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REV. W. M. SHAW.

A Brief Biographical Sketch of a Congregational Minister.

THE STANDARD takes pleasure in furnishing the following sketch from the North Carolina Presbyterian:

Rev. William Mitchell Shaw, pastor of Bataspaw and Gilwood churches and a noted supply of Shearer Chapel, is a son of Rev. Colin Shaw and a great-grand son of John Shaw of revolutionary memory.

His mother is a daughter of George W. Bunnerman, an illustrious citizen in his day, and at one time a representative of Bieden county in the legislature. One of the maternal ancestors of Mr. Shaw was Charles McGregor, who came to this country during the Revolution in Scotland. He was a commissioned officer in the patriot army.

In his absence the king's forces got his commission. At the earnest entreaty of his mother he sailed with his own ship and crew for Wilmington, N. C. He then assumed the name of his cousin (Bunnerman) for fear of being detected. About ten years of Mr. Shaw's life were spent in the schoolroom—a period of unintermitted success. He first taught at Harrell's school. Resigning this work he took a special course in military tactics at the Virginia Military Institute and in the fall of '84 he taught with Prof. S. W. Clement at Wallace, N. C., introducing the military features into the school. Later he organized and superintended the Magnolia Graded School. In January, 1888, he was elected principal of the Kernsville Academy, and shortly afterward Superintendent of Public Instruction of Duplin county. Both of these positions he subsequently resigned to enter the ministry.

Mr. Shaw had been taken under the care of Presbytery at the spring meeting of '87, and after taking the regular prescribed course in theology under Rev. B. F. Marble, D. D., was ordained at Black River Chapel, Mount Airy, N. C., in the summer and fall he continued the evangelistic work in which he had been engaged for more than a year. In December '91, he moved to Mill Hill, N. C., to take charge of his present field.

Mr. Shaw's educational advantages were good. His early training of godly parents, the preparation for college by Rev. J. N. H. Sumner, the thorough work of the Davidson College Faculty and the subsequent teaching of the learned Dr. Marable have left their impress upon his mind and character. Mr. Shaw is an exceptionally fine teacher. Patrons and pupils wherever he has taught have nothing but words of praise. We have never seen a teacher who possessed in a higher degree the art of interesting children. He draws out what the child knows and then increases the desire for further knowledge. Synod and Presbytery recognizing his pre-eminent qualifications as a teacher have entrusted to him positions of responsibility in connection with the Sabbath-school work. He is a good grazer and a good young work for him with enthusiasm. His preaching is Scriptural and practical.

Christmas, 1884, was usually bright to Mr. Shaw. On that day he was married to Miss Alberta Fawcett, a daughter of Col. Thomas Fawcett, popularly known as a legislator to the people of eastern Carolina. Mrs. Shaw is a lady of high Christian character, an accomplished musician and possessed of social graces that make her popular and a great help to her husband in his work. Last August the Presbytery announced the death of their bright little daughter, Virginia Fawcett. This is the only break in the interesting group of children that she has given to gladden their hearts.

Mr. Shaw has recovered from his recent illness and his entered with renewed zeal upon his work for the Master.

International Agreement Contingent. Sir William Henry Houldsworth is presiding over a meeting of English Bimetallists Thursday in London directed with enthusiasm that the prospects for international agreement were never more hopeful than they are now.

The Presbyterian Church at China Grove. The Presbyterian church has organized at China Grove with about twenty-five members. Dr. A. J. Crowl and S. Frank Miller were elected elders; J. A. Shinn, John F. Miller and J. B. G. Knight deacons. Dr. A. J. Crowl, J. B. Shinn, John F. Miller, J. B. G. Knight and W. J. Swank were appointed a building committee. The church is to cost about \$2,000 and will be a handsome structure.

Demanding Recognition. Near Way Cross on the 10th, O. A. Denary a white stone keeper refused to wait on a negro William Simmons who attempted to kill him with a so-called white, whereupon Denary shot and killed Williams. Soon a mob of negroes gathered and poured a steady fire through the thin walls of the store, wounding Denary and a negro. They were finally driven off by the sheriff's posse.

Col. Paul B. Means.

Col. Paul B. Means, of Concord, had a close call at the depot here last night. Col. Means and Col. J. S. Carr, of Durham were on the platform awaiting the "all aboard" of the conductor on No. 9. As the train started to pull out Col. Means called Col. Carr and the two attempted to board the train, but the former was thrown to his knees and those standing by shuddered at his perilous situation. The train stopped, however, and the Colonel gathered himself together without any damage. It was a close call.—Salisbury World of May 13

A Prosperous Career.

The Salisbury World of Friday says: A meeting of the directors of the Patterson manufacturing company was held at China Grove Thursday. The company was reorganized yesterday, the new company purchasing from the old one 800 barrels of cotton at 7 cents. After deducting \$500 for wear of machinery a dividend of 5 per cent was declared and 1 per cent applied to the sinking fund. All the old officers and directors were elected except J. B. Coltrane, who had sold his stock in the mill. Dr. S. J. Holmes, of this city, attended the meeting. This mill is perhaps doing as well as any in the state and is a credit to the county. Under the pilotage of its present efficient manager W. J. Swank and superintendent T. J. Ross this mill bids fair to continue a thus far prosperous career.

Mr. E. W. Wincoff has been confined to his room for several days by sickness, but was able to be out last Thursday.

Dan Morrison, a negro convict, has been brought to town and placed in jail. He is diseased and is in a precarious condition.

Mr. John Miller, treasurer of the bicycle and baseball club, is ready to receive money and receipt for stocks subscribed to the association.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Waller have moved from their home in No. 4 township, to this city and live with Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Boston, on Young avenue.

The Mooreville Record says: "Mr. Thos. Holshouser, our section master, while at work at Mount Mourne on Wednesday, dug up an Indian potato that tips the scales at 27 pounds."

As a new registration is necessary for the bond election, a new set of books are open to the public. Be sure you are registered. The books were open to day and will be every Saturday for the next three weeks.

Dr. John F. Reed will pay a reward for the return of his knife, which he left on a chair at Catonsville last Thursday. It is a small, dark, bone handled, two-bladed knife with brass jaws.

Mr. J. N. Smith, a weaver at the Cannon factory, was right painfully hurt Thursday by accidentally catching his hand in a loom. One finger was broken and several others dislocated.

Don't wear false hair while it is possible to retain your own. Ayer's Hair Vigor, the best dressing, nourishes and invigorates the hair roots, suppresses dandruff, prevents the hair from coming out or turning gray, and promotes a new and luxuriant growth.

Mr. W. C. Eddieleman brought us a sample of some of the finest strawberries we have seen for the season. It is Mr. Eddieleman's first effort at strawberry culture, but he is so much pleased with it that he hopes to extend it to the industry, and hopes to get it on a paying basis.

The combination roses exhibited by Mr. Q. E. Smith, Thursday afternoon, were beautiful and rare. Florists of this city have never seen the like before. A large bridal rose, with its pure white petals, having the same sprig a lovely pink tinted rose. Mr. Smith could not account for the unusual growth, but was quite proud of his prize.

Ayer's Hair Vigor restores natural color to the hair, by stimulating a healthy action of the scalp. This preparation also produces a vigorous growth of the hair, and gives it a beautiful luster and youthful appearance. Recommended by physicians, clergymen, and scientists.

THE STANDARD in behalf of every one collected with the printshop shows its polite thanks to Mrs. R. A. Brown for a whole tureen of delicious strawberries sugared to taste, coming too as they did when our appetites were just craving them very berries and when we were just needing some token of appreciation.

In the language of R. P. Van Winkle: "Bless to your health and all your family! May you live long and prosper!"

We will present absolutely free a new 1897 bicycle (either ladies' or men's wheel) in exchange for a year's use of Ayer's Hair Vigor. We wish to attend to it in a special way, also another free according to an adjoining advertisement. No agency selling business. We prefer those operators with many young people now studying music. For full particulars write, The Columbia Medical A. S., 216-218 South Third Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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This is the cradle in which they grew. That thought of a philanthropic brain; a remedy that would make life new. For the multitudes that were racked with pain.

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SHORT LOCALS.

A mule was sold in this city Friday for 25 cents.

Misses Belle and Lelia Moser, of Mt. Pleasant, spent Friday in this city.

The State Dental Association will meet next year at Fayetteville.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Q. Werz, of China Grove are both quite sick.

During the merry month of June we will have weddings, and other good things in general.

This wet spell is good on gardens and all vegetation, but pretty tough on sailors, newspaper reporters and bicyclists.

An exchange describing a beautiful young lady as having "a face a painter might dwell upon." That would be a delightful residence.

Messrs. B. M. Boston and Walter Lipe, have opened an ice-cream parlor in the store room formerly occupied by Tucker & Sides, on West Depot street.

What for Both.

It is having a sensation over an erratic wife, one Mrs. Glass who it is said has eloped with an employee of her husband.

It is to be pitied and she will be the more so when she comes to her senses.

Was it Editor Cook's Header Under the head of relics, the Charlotte Observer says: "A wonderful clock ticks exposition time on the right of the ball clock at it and see its unique antiquity. It was brought from Germany just after the Revolutionary war by Matthew Cooke a disown-down-by Dr. J. K. Moore of Lenoir. Within it is a very sweet music box."

This Matthew Cooke we believe was the father of the former editor of THE STANDARD, though, if so "just after the Revolution" is a little inaccurate.

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MILITARY NOTES.

Mr. Ed P. Hill Elected Captain of Cabarrus Light Infantry Vice W. A. Caldwell, Resigned.

A business meeting of the Cabarrus Light Infantry was held at the Lyric Hotel Wednesday night, the purpose of the call being the election of a captain to succeed Mr. W. A. Caldwell, whose resignation was accepted. The company unanimously elected Mr. Ed. P. Hill as their captain and the company is to be congratulated on choosing and securing for their commander one so popular and well liked as Mr. Hill is "one of the boys," and has had considerable experience in military life.

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James vs. the Western.

The case of James vs. the Western North Carolina Railroad has been warmly contested in the Roman Superior court and is peculiar. The jury gave a verdict for \$15,000 damage to the estate for the killing of Will James in the collision on the Western road. Judge Starbuck decided as a point of law that the Western North Carolina Railroad is not responsible for the accident under the management of the Southern Railway. This particularly non-suits the James's and they appeal to the Supreme court while the Railroad company appeal also on the ground that the verdict is exorbitant. The appeal is mutual. The case now will have to await the fall session of the Supreme court.

It May Do us Much for You.

Mr. Fred Miller, of Irving, N. C., writes that he had a severe Kidney trouble for many years, with severe pains in his back and also that his bladder was affected. He tried many so-called kidney cures but without any good result. About a year ago he began use of Electric Bitters and found relief almost instant relief. One trial will prove our statement. Price 50c and \$1.00 at Fetter's Drug Store.

Cotton Factory Burned.

Passengers coming in on the South bound train today (Saturday) state that a disastrous fire occurred at High Point this morning just before day. It is said that a large cotton factory with complement of machinery, which has been standing idle for more than a year, was completely destroyed. We were unable to get full particulars, but we would believe that the mill was well insured.

Mr. E. I. Fields was owner of the mill, over which there is much litigation.

Anniversary Celebration.

The 200th anniversary of the settlement of Jamestown, Va., was celebrated Thursday at that place. Allusions to Pocahontas and Capt. John Smith were strictly in order of course.

The Mexican Band.

The Republic of Mexico sent what is known as the 8th Cavalry to Washington, D. C., for a concert at the opera house Thursday night. Mr. H. S. Chadwick who is contributing so much to the success of the Woman's Exposition secured them to the Exposition building and their music afforded intense delight to all that could pack into the building and many who bought tickets and stayed on the outside to avoid the jam.

Rehearsal Rehearsal.

At first we heard of the practice of wedding rehearsals we shrugged a little, but now comes a highly rehearsed held in Paxton Hall, by the hero of the occasion, Fred W. Hellman. He was so well up to date in enterprise that he had photographs taken from the rehearsal and sold them to bear the expense of taking his body and burying it by the side of his wife.

Mr. Airy News: The earthquake on Monday of last week played havoc on the Blue Ridge, in sight of Mount Airy. A rock 21x18 feet and about 8 feet thick was hurled down the mountain at Fisher's Peak a distance of perhaps five hundred feet, carrying everything in its path. Trees two feet in diameter were cut off level with the ground. Many other rocks of various sizes were also shaken loose. Fortunately no person was in the vicinity. The reporter visited the scene and took a look at the rocks, the road made by them, etc. When we first heard of the singular occurrence we did not believe the story, but there is no longer any room for doubt.

The Thinning They Do.

Charles Lamb once said: "B-saks think for me." So the modern home-wife may say: "Advertisement think for me." Of course, they do not render individuality of thought superfluous; they have not set aimed to that perfection. But they have advanced so far that in many cases it is easier for a woman to find out her actual needs by turning to the morning newspapers than by overhauling her closets and her wardrobe.—Philadelphia Record.

Monday afternoon, May 10th.

The barn of Henry Likker, who lives in the Davis Green, is struck by lightning and set on fire. The barn was entirely consumed. Some cattle were in the stables, but were rescued.

Will Exhibit in Concord This Summer.

Miss Carrie McCaules, of Salisbury, is on her way home from Paris, where she has been studying porcelain miniature work under Madame Richard, one of the most famous artists in all France. Misses McCaules and Battie Alexander to this city, were companions while the latter was in the French Metropolis. Miss McCaules will visit Miss Alexander during the summer and will very likely give an exhibit of her productions, together with Miss Alexander.

Freight & Sells Best.

Show suffered the loss of Cleopatra's barge, the float of Cinda-villa, the float of S. A. Clans and the Steam College, being ram-jumped the track