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A LESSON—SERVING AN APPRENTICESHIP.

In the death of Hon. Abram Rencher the State loses a distinguished, able and venerable citizen. He died at Chapel Hill on Saturday last. He was a native of Wake county and was in his 85th year. His wife was the daughter of Edward Jones, a leading lawyer of his time. She survives him. Mr. Rencher lived most of his life in Chatham, we believe. He was an alumnus of the University of North Carolina and was a lawyer. He was a Democrat before the war and held office. He was a member of the U. S. House for two terms, was Minister to Portugal and Governor of New Mexico. He was a man of excellent parts, and was a formidable political debater. He and Henry W. Miller once held a famous political tourney. Miller was a young man but his battle-axe was too heavy and was wielded with too much skill and force for his able competitor who went down under the ponderous blows. A man of unsullied character; a ripe scholar; a strong and well appointed public servant; a true North Carolinian has gone to his grave full of years and full of honors. The present generation knows but little of Abraham Rencher, but he was a strong and an active leader thirty years ago and was much to the front. For twenty years his name has rarely appeared in the papers, and it has been with him, as it has with so many of the children of men,—"the world to them has no echoes."

A man plays his part, important or otherwise, on the world's stage, and then he stands aside and lets others press on to their allotted work. He may "lag superfluous on the stage," or be so regarded by the envious, and still have but little to do with the world, ceasing to be a factor therein. This is more apt to be the case now than formerly. The progress of the "age does not mean necessarily progress in education, in cultivation, in knowledge, in thorough training. The time was when all men in all callings in life had to "serve an apprenticeship."

What constitutes a State? Not stars and spangled courts. Where low-brow'd baseness waxes perfume to pride. No—MRS. HIGH-SPIDER MEN, who their virtues know, And know their rights. These constitute a State.

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Lightning's Freaks. During a severe thunder storm that passed over Alma, Robeson county, on the Carolina Central Railroad, on Monday last, lightning struck the residence of Mr. J. B. Wilkinson, of the firm of Wilkinson & Fore, doing considerable damage to the building, the electric fluid having entered it in several places. The family had just left the dining room and were scattered in different portions of the house. Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. L. H. Fore and Mrs. Chas. H. Fore, the latter of this city, were badly stunned by the shock, one of the ladies falling to the floor insensible, in which condition she remained for some time, much to the alarm of her friends, who thought she had been fatally injured. At last accounts all had recovered.

When Archibald Henderson and Archibald D. Murphey, Leonard Henderson and Thomas Rafin, William Gaston and George E. Badger, John Haywood and Richmond Pearson, William A. Graham and Abraham W. Venable were the chief men in our State, learning was regarded as essential to the highest success. Statesmanship was only acquired after severe labor and large observation. Men were content to accumulate great stores of information to be utilized afterwards. There were not ready-made great jurists and statesmen and editors and legislators in those days. There were no systems then discovered by which a great man was turned out after a few months of hurried or close reading just as you have now "French Made Easy in Six Lessons." The leading men were men of culture and mental power, and of large resource. The best editors then were understood to be men of experience, of reading, of information—men who had studied the history of their own and other countries, and who had some knowledge of the past political parties and systems as well as some knowledge of the great public questions of their own day and time. But all this is reversed now. Education, learning, reading, information are at a positive discount. A man needs nothing now with which to set the whole world agog but an old Washington Press and a few fonts of battered type. With these instru-

ments of power the unfledged editor, after six weeks' or six months' experience upon a weekly, or weekly, is able to dictate the public policy of a whole State, to teach old gray-headed quill-drivers how to edit, and "to kill and make alive."

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But the people have better sense. They will only give power to those hands that are strong enough to wield it. When they find a young man of real parts—a man with evident genius for politics or for the bench, they delight to advance him. But they will never trust that sort of mediocrity that is blatant and "cheeky," and that demands front seats even above the elders.

When Mr. Rencher was educated and disciplined for future usefulness men were taught to reverence age, to reverence honor and truth and virtue, public and private. When he was preparing for the race he was taught how to strengthen his sinews and develop his muscles and gather his wind for the contest. He, like all eminent North Carolinians, was required "to serve his apprenticeship." When he showed he had the strength and breadth and the required mental furniture he was rewarded by the people. So let it ever be. All honor to Abraham Rencher and all of that class of strong and trustworthy men of the past who did so much for North Carolina and whose example is such an incentive and encouragement to all young men who have the material for success and achievement in them, and who regard honor and reverence age and wisdom.

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Death of Rev. Edward Schulken. Rev. Edward Schulken died at the residence of his father, corner of Fourth and Walnut streets, on Sunday afternoon, about 4 o'clock, after a lingering illness, of malarial fever. Mr. Schulken, who belonged to the North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church South, was quite a young man, being only a little more than 24 years old. He was a student of Vanderbilt University, and received his first appointment from Bishop Place, at the Conference at Durham, in December, 1881, and was sent to the Clinton Circuit. His last appointment he received from Bishop Keener, at the Conference held at Raleigh, in November, 1882, and was sent to the Fair Bluff Mission, Hargett street, the District Conference, which convened at Whiteville on the 24th of June last, being then quite unwell. Soon afterwards, in going to one of his appointments, he was caught in a heavy rain, and immediately thereafter was prostrated with malarial fever, but succeeded in reaching his father's house. He was sick, we understand, about five weeks.

Deceased was always a young man of a high moral tone, and since his connection with the Methodist Church has been an example of a noble Christian character, ever found in the path of duty. Had he lived he would doubtless have held a high position as a preacher in the church to which he was so devoted.

The funeral will take place this morning at 9.30 o'clock.

Death of a Well Known Engineer.

The late W. H. Pettaway, the announcement of whose death Sunday morning caused much surprise and sorrow, was a well known machinist and engineer, and one who was greatly esteemed by all the railroad officials and employes with whom he was in the habit of coming in contact. He served his apprenticeship in the shops of the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad Company, and continued to work for the company for a long time after he had finished his apprenticeship. Latterly, however, he has been in the employ of the Wilmington, Columbia and Augustus Railroad, which is under the same general management. He was a careful, painstaking engineer. Deceased, who was about 48 years old, leaves a widow and several children to mourn their loss. The remains were interred in Oakdale Cemetery on Sunday afternoon with Masonic honors, Rev. Frank H. Wood, of Front Street M. E. Church, reading the impressive burial service of the Church, and Mr. W. A. Williams, Master of St. John's Lodge, of which deceased was a member, reading the Masonic service appropriate to the occasion. The following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: L. H. Bowden, T. P. Sykes, J. M. Henderson, James Alderman, W. W. Allen, W. W. Yopp.

Funeral of Rev. Edward Schulken.

The funeral of this youthful divine took place from the Front Street Methodist Church yesterday morning, the services being conducted in the basement of the church in consequence of the repairs in progress. The following gentlemen, several of whom were his intimate personal friends from childhood, acted as pall-bearers: H. T. Bauman, Henry W. Shaw, Charles Covington, Thos. E. Davis, R. H. Beery, John B. Munson, Walter Smallbones, Morrison Divine.

The usual selections from Scripture were read as the body was carried into the church, followed by the choir singing "Rest weary heart." Rev. T. Page Ricard, of the Fifth Street Methodist Church, then read a lesson from the Scriptures commencing with "The Lord hath been our dwelling place," which was succeeded by the reading of the second lesson, commencing "But now is Christ risen from the dead," by Rev. F. W. E. Pesham, of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Rev. F. H. Wood, pastor of the church, then read and the choir sang the 78th hymn—"Go to the grave in all thy glorious prime," after which Rev. Mr. Wood made a feeling and impressive prayer, followed by some touching remarks as to the spotless life and character of the deceased. The remains were then taken to Oakdale Cemetery for interment. The attendance was large, including many young men and quite a number of colored people, and the many checks bathed in tears attested the strong hold the young preacher had upon the affections of the people.

Exports for the Year 1882-'83.

Below we give a statement of the foreign exports from Wilmington for the year ending June 30th, 1883, with the value of the same, as compiled from the books in the Custom House: Cotton—55,579 bales, weighing 26,153,813 pounds, and valued at \$3,656,080. Rosin—380,089 barrels, valued at \$655,517. Tar—27,205 barrels, valued at \$57,135. Spirits Turpentine—2,674,080 gallons, valued at \$1,164,065. Lumber—9,691,000 feet, valued at \$160,317. Shingles—2,308,000, valued at \$15,335. Miscellaneous—valued at \$3,549.95. Total value \$4,711,923.

Good Time.

We hear of an extraordinary good run made by the fast train on the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad a few days since. Mr. Thomas Lawther being the engineer and Capt. A. H. Cuts Conductor. The train, which was behind time, made the distance between Weldon and Wilmington (163 miles) in 3 hours and 37 minutes, including three stoppages, averaging about three minutes each, at Wilson, Goldsboro and Magnolia. This is claimed to be the best run on record on this road.

How Fast Cotton Grows.

Having some curiosity to know the growing capacity of cotton, under a favorable state of cultivation, Mr. W. H. Stone stuck a stick in the ground along-side of a stalk in the field of Mr. Frank Gore, in the Little River, S. C., section, recently, and at the end of the week he measured from the mark he had made on the stick and found that the stalk had grown exactly eleven inches.

THE LOTTERY CASE.

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