

DEPARTMENT.

Life of Busy Life--COWPER.

The Corridor is having his residence at the Grove painted.

After the earthquake was felt here Monday morning about 1 o'clock.

Mr. W. H. Stubblebine and family left for Davidson county this week.

There is a store in Salisbury where oranges are sold cheap, the Racket store of Red & Harry for bargains they can't be beat.

The public concerts, given by the North State Normal Music School, on Saturday nights of each week, are showing in public favor. The school will close Saturday.

The pretty maid, once through-going Populist to have a strong and healthy and go to harvesting wheat.

Baltimore News, Times are so hard that you haven't the wheat to harvest.

Seven tourists of the cross-country truck town Saturday night. They pulled from Charlotte and were buzzed immediately upon arrival in the city.

Four of the number had just served time on the chain-gang in Mecklenburg county and were putting forth efforts to get home. They were released and two of the remaining three were ordered to leave town at once.

The other one was sent to the chain-gang to serve thirty days.

Spencer easily won the game of football at Henderson's Park between Spencer and the Stud Hill.

The boys' club, Spencer, H. C. and the Stud Hill.

Five barrels hauled in. O. H. Garrett's fishery, near Jubilee, was Saturday, seized and closed up by Deputy Collector Thompson. Five barrels of the fish were brought to Salisbury.

Keep the Peace. A good reader, if you should have a hand on your head in your search for lead news, please hold your temper and be patient on the job list and be patient of the work, as well as the balance, all on the hands of the editor and the.

They Are and Were Merry. The county changing has been working near Harris' Chapel. The gang was made one day last week by the change. Before moving the inhabitants of the Harris Chapel neighborhood treated the converts to a nicely prepared dinner. They ate and were merry.

Five Peaches. Thus far the people have not broken and have in their mad rush to see who would be the first one to bring the largest watermelon to this office. But Mr. T. A. P. Rosman presented us, Tuesday, with a basket of the best peaches we have seen this year. Many thanks, Mr. R.

Long Needed Reforms. The State Railroad Commission at its meeting last week at Round Knob increased the valuation of railroad property in the State by \$1,000,000, and reduced telegraphic rates to fifteen cents for ten words. Twenty-five cents for ten words were the charges before this reduction.

They Are and Were Hurt. Mr. Tatum, of the Southern express office, Mr. F. E. Jarvis, F. B. Chamberlain, an expert miner of Danville, have caught the gold fever and are making preparations to go to the rich fields of Alaska. They will not leave until the first of February so as to reach Alaska during the summer of next year.

Don't Know He Was Hurt. It was Monday's Sun.

We never saw a man of Ady's. The county, just his hand by its being caught by a circular saw at A. C. Wood's saw mill last week. The Daily Times says that Mr. Stokson said the first he knew of the accident was when he saw his hand lying on the floor, as he did not feel the slightest pain at the time of the unfortunate mishap.

Able Collection. Children's day exercises were held yesterday in the Sunday school of the A. M. E. Zion church and the large sum \$200 was raised. This is the largest amount ever recorded for the purpose in the great Zion church, numbering members all over the county, and Salisbury misty feels proud. Stand, Noble and his crops of children have worked hard to accomplish this distinction. The proceeds are for educational purposes. Monday's Sun.

Stimulating the Health of Children. Children frequently suffer in health and grow thin, and the parents are greatly puzzled to discover the reason. The large proportion of cases the trouble will be found to be intestinal worms which have found lodgment in the child's body, and are to be found upon the food eaten and upon the delicate tissues, sapping the strength and health and leaving the child weak and thin. A good and healthy child is the result of a healthy stomach and a healthy system. The proceeds are for educational purposes. Monday's Sun.

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The Real Profession of Rowan County.

The following is a paper read before the Rowan County Medical Society, July 12, 1897, by J. G. Ramsay, M. D., and is published by request.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Society: Having at our last meeting, read a paper giving sketches of the physicians of the town of Salisbury who practiced and died in the County of Rowan between the years 1845 and 1897, I now proceed, according to promise, to present a similar sketch of the county physicians who practiced and died in the county during the same period.

But let no one infer, from my giving precedence of the town physicians in my first paper, that I regarded them in any respect superior to their less favored country brethren. The late Dr. S. S. Satchwell, one of the most distinguished physicians this State has produced, was a lifelong country doctor. In an obituary notice of Dr. James J. Phillips, of Edgecomb, who died in 1874, and who, also, was a very distinguished country doctor, Dr. Satchwell says: "It was a frequent remark of the illustrious Dr. Valentine Mott, himself the Napoleon of surgery of his day in this country, that he was affraid to meet a country physician in consultation. He said that necessity imposed upon country practitioners such habits of reading and study, independence of thought and self-reliance, that not only found them well posted and abreast with the times, but able to give him information and to make to him valuable suggestions. He said that the average city physician was not the equal in knowledge and skill of the observant and well read country doctor. The city practitioner, he said, was accustomed to seek consultation, in important cases, from the usages of the profession and customs of society, especially, in relations to young city and town physicians. Not so in the country practitioner, who, in his habits of self-dependence, was unable to lean upon others, but compelled, even in emergency, to depend upon his own resources as a general thing. This, he contended, gave the country physician habits of investigation and study, a breadth of view and mental discipline, and such a readiness and skill to meet a case of trial, peril and danger, which gave boldness and pluck to success."

With this tribute to the country doctor, which, in my opinion, is in the main, well merited, I will now proceed in order.

[Here followed sketches of twenty deceased physicians, and the names of those who left the county for other locations, and also of those retired or still practicing which must be omitted for want of space. Error.]

Of these estimates and statistics, taken in connection with those contained in the paper I read at our last meeting are correct, even approximately, and great pains have been taken to arrive at an accuracy, it will appear that for physicians have resided and practiced in Rowan during the fifty-two years, now drawing to a close, and that of these 34 have died in the county, 30 have removed from it, and 4 have retired from practice, leaving 29 practitioners residing in the town and county at the present time. Now, estimating the population of the county at 28,000, the allotment to each physician would be 931. Allowing the population of the town to be 7,000, and it is probably more than ten town physicians would each have 700, while the remaining nineteen country physicians would have the 2,100 remaining or 1105 to each of them.

These figures, if not entirely correct, are at least equitable, for if the town physicians absorb some country practice, the country physicians, on the borders often do considerable practice in other communities.

The advantages of location, at this day seem to be with the town physician. To say nothing of the practice which the railroads, shops, factories and travel afford, his local patrons, although not so numerous as those of his country brother are so much more compact and embodied that he can serve a population double that of the latter, with far less labor and expense. His expenses for living may be some greater, but his drug bill is much less, and the diameter of his practice not half so great. Neither is his reputation so localized. It matters but little what the intellectual, moral and professional worth of the country practitioner may be, and he may live in a community capable of appreciating, honoring and even valuing him, still his reputation is localized and circumscribed and seldom reaches beyond his own barliwick. No telegraphic flash, in morning or evening bulletin herald his fame, and yet single-handed and alone he battles with diseases and death, often amid obloquy and detraction and all the devices of which the demons of quackery are so prolific and capable.

Now is the time to make as to compensation for his services. But income requires me to say that the profession is too generally most unjustly treated. Neither in the town nor in the country are physicians paid with anything like the promptness and regularity required in other pursuits and the law which protects others leaves the physician to work hard, and look to eternity for pay.

On the physicians whose names I have here and there inserted a sketch of both of the town and country. I am happy to say that the great majority better well their part in the arduous role which fell to their lot. A few, and at these, as unappreciated is often the case, some of the more gifted, fell by the way and before their time, but not so much because they were untrue to their calling, as because they were untrue to themselves. But only mention a few of the names.

The great majority of the town physicians were actually born in the town and their country is a part of the town, and their practice is a part of their profession.

None and shame, as the poet has it, may not arise from the conditions under which men are called to act. But the physician's calling is not a mere matter of a mere faithful sentiment than that, when he exclaims: "Act well your part, there all the honor lies."

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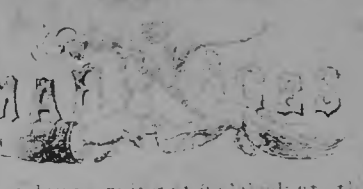
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Sunday morning at a look at the home of the bride's parents, at Manning. Thos. J. Owen was married to Miss Nora Cumble, Rev. A. L. Coburn of this city, performing the ceremony.

One of the prettiest home weddings that has been celebrated in Salisbury this season was the ceremony last night in which Miss Ada Lowery and Mr. H. H. Sullivan united their lots. The ceremony occurred at the residence of Mr. T. M. McCulloh, on East Inness street, and was performed in the presence of a goodly number of friends. Rev. L. E. Busby officiating.

There was no attempt at elaboration. A beautiful simplicity prevailed as to the floral preparations for the nuptials, and was observed throughout the ceremony.

The couple entered the parlor together from the hallway, and after the Lutheran ceremony Rev. Busby made them man and wife.

After the ceremony their numerous friends surrounded the couple and showered congratulations upon them. They then left the residence for the depot and took the 9 o'clock train for Knoxville, where they will spend about two weeks.

This young couple starts on life's journey very auspiciously. Mr. Sullivan is one of the most popular railroaders on the Western, and his bride is a very estimable young lady.

They will board with Mrs. M. L. Chunn, on East Inness street, on their return to Salisbury. - Worly.

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The tapers that are tremble at wit's command, burn!

Take heed, Take heed!"

But really, is there any good in sighing?

Miss Maggie Cudde left Tuesday for a three weeks visit to relatives in Watson county.

Rev. R. L. Patterson will conduct services at Grace church Sunday at 11 a. m.

There will be an ice cream party at J. A. Rankin's, Saturday night.

A. M. Satch, with his sweetheart, who lives near Charlotte, boarded the train for Salisbury Sunday morning for Salisbury, where they were married without a priest.

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