goes Into Contraband That Slips by the Authorities. Charleston Evening Post. It is estimated from figures that come to liquor houses each year about \$100,000 for beer, whiskey, wines and brandies ordered for the consumption of private citizens or for social occasions of organizations. During the month of May, closing to-day, over 200—to be exact, 228—bills of lading were received here by buyers of liquors, and May is not a month of particularly active importing. In the neighborhood of 1,000 gallons of beer and ale were received here by way of the Clyde line, and the other transportation companies and from 1,000 to 1,500 gallons of liquors and wines came in. A little arithmetic will show what amount of money was sent out of Charleston for this liquid refreshment. When the heavier months are footed up, the estimate of \$100,000 a year is seen to be conservative.

There is a reason why this large sum of money is taken away from the city annually by the liquor wholesalers. It could, of course, be spent here at the dispensaries, and so kept at home in some larger part although the liquor houses get the bulk of it anyhow. Many people declare that they send off for their liquors and beer simply because they can buy the stuff for less money and that it pays them as individuals to purchase in this way. And they have more faith in the quality of the goods which they import directly from the liquor distillers or beer manufacturers. All of which is, no doubt, unjust to the dispensary management, but it is none the less, a fact.

The City of Charleston keeps a strict watch on liquor brought into the city for private citizens, and seizes as much of the alcoholic beverage as is possible, if it is not for private consumption or for the use of organizations in a legal way, which, of course, is authorized and delivery. But necessarily, there is much liquor brought in here that is never heard of by the city and of which no record is kept. It is not bought from the dispensaries, but comes in direct from other States, and probably a \$50,000 lump sum may be added to the city's estimate on the cost to the city of buying liquor.

SUING INSURANCE COMPANIES.

They Refused to Pay Policies on Burned Ship and Suit is Being Heard at Wilmington. Special to The Observer.

Wilmington, June 5.—In the Superior Court here Capt. John W. Harper, the well-known Cape Fear steamboat owner, is suing the Western Assurance Company, of Toronto, Canada, and the Liverpool and London Globe Insurance Company to enforce the payment of a \$600 policy which he carried on the steamer Lilly, which was burned at her wharf in Southport on the night of June 8th, 1908. The steamer was valued at \$8,000 and the insurance company has been resisting payment on the ground that this is too high an estimate of her value. They offered to settle for less, which Captain Harper would not accept. Efforts at an appraisal were then made without success and finally came the suit. The case has been in hearing the past two days in the Superior Court before Judge Neal, Ex-Judge E. K. Bryan and Messrs. Cranmer & Davis, the latter of Southport, are appearing for Captain Harper, and Messrs. Meares & Ruark for the defendant companies.

One of the features of the entertainment for the North Carolina Cotton Manufacturers' Association here next week will be a trip down the river by the steamer Seminole, which was kindly tendered through Collector of Customs Keith and Capt. J. H. Quinn. The trip will be a delightful one for the users at the best time for a number of prominent Wilmington business men who will accompany the party.

LESSON FOR SUNDAY.

LESSON X. JOHN XX, 1-11.

JESUS APPEARS TO THE APOSTLES.

Sea of Galilee itself was never in a greater commotion than this company of Galileans, shut in the upper room, dear to them probably as the scene of the paschal supper. Winds of contrary opinions blew upon them from every quarter. There was a tumult of incredulity, amazement, fright, sorrow. To some the report of the women was "idle talk." Others greeted the Emmaean pilgrims with the declaration of the appearance to Peter. Some may have imagined the body of Jesus supernatural, removed to a grave that should henceforth be as impossible of identification as that of Moses. For the most part they may have been given up to critical questionings, and were disputing away their faith.

Unannounced, instantaneously, in the midst Jesus stood! His words were the common Arabic form of salutation; gesture and accent sublimated it, no doubt. But this stormy sea did not instantly quiet, as Genesis once did at sound of the same voice. They were in mortal terror, as if before them was the apparition of a disembodied spirit.

With transcending gentleness, Jesus meets them on the low level of their thought. He mildly upbraids them for allowing themselves to get into such a ferment at all. He then submits himself to the test of their physical senses of sight and touch. First, the reality of the body is established. It is no doctored phantom. It is substantial enough to be called a body of flesh and bones. Again, the identity of the body with that which Jesus had before and during His crucifixion is proven by the stigmata (scars).

Luke proves himself a psychologist as well as a physician. With a happy stroke, he shows the rising faith retarded by the joyous surprise at the substance of the very thing hoped for. By the act of eating, Jesus sets all minds completely free from the lingering idea that his body is a phantasm.

Now he rises from this successful appeal to their physical senses to address their minds. He caused them to remember how explicit and Biblical had been his instructions concerning his impending crucifixion and resurrection. There was a simultaneous double opening of the Scriptures, and of their perceptive faculties. There was a sudden and great advance in their apprehension of the explanatory character of Christ's sufficiency, and the corroboratory effect of his resurrection.

The advantages of a lifetime of theological training were compressed in that hour's interview with the risen Christ. His presence and words cast a flood of light upon the prophecy and reality. Their sensibilities, quickened to the best by a supernatural environment, took in the whole of soteriology at a sitting. All they needed now was the Pentecostal tongue of fire to make them faithful witnesses of the cross and the resurrection, and successful preachers of repentance and the remission of sins among all nations.

THE TEACHER'S LANTERN.

Faith in the resurrection of Jesus is inseparable from the Scriptures. Cut off from them, it withers as the branch severed from the vine. No amount of watering serves to keep it alive. Neglect of the Bible, indifference to its contentment of it, is the fruitful cause of unbelief. We still need the double opening of the Scriptures to our understanding, and of our understanding to the Scriptures; to find the event corresponded to the prediction, as the tenon to the mortise, "Thus it is written" that Christ should rise. Only the resurrection adequately accounts for Christianity. It has been said that it is more rational to believe the system founded upon a miracle than on a lie. A conscious falsehood could never have had power to convince, the diabolical and regenerate the morality of the world.

The crown of the Easter-day appearances was, this showing of himself to the assembled disciples. Other appearances were individual; this was to the united circle of his Church. To Mary he said, "Cling to me not" for "the day of the grasp of human tenderness was now over." But to

the disciples he said, "Handle me."

This was for the purpose of identification. He who had allowed his murderers to lay their violent hands upon him, now urged his disciples to touch his person. The stigmata were not only the seals to his identity, they were princely insignia—tokens of triumph. There was direct connection between the wounds He bore and the peace He breathed. His chastisement is the procuring cause of our peace.

Lazarus, possibly present in their company, was their ideal of the resurrection body. No wonder that in comparison they thought Jesus' body spectral! Much note has been taken of the incredulity of Thomas, but after all, he only demanded the same sign which the other disciples had all had. It has been aptly said that it was while Jesus was convincing Thomas of his perfect humanity that he recognized His Divinity.

By the act of eating, Jesus showed himself to be still in connection with the natural world, and master of its elements. As Augustine says, "He had the power, but not the need of eating." Westcott affirms that Matthew's view-point of Christ's resurrection shows especially its majesty and glory; Mark's, the fact incontrovertibly established; Luke's, its spiritual necessity; John's, the resurrection a touchstone of character.

WORK OF THE W. F. M. S.

Report of Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer Submitted Yesterday—Committees Appointed by the President. Special to The Observer. Asheville, June 5.—The sessions of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference, in annual convention here, were well attended to-day. In addition to the 150 delegates attending there are numbers of visitors.

At this morning's session the president appointed the following: Committee on the extension of the work, Mrs. A. G. Hagood, of Charlotte, and the district secretaries; on juvenile work, Mrs. J. H. Weaver and the lady managers; on platform courses, Mrs. M. E. Childs and Mrs. Dilmoth; assistant secretary, Miss Sadie Walker, of Winston-Salem. Mrs. L. W. Crawford, corresponding secretary for the Conference, made her report, which showed the total membership of the society during the year was 1,195, which shows an increase over last year. There was an increase in the number of adults added to the society during the year but a decrease in the number of Light Bearers. Mrs. Crawford said the aims of the society in missionary work were four; evangelistic, medical, industrial and educational; but the most far-reaching influence is the effect on education of the Chinese and other heathen people. The work of the society is being carried on in China, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Cuba and South America and each of these countries needs greatly increased funds for the coming year.

Mrs. Phillip Peacock, of Salisbury, treasurer of the society, then made the report for the last fiscal year beginning March 1st, 1907, and ending February 28th, 1908. The amount allotted to the Western-North Carolina Conference of the Foreign Missionary Society was \$15,000 and the amount actually raised was \$12,688.79 and of this amount the Asheville district, which was assessed \$1,000, raised \$1,673 and the Salisbury district, which was assessed \$1,075, raised \$1,190.

Forsyth Convention To-Day.

Special to The Observer. Winston-Salem, June 5.—The Democratic county convention for the purpose of naming delegates to the State and congressional conventions will be held in the court house here to-morrow at 12 o'clock. The returns of the primaries held last Saturday will also be received.

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