The Chatham Record

THURSDAY,...July 31,....1879

LOCAL.

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SYLVAN ACADEMY.—This flourishing School is located in one of the healthiest and most moral sections of this county. The Principal is highly educated a graduate of the celebrated Haverhill College, and is in every way qualified as a teacher. Read his advertisement in to-day's issue.

RAIN, RAIN, RAIN.—At last, and none too soon, after weeks of heat and drouth, when all nature seemed exhausted, and the crops almost parched, we have been blessed with refreshing showers, which we are pleased to learn have been quite general all over this county. The crops seem to have taken a fresh start and be infused with new life, and we hope will turn out much better than was at one time expected.

ASSESSING MEETINGS.—When the assessors of this county hold their meeting on the first Monday in May, at this place, they agreed to meet here on the fourth Monday in July and return their lists to the Register of Deeds, but for some unknown cause nearly all of them failed to come. We presume however, they will attend next Monday and have their lists, as that is the day appointed by law for the meeting of all the Assessors.

A STRINGER ACROSS.—The [illegible] little Miss Dunlap, [illegible] was engaged [illegible] slipped and fell [illegible] the back into the thick and [illegible] large branches of the [illegible] before [illegible] could be [illegible] hold to death and for two or three days it was thought he would die. We are pleased to learn that at last accounts he was better.

A PITIFUL STORY.—Yes, it is indeed a most pitiful story that can be told any day in the week, and not half [illegible] the colored [illegible] would not [illegible] in body [illegible]. We [illegible] two [illegible] negro [illegible] Hargrave, who [illegible] imprisoned for [illegible] evidence. Since his close confinement, as might have been expected, his insanity has increased and his strength decreased, his body having wasted away to a mere skeleton, and there he lies nervously picking his arms and legs, snapping and biting, uttering the most mournful sounds, and rolling his eyes about piteously—a pitiable object that would excite the sympathy of a savage.

PROTRACTED MEETING.—We are interested "protracted meeting" is now in progress at Mt. Pleasant church, in this county, which promises to be productive of much good. The meeting began on the 27th inst, and will probably continue a week longer. Already a number of persons have professed religion and this number will doubtless be daily increased. It is usual for us to look to the presence of Mrs. Mann, the woman preacher who has attained so great a celebrity, and whose earnest preaching has led to many conversions. In addition to the pastor of the church, the Rev. Messrs Rogers, Mann and Martin are assisting in the services. Large crowds are daily in attendance and much feeling manifested.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.—On the 26th inst, the Sunday Schools of Poe Hunt's Factory and Mt. Pleasant church, held a joint convention at the latter place which we had the pleasure of attending, and a most pleasant occasion it was.

This church is situated about eight miles north-east of Pittsboro', on an elevated ridge that overlooks the surrounding country, in a large grove of large trees with spreading oaks (such a grove as the Druids would have delighted to worship in), and in a thickly settled community noted for intelligence and hospitality. It is no surprising then that a Sunday School celebration at such a place should have proved so great a success. A Sunday had fallen the night before and laid the dust and cooled the atmosphere, thus contributing materially to the pleasure of the day and light showers during the day tempered the heat of the sun.

According to the programme, neatly printed copies of which were distributed among the audience, a procession of the teachers and scholars was formed at 10 o'clock, and marched [illegible] the church, which was filled to its utmost capacity by the [illegible] and others. After singing another song and the long prayer, the benediction was pronounced and the audience dismissed, and all began to depart for their respective homes, all, both everything they had seen and heard, unanimous in the opinion that it was [illegible] occasion of the kind they ever attended.

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[illegible] made by A. H. Merritt, Esq., the Editor of the Record, and W. T. Wood, Esq., all expressing their hearty sympathy in the day. Miss Lydia Albright responded. Miss [illegible] in behalf of the children of the Sunday School at the Factory, presented to each superintendent and delivered addresses [illegible] to Mr. C. W. Dunn, the superintendent of that school, who responded in appropriate terms, closing with a few words of thanks. And last but not least, a little present to each of the children that attended all the exercises of the day.

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STATE NEWS.

Deer Instead of Sheep.

England has 35,000,000 sheep, but in this she realizes an annual profit of [illegible]. North Carolina is larger than England but has not [illegible] sheep, nor does it [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible].

Novel Scenes.

The Asheboro' Courier in speaking of the incidents of Randolph Court last week says: "One [illegible] the Bible and 'old pen' J. R. Rollins by the old [illegible] poetry on the [illegible] of Crime and Sudley.

Wayne.

We [illegible] to the Sentinel [illegible] Wayne [illegible] and two negroes were killed. A piece of the boiler weighing in the neighborhood of a ton was blown at least 250 yards. The explosion took place in Pike Levy's saw mill and was [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible]