

**TEACHERS' ASSEMBLY.**

**Many Prominent Speakers and Educators Will Take Part in Thirtieth Annual Session.**

Many Western North Carolina teachers and others who are interested in school work are planning to attend the thirtieth annual session of the North Carolina teachers' assembly, which will be held at Raleigh, November 26-29. Plans have been made for the entertainment of between 1,200 and 1,500 visitors and the officers of the organization are looking forward to one of the most successful meetings in the history of the assembly. According to information which comes from Raleigh every effort is being made to facilitate the coming of the teachers of the state. Letters are being addressed to the county superintendents and the boards of education urging the granting of a holiday Friday of Thanksgiving week, so as to enable the teachers to attend the assembly. Special railroad rates will go into effect to and from Raleigh, and extensive preparations are being made in the capital city for the reception of the large crowds which will attend and for making their stay a pleasant one.

Special stress is to be put on rural life and rural education and two of the principal addresses on these subjects will be by President J. D. Eggleston, of the Virginia Polytechnic institute, and President E. C. Branson, of the Georgia State Normal, at Athens, both especially high authorities on these subjects. There will also be a special address by Dr. William Heard Kilpatrick, of the Teacher's college, Columbia university on the Montessori system of elementary education. The address of welcome for the opening night will be by Hon. J. W. Bailey and the response by Dr. J. Y. Joyner, state superintendent of public instruction. There will also be an address on that evening by Governor Craig. The assembly sermon will be delivered on Sunday afternoon by Dr. Neal L. Anderson, of the First Presbyterian church, Winston-Salem. The president of the assembly is Prof. A. C. Reynolds principal of Cullawhee institute, who writes that the subject of his address will be "A Professional Standard for Teachers and How to Attain and Retain Such Standards."

Acting President Graham of the University of North Carolina, is to deliver an address before the assembly. On Friday evening there will be a special ceremony for the presentation to the state of a bronze bust of Dr. Calvin H. Wiley, honored as the founder of North Carolina public school system. Last year an oil portrait of Dr. J. Y. Joyner was presented and next year the purpose is to present a portrait of Former State Superintendent of Public Instruction, J. C. Scarborough.

**Administration Building at Brevard.**  
(Christian Advocate.)

When I wrote my appeal some time ago for our Conference to equip the above building the bids had not then been opened. When the committee met to consider the bids it was found that the cost will be nearer \$35,000.00, the amount the Council had appropriated.

The little town of Brevard has been canvassed and \$3,000.00 secured in subscription and the faculty of the school becomes responsible for \$500.00 and the pupils \$250.00.

Of course the committee could not authorize the work to be done at a cost of \$35,000.00 instead of \$25,000.00, so a meeting of the Executive Committee in Nashville was called to consider the problem, and the building committee was authorized to go ahead, as the building was so much needed.

Ground has been broken and we will proceed with the work, but friends, I still think North Carolina, and especially Western North Carolina, should raise the money for the equipment.

The thousand dollars reported in the Advocate this week as given to me for the new building is an error (I don't know who reported it). It was given for another purpose for the benefit of the Institute, something just as important but not for the building fund. The exact status of the building fund is as follows:

Council.....	\$25,000.00
Subscriptions—Brevard.....	3,000.00
A friend.....	200.00
Faculty—Brevard.....	500.00
Students—Brevard.....	250.00

\$29,040.00

We are going ahead on faith. This is the Master's work and it must go forward.

Now for the equipment I have the following:

Previously reported.....	\$130.00
A friend.....	20.00
Mrs. L. J. Waddell.....	25.00

Friends of the church and education, ask yourself, each one of you, if you owe anything to God along this line. Be honest with Him and yourself and see if you don't find it in your heart to send us a contribution, large or small, as the Spirit helps you to decide this question that you will meet again when you have to give an account as to how you used the money God entrusted you with.

What about the tenth that you owe Him? Please remember you are not sending me this money as Treasurer of the Council, but as treasurer of Brevard Institute.

Whoever reads this, please remember it is you that I am writing to and soliciting funds from, and send me a check for any amount, large or small, will be most gratefully received.

Thanking you for past favors, and

**Life's Lengthened Span.**  
(Atlanta Journal.)

"Four hundred years ago the length of the average human life was between eighteen and twenty years. One hundred years ago the average human life was less than thirty years. The average human life today reaches nearly forty years."

This little paragraph from the American Practitioner condenses volumes that might be written on the service of medical science and the progress of sanitation. The physician, like all thinkers and workers, is the object of much cheap satire. There are merry-andrews ever ready to poke fun at the discoveries of germs and serums or to decry a hygienic movement as a fad. The war on the common drinking cup and roller towels, the insistence upon fly screens and ventilation, the campaigns for pure milk and pure food are not infrequently regarded as the upfairs of mere theories which will soon die down.

But it is to just such discoveries and such endeavors that the wonderfully lengthened span of human life must be credited. Science in general, and medical science in particular, are the most intensely practical things with which we have to do, and the most useful. They have taught mankind how to live not only longer but better. The fact that more men and women attain maturity today than four centuries ago, the fact that an incomparably greater number of babies are spared from death is due chiefly to the patient research and the quiet practice of the man of science.

Shakespeare grew up in a town where there were no sewers and in an age when there was no vaccination. Garbage was dumped in the street of Stratford. Shakespeare died at fifty-two; and it is not an entirely fanciful idea, advanced by one of his biographers, that the dramatist's early death was due to a malady contracted in the insanitary surroundings of his boyhood. Certain it is that thousands of lives in centuries gone by were sacrificed through ignorance of the very truths that are saving thousands today.

**North Carolina Indians.**

The records of the Indian Bureau show that North Carolina has 7,504 Indians, 2,978 of whom are under the protection of the Federal Government. Of the 2,078 about 730 are of school age; 1,136 are females, and 942 males. There are 860 full bloods; mixed blood (one-half or more) 487; mixed blood (less than one-half) 731.

believing you will help now in this crisis, I am,

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**McDOWELL COUNTY FAIR.**

**Third Annual Fair Proves a Big Success With Ideal Weather and Splendid Exhibits.**

Once again McDowell county has added a "Red letter day" to her record of progress and advancement in the successful outcome of the third annual county fair which closely followed in every detail the two preceding ones. From start to finish it was all that could be desired by both the hard working promoters and their committees as well as those seeking recreation, entertainment and pleasure. The out of town judges who came to award the various premiums paid many well deserved compliments to the quality of the exhibits in all departments. As in previous years, everything displayed was of the highest order.

The farm products proved what can be done in high class agriculture, and proper preparation of the soil, followed by up-to-date methods in cultivation showed that it is only the best that pays. A higher class of grains, fruits and vegetables would be hard to find and those exhibiting spared no pains to show their collections to the best advantage, arranging them with neatness and precision with here and there an artistic touch to bring out the beauty of some fine specimen of these "fruits of the earth." The enormous pumpkins shown reminded us that there should be no lack of pumpkin pies for the rapidly approaching dinner.

The live stock exhibit again proved that it is only the best that pays. In the various classes for horses, riding, driving, combination and draught, the entries were all worthy of a blue ribbon. The cattle department showed a number of fine Jersey cows—none better anywhere—also several yokes of large oxen showing strength in their large frames. A number of ribbons were here awarded. Several pens of fat porkers were entered, as well as several pens of fine sheep. The stock exhibit had a number of valuable mules entered for the contest. The stock received much favorable comment from the throng of visitors that continually poured into that field.

The poultry exhibit, while not so large as last year, showed that the quality was not lacking in any breed displayed. The various ducks, handsome white turkeys, bronze turkeys, and greater variety of breeds were all the very best.

The exhibit of needle work contained many pieces of intricate design, representing many hours of careful labor. The work of clever fingers was shown throughout the entire room in the daintiest lingerie, linens of all kinds for all purposes, handsome bed quilts in different patterns, rugs, and many other things that bespeak good taste and refinement.

The department for fancy supplies drew its share of admirers, many of them being of the "eterner sex." Their expression of complete satisfaction proved that the old adage "The way to a man's heart is governed by good eating" is not a thing of the past but still holds its own. The tempting display of cakes, pies, breads, jellies, preserves, and pickles were of the highest culinary order, proving that the art of cooking is not a lost art but very much alive and thoroughly understood by these exhibitors of good things. The fine bon-bons and candies winning blue ribbons were the result of much practice and study.

Great pride and admiration was centered in the educational exhibit which marked great advancement in McDowell county schools. From the primary grade to the higher classes the work was all worthy of careful inspection. The drawing and illustrating in original design and decoration no doubt marked a latent artist with brilliant future and through this work the childrea will imbibe many ideas that will go through life with them. This department proves the excellent work done yearly by our county schools and should be a pleasure for every citizen to carefully note the high class of work exhibited.—McDowell Progress.

**FELIX ALLEY ILL.**

**Sixteenth District Solicitor Operated on for Appendicitis.**

Asheville, Oct. 22.—Felix E. Alley, of Waynesville, solicitor for the sixteenth judicial district, was brought to Asheville this morning on an early train and rushed to the Meriwether hospital, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis. He was in a very serious condition before arriving here and was accompanied by his physician, Dr. Rufus McCracken, who performed the operation, assisted by Dr. Griffith of this city. The physicians state that Mr. Alley has about an even chance for recovery. His friends entertain grave fears for him.

Mr. Alley was taken ill while prosecuting the docket of the Superior court at Bryson City, and his condition rapidly became worse. He was brought to this city as quickly as possible, but it is stated that serious complications had set in before the operation could be performed.

**NEW COURSES GIVEN.**

**Forest City Schools Add to Their Curriculum.**

Forest City.—The Forest City Graded and High schools have been running under the most favorable auspices since the beginning early last month. There are 325 pupils enrolled, the largest enrollment in the history of the school, and the average attendance is 260.

Several advantages are accessible now that have not been heretofore among which are French, taught by Miss Mary Edens, and German by Superintendent Hill, have made their first appearance in the school. Art and expression are being taught by Miss Mae King and music by Miss Mary Washburn.

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