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## Funeral Reforms.

Mr. Editor:—I take advantage of your kindness to say a few words concerning the recommendations of the Burlington pastors for reforms in funerals.

We are aware of the fact that the bringing about of needed reforms in funeral services is a delicate and difficult undertaking. Some how or other a long established custom is an exacting matter with most of us. And this is especially true of customs in connection with funerals. But the undertaking is the more difficult because of the fact that we are not disposed to give to the subject special thought while our loved ones are living. The correctness or propriety of age-old customs in connection with death and burial is not seriously considered until a loved-one is claimed by death, then our hearts are so crushed and broken we can not think, so there is nothing for us to do but fall in line with established customs.

Realizing as we do that with the mortal remains of a loved-one lying in the home in the embrace of death is no time to talk about reforms in funerals, we are endeavoring to excite in the minds of our people some interest in the question under discussion before bereavements come.

I am of course heartily in favor of all reforms recommended by the pastors of Burlington, but in this brief article I shall mention only two: First, the tendency to make funerals EMBARRASSINGLY costly. I say EMBARRASSINGLY costly, and I speak advisedly, for it would not be difficult to find instances in which good people have been actually embarrassed in meeting the utterly unreasonable demands made upon them by custom in burying their loved-ones.

Second, the custom of remaining at the grave until it is filled. When the casket is lowered into the grave, and the Ritual service is concluded, the benediction should be pronounced and the people should retire. Certainly there can be nothing of interest in the simple filling of the grave and left to themselves the undertaker and his assistants can certainly do their work better than they can with a multitude of all ages around the grave.

Sometimes the weather is inclement, the ground damp and cold, but custom holds the people until the grave is filled, and the grave is filled, and the flowers placed upon the mound. Certainly it would be better when the casket is lowered into the grave to have a temporary cover placed over it, the flowers placed on the temporary cover, the service held, the benediction pronounced, and let the people retire.

We appeal to our people to think about this matter, and if they agree with us, let us make a united effort to bring about the desired reforms.

Respectfully,

J. A. Hornaday.  
Burlington, N. C., December 12, 1910.

## Do Your Eyes Trouble You?

If so, come to us for an expert examination—one that will be accurate and reliable. We will fit you with best lenses that will give the best satisfaction. Remember, your eyes are the best asset you have. Be sure to give them the best treatment to be secured. Make your Optician. And I will make good. Dr. N. Rosenstein Eye Specialist will be at Burlington Tuesday Dec 20th, at the Burlington Drug Co. for one day only to examine eyes and fitting glasses.

## Death of R. W. Tate.

Mr. R. William Tate died Friday and was buried Sunday at Providence. Funeral conducted at home by Rev. P. H. Flemings. Mr. Tate had been in lingering health for some time but sick only a few days prior to his death. He was 69 years old and a venerable old gentleman with many friends. Besides a wife he leaves several children.

The firecracker stand of Mr. P. L. Hazlewood was demolished by fire Saturday evening. About \$75.00 worth of goods were destroyed.

## In the Burlington Sunday Schools

Sunday, Dec. 11th 1910.

Sunday School Totals.

	Attendance	Collection
M. E.	221	\$8.64
Baptist	213	5.82
Presbyterian	123	4.06
German Ref.	113	2.39
Christian	177	3.41
Webb Ave.	98	2.34
M. P.	220	3.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>1165</b>	<b>\$29.68</b>

MEN'S BIBLE AND BARACA

CLASSES TOTALS.

	Attendance	Collection
M. E.	32	\$3.20
Baptist	59	3.22
Presbyterian	16	2.01
Christian	28	1.49
M. P.	36	1.06
German Ref.	22	.60
Webb Avenue	19	.63
Snow Camp.	3	.60
<b>Total today</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>\$12.81</b>

Our subject; "The Crucifixion"

The Title over the Cross: "This is Jesus The King of The Jews." "This title was written in three familiar languages of the people. Greek, Latin and Hebrew. Thus Jesus was declared to be king in the languages of culture, of power, of religion. Power, culture and piety, in their noblest forms, pay homage at the feet of Jesus. Thus in the chief tongues of men was proclaimed in just what became a living truth, - that Jesus is king; the king to whom all nations and people should yield allegiance. He is a king with many crowns.

"While the races of mankind endure

Let his great example stand Colossal, seen of every land.

And keep the soldier firm, the statesman pure;

Till in all lands and through all human story

The path of duty be the way to glory.

T. D. Dupuy, President.  
John H. Vernon, Secretary

## Meeting of Merchants Association.

At a meeting of the Merchants Association held Thursday night in the office of the Secretary a committee consisting of five of the members was appointed by the Secretary to go before the legislature when it meets at Raleigh in an effort to get the following passed. To make it a misdemeanor for receiving goods on approval which are not returned. The privilege to waive the homestead law. And other important acts which should be passed.

## Mr. H. Fleishman Goes Out of Business.

Mr. H. Fleishman the popular proprietor of the Underselling Store, corner of Main and Davis Street has decided to go out of business and with this in view has inaugurated a closing out sale.

That the people are appreciating the values he is offering is shown by the throngs that visit his store daily, not from idle curiosity either, if the bundles carried away are to be evidence that they find prices as represented in his ads and circulars.

Mr. Fleishman has made many friends during his stay among us and expressions of regret are heard on all sides that he is closing out.

We join in with the rest of his many friends in wishing him all kinds of good luck in his new undertaking.

## Death of Mr. J. J. Squires.

Mr. J. J. Squires died this afternoon Wednesday, about four o'clock at his home near Longs Chapel Pleasant Grove Township, after an illness of several months. He was 60 years old being the oldest of a family of seven, having four sisters and two brothers Messrs J. C. and Mack Squires of this city. He was married twice, leaves a wife and several children.

More than twenty five dollars gross was received Saturday night by the Ladies Aid Society of the Reformed Church from the oyster supper given in the Fowler Store Building.

## Craven's Officials Negligent.

One of the most remarkable publications we have seen in many a day was contained in the "Democratic official organ" of Craven county, the New Bern Journal, of Sunday.

The nature of the printed matter was the report made by an expert accountant, who had been employed by the county commissioners to audit the accounts of the solicitor of that district, the county clerk, sheriff, register of deeds, and the treasurer. This report is published in full, and requires nearly six columns of space.

The article is headed, "Very Good County Findings Develop as Result of Expert Examination of Offices and Commissioners' Work." Then follows the auditors' report, the "Good Findings," consisting in the fact that the figures show that the solicitor has collected in a short while \$194.92 of unlawful fees; that the sheriff has had about \$3,000 more than he ought to have had; that the clerk of the court has put \$765 of illegal fees in his pocket; that the register of deeds generally supposed not to have any chance of overcharging, has gotten about \$400 he was not entitled to, because he gave back to the county 50 cents only of the marriage license \$2 fee, putting \$1.50 in his official purse, when the law says \$1 shall go to the county and \$1 to the register of deeds, the third dollar going into the state treasury. As to the county treasurer, the auditor says that he just out and out refused to let him look at his books. Later however, the treasurer gets repentant, and the auditor gets a look at the books and reports that no man can tell whether he is indebted to the county or not, but gives him the benefit of the doubt, and a clean bill of health.

One of the very best signs of the times is the fact that the commissioners of Craven county permitted the people and taxpayers and future grand jurors of Craven to see this report in the public print.

A bad sign is that, although the facts and figures thus published have been in the custody of the board for some time, it sat still, and never let the voters or taxpayers know the facts until the last one of the officers thus shown to have been at least woefully negligent, if not knowingly unfaithful, to their trust, had been nominated and elected to succeed themselves as worthy Democratic officials.

It would have been interesting to see if the voters, had they known the facts, have nominated these officials, or, if they had, would enough Democrats have revolted from this plan dereliction of official duty to have arisen in their mighty might and have elected men, either Republican or independent citizens, capable of giving the taxpayers a safe and economical administration of county and court affairs.

We have no disposition to bring partisan politics into the matter, but we cannot refrain from saying the truth: that such a state of affairs had been shown to exist in any county in North Carolina having Republican county officers, the chances would have been rung from Dan to Bersheba and whole sluices of pebberry juice would slosh over Joe Daniel's disturber. And, by the way, would not thousands and tens of thousands of dollars be saved the taxpayers of the state if an expert accountant would be allowed to look at all the books, not only of county offices, but of state institutions, and an honest, full fraud publication of the conditions found be published?

And, if Brother Stevens of the Journal, calls the showing made by the auditor's report an evidence of the good condition of his county, what in the name of Heaven would he call a bad condition?

Since he made no editorial comment whatever on this remarkable showing, we are led to conclude that, like the little boy the calf ran over, he will have nothing to say.—Greensboro Daily News.

Sheet Music 10c at the 5, 10 and 25c store.

## HONOR ROLL

Burlington Graded School.

First Grade—Mary Fix, Mamie Scoggins, Mary Murray, Tom Spoon, Paul Jones William Mansfield, Ivory King, Clarence Knott Lucian Tilley, Wilda Davis, Martha Moore, Bulah Poe, Effie Shatterly, Stella Wright, Catharine Noah, Julis Mae Walker, Robert Brooks, Leon Fleishman, Laudon Kivett, Charlie Myers, Kasey Sellars, Ruth Wrightson, Pearl Petty, Frances Patterson, Allen Myers, Rose Mathis, Donia Hughes, Lessie Hazlewood Claire Dorset.

Second Grade—Snodie Compton, Hallie McPherson, Clifford Barrett, Knox Lively, Francis Morgan.

Third Grade—Leon Davis, Cornelia Hall, Amy Perry, Atha Carter, Hilda Cates, Edna Cheek, Ruth King, Percy Holt, Lanier Jones.

Fourth Grade—Virginia Dameron Freeda Durham, Helen Heritage, Lillian Wagoner, Nellie Walker, Ogden Cronson, Kenneth Isley, Dewey Lineberry, Irwin Shoffner, Vincent Snyder, Jesse Winningham, Leslie Workman, Deloris Morrow, Madeline Hatch, Ivey Brown, Martha Jones.

Fifth Grade—Thelma Fowler.

Sixth Grade—Myrtle Buckner, Annie Dare Elder, Sybil Shelton, Kathaleen Elder, Glenn Holt, Ross Stevens.

Seventh Grade—Una Mae Elder, Georgia Hatch, Margaret Hayes, Miriam Workman.

Eleventh Grade—Ruby Ross.  
G. C. Singletary, Supt.

Don't forget Tuesday Dec 20th. Dr. N. Rosenstein will be at the Burlington Drug Company, for the purpose of examining eyes and fit glasses. Keep this day in mind. You'll want to get "her" a present. It may be your wife, Mother, sister, or friend, or pre-charge your mother-in-law. It matters not who. Eye-glasses and spectacles makes the right sort of gift for any of the home-folks if they need them. Buy them now and have your friends come in after Christmas to have their eyes examined and correctly fitted without extra charges. Prompt attention to mail orders.

## New County System.

Today Durham county abolishes the fee system for the county officers and replaces it with the salary basis, and with the selection of an auditor by the county commissioners, this county has taken another progressive step in its history. For years it has been argued that every county would save money when the officers were placed upon a salary basis and several counties in this state having given this view of the matter a thorough test are convinced that it is a proper method for remunerating the officials elected by the people. From every stand point this new method seems to appeal to the voters, and if this system works as well in this county as it has in many other sections of the state, it will undoubtedly mean a saving to the people.

It also means that the recording of deed and affidavits of the clerk will be placed upon a cash business, instead of allowing men to pay again. It means that the county will be run upon a business basis, which spells success. To this end every resident of Durham county should labor.—Durham Sun.

What is Alamance County going to do about it? Should the next Legislature pass a measure putting our county officers on salaries, it could not go into effect until Dec. 1912 (two years) if this Legislature does not give us this relief then nothing can be done for four years. This is up to you Gentleman, Taxpayers of Alamance County.

## Baby Opera at The Grotto.

This opera was rained out when it was given last week at the Grotto, it will be repeated on Friday of this week at 8 p. m., there are about 150 children in it. Be sure and see them, all seats 25 cents.

## THE UNIVERSITY LETTER

From our Regular Correspondent.

The fortunes of the University in athletics have for the past few years been far below the ambitions of old alumni, who recall the '03 base ball team and the '02 and '05 football teams; but her long continued success in intercollegiate debates fulfilled the highest desires that the most loyal son might entertain for his alma mater. Her collection of victory trophies received a fine addition on Saturday, Dec. 3, in Philadelphia, when Carolina's representatives, Messrs W. F. Taylor and C. L. Williams won from the University of Pennsylvania in a unanimous decision. Carolina supported the affirmative of the question, of the Federal Government establishing a Central Bank.

This was the third debate out of a series of five that Carolina has won from the University of Pennsylvania. Out of the twenty nine debates which Carolina varsity men have won twenty two and never lost a series. Among her rivals have been: John Hopkins, George Washington, Tulane Vanderbilt, Washington and Lee, and the Universities of Georgia, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

The interclass and intersociety debates which are arranged every year between the members of the literary societies develop the raw material for the varsity teams. The latest contest of this kind was the freshman debate in the Dialectic society, which was won by Mr. J. T. Pritchett. In the preliminary contest for this debate nearly twenty men were entered.

Mr. Edgar W. Turlington of the senior class has won the Rodes Scholarship which provides for three years of study at Oxford University and travel in Europe. He was the only one of the three applicants who passed the examination. Turlington is president of the Y. M. C. A., a position which is given always to the best rounded men morally and mentally in each class. He has won the Bingham medal in debate a distinction which is awarded the man who excels in the intersociety debate held annually at commencement.

W. F. Hendricks has been elected manager of the 1911 football team.

Mr. R. G. Stockton has been elected student at large representative upon the University Council. This brings the membership of the Council up to a membership of eight.

Dr. L. R. Wilson and Dr. Edwin Mims delivered addresses at the sixth annual meeting of the North Carolina Library Association held in Winston Salem last week. Dr. Wilson is president of the Association.

## Accidentally Killed.

Ida Johnson, colored, who lived about one mile north of town on the C. L. Isley farm accidentally shot and killed herself Monday morning. She had loaded the gun to shoot a dog in the yard and was pushing the hammer back with the point of the gun pointing towards her head when the gun was discharged shooting off the top of her head. She lived with her two sons and two daughters.

## New Officers for Fair.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Alamance Fair Association held Saturday in the office of the company at the fair grounds the following new officers were elected for the ensuing year. President, Esq. W. A. Hall, Secretary, Dr. Freeman Treasurer, H. F. Moore. We congratulate the stockholders in their choice and stand ready and willing to help in the cause.

## Write Santa-Claus.

To the Boys and Girls 12 years of age and under. Seven more days to write Santa Clause. The contest closes Thursday at 6 p. m. A real Magic Lantern and a Handsome Doll free for the best letter not the longest one. THE 5 10 & 25 cent STORE.

## R. F. D. No. 7.

Mr. John M. Coble, the millwright from Liberty No 3, spent the latter part of last week putting in a "Scroll mill" for Sharpe & Coble, which works all right and greatly increases the "turn out" of flour. Messrs Sharpe & Coble now have an up to date mill and a large list of satisfied customers.

The old stork brought B. H. Hargis a 7 lb. girl last Saturday, Dec. 10th. Burrell was so well pleased that he got on top of the house and hollowed until he was hoarse and swung his cup until he wore it out and thinks yet that he lost it. Some of the neighbors say that he carried on so that the dogs kept up such a barking that they slept but very little Saturday night. We congratulate the little lady, for we were born, a "few winters ago, on Dec. 10th, and can vouch for its being a lucky day for the business.

Mrs. A. B. Holt gave us a basket of potatoes and a half gallon can of peeled peaches. Thanks.

Miss Ione Lutterloh, of Burlington, opened school near Mt. Hermon last week, Sidney Russell was "hauling" the new school mam Sunday evening and just as he got to the south end of the bridge at the old Dixon Mill "Dan" was in ambush and shot an arrow right through the upper part of Sidneys left lung and came very near piercing his heart. The wound is considered very serious if not fatal.

The stork has got so busy over here that, beginning the first of January 1911 we will send "Dan" over on No. 8 with headquarters at Jim McCullochs near Butter Milk Creek and we warn No. 8 that he will have to keep his eyes peeled if he expects to keep up with "Dans" movements and report his doings to the friends over here.

Quite a number of young people gathered at Mr. J. K. Isleys Saturday night and were entertained with various kinds of amusements and enjoyed drinking some of Kinseys famous locust beer.

We are glad to note that Mrs. A. R. Isley who has been confined to her bed for a week or so, is able to be out again.

Sorry to say Mrs. Edwin Holt is not much better at this writing.

Mr. Haywood Isley is on the sick list.

Mr. Will Isley and family spent Saturday night and Sunday with his father Mr. W. H. Isley on No. 7.

Misses Permelia Watkins spent Sunday afternoon visiting Mrs. W. B. Sharpe.

Misses Daisy Watkins and Flossie Isley spent Sunday evening with Misses Swanna and Novella Isley.

Guess "Dan" will complete the job with Lanby Watkins and Odist Isley before he moves headquarters over on Butter milk.

Will Kimball has commenced hitching his horse to the same old post again. Ask Miss Daisy Watkins about it. Jacob Sharpe! where art thou?

## Sale of Entire Stock.

Mr. W. E. Hay, who expects to give his entire time and efforts in the future to the lumber business is closing out his stock of merchandise. The sale will begin to-morrow and last until the entire stock is disposed of. He is making especially low prices which mean the goods will not last long. If you will read his ad in this issue you will be convinced that the goods cannot last long.

## A Call.

To those of Burlington, Graham and vacinities, who wish to be known as Christians, only, and to those who are willing to take Christ our Lord as their creed, the bible as their only divine rule (Tim. 3-16-17) of faith and Christian practice, and to others also are invited to come and let us reason together, on the first Lords day in January 1911 at my home on Washington St, Burlington at 3 P. M. Yours for scriptural investigation. J. W. Temple.