

EUROPEAN LETTERS.

THE UNIVERSITY TOWN OF BERRIE ENGLAND.

A Visit to Oxford, and a Ramble Through its Many Seats of Learning—The Bodleian Library and its Ancient Tomes—In London.

Oxford, England, July 25, 1889. Editor Citizen:—No doubt one should be a scholar to appreciate this grand university town, and making no pretension to much learning oneself, I confess to a feeling of disappointment.

This sensation certainly does not arise from any previous expectation which fails of realization. No, indeed; the magnitude of the numerous schools surpasses even the most vivid imagination.

A visit to the Bodleian Library, to a student or bookworm, would be a treat indeed, and even our uneducated taste is charmed with the many curious old books, beautifully illuminated and written by hand.

The most interesting of the colleges to us is that of Christ Church, in whose large dining room we view the portraits of many distinguished men; a most striking one of Gladstone by Midday, his almost fierce expression being set off by the sweet face of Dr. Henry Hall in an opposite corner.

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Once more our notes remind us that we are inclined to mention a portrait of John Locke, who, some tell us, is the greatest man ever educated at Oxford, and of especial interest to us as having drawn up the charter of the local proprietors to the province of Carolina, both North and South.

The ambulatory in the wall of the cathedral's clerestory is especially beautiful, affording a passage for choristers in the old days in the heart of the massive walls and extending from one side of the great east window around nave, transept and aisle, back again to the opposite side of the chancel.

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Atlanta's Negro Postal Clerks—Only Forty Experiment Stations.

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He Gets Into the Store. Yesterday between 1 and 2 o'clock, while the proprietors were at dinner, a young negro entered the store of J. C. and S. M. Redmond, on Hlaw creek, making his entry through the window. He was seen to come out, and being suspected, was pursued, and escaped after a hard chase. A sum of money was missed from the drawer, but nothing else as yet is known to have been stolen. He is described as a youth of about 18 years old, slender build, light brown complexion, was neatly dressed, wore a wool hat, and was barefooted.

The Rough and Readies. An authorized meeting of the reunion of these veterans, the Rough and Ready Gunners—Vance's old company—will take place in this place on the 20th inst. They will then go by invitation of their old commander, Capt. Vance, to Gombroon, where the Senator will throw aside his Senatorial robes and dignity, put on his captain's coat, stir up the empires, and entertain the boys for a day or two, taking occasion meanwhile to complete the history of the company, and revise and rewrite the report of their committee on history.

V. M. C. A. Notice. The regular weekly prayer meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held in the chapel of the Central Methodist church, Thursday evening at 8.30 o'clock. Subject: "God's Fatherly Watch and Care." Matthew VI. 24-34; Ps. XCI. All young men are cordially invited to be present.

From Heart Disease. Mr. John Corrick, who resided on Cash's creek, this county, was found dead in bed by his wife about six o'clock yesterday morning. He had been a sufferer from heart disease for the past two years, and it is supposed that this was the cause of his sudden death yesterday.

The West Ends Won. At a match game of baseball played in this city yesterday afternoon by the Academy Street nine and the West End club, the latter were easy winners, the score standing West End 27, Academy Street 6.

FOLKS YOU KNOW.

Who They Are! Where They Are, and What They Are Doing.

Dr. J. C. Mills, of Ruffin, N. C., is here. Mr. J. A. Wagner has gone to Hickory. Mr. Frank Langham, of Hickory, was here yesterday.

Mr. Charles A. Moseley, of Charlotte, is here for a few days. Prof. E. P. Mangum has returned from a brief visit to Round Knob. Mrs. A. B. Andrews and family, of Raleigh, are at the Battery Park.

Mr. Fred L. Johnson has gone to Texas to make his fortune, so he says. Isidor Wallace, Esq., a prominent merchant and citizen of Statesville, is here. Mr. Jos. A. Moseley and Dr. D. E. Everett, of Raleigh, N. C., are in the city.

Mr. R. L. Leatherwood, a prominent attorney of Bryson City, is here in attendance upon court. Prof. J. S. Murray, of the College of South Carolina, Columbia, S. C., is at the Swannanoa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Young, of Charlotte, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Graham, in West Asheville. Rev. I. L. M. Curry leaves next week for a tour through the western counties in the interest of the Peabody school fund.

Miss Maggie Rankin, who has been visiting friends in Asheville and at Round Knob, has returned to her home at Charlotte. Prof. D. L. Ellis and bride, nee Miss Kate Settle McDonald, of Nashville, N. C., are spending their honeymoon in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Davidson, of Charlotte, who have been spending several weeks in Asheville and the west, have returned home. Mr. Oscar P. Erskine, of W. D. Kerfoot & Co., real estate dealers, Chicago, is visiting his sister Mrs. Lieut. Cobb, on Haywood street.

Misses Marie and Kittie Brown and Mr. W. Vance Brown have returned to the city from a very pleasant visit to Cranberry, N. C. Mrs. T. E. Reynolds and Miss Ora Reynolds left yesterday afternoon for Alexander, where they will spend a week or ten days.

Mrs. M. J. Phares, of this city, has gone to Oklahoma City, to join her husband Geo. D. Phares, Esq., who has been on there since Spring. Misses Annie May Schofield and Minnie Martin, two charming and accomplished young ladies of Danville, Va., are visiting Capt. and Mrs. H. C. France, on Bailey street.

Mr. F. Rogers Grant and bride, nee Miss Anna Boose, returned from their bridal tour last evening, and are stopping at the residence of Mr. H. F. Grant, 152 Chestnut street. C. M. Edwards, late superintendent of the plumbers of the medical museum, Washington, D. C., has accepted a position as foreman with Bonis & Brotherton, general plumbers and gasfitters, of this city.

JOHN BEFORE THE JUDGE.

THE CHAMPION BORN UP BE-BRENELED AT PURVIS.

He Feels Somewhat Disconcerted as the Law Prescribes Fine or Imprisonment, or Both—Referee Fitzpatrick and Tyler on Hand.

CHICAGO, August 12.—A special from New Orleans says: John L. Sullivan left Pass Christian Saturday morning for Lookout, where he spent a day. He took the early train yesterday for this city, in company with Bud Renard and Matt Cline, and upon arrival was driven up town and remained during the day. Later he took the train for Purvis, arriving there about six o'clock. Matt Cline, Bud Renard and several others accompanied Sullivan to Purvis where the special term of the court opens to-day to try the puglist. John Fitzpatrick will also go up to-day to stand his trial for refereeing the fight. Sheriff Cowart has already drawn the grand and petit jurors, so there will be no delay in the trial. The accused feels somewhat disconcerted, as the law prescribes fine or imprisonment, or both, at the discretion of the court, and the general impression is that the principals at least will have to serve the maximum term of imprisonment.

PURVIS, Miss., August 12.—Judge Terrell opened the special term of the circuit court this morning at ten o'clock. Sullivan, referee Fitzpatrick, Bud Renard, Capt. Tom Jamison, Charles E. Rich, Supt. E. L. Tyler of the Queen & Crescent road, Harry Smith and Gilberts, the latter two being Rich's employees, were present in court, ready for trial. Supt. Richard Carroll of the Q. & C., and T. Duff were absent. The grand jury had been sworn and the grand jurors sworn on the law of prize fighting, and assault and battery. The grand jurors then retired for consultation. The entire party are in good spirits, but anxious that the case shall be concluded as soon as possible. District Attorney Neville is in attendance conducting the prosecution.

A GOOD WOMAN GONE. It is with sincere regret that THE CITIZEN announces the death of Mrs. J. W. Hutchinson in this City yesterday. It was with sincere regret that THE CITIZEN announces the death of Mrs. J. W. Hutchinson, which occurred at the residence of her husband in the western section of the city yesterday morning, after an illness of three weeks duration. Mrs. Hutchinson was thirty-one years of age, and came to Asheville from Jonesville, Michigan, something over two years ago. She was a highly accomplished, christian lady, and our city has suffered a serious loss in her death. Her remains will be taken to her former home for interment this morning. Her husband, J. W. Hutchinson, Esq., is a prominent member of the Asheville Milling Company, and one of our most prominent and progressive citizens. The sympathies of our whole people are with him in the great loss he has sustained.

A Wedding That Will Take Place on Spruce Street To-Day. A pretty, private wedding will be celebrated at the residence of Capt. Jos. S. Adams, on Spruce street, at 12 m., to-day, the high-contracting parties being Mr. James A. Moseley, a popular and prominent young gentleman of Raleigh, and Miss Annie Conigland, the brilliant and accomplished daughter of the late Edward Conigland, of Halifax county, this State. The ceremony will be read from the grand and impressive ritual of the Roman Catholic Church, by Rev. Father Roman, O. S. B., of St. Mary's College, and immediately after its conclusion Mr. and Mrs. Moseley will leave on the 1.32 p. m. train for New York and other cities in the North. THE CITIZEN wishes the happy couple many years of conjugal happiness and prosperity.

The Superior Court. The August term of Buncombe superior court, convened in the court house in this city, at ten o'clock yesterday morning, his Honor Judge Walter Clark, presiding. Judge Clark's charge to the jury was an able exposition of the law in all its bearings and aspects, and was highly complimented by every member of the bar. This term is held for the trial of civil causes only, and the regular calendar as heretofore arranged was taken up. Clerk Reynolds, who is confined to his residence by illness, is the only officer of the court absent.

The American Carnival. The interior of the Farmers' warehouse has undergone a complete transformation since Saturday, and all day yesterday willing hands helped to make the transformation more complete than ever. The ladies are making great preparations for the grandest entertainment ever witnessed in Asheville, and our people should show their appreciation of the efforts made to please and delight them, by crowding the warehouse to-morrow evening. The carnival is something immense and—but we will tell you all about it to-morrow.

Dedication. On the second Sunday in September, at the usual morning hour of service, the Rev. Dr. Cook, of Athens, Tenn., will dedicate the M. E. Church at Haw creek. The public are invited to attend. The church is under the charge of the Rev. W. E. West. On the night of the day of the dedication, Rev. Dr. Cook will preach at the Northern M. E. Church, on Haywood street, in this city.

Fine Melons. A very pretty sight was spread to view last evening on Chandler's floor, when the contents of his last carload of melons was unloaded. We have never seen here, nor elsewhere we think, so many large melons of that fine variety, the Rattle-snake, gathered in one view. Fifty pounds was a common weight, and some of them ran up to seventy.

Twenty-five Dollars Each. The net receipts of the recent lawn party for the benefit of two disabled soldiers were \$50.81. The recipients, S. S. Lynch and W. H. Hunt, publish a card of thanks in this issue of THE CITIZEN.

Pruslan Village Burned Up.

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