

The Burlington Hardware Co. One of Alamance County's Most Progressive Hardware Firms.

that is rapidly going up here; and furnished steel for several large buildings in other cities. They sell highway bridges; they have constructed seven bridges in Durham county, and eight steel bridges in this county. Their reputation is remarkably well established for so short a time and their splendid workmanship and excellent products will soon place them at the head of steel manufacturing industries in the south. One feature that gave it such prestige is the fact that it is a home industry, owned and operated by home people, except the manager, who has since become one of us.

In this progressive age the demand on all sides is for improvement and advancement; and people soon tire of the crude, old-fashioned styles and ideas prevalent in times gone by. Progress has worked great results in every line of trade, and in no nation is it more apparent than in our own, and no firm is more worthy exponent than the above. The Burlington Hardware Company was established four years ago, and has ever been alert, and the farmers have been quick to buy. Working conjointly, their trade has been very extensive and they are regarded today as headquarters for the farmers of this section. They are agents for the "Myers" pump, the best made. They sell paints, lime, cement and builders' supplies. They

SYKES BROTHERS Cotton Mill and Boiler Castings, Up-to-date Machine Shop.

A well equipped foundry and machine shop is indispensable to a community where its principle industries are factories of various kinds, and which gives employment to a number of skilled mechanics who must necessarily be experts, capable of constructing and repairing the most complicated piece of machinery.

The Sykes Brothers established their machine shop and foundry in the eastern part of the city some ten years ago, and during this time they have demonstrated their ability as skilled workmen and pastmasters of their trade, showing unusual natural aptitude in repairing intricate machinery. Their foundry has a daily capacity of 5,000 pounds, while the machine shop is fitted up with modern equipment for high class repair work, capable of repairing a broken bolt up to a steam engine.

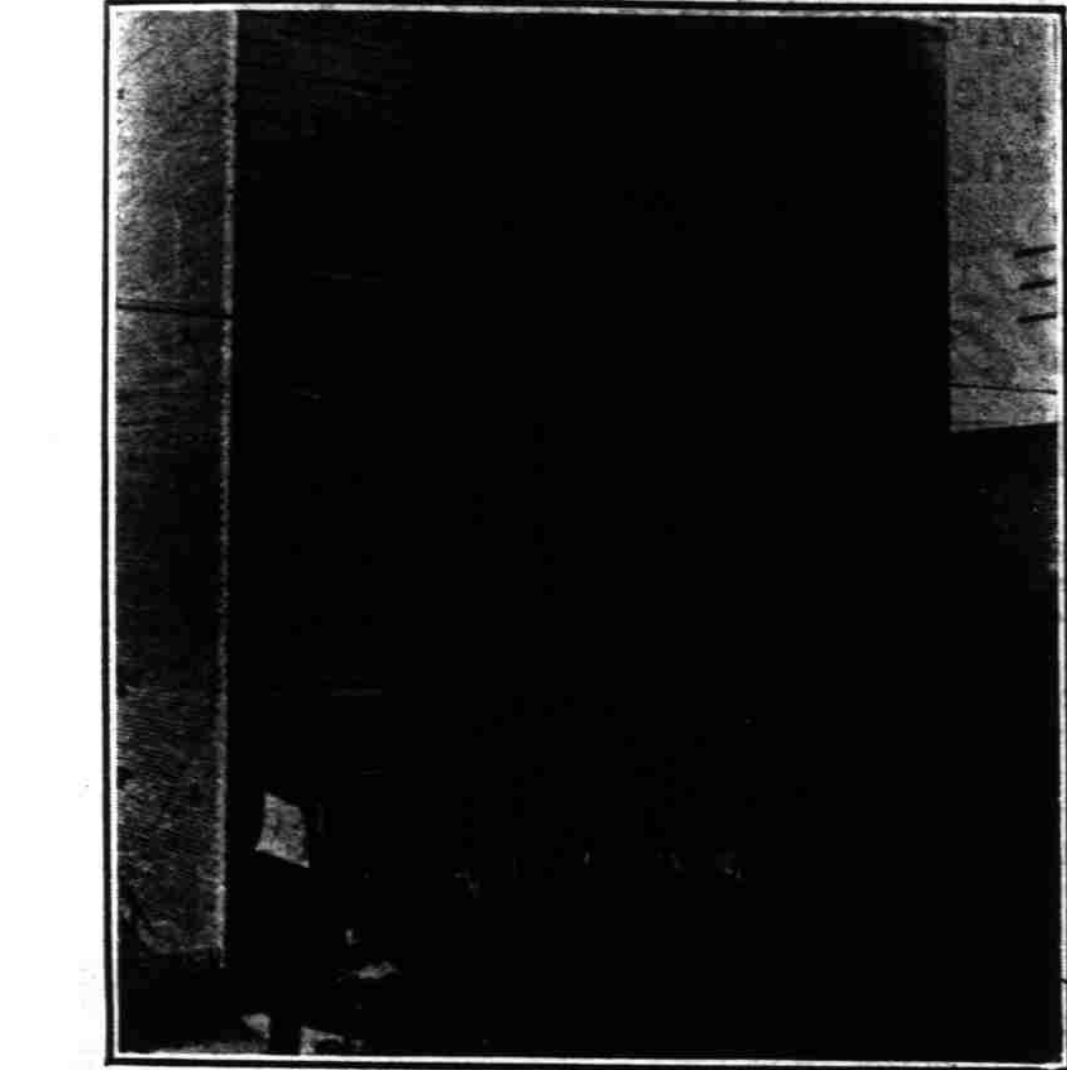
The Sykes Brothers have invented and patented a sectional grate bar which is without exaggeration one of the most valuable and money saving inventions of its kind in existence. It is made in sections, about twelve inches long. Each section rests on an iron bar, which renders bending and warping impossible. When a section or sections are burnt out the injured part is easily removed a new section laid in its place without even removing the fire. The practical mill man and engineer realize what this means in the way of cost and a suspension of operation until the repairs are made and new grates installed.

We append the following letter from the manager of the Virginia Bridge and Iron company, which is an unqualified endorsement of the Sykes grate: Messrs. Sykes Bros.

Burlington, N. C. Gentlemen:—Referring to your patented Grate Bars, which have been in use at this plant for the past months, would say that they have given perfect satisfaction and did all you claimed for them, and have resulted in a considerable saving in our grate bar costs, as well as eliminating much of our trouble in this regard, as they can be removed at any time, even while the fire is going. We recently installed an addition to our power plant and specified your grate bars for the boiler. We have no hesitancy in recommending them to any person desirous of eliminating to a large degree their grate troubles.

Yours truly, ROBERT MEYBIN, Mgr. Burlington Plant.

The Sykes brothers are natives of Alamance county. They grew up in this community, and are respected for their honorable living and industrious life.



Burlington Hardware Company.

carry an extensive stock of hardware—shelf and heavy—making a specialty of the best makes of kitchen stoves and ranges. A line of guns and sporting goods is at hand, where anything desired from the disciples of William Tell to those of Isaac Walton can be found. They make a specialty of plumbers' supplies, pipe and pipe fittings, and have an up-to-date plumber employed who is giving splendid satisfaction. The building occupied by the firm is a new, white-painted brick front building, three stories and basement, 40x100 feet, on Davis street, near the post-office. Fifteen men are employed by the firm. R. E. L. Holt is president; C. T. Holt, secretary and treasurer. These brothers were formerly connected with the hardware firm of Holt & May, of this city, and have had extensive experience in the business. The business is conducted on progressive principles, and their large sales enable them to offer their goods at prices that defy competition.

that he does not understand. He is everywhere regarded as one of our most progressive, alert and scholarly business men, and has made a host of friends in all circles by his many pleasing characteristics. He is an active member of the Episcopal church.

W. K. Scott, the secretary and treasurer, is a native of the county, a young man barely at the threshold of manhood. He has been in the steel bridge business six years and by his remarkable aptitude and brilliant attainments has easily taken his stand as a master in this line of industry. He has an old head on his young shoulders. He attends the Presbyterian church. He is universally popular in church, business and social circles, and is a splendid public spirited citizen.

JOHN R. HOFFMAN.

Lawyer and Real Estate Dealer.

Among the gentlemen in Alamance county who have made a name for themselves in the profession of law, and whose star is still in the ascendency, stands with striking prominence Mr. John R. Hoffman. He was born in our sister county, Guilford, and educated at the University of North Carolina, completing the law course in 1907. Seeing the possibilities of Burlington, he located here. Ability, determination and a legal mind prove him fitted for the chosen calling, and these qualities are appreciated by a large clientele. Mr. Hoffman is a young man, just starting life, but he has a most brilliant career before him. He is identified with many movements for the upbuilding of the town. He was the founder of The Dispatch, and its able editor during its first year. He is a prominent member in the Reformed church; an enthusiastic Red Man; treasurer of the North Carolina Retail Mer-

The Carolina Engineering Company. Steel Bridges and Buildings of Steel and Reinforced Concrete.

Among the many large and representative industrial enterprises of the city of Burlington there is none which, by the wide scope of its operations and the high reputation which it bears for progressiveness, is more entitled to lay just claim to the leading position among the foremost concerns than the Carolina Engineering Company. The progress and development of the firm has attracted wide attention all over this section and state, and show as nothing else could the able management and the excellence of the work performed. Being the only steel bridge plant in the state, it has a large and growing patronage.

The company was incorporated in 1906 with the following officers: W. K. Holt, president; R. M. Morrow, vice-president; W. K. Scott, secretary and treasurer; L. C. Carter, C. E., general manager. It was established and ready for business in September, 1907, and has therefore, been in successful operation but two years. Its phenomenal growth, patronage and prestige are due to the energy and aggressiveness of its secretary and manager, and the excellence of its work. The plant is located in the eastern part of the city on the Southern railway and has its private railroad yards and siding. It occupies a tract of several acres. It is one of the largest and most complete steel bridge plants in the state and second to none in equipment and arrangement. The equipment embraces the latest and most perfect type of machinery and steel work appliances, such as cranes and devices for turning out the heaviest kind of bridge and steel building materials. The company gives employment to some twenty-five skilled mechanics.

The company, besides manufacturing and constructing steel bridges and steel buildings and buildings of reinforced concrete, are also contracting engineers and do a tremendous business in this line. They are the contracting engineers of the roads of Burlington; they did the steel work for the splendid city hall in Greensboro; also for the headquarters of First National Bank building



John R. Hoffman.

chants' association; secretary of the Burlington Merchants' association, and secretary and treasurer of the Central Loan and Trust company, a recently organized company with a capital stock of \$50,000, to deal in insurance, real estate and loans. In private life Mr. Hoffman is a clever, whole-souled gentleman with hosts of friends.

We're sorry if you've tried other medicines and they failed. As a last resort try Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. It's a simple remedy, but it's worked wonders, made millions well and happy. Purifies the blood, makes flesh and muscles cleanses your system.

the multiple interests of a large community; the complications arising out of commercial and other transactions; the necessity for expedition in settlement of various claims, give to the profession of law an importance and influence that is recognized by persons of intelligence and judgment. And this leads to the fact that prompt attention to the interests of clients will always bring the sure reward of success to the attorney who practices these virtues, and it is this policy which governs the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this article, Edgar S. W. Dameron, whose practice of law was inaugurated in this city in the spring of 1907.

E. S. W. DAMERON. Attorney-at-Law.

What is true of medicine is true of law today, that it is no longer necessary for a man to be old and gray in the profession to be regarded as a reliable practitioner, as our present-day colleges equip their students with legal lore in single course which is equal to years of active practice. The young, aspiring attorney possessed of brains, energy and legal knowledge may well be deemed reliable and trustworthy, and will give to the interests of his clients the most supreme attention and care, knowing that upon his earnestness and application to business depends wholly his future career and success.

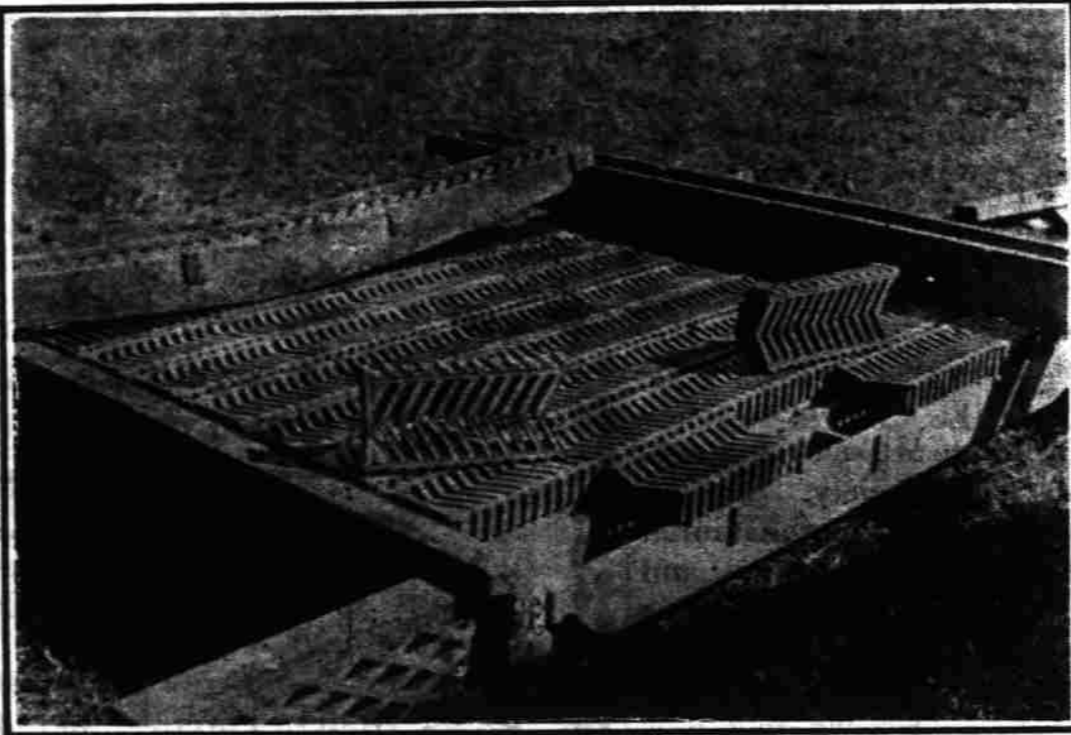
Mr. Dameron is a native of Sampson county, N. C., received his primary education in the public schools of his county, and at the University of North Carolina, receiving his degree in 1904. Deciding to make the practice of law his life work, he returned to the same institution, graduating from the law department in 1907. He immediately came to Burlington and entered upon the practice of law, armed with a fund of legal knowledge, youth, vigor, and a firm determination to succeed. The public was not long in recognizing his professional ability and he was soon launched upon a promising and lucrative practice.

Mr. Dameron is manager of the trust department of the Piedmont Trust company, secretary and treasurer of the North State Realty company, and president of Swannanoa club. He affiliates with the Masonic order, is an active member of the M. E. church, and is popular in professional and social circles.

PIEDMONT CAFE.

H. C. Foster Jr. Proprietor. A Popular Eating House.

Burlington has a number of excellent restaurants, but we are safe in saying that none is more popular with the general public than the Piedmont Cafe, which is owned and managed by H. C.



Sykes Brothers, Patent Grate Bar.

They are enterprising gentlemen, interested in the growth of Burlington and justly take their places as representative business men and citizens.

S. THOMAS AND SONS. Sheet Metal Workers.

Twenty-Five Years of Honorable Business Methods.

For upwards of twenty-five years the name of Thomas has been intimately connected with all the work done throughout this section in tin and sheet-iron lines. Consequently the name and the business are thoroughly established, there being comparatively few farmers and property owners in Alamance and adjoining counties who at some time or another in the past have not had their work done by this honest and reputable firm.

The business was established by S. Thomas in 1885, and he has conducted it successfully, building a reputation as a careful and painstaking mechanic. In 1888 Mr. Thomas formed a partnership with his two sons, S. B. and W. H., who had been thoroughly trained under the instructions of their father and are considered expert mechanics. This concern employs from three to five skilled mechanics, their work extending to Raleigh, Durham and Greensboro. They are prepared to execute contracts for roofing, guttering, spouting cornice and manufacture all kinds of ornamental work in tin and sheet-iron ware and tobacco flues. They make a specialty of installing hot air and hot water heaters and furnaces and in this particular branch of their business they are recognized experts.

Every member of S. Thomas & Sons is a practical and experienced metal worker, having devoted their lives to the trade, acquiring a fund of valuable knowledge and pronounced skill. They give to all their work their personal attention which secures high class workmanship and maintains their excellent reputation as mechanics.

The firm of S. Thomas & Sons are interested in the growth and future prosperity of Burlington, ready and willing to encourage any enterprise that will benefit our splendid town. Honorable in all transactions, they are respected by all.

Foster, jr. While he has only been serving the public for about one year, yet this place has become most popular, owing to the fact that a patron gets just what he wants and has it cooked as he likes it, and orders just what he wants and pays for what he gets. Here one can get a good wholesome meal, prepared by an experienced chef, while it is served in a most cleanly manner by courteous waiters and no pains are spared to satisfy the customer. Mr. Foster understands catering, and is very popular with all with whom he comes in contact, and is one of the city's reliable and progressive young business men who believe in the future of Burlington. To our many readers we can only say if you want a good meal you will make no mistake by going to the Piedmont Cafe on Main street, where you will be treated right.

FREEMAN DRUG COMPANY A Splendid Pharmacy. A Popular Resort. Oldest Drug Store in County.

While disease and suffering stalk forth through the land and prostrate the human family, drug stores will be as necessary to our cities as are grocery and clothing stores. And, since they play so important a part in the physical life, the public has a right to demand that the business be conducted by men of ability, experience and careful habits. Here in Burlington all may go without hesitancy or misgivings to Freeman's Drug Store, which is owned and managed by a firm of splendid men.

The store embraces a very large and comprehensive assortment of drugs, proprietary remedies, druggist's sundries, toilet articles, brushes, stationery, tobacco and cigars, all kinds of flower seeds and bulbs, and many other articles that come under the head of drug notions.

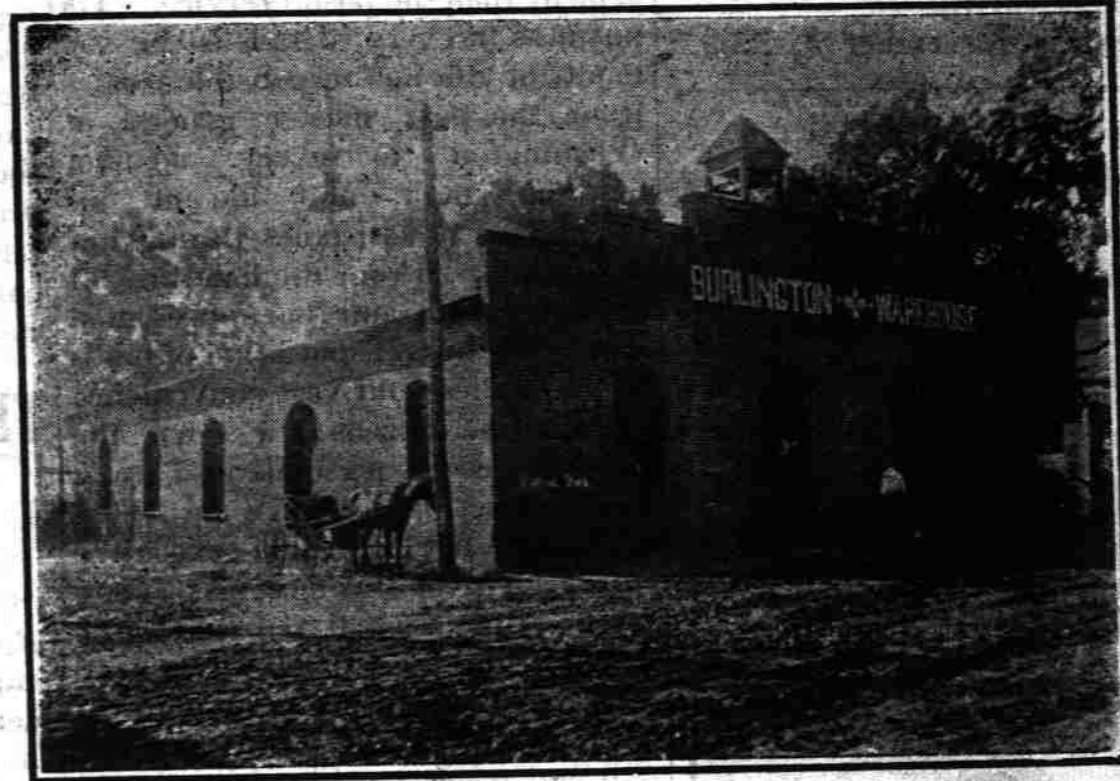
The prescription department is an important feature of this up-to-date pharmacy and its patronage is commensurate with its reliability. Their prescription trade is by far greater than that of any other store in town. It is in charge of two members of the firm, Dr. A. F. Barrett and J. C. Freeman. These gentlemen are most careful and painstaking in filling prescriptions and recipes, especially when one of unusual complication is presented.

The laboratory is supplied with all the requisite facilities for compounding the most difficult prescriptions, and realizing that an error might prove fatal they are ever accurate and alter a magnificent acid fountain adorning the front of the store and is a thing of beauty and splendor. A genial, competent clerk is always ready to serve you promptly with the latest and best soft drinks.

The firm occupies their own building on Main street, one of the best locations in the city. Recently the enterprising owners have remodeled the building inside by lowering the floor to a level with the street, and placing a handsome partition of mirrors half way back to cut off the prescription department from the public. The outside has been improved by placing a modern glass front. The entire store is well arranged, attractive, and scrupulously clean and neat.

Freeman's Drug Store was established here twenty-six years ago, the oldest in the county. Dr. R. A. Freeman, one of our best physicians, was owner. Fifteen years ago, Dr. A. F. Barrett came here and became a member of the firm. J. C. Freeman is also a partner. These men are three of our representative business men, hustling, alert, conservative and reliable.

Dr. Freeman still enjoys a flourishing practice; Dr. Barrett is the mayor of the town; and J. C. Freeman is one of our most popular young men. They are courteous and accommodating in the



Burlington Brick Warehouse.

store, possess all the attributes that contribute to make successful citizens, and are to the front in every public enterprise.

The following physicians have their offices at the Freeman store: R. A. Freeman, J. W. Page, L. A. Walker, T. S. Faucette and T. A. Bohannon.

H. W. TROLLINGER.

Fertilizers, Wood and Coal.

Where one man has made a success in life there are dozens who fail. Burlington is a city that offers exceptional advantages to the man who will apply himself, but there is no place here, or in any other town, for men who are afraid of work.

H. W. Trollinger is a striking example of the possibility of great things being done by a strong will and persistent effort. Coming to Burlington when a very young man, with only moderate means and no advantages, he has worked himself to the front, and today is one of our leaders in the business world. He has made a success in many different lines of work, doing what he does well. He conducts a large wood and coal business, buying by the carload and paying cash, thus giving his customers lowest prices. He keeps the best grades of wood and coal, and promptly fills and delivers all orders. He handles a large and splendid stock of the best grade of fertilizers and sells to the farmers all over the county. He has a splendid reputation in this line. He also sells tilings and sewer piping in all materials and sizes. His honorable business methods and square dealing have made him a most enviable reputation. He has his yards and private sidetrack near the depot, in the very heart of the town. He is well situated. His business was established seventeen years ago, but has spread until now he enjoys the dis-



H. W. Trollinger.

tinction of being the largest dealer in the county in his line.

One of the handsomest residences in the city is the one just about completed on Park avenue, built and owned by Mr. Trollinger. He is a member of the Christian church; an enthusiastic Odd Fellow; a prosperous, progressive, prominent citizen; and an honest, clever man.

Mr. Trollinger has some choice building lots for sale to homeseekers just beyond the city limits. He owns two fine lithia springs surrounded by an oak grove, making it an ideal spot for outings and picnics.

THE BURLINGTON BRICK WAREHOUSE.

Hooker, Thornburg and Hall Their Motto is Always the Highest Price and a Fair and Square Deal.

The failures and misfortunes that have attended the many attempts to establish a tobacco market in Burlington are a matter of history, and expensive history to some of our citizens. These abortive efforts have had a discouraging effect upon the community as well as upon the warehousemen, who were not anxious to invest their capital and time in an enterprise that had only suffered repeated failures. The tobacco raisers too, had lost confidence in the feasibility of establishing a permanent market in Burlington and this phase of the conditions cast a gloomy outlook over the situation. But in all departments of commercial activity, there are some men possessing the necessary push and unflagging energy to succeed where others fail; to encounter obstacles and overcome them; to meet discouragement and rise above it. Such a man is W. L. Thornburg, who knew whatever may

have been the causes that kept Burlington from becoming a great tobacco market, the fact still remained that Burlington is the natural and logical market for all the tobacco raised within a radius of thirty miles, and he believed that the farmers would sustain and patronize a market that is conducted upon honorable progressive methods and business integrity. With his confidence backed by long years of tobacco experience, both as a seller and buyer, he leased the brick warehouse, and began preparations for active business in 1908. He conducted a judicious canvass among the farmers, secured buyers of integrity, representing the largest tobacco houses in the world, and the result was in the season of 1908 and 1909 he sold nearly 1,500,000 pounds of tobacco.

This splendid showing for the first year clearly indicated the possibilities of the market, and in order to inspire a greater degree of confidence in the market, Mr. Thornburg interested O. D. Hooker, of Hillsboro, who is an expert tobacco man in all its grades, from raising the plant to the finished article. Perhaps Mr. Hooker is best known to the people of the Piedmont belt as a manufacturer! He made the well known brands of "Tar Heel" and "Oconeechee" smoking tobaccos. Mr. Hooker conducted a warehouse in Hillsboro, Durham and Greenville. He was born in our sister county, Orange, where his early years were spent in the tobacco fields. Through his long business not one word was ever breathed against his honesty, and his fair and square dealing with the public was never questioned.

W. L. Thornburg was born in Alamance county, is the son of Capt. W. L. Thornburg, who for many years was secretary and treasurer of the North Carolina Railroad company. No doubt there are many of our older citizens who remember Captain Thornburg's benefactions and enjoyed his friendship, and will be pleased to learn that his son may be seen at the Burlington Brick Warehouse. Mr. Thornburg entered a tobacco warehouse at the young age of nine years old, at Winston-Salem, growing up in the business, and has had twenty-five years of practical experience in handling tobacco, selling it and conducting warehouses. He has an enviable reputation as an auctioneer and stands at the head of his profession, possessing the happy faculty of preserving the most harmonious relations with buyers and sellers. Mr. Hall, his partner, is one of Burlington's substantial citizens; his write up will appear elsewhere in this edition.

The warehouse is well lighted, many improvements were added to it this year, including an addition, giving it a floor space of 13,900 square feet. It has splendid accommodations for farmers, comfortable sleeping quarters, warm rooms, plenty of fire, and stalls for horses. It is the aim of the management to extend every courtesy to the farmers making them feel absolutely at home while under the roof of the Brick Warehouse. H. W. Bowland and Robert Alred are solicitors and will always look after the interests of their friends, while James Garrison is bookkeeper, all of whom are highly respected throughout the county. The farmers of this tobacco belt owe W. L. Thornburg a debt of gratitude for the courage and enterprise he displayed in establishing a sound and staple tobacco market in Burlington, and he believes that they will show their gratitude and appreciation by bringing their tobacco to the Burlington Brick Warehouse.

Their motto is always the highest price and an honest and square deal to all.

Golden Grain Smoking tobacco is the best smoke, regardless of price on the market today. Will not bite the tongue.