

News of the State
Happenings of Yesterday Told in Paragraphs.

Wednesday evening at 7:30 Rev. L. W. Blackwelder and District Deputy C. E. Webb, of Salisbury, will discuss the principles of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics at Thomasville.

The Thomasville Graded School will close Friday for two weeks Christmas vacation. The school is the largest this year of its history and is doing a great work in the town. The teachers will spend their vacation at their various homes.

Miss Lena Jackson, in charge of a branch school of the Gate City Business College at High Point, has decided to make that city her future home and her father will move there this week. They will occupy the house on Virginia avenue recently vacated by Mr. Aubrey Hoover.

Work on the new gravity water line for Marion is progressing rapidly. The line is six miles long and when completed will afford an abundant and excellent water supply for the town and one of which the town can be greatly proud. The contractors expect to complete the work by January 15th.

Dr. D. H. Hill, president of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, Raleigh, speaks at High Point tonight at the Manufacturers' Club, on industrial education, following a talk by Dr. George T. Winston, late president of the institution on the same subject recently.

Mr. F. E. Lambeth is having the store room recently vacated by the Thomasville Drug Company at Thomasville, remodeled, putting in a tiled floor, frescoing the walls and making numerous other improvements and when finished it is understood that a stock company will be organized and one of the prettiest drug stores in the State will be opened at this stand.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Two Deaths in Guilford. Special to The Observer. High Point, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Fannie English, one of High Point's pioneer citizens, died here this evening of consumption, aged 79 years. She leaves a husband and four children. John F. Graves, of Jamestown, aged 67, was buried at Deep River to-day, Rev. Abel G. Kirkman, registrar of deaths of Guilford county, conducting the service. He leaves a wife and four children, was an exemplary Christian and well known.

Mrs. Sallie Hendley, at Charleston. Special to The Observer.

Cornelius, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Sallie Hendley died on December 14 at the home of her son, H. H. Hendley, in Charleston, S. C. Her remains were buried beside those of her husband at Pleasant Hill church near Statesville. She was in her 76th year and had been in good health until a few days before her death. Her death was caused by tetanus, or lockjaw, brought on by a slight wound on her hand. She was a native of McDowell county, and her maiden name was Hall. Her husband was Thomas J. Hendley. They spent the greater part of their lives near Dryden, N. C., where they reared five sons. Three of their children died in infancy. Mr. Hendley died in 1899. Four of the sons survive—namely, H. H. Hendley, Charleston, S. C.; E. E. Hendley, Asheville; H. F. Hendley, Spartanburg, S. C.; and A. F. Hendley, Elmwood. The fifth son, A. A. Hendley, Leslie, S. C., died in 1903. Mrs. Hendley had been a member of the Methodist Church since her youth and had lived consistently with her profession.

FUNERAL OF DR. EDGAR THOMPSON, OF DURHAM.

To the Editor of The Observer: Graham, Dec. 13.—The funeral of Dr. Edgar Thompson, conducted by Rev. Dr. E. C. Murray, was held this afternoon from the residence of his brother, Mr. C. Thompson, who lives on North Main street. Dr. Thompson had been in ill health for some time and had been spending a vacation with his brother, C. C. Thompson and Dr. A. J. Thompson, in Graham. He had practiced his profession of dentistry for a number of years in Durham, where he is said to have been very successful. Ill health and a general dislocation came upon him and as a result he drank laudanum with suicidal intent before leaving Durham, but medical assistance prevented the success of his act. Last Friday afternoon he took laudanum again, drinking. It is thought about an ounce of the fateful fluid. As soon as it was learned what he had done physicians were called, who found him in a stupor and administered apo-morphine, but it was not effective on account of the time that had elapsed since taking the drug. Dr. Thompson was about 35 years old and leaves a wife and one child; two brothers in this place, one brother and a sister in Burlington, a brother in Indianapolis, Ind., and his mother, who is about 75 years of age.

Y. M. C. A. Membership Campaign is on at Spencer.

Special to The Observer. Spencer, Dec. 14.—The membership campaign is now in full blast at the Railway Y. M. C. A. at Spencer. An enthusiastic meeting was held Saturday night and the following members report new members as follows: Mr. R. W. Hippen, W. C. D. Hoffman, J. W. L. Page, A. P. Booker, Frank Polo, F. I. Rudy, L. B. A. Zeigler, I. C. A. Tate, I. A. V. Zeigler, E. T. Clark, L. H. W. Holt, L. Office. Total membership to date 386. Number to be secured before January 1st 214. The 600 buttons are now here and every member should call at the office and get one.

Where a Miser Hid Her Coins, London Globe.

A death in a poor part of Budapest has just brought to light an extraordinary story of a woman's double life. She had lived apparently in poverty and semi-starvation, subsisting partly on charity, but a search of her rooms, which were in a terrible state of neglect, revealed that she was worth more than a million kronen, chiefly in house property. A number of stuffed cats in the room were full of coin.

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A GATHERING OF LAYMEN.

First Annual Meeting of the "Movement at Salisbury on the 16th—Programme for the Meeting. Special to The Observer.

Spencer, Dec. 14.—From a communication received in Spencer to-day from Prof. Walter Thompson, superintendent of the Stonewall Jackson Manual Training and Industrial School, to be established by the State of North Carolina at Concord, a programme is given for the first annual gathering known as the Laymen's Movement to be held in connection with the district stewards' meeting at the First Methodist church in Salisbury, beginning on the 16th inst., covering two days. The programme follows:

"The Purpose and Scope of the Movement," Rev. Dr. J. C. Rowe, presiding elder of the Salisbury district.

"The Plan of Organization, and Election of Leaders for Charge."

"The Local Work of the Laymen's Movement," by Dr. T. A. Halthcock, of Norwood.

"Financial Plans on Circuits." General discussion.

"Financial Plans on Stations," Dr. W. C. Houston, of Concord, and Mr. R. L. Smith, of Albemarle.

"Christian Stewardship and Christian Giving," Mr. T. H. Stiff, of Salisbury.

"How Can the Laymen's Movement Help the Neglected Sections and the Missions?" by Mr. J. F. Shinn, of Norwood.

It will be planned that all subjects will be open for a general discussion by the delegates and others in attendance.

The gathering, which has been wisely planned and worked up by Rev. Dr. J. C. Rowe, and others in the district, will be the first of the kind to be held in the Western North Carolina Conference and it is expected that a number of visitors and leading church workers from all churches in the district will be present.

It is learned that entertainment will be provided for all who attend the conference. Among those who will take prominent part in the exercises will be Prof. Walter Thompson, who is serving as chairman of the Laymen's Movement in the conference.

THE WEATHER.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Forecast: Virginia, North Carolina, fair Tuesday and Wednesday; warmer Tuesday; moderate south winds.

South Carolina, Georgia, fair Tuesday and Wednesday; moderate temperature; light south winds.

West Texas, fair Tuesday and Wednesday except probably threatening in west portion.

Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, fair Tuesday and Wednesday; moderate temperature.

West Virginia, partly cloudy Tuesday; Wednesday fair; moderate temperature.

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