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COL. WILLIAM H. S. BURGWIN.

Brief Sketch of His Life and Character--Distinguished in War and in Peace.

Passed away at the residence of his nephew Dr. Harry B. Baker, Richmond, Virginia, Col. William Hyslop Sumner Burgwin in the 67th year of his age. He was born July 23rd, 1845, at the home of Gen. William Hyslop Sumner at Jamaica Plains, near Boston. General Sumner being the second husband of his maternal grandmother.

His father was of an old English family, which had lived in the Cape Fear section since the year 1730. His great grandfather was for some years Treasurer of the Province of North Carolina, and his grandfather, John F. Burgwin, was a large merchant doing business in Fayetteville, Wilmington, New Bern and New York. His mother was Anna Greenough of an old and distinguished New England family. On both sides he was a lineal descendant of Jonathan Edwards of Connecticut.

Col. Burgwin passed his early youth at "Thornbury," one of the plantations owned by his father, the late Henry King Burgwin, on the lower Roanoke in Northampton County. There he had the advantage of instruction from private tutors who lived in his father's family. At nine years of age he was placed at school at Chestnut Hill, Baltimore County, Md., the principal thereof being Rev. Frederick Gibson. From thence he went to Georgetown College, D. C., and after due preparation at that venerable institution, entered in 1860 the University of North Carolina, but was forced to leave in the winter of 1861 owing to a violent attack of typhoid fever. In April of the same year he was entered as a cadet at the Hillsboro Military Academy. At the close of this institution six weeks later he applied for, and obtained, the position of drill master at the camp of instruction at Crabtree Creek near Raleigh, then under the command of the late Gen. Johnston Pettigrew. His strict attention to every phase of military duty and his fine deportment so commended him to his superior officers that he was elected a lieutenant in company "H" 35th N. C. Regiment, later on commanded by Gen. Matt. W. Ransom. In the battle of Sharpsburg his conduct on the field was meritorious. He received the especial notice and commendation of his commanding officers for seizing the flag, and rallying the regiment, at a critical point in the battle. He participated in all the battles in which the 35th N. C. Regiment was engaged, and after the battle of Fredericksburg he was promoted to the captaincy of his company. In January 1864 he was assigned to duty as Asst. Adjt. General on the staff of Brigadier General Thos. L. Clingman. At the battle of Cold Harbor, May 31, 1864, he was badly wounded in the charge. At the battle of Fort Harrison, Sept. 29, 1864, he was captured and taken to Fort Delaware. The writer of this sketch was told by Col. Burgwin of the privations and sufferings he underwent during the period of his captivity. These were in a great measure alleviated through the kindness of his Northern friends. He was released in the spring of 1865. After the close of the late Civil War, in June, 1865, he once more entered the University of

North Carolina, but owing to his enforced absence from the University, he was obliged "to make up" in Greek and mathematics. By unflagging industry, indomitable perseverance, and excellent habits, he not only made up his lost time, but three years later he graduated at the head of his class, sharing its first honors with the late Fabius H. Busbee and Eugene Morehead, and delivering the Latin Salutatory at the commencement of 1868. One year later he entered the Law School of Harvard University and graduating in 1870 settled down to the practice of law in Baltimore, Md. November 21, 1876, he married Margaret Carlisle, the lovely and accomplished daughter of the late James and Ann Dent Dunlop of Richmond, Va. For more than 35 years this noble woman was his constant companion and helpmeet, sharing in his joys and triumphs, and sustaining him by her sweet Christian fortitude in all his adversities and misfortunes, and serving at all times to make his home bright, cheerful and hospitable.

While practicing law in Baltimore, he undertook and compiled a Digest of Opinions of the Supreme Court of Appeals of the State of Maryland—a work then in great demand, and which elicited hearty commendation from his brethren at the Bar and judges on the Bench.

His fine career in the Confederate army so commended itself to the rank and file of the 5th Maryland Regiment that he was elected Colonel of that famous command in 1860.

Always attached to North Carolina, in 1882 he moved to Henderson and established the Bank of Henderson, becoming its first president. For eleven years he did all within his power to promote the interests of his adopted home. In the year 1893, he was offered and accepted the position of U. S. Bank Examiner, having as his territory most of the Southern states.

At the breaking out of the Spanish-American war he was appointed to the Colonelcy of the 2nd Regiment N. C. Vols. by Gov. Dan Russell. This command, considerably over twelve hundred strong, was composed of some of the oldest and best companies of the state. The Colonel's never failing courtesy—urbanity of manner and strict discipline in a short time fitted this command for active service, and although it never left the shores of America it assuredly would have given a good account of itself had it met the enemy, for no finer body of troops was ever enlisted in North Carolina.

In the year 1901 he moved to Weldon, N. C. He established the First National Bank of Weldon and became its President. He also established the First National Bank at Rocky Mount, the First National Bank of Roanoke Rapids, the Bank of Northampton at Jackson, the Bank of Rich Square, the Bank of Halifax and the bank at Ayden. Always striving to promote the welfare of the community in which he lived, it was mainly through his exertion that a steel bridge was built over the Roanoke River below Weldon, thus facilitating intercourse between Halifax and Northampton counties.

On December of last year he was forced to take his bed, pneumonia in its incipient stage it was feared had developed itself. For sometime his friends were

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SEABOARD LOCALS.

Death of Mrs. Pruden--The School Progressing--Sudden Blindness--Personals.

The weather for the past week was cold enough to remind us that we were still nestling in the lap of winter. Many farmers who had been waiting for cold weather to butcher their hogs, did so last week and still others are killing this week. The amount of pork spoiled, during the warm days of January is small in this section when compared with reports from other parts of this and Hertford counties.

Mr. B. Luther Stephenson and family spent Sunday here in the home of his sister, Mrs. R. M. Maddrey.

Miss Eunice Howell, who has been absent from home for weeks, visiting various places, returned last Saturday afternoon.

Rev. M. Y. Self, Garysburg, filled his regular appointment with his M. E. church here last Sunday morning.

Mr. Will Vick of the U. S. Navy, spent some days here last week in the home of his father, Mr. W. R. Vick and other relatives.

Mr. Rufus Howell, who was suddenly attacked with total blindness last week, has been taken to Norfolk to consult a specialist. It is earnestly hoped that the cause may be discovered and his sight restored. Such an affliction is pitiful in old age and doubly so in a young man with years of promise before him.

Ed Gay, Portsmouth, was in town several days last week on a visit to his mother, Mrs. Mary E. Gay.

The Farmers' Institute was held here last Thursday, as previously announced, in the High School building. Our citizens claim to be very progressive, but the small crowd who attended meeting would suggest the opposite. It was not held in vain, however, as some came away determined to put into practice, this year, some of the progressive ideas advanced, not only in agriculture, but cooking as well. Miss Annie Pope won the prize for the best loaf of bread and Mr. R. D. B. Maddrey for the best ears of corn.

Mr. Willie Cuthrell, Port Norfolk, was a welcome guest last week of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cuthrell.

Mr. Charley Spivey, while returning from the Northern markets where he had been purchasing goods, called here on a short visit to his aunt, Mrs. Junius H. Bradley, before returning to his home, Gainesville, Fla.

Misses Rosa Perry and Garnette Crocker left last Friday night for Macon, the home of the former. They were accompanied by Master Purnell Stephenson. Miss Perry returned Sunday afternoon to be on time for her school work Monday. Miss Crocker remained until Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Carlton Maddrey and Miss Marguerite Maddrey drove over to Jackson Friday afternoon and attended the play, "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." They were entertained in the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Buffalo until Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Kindred Long, one of our promising seniors, who was so badly injured, about the knee, while playing "leap frog," some ten days ago, is able to discard his crutches we are pleased to state.

Our town was saddened Mon-

day when a telephone message came announcing the death of Belle, the beloved wife of Mr. James L. Pruden, at her home near Mt. Carmel church. The news was not unexpected as her condition, all of last week was so critical, that her death was expected daily. She suffered intensely, was unconscious and speechless for days. She leaves a fond husband and several children to whom we extend sincerest sympathy. Burial arrangements had not been made at this writing.

There has been added to the High School building this half session the following: Shades for the auditorium and all the rooms down stairs, have oiled all floors on first floor, bought new mission furniture, also a nice drugget 16 X 14 and two book cases for the reading room, two teacher's desks for the class rooms and 40 new single desks for the little folks room. In addition to the above by the aid of the faculty and High School pupils some \$30.00 has been raised for High School books.

The debate held in the auditorium last Friday afternoon is considered the best in the history of the school. The juniors had the affirmative and seniors the negative. The question discussed was: Resolved "That North Carolina should have compulsory education." It was decided in favor of the negative, but not unanimously. The juniors put up fine argument throughout. They have won the respect of the seniors, who regard them as worthy successors.

Conway Locals.

Rev. O. L. Stringfield will give an address in the Baptist church next Friday night on the subject of temperance.

Mr. A. Lassiter, who has been sick during the last week or two, was out at Sunday School last Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stephenson, who have been in Conway with Mrs. Stephenson's parents, moved to their new home near Seaboard last week.

Rev. W. B. Waff left today for Norfolk where he receives treatment for his health. He has been taking the treatment several weeks now and seems to be improving very rapidly.

The friends of Mrs. H. U. Griffith of Menola were very sorry to learn of her death and from what we know of her we feel that Menola has lost one of its best women. We extend to the bereaved ones our greatest sympathy.

The farmers of this community are doing very much work on their farms. It looks very much like spring to see so many plows running.

We are very sorry to learn that our school term is to be so short. It will only run about six more weeks. Much good work is being done in school now. The two societies are doing very good work.

Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Traylor have recently moved into the house with Prof. Rudisill.

The Utopian Literary Society, composed of the young ladies of Conway High School, will give an open meeting Friday night, Feb. 21, to which the public is cordially invited, no admission charges. Immediately after the program a crowning of Martha Washington will take place. Come prepared to uphold your choice of "Martha Washington"—see that she is crowned. An evening of enjoyment is promised; a large audience is wanted—expected.

FRANK JACKSON.

Dr. Moore Improving--Successful Entertainment--Debate Friday Afternoon.

A debate will be given by the Jackson Literary Society Friday, February 14, 1913, at 2:30 P. M. in the school auditorium; Query, "Resolved" That Woman's Suffrage would be good for North Carolina." The public cordially invited.

The Bright Jewel Society will give a Valentine Party at the home of Mrs. J. T. Flythe Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Every member of the society and the public generally are invited.

Dr. W. Paul Moore, one of our public spirited citizens who has been very sick for some time, is improving.

Although Mrs. Wiggs had had such things as marrying a "widow man who was in the habit of going into transoms" to contend with, still she was in fine form Friday evening when she appeared before an appreciative audience, with her children of the "Cabbage Patch." It was enough for the people of our town to know that Miss Bowen had the management of the play to know that it would be worth their while to go, and certainly she didn't disappoint them, though I am sure we were all surprised at the results she obtained from a troupe composed entirely of school children. Miss Rebecca Long's interpretation of the character of Mrs. Wiggs showed rare perception and she proved her ability to live the character for the time being. There were others in the cast that were especially good but in this short account we can't mention them all.

Mr. Garland E. Midyette left Monday for Raleigh on business before the Supreme Court.

The next session of the County Teachers' Association will be held here on Friday, February 21, beginning at 10 o'clock, in our new school building.

English Cotton-Trade Profits.

In Mr. William Tattersall's cotton-trade circular for 1912 an analysis of the stock-taking results of 26 cotton-spinning companies at the end of December shows a profit on share capital of nearly 11 per cent per annum, while on share and loan capital combined the profit is nearly 8 per cent per annum, after allowing interest on loans. With regard to the future course of trade Mr. Tatterstall says that weavers of cloth have now had about two and a half years' profitable experience, but there are no signs of any falling off in demand, and most manufacturers are assured of full work up to the middle of 1913. In the spinning section the current year should be even better than the past 12 months.—From U. S. Daily Consular Reports.

Baraca-Philathea Convention.

The State Baraca-Philathea Convention will meet this year in Charlotte and the date is April 12 to 15, the selection of the convention's meeting place being made some days ago by the committee.

The Baraca-Philathea convention met last year in Salisbury and is a gathering of young people that any city would be glad to entertain. Charlotte won out over several other applications. Since the last convention 210 classes have been organized in this State.