

LOUISBURG SOCIETIES OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY

Editor Hight C. Moore Speaks on the Poets of North Carolina—Address Highly Enjoyed.

The Sea Gift and Neithan Literary Societies of Louisburg College, very fittingly observed their twenty-sixth anniversary Monday night with a scholarly and highly interesting address by Mr. Hight C. Moore, of Raleigh, whose theme was, "An Hour With North Carolina Poets, or the Seven Greater Native North Carolina Poets."

Miss Gladys Jerome, of Aydtlett, representative of the Sea Gift Society, introduced the speaker in a very happy manner, and Miss Marie Long, of Morehead City, spoke words of hearty appreciation of the admirable address on behalf of the societies, and of the audience at the close. The exercises were interspersed with music by Misses Ward, Yarborough, and Ayers. Misses Lottie Kerr and Eleanor Yarborough were the marshals.

Dr. Moore, who is editor of the Biblical Recorder, and himself an author of some fame, was perfectly at home with his subject, which is one of his specialties, before a cultured and appreciative Louisburg audience.

Notwithstanding the many difficulties with which North Carolina poets have had to contend, such as lack of leisure, lack of correct and discrimination criticism, lack of an appreciative reading public, yet more than a hundred volumes, from leather to leaflet, of North Carolina poems have appeared, said the speaker.

Dr. Moore confined himself for the most part to what he considered the seven major poets of this State. Not least of these, he spoke at considerable length of Edwin Wiley Fuller, who was born in this city November 30, 1847. Many of his relatives live in this city now, some of whom were present last night. Dr. Moore reckoned him as a poet of the first rank, and his masterpiece, "The Angle in the Cloud," will rank with the very finest literature of our time.

The other six major poets which the speaker mentioned, and whose production he briefly reviewed, were William Henry Rhodes, born at Windsor, his chief volume of poems being "Indian Gallows and Other Poems"; Mrs. Mary Byrd Clarke, of Raleigh, whose chief poem was, "Olyrie and Zenobia"; Theophilus Hunter Hill, of Wake county, "Hesper and Other Poems" being his chief volume; John Henry Bonner, of Salem, whose "Whispering Pines" and "Bonner's Lyrics" entitles him to fame; John Charles McNeill, whose "Song Merry and Sad" "Lyrics from Cotton Land" and many other poems of high rank give to him a place in the front rank of North Carolina poets; and Henry Jerome Stockard, of Alcamo county, who died in Raleigh recently, and whose "Fugitive Lines" and "A Study of Southern Poetry" entitles him to a high place in the literature of the State.

The address was a rich literary feast from beginning to end, and was thoroughly enjoyed by a large audience. After the program, a social hour was spent, which was all too short for the young people. The occasion was one long to be remembered.

To Be Away With Treasurer's Office

We publish below the bill introduced in the House of Representatives by Mr. Joseph T. Inacoe providing for the abolition of the County Treasurer's office of Franklin County.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That the office of county treasurer in Franklin county, be abolished at the expiration of the present term of the treasurer.

Section 2. That the board of county commissioners of Franklin county shall designate for a term of two years beginning on the first Monday in December, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and every two years thereafter, one or more banks in said Franklin county as a depository or financial agent for the county of Franklin, under the control of the county commissioners, and one or more banks as a depository or financial agent for the school fund of said county, naming a different bank or banks for these two funds if that be practicable.

Section 3. Any bank so designated shall perform generally the duties now imposed by law upon the county treasurer, and shall pay out funds on deposit upon orders or vouchers as now authorized by law or as may be further provided by the official board in control of such funds, and shall make to the proper board monthly report of receipts and disbursements and such other facts as may be required.

Section 4. Any bank so designated as a depository shall give bond for the safe keeping and proper handling of the funds so deposited. The amount of said bond shall be fixed by the county board of commissioners and shall not be less than the largest amount expected to be on deposit at any one time, and shall be in the usual form and subject to the same laws as is now provided for the treasurer's bond. The premium for such bond shall be paid by the board controlling the fund secured by it. No other commission or remuneration shall be paid to said bank.

Section 5. The sheriff or other off-

cer into whose hands any county or school funds may come shall immediately deposit same in the proper bank to the credit of the proper fund.

Section 6. The provisions of this act shall be submitted to the voters of Franklin county at the election to be held at the time of the general election in the year nineteen hundred and sixteen. At such election voters in favor of abolishing the office of Treasurer shall cast ballots on which is written or printed "For Abolishing Treasurer's Office", and those opposed shall cast ballots on which is written or printed, "Against Abolishing Treasurer's Office," then the provisions of this act shall take effect immediately and on after the first day of December, nineteen hundred and sixteen, the said Treasurer's office shall be abolished and the duties of same shall be performed as provided herein.

Section 7. All laws and clauses in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Tuesday Afternoon Book Club.

The Tuesday Afternoon Book Club was very charmingly entertained on Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. J. A. Turner.

The afternoon's subject was France. The meeting was opened with roll call and the responses were given in current events.

An excellent paper on the origin and success of the crusades was given by Mrs. J. L. Palmer.

Mrs. W. E. White read a very interesting sketch of Henry Navarre. Mrs. Arthur Fleming in her own sweet way delighted the Society with one of her sweetest songs, and Mrs. J. R. Collie read a delightful selection on Madam Maintenon.

At the conclusion of this splendid program the guests were asked into the dining room, where a four course luncheon was served, Misses Mary Turner and Camilla Yarborough serving in an attractive and graceful manner.

The room was beautifully decorated in national colors and the table was adorned with a magnificent centerpiece, made of red roses and ferns.

Hatchets and flags were given to each as souvenirs and each guest was charmed with the originality and beauty of the form of entertainment.

The Society was pleased to have with them as guests, Mrs. Jim Allen, Mrs. S. P. Burt Mrs. Felix Allen, Mrs. Mortimer Pleasants, Mrs. Wilder, and Mrs. Gus Cooke.

The Society will be entertained at the next meeting by Mrs. J. L. Parham.

Methodist Missionary Society.

The literary meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society met on Monday afternoon at the Methodist church.

The meeting was opened with song and Mrs. J. E. Malone read a beautiful squib of the 11th Chapter of Hebrews and made a beautiful application of it to our own life.

The president, Mrs. R. Z. Egerton, then took charge of the meeting and called for a report from the two delegates Mrs. J. A. Turner and Mrs. M. C. Pleasants, who have recently returned from the Missionary Conference held in Rocky Mount.

These reports were very interesting and aroused the Society to put forth greater efforts in the future.

Mrs. David McKinnon read a selection telling of our work and the great need for greater work in the coal mining districts of our country.

Mrs. R. R. Harris read a paper on the work done in the mountains of Carolina and was followed by another from Mrs. M. C. Pleasants on the work in Korea.

Several little matters of business were discussed and the meeting adjourned.

Community Road Work.

It gives us pleasure to make mention of another instance of Community road work, which was given in the past week. Mr. Frank Gupton was in to see us and reported that on Saturday a number of residents along the road under road Overseer Joiner with eight mules scooped, plows, wagons, etc., gathered at the Louisburg township line on the Louisburg and Laurel road and rebuilt the old road to Burnett's store, a distance of about half a mile. Although Mr. Gupton lives in Louisburg township, and enjoys the advantages of good roads he tells us he could not help but enter into the spirit of the occasion and lend all the assistance he had to the good work.

This is only another instance, which goes to prove that if the principle was used on all roads with a little personal interest on the part of all parties concerned the whole county could have the best of roads at practically no cost.

Stockholders Meeting.

The annual stockholders meeting of the First National Bank was held in the offices of this institution on Tuesday. The several reports were received and passed and the same reflected much credit upon its officials all of whom were re-elected for the coming year.

Farmer Fatally Burned.

Mr. John M. Pearce, who lived seven miles this side of Spring Hope, and about thirteen miles from here was burned so badly Saturday night about 12 o'clock that he died four hours later.

He was living in a house all alone,

and no one knows just how the terrible accident occurred. When neighbors reached the scene, the house was falling in. Mr. Pearce was found a few yards away from the house, his clothes all burnt off of him, and his limbs and body almost burned into a crisp. He did not know what had taken place and asked what it was that he was suffering so.

It was supposed that he got too close to the fire and his clothing caught, and from that the building.

He was about fifty-five years of age, and leaves five children, three sons and two daughters. The interment was made Sunday afternoon in the family burying ground near by, in the presence of a very large company of friends.

Mrs. Bartholomew Entertains.

Last Friday afternoon Mrs. W. E. Bartholomew was hostess to the Industrial Book Club on Kenmore Ave.

The subject for discussion was Ella Wheeler Wilcox. As the Secretary called the roll each member responded with some event of her life.

The following program had been arranged for the evening: A piano selection by Miss Bessie Hale.

The life of Ella Wheeler Wilcox by Mrs. J. S. Howell.

The works of Ella Wheeler Wilcox by Mrs. W. J. Cooper.

Reading from Ella Wheeler Wilcox by Mrs. E. T. Perry and Mrs. W. M. Freeman.

General discussion of the life and works of Ella Wheeler Wilcox by the Club. At the close of the program Miss Maye Cooper delightfully entertained the Club with music, while refreshments were being served, then all went home declaring Mrs. Bartholomew a most charming hostess.

Baptist Missionary Society.

The Study Circle of the Baptist Missionary Society met on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Will Cooper. Miss Edna Allen conducted the meeting.

The lesson for the afternoon was the last Chapter of the "Child in the Midst" and was a very interesting and helpful discussion.

This book has been a very helpful and inspiring one and the Society hopes to make another choice equally as pleasant.

The coming week will be observed as a week of prayer for Home Missions and prayer will be offered each afternoon at the following places:

Monday afternoon with Mrs. Winge Undehill, Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. J. W. Hollingsworth, Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Will Cooper, Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Will Allen, Friday afternoon with Mrs. Brody Hudson.

In Interest of Special School Tax.

Supt. E. L. Best, informs us that he found to his great delight a very strong and favorable sentiment at work in the White Level school district for a special tax, on his visit there last Thursday night. On this occasion Supt. Best made a most interesting address on the advantages of such a system, which was warmly and appreciatively received.

Miss Annie Wilder, the popular and efficient principal, made an address on Canning Clubs, which was especially interesting and instructive. Quite a large number of patrons and pupils were present and there is no doubt, but that much interest in both have been aroused.

Basket-Ball.

We are requested to state that on Saturday, February 27th, the High schools of Franklin and Mapleville will play a match game of basketball in Louisburg, beginning at 10 o'clock at the Farmers' Union Warehouse. These teams played a game Friday, which resulted in a score of 10 and 8 in favor of Mapleville. It is expected that it will be a fast and interesting game and everybody is invited to come out and see it. A small admission fee of 10 cents will be charged to cover expenses.

Louisburg Baptist Church.

"Conventions or convenience, which shall control" will be the theme discussed Sunday 11 a. m., in connection with the public worship. "The Law and the Gospel" will be the subject at night.

Sunday school 9:45 a. m. and B. Y. P. U. Sunday 6:45 p. m. The pastor will preach at Ransdale's Chapel Sunday 3:00 p. m. A cordial welcome awaits you at all of these services.

HE MUST WARM HIS WIFE'S TOES.

Judge Orders Husband to Let Better Half's Feet Toast on His Back

George Costa, of Aurora, awoke about daylight to discover his wife warming her feet on his back. Costa drove her out of the house. After wandering about in a nightie for half an hour, Mrs. Costa was given shelter by a neighbor. The judge fined George \$25 and made him promise to warm his wife's feet every night until spring.—Exchange.

Any person may keep himself well posted on current local events, be regarded as a well read man, know what's what and who's who in the community, and have numerous attractive propositions placed before him for the trifling investment of about two cents a week. For proof of this statement invest a dollar a year in this paper.

RUSSIANS LOSE WHOLE ARMY CORPS.

Petrograd, Feb. 24.—The desperate resistance offered by the 20th corps of the Russian army to the German advance in east Prussia, is described in an official communication issued here. The report is based on information from "various individuals belonging to this corps who managed to escape." The Russians claim that although these troops were surrounded by a German army in the territory between Goldap and Suwalki, they inflicted heavy losses on their antagonists. They repelled attacks on four fronts "until their strength was completely exhausted."

The communication follows: "The communication of February 21, which described the unusually difficult position of parts of our army corps during the retreat in east Prussia, applied to portions of the twentieth-General Bulgakoff, comprising the 12th division and 3 reserve regiments. Communication between this corps and the tenth army was broken on February 13, and the corps found itself surrounded in the country between Goldap and Suwalki by a German army which constantly increased in numbers.

"This corps fought heroically until February 22 against an enemy, which outnumbered it several times. During these days the troops marched about thirty-two miles, continuing to force a passage for themselves toward the southeastern part of the forest of Augustowo.

"According to accounts given by prisoners, our corps inflicted heavy losses upon the Germans who attempted to bar the way, particularly in the lake region and the forest near Chita.

"Reports just given by various individuals belonging to this corps who managed to escape show the corps was ready to fight until its strength was completely exhausted, gallantly repulsing attacks of four fronts, retaining its artillery and taking with it many German prisoners.

"Severe fighting continues on the right banks of the Bobr and Narew rivers. German detachments which took the offensive near Osowetz on February 21 were forced back by the fire of our artillery. Fighting has been in progress north of Lomza on the roads to Radzilowo, Artchoukchina and Kolno. In spite of attacks by strong forces we hold Jedwarbno.

"A German attack along the Szczuczyn-Kolno road was supported during the night of February 22 by armored automobiles and was unusually intense.

"The German offensive continues in the Prazasnay district. Three attacks upon Prazasnay were repulsed our armored automobiles assisting greatly in this respect. Their fire decimated the Germans at a distance of seventy-five paces. On the road to Pionsk some villages changed hands several times.

"South of the Mogheli farm, on the left bank of the Vistula, we exploded mines under a German trench, occupying the dugouts in the remaining of the German trenches. We captured three machine guns, trench mortars and bombs, and also took a number of prisoners. The losses to the Germans caused by the mine explosions numbered 500.

"In the Carpathians the Austrians bombarded a convent south of Mebolaborez with twelve-inch mortars. We repulsed persistent Austrian attacks in the region of Mikow, Smolnika and Tiszovica, and inflicted enormous losses on the enemy in the region of Myto Kozioruka.

"Austrian troops have taken the places of the Germans south of Bolina. Obstinate fighting has begun at Stanislaw against great forces of the enemy.

"Between January 21 and February 20 our army in the Carpathians captured 691 officers, 47,640 men, 17 cannons and 118 mitrailleuses."

The Mission Rally at Baptist Church.

The Mission Institute or Rally held at the Baptist church Tuesday was a distinct success from every point of view. The attendance was larger than was expected, and the addresses were all of a high order.

Rev. John F. Mitchner sounded the keynote in his opening address on service. He was followed by pastor Gilmore in a talk on "How to Organize a church to take care of its finances." Rev. Wallace Hartsell, of Bunn, spoke on "Methods of Missionary Education in the local churches." Rev. G. M. Duke, of Mapleville, in his characteristic way, delivered an address on "Spirituality Basal to Missions."

The ladies of the church served a sumptuous dinner to the visitors in the basement of the church, after which an afternoon session was held. Rev. W. B. Morton gave some lessons from a statistical study of the minutes of the Tar River Association. Rev. E. N. Nelson, of Henderson, spoke on "Proportionate, Systematic, Weekly, Giving, and the every member canvass."

At night Dr. T. J. Taylor, of Warrenton, spoke on the "Present Urgency of Home and Foreign Missions. At the conclusion of his address, he told in a very graphic manner of how 34 years ago he had baptized Rev. W. E. Crocker, of Chinkiang, China, the next speaker; in the crystal waters of the Paeolet river, in South Carolina. Mr. Crocker was then a thirteen year old lad, without any special promise. The

minister doubted the wisdom of the baptism at the time, but he was a fool for doubting, said Dr. Taylor. The next he heard of the lad, he was a ministerial student in Wake Forest College, where he graduated in 1890. After going to the Seminary, he went to China, where he has been a most effective missionary for 22 years. He is at home now on a furlough, with headquarters at Gaffney, S. C. Mr. Crocker spoke twice during the rally, his address Tuesday night on "The Old and the New China," being considered one of the best ever delivered here by a returned missionary to the young ladies of Louisburg College.

The missionary "flying squadron" left Wednesday morning for Norlina and other points in the Tar River Association, where similar interest will be held.

PERSONALS.

Mr. Gus B. Rice visited Raleigh Sunday.

Mayor James A. Turner went to Raleigh Monday.

Revs. A. D. Wilcox, and W. M. Gilmore spent Monday in Raleigh.

Mr. Thomas Guthrie, of Charlotte, was a visitor to Louisburg Monday.

Mr. Millard Chamblee, of Wakefield, was a visitor to Louisburg Tuesday.

Mr. A. W. Cooper, of Hilliardston, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. F. W. Hicks.

Miss Berdie Richards, of Lynchburg, Va., is visiting at the home of Mrs. Emma C. Allen.

Messrs. B. F. Wood, S. A. Jones, and Z. B. Jones, of Spring Hope, were visitors to Louisburg Tuesday.

Mr. J. E. Thomas, who is clerk to one of the Legislative committees at Raleigh, spent Sunday at home.

Mr. C. A. Camp, of Rocky Mount, and Mrs. Geo. T. Andrews, of Enfield, are visiting at Mrs. W. B. Cooke's.

Messrs. Thomas Ruffin, Graham Egerton and John Burt Hill, came home from school and spent Sunday.

Mr. J. I. Gillis, of Norfolk, Va., was a visitor to Louisburg the past week.

Mr. Walter Clarke, Jr. of Raleigh, was in attendance upon court here the past week.

Among the visiting Attorneys in Louisburg the past week, we note Messrs. A. L. De Rosette, of Charlotte, U. L. Spence, of Carthage, A. C. Zollcoffer, of Henderson, Dunn, of Scotland Neck, and Chas. U. Harris, of Raleigh.

Dr. A. H. Fleming returned Saturday from Richmond where he met little Nell Fleming on her return home from New York, where she successfully undergone a most difficult operation. The many friends of the family will be pleased to know she is rapidly recovering.

Washington Letter.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—The sending of the shipping bill to a conference committee was the most important happening of the past week. The flank movement of the proponents of this measure in driving it through the House of Representatives under the whip and spur of party action as an amendment to the week's bill, which had already been passed by the Senate, met an insurmountable obstacle in the desertion of some of its former friends when it returned to the Senate. In order to stave off certain defeat the Democrats sent it to conference with an agreement not to report it back for final action until the 27th. Senator Fletcher states that he expects to reach an agreement that will prove satisfactory, but just how this will be done is not so clear. To provide for permanent Government ownership and operation of the vessels would win back the progressive republican votes but such a provision would at the same time lose for the measure some of its present supporters. The opponents of the bill, who seem to have the best of the fight so far, are confident that it is dead and will not be reported back from conference on the 27th and even if it is reported they claim they can very easily talk it to death by the time Congress adjourns on the 4th of March.

The sidetracking of this bill greatly clarifies the outlook as to an extra session. Appropriation bills now have the right of way and all other closure propositions, which occupied several days, have been dropped, at least for the time being. The legislative machinery has been speeded up and in the Senate appropriation bills are being passed at the rate of about one a day. The sundry civil and the legislative, executive and judicial bills, carrying about \$160,000,000, were disposed of with very little debate. The committee amendments were practically all agreed to and points of order against any amendments not previously provided for were usually sustained by the Chair. The House of Representatives cut down the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill nearly half a million dollars before its passage. Several lively skirmishes occurred, at times almost reaching the mud-slinging stage. An effort was made to insert a provision requiring the President to take such steps as might be necessary to have Cuba reimburse the United States for expenses incurred during the pacification of the Island. This would have amounted to over six and a half million dollars but was out on a point of order by Representative McKean, of Illinois. He stated that he opposed any policy of the United States to act as an international policeman and that if it did

do so it should not ask any other government to bear the expenses.

The Government has adopted a policy of watching and waiting in the war zone question. Although adhering strictly to the warning sent to the belligerents against the destruction of American lives or vessels no further action will be taken. Germany's threat to wage relentless submarine war on all shipping entering the war zone has caused a very critical situation and Government officials are keeping close watch in anticipation of any act that would require decisive steps to be taken. Both Germany and England in reply to the United States note of warning charged violations of the rules of international warfare, but as has been pointed out, the breaking down of these rules and doctrines between the belligerents should not affect their status as between a neutral such as the United States and Great Britain or Germany. The first American vessel to meet disaster was the Evelyn, laden with cotton and bound for Bremen, which struck a mine near Borkum Island in the North Sea and sank. This was outside of the recently established war zone and directly off the German coast. A full investigation by the diplomatic agents has been ordered and a report is expected at an early date.

Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, one of the chief factors in passing the new banking and currency law, predicted that the United States was destined to become the financial and commercial mistress of the world, owing to the present stability of the banking system as established by the Federal Reserve Act. He pointed out that every nation necessarily endeavors to conserve its gold supply and a nation's foreign debts are therefore balanced by the imports and exports. Consequently, he added, the nation which interferes with the exchange of goods between its peoples and those of other lands is but curtailing the prosperity of its people.

In the East room of the White House on Saturday last President Wilson, in the presence of a distinguished gathering, pressed a gold telegraph key thereby officially opening the Panama Exposition at San Francisco. The electric spark sent out from Washington opened the gates at the exposition grounds and started the fountains in the presence of nearly 250,000 persons assembled for the occasion. The telegraph key used was of solid gold studded with nuggets set upon a marble slab and was used for a similar purpose by ex-President Taft at the opening of the Alaska-Yukon Exposition in 1909.

Cruelty to Animals.

We publish below the following communication received by us the past week.

To the Editor:

Knowing that you are interested in the betterment of our town, I feel that you will willingly do all in your power to abolish a terrible cruelty which exists among us, perhaps unknown to many.

While we do not claim for Louisburg a superiority in all things, I suppose no place responds more readily or more liberally to the appeals of suffering humanity, or acknowledges so fully, in a practical way, the brotherhood of man.

Just now there are among us many silent sufferers, whose services are invaluable, which seem to be forgotten, the horses and mules, which, in the condition of our streets for the last few weeks, are often incapable of moving the heavy loads placed upon them, while the drivers in their irritation and unreasonableness vent their anger by lashing the poor creatures, whose helplessness should excite their pity. The load is not lightened by this so-called higher order of animal, who, in his inhuman cruelty, shows his inferiority to the creatures he controls.

Cannot something be done in their behalf by superior man? Must sympathy and kindness stop with his fellow man? Can it not extend farther, and let the brute creation feel its wondrous power? Will not those who would grow indignant at a lighter cruelty see that the law which should protect these helpless creatures be enforced, not only once in years perhaps, but for each violation? Then perhaps it will not be forgotten.

Often along the streets and roadsides, we notice that fines will be imposed for different things; why not let it thus be known that for cruelty to beasts a fine worthy of consideration will be demanded. Place this notice at the entrance of every road leading into our town, and along the highways and hedges, that those who fear the power of the law may be reminded of the necessity for governing their cruel passions.

Let's work to wipe out this terrible blot, which mars to a great degree the beautiful charity and humanity of our people, and let this appeal to their higher natures not only excite their sympathy, but action.

Now is the time to right this wrong; not this week or next week; but now.

M. T. K.

Proof of It.

Daddy—No, yer mother never treat the way you girls do, to-day to catch a husband.

Daughter—Yes, but look at what she got.

Tell yourself each day that you are a success—and you will be one in time.