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Spring is tardy in coming, blossoms and leaves are shy about putting forth in this chill weather; but very likely it will be all the better for fruits and crops. We want no untimely frost to bite our peach buds this year.

The extreme lateness of last week's issue of the PINE KNOT was due to the unruly behavior of certain pine knots in the vicinity of the editorial house. It was a fine "illumination of Tar heels" (mostly adopted); but sadly interfered with the mailing of this paper.

Since the burning of the bridge over the Pee Dee river, in South Carolina, on March 5th, Atlantic Coast Line trains have been running on this road and making their Southern connections at Hamlet. We look forward to the time, now near at hand, when we shall have a through line, better and shorter than any other. Meanwhile the people who are so anxiously seeking the malarial swamps of Florida, will do well to stop off at Southern Pines and see what our dry, invigorating air will do for them.

## VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

We hope the Village Improvement Society, which is being formed in our midst, will result in much material good to the community. A hundred things suggest themselves in the way of needed improvements, all of which seem about equally urgent; but it will probably be best not to attempt many things at once, rather doing thoroughly a very few things. These, as has been previously suggested, should be done in that part of the town which is the most conspicuous from the railroad and most frequented by visitors. We should "put our best foot forward." We would earnestly recommend, too, that we make our society one for the improvement of the villagers, as well as of the village. Let us be sure that we live up to our material improvements, that is, make the decency and order of our living conformable to the improvement in externals. Most of us are away from the people and surroundings in the midst of which we were reared, but this should be no excuse for laxity of conduct. We ought to behave all the better on that account. We are sure to be criticised here, as we were in our northern homes. And every adverse criticism on the behavior of any one of our citizens is bound to have an unfavorable effect upon our prosperity as a town. It is evident then at what point efforts for village improvement must begin. This is not an appeal to the highest

motive,—to do good for the sake of self-interest—but it is probably the most practicable. We say these things because we love Southern Pines and want to see it prosper.

Mr. S. J. Pemberton, one of the stockholders in the Yadkin Falls Manufacturing Company, informs us that business at their factory is moving right along. The machinery is kept running day and night, and sixty-two operatives are now turning out eighteen hundred pounds of spun thread on contract per day. The company is preparing to build an addition to the factory of over 100 feet in length, and by the first of July one hundred looms will be placed in position.—*Mt. Airy News.*

## SOUTHERN PINES SABBATH SCHOOL.

The Southern Pines Sabbath School has recently sent checks to the American Board of Foreign Missions and the American Home Missionary Society. The contributions of one Sabbath in each month have been devoted to Missionary purposes, and when the size of the school is considered, the amount sent away displays the generous spirit of our people. In this connection it is interesting to read the following acknowledgement from the secretary of the American Home Missionary Society.

New York, March 5, 1888.

Miss Carrie E. Wiggin,

Dear Friend:—I am unwilling that this formal receipt should go back to you without a word expressive of our gratitude, and our appreciation of the interesting facts you give concerning the state of things in your town. I can appreciate your feeling, that it is "the beginning of things", and that the gift is not large, counting in dollars and cents; but we feel that it is large, weighed in the balances of the sanctuary. These are matters that are judged by the motives of the givers rather than by the size of the gift. I think you must feel no little satisfaction in being there at "the beginning of things", laying foundations, and planting seeds whose fruits shall make happy future generations. I know the world may look upon such work as comparatively insignificant, but there is One who sees and knows all, and will reward with blessed harvests by and by. With such thoughts I have no doubt you keep up your courage and comfort your heart day by day. Neither you nor I can measure the influence you are exerting on those young and forming minds. I wish you would find some way to let every one who shared in the gift know how warmly we appreciate it here, and how sincerely we extend to them, one and all, our best wishes for their future welfare.

Most gratefully and truly yours,

A. H. Clapp.

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