

CHURCHES OF OXFORD

INTERESTING GRADUATING EX-SAY AT OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL

(By BUXTON TAYLOR.)  
Since "Religion is the only concern mortals have below," the Oxford people may well pride themselves upon the fact that one of their religious institutions antedates the incorporation and even the naming of the town, a circumstance that would seem to indicate that our forefathers were possessed with the spirit of putting first things first.

The earliest church in Oxford, the Presbyterian, was founded in 1760; the Methodist stands next in point of age, having been established in 1821; the Episcopal third, having been organized in 1823; while the Baptist is the most recently established, dating back to 1896.

In the year 1760 the Rev. Gilbert Tennent visited Oxford and established the Presbyterian church. At that time the town of Oxford was unknown and it was not until about 1855 that the town was named.

From 1812 to 1817 ministers of different denominations visited Oxford and held services. In 1817, Mr. James K. Burch, of Philadelphia, came to Oxford by the invitation of the trustees of the church. He preached here for less than a year when he resigned. No conversions under the work of Dr. Burch are recorded, although doubtless his labors were not in vain.

In March of the following year the Rev. Mr. Kollock, of Elizabeth N. J., came here and preached, and later in the year the Methodist church was fully organized with nine or ten members. Mr. Littlejohn and Mr. Lean were ordained as elders. For about a year and a half Mr. Kollock continued to preach at the village, until he was offered a position as professor of Rhetoric at the University of North Carolina.

During his stay in Oxford, the church records show that four new members were added. Between 1819 and 1821 there was no regular minister in charge of the church. But occasionally services were held in the village. In February of this year the Rev. Mr. Graham came to Oxford and preached for about a year and a half. At that time the church was in a flourishing condition.

In 1823, under the pastorate of Rev. Samuel Graham, the first building of the Presbyterian church was erected. The church continued to grow until this building was too small to accommodate the congregation, so in 1891, under the pastorate of Rev. Joseph Rennie, the large brick church which is now used was built. It was also under his pastorate that the large pipe organ was installed, largely through the efforts of Mrs. Herder Lanier.

There have been about twenty-three pastors at the Presbyterian church since its organization. The present pastor being the Rev. Samuel K. Phillips.

The Methodist church was established on December the twenty-fourth 1821. Mr. Thomas Littlejohn was the first pastor, and the following, as trustees of the Methodist church: William Bammer, John Glenn, Thomas Booth, Nathaniel Taylor and Joseph B. Littlejohn. The property of this church was part of the land on which Dr. Cannady's house now stands.

This lot became the site of a nice new church, with one door and a few windows, which though small were larger than those of the old church.

Prayer meetings were held every Tuesday night, and were so arranged that the different denominations held them in turns. Mr. Hays was elected Superintendent of the Sunday School and for forty years, with the exception of a period of about four years which was served by Dr. Fort and Mr. Peace, filled this position with honor and fidelity.

A few years later, the congregation having again outgrown its quarters, another new church was built on Main street on the lot adjoining the lot of Miss Lela Routon. In 1902 this church was sold to the Baptists and the records of it for the first ten or fifteen years are no longer in existence. The Rev. Mr. Vaughan collected a few records, such as baptism, confirmations, and marriages, but these are torn and unreadable.

COL. H. G. COOPER OPTIMISTIC

PREDICTS AN EARLY REVIVAL OF BUSINESS.

Col. H. G. Cooper is among those who believe that the European war will in the end be of vast benefit to the United States. While many of us have felt that normal conditions depended entirely upon the cessation of hostilities, Col. Cooper makes bold the assertion that the longer the European nations are under arms the better it is for the American people. He expects the war to continue for many years; in fact, he thinks that the real, bitter prolonged war will not begin until they begin to divide the war zone among the contending nations.

We had it in mind all along that the warring nations long ago had stipulated and agreed among themselves as to their boundary lines when Germany has been whipped and humiliated, but if such a compact does not exist, Col. Cooper's views on a thirty year war is doubtless correct in that it would be the survival of the fittest.

Col. Cooper expects a good strong revival of business this fall. He says that everything is ripe for business, and when it does come there will be no doubt about it.

Col. Cooper referred to the fact that cotton, the commodity that suffered most at the beginning of the war, is climbing back to normal, and when it does come there will be no doubt about it.

MISS LASSITER TO WED

The Marriage Ceremony Will Be Performed in Washington

Invitations as follows have been issued:

Mr. Robert Walter Lassiter requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of his daughter, Katharine Leigh

to

Miss Katharine, the bride-to-be, is the daughter of Mr. R. W. Lassiter, which beloved in Granville county now residing in Washington City. She has resided in Oxford all of her life, up to the time her father accepted a position in the Treasury Department at Washington a year ago. She is an excellent pianist, a young lady and highly cultured and is popular in Washington society.

Mr. Simmons is a practicing attorney in Washington, where he has always been, being a son of Mr. Leo Simmons, the celebrated Washington lawyer, that same name.

The good people of Oxford will reluctantly give up Miss Lassiter, who they have known all her life.

A TALENTED YOUNG LADY

Miss Fannie Webb at Home From New York

A CRUDE DRUG HOUSE

RARE OPPORTUNITY FOR A PAYING BUSINESS.

There Are An Abundance of Medical Plants in Granville County, We are Told.

We are glad to see the minds of the people being turned to an opportunity of wealth that could be developed with but a little patient attention. A farmers Bulletin by the United States Department of Agriculture devoted entirely to drug plants with which this section abounds, giving proper directions for their cultivation, harvesting, distillation and marketing is on our table.

It is claimed that there are many flowers and plants in this section that have medicinal virtues. Arnica is first alphabetically and in the order of popularity. Arnica could be added by the gardeners who may have a marshy plot convenient.

Where is the school boy who has carried a piece of calamus root in his trouser's pocket, or had some fun by the aid of catnip? The golden pennyroyal is generally regarded as of no earthly account except to place in the head of a bride to keep the flies from bothering the horse, yet in Cabarrus county a few years ago, says the Charlotte Observer, an untutored negro, through the skill of some one construction supplied the druggists of Charlotte with oil of pennyroyal, and through that industry amassed a snug fortune. That being true, what might be done with the medicinal plants in this section?

DR. MEYER AND FAMILY

Well-known Dentist to Settle in Oxford

It is with deep regret that we are compelled to chronicle the intention of Dr. D. C. McIver to move his family to Oxford about the first of July.

ALL-STAR BASE BALL TEAM

VISITORS WILL SEE FINE GAME

MRS. SUE FLEMING DEAD

A Noble Creedmoor Lady At Rest

THE GET-TOGETHER DINNER

VIRGINIA ICE CREAM AND NATIONAL HIGHWAY TEA

We would suggest that the Merchant's Association, the Granville Commercial Club, the bankers, the preachers, the Civic Club and the trades people and a whole lot of farmers have a "Get-Together-Dinner" everything on the table to be produced in Granville County.

Everything on the bill of fare must come from Granville and we would suggest the following: Providence Celery, Stovall pickles, Bowling Mountain Olives, Creedmoor Slice Turkey, Enon Green Peas, Wilton Asparagus, Dutchville Plain Cake, Oak Hill Layer Cake, Virginia Vanilla Ice Cream, Tally Ho Cheese, Oxford Wafers, National Highway Tea, North Oxford Coffee, South Oxford Pure Milk

BUYS CONTROLLING INTEREST

MR. HILLMAN CANNADY HEADS TAYLOR-CANNADY BUGGY CO.

MR. N. H. CANNADY

CAPITALISTS VISIT OXFORD

THE OXFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

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PRISONER CAPTURED

OPPOSED TO MARINES

FINE PROGRAM

THE MUSHROOM CITY

MEN AND BOYS ARE LEAVING THE COUNTY.

A conservative estimate places the number of men and boys who have deserted Granville county for the magic city at the juncture of the James and the Appomattox at not less than one hundred. It is stated that no person who inquires for work is denied employment at a living wage. That all may be so, and it is so in the harvest fields of the West, but it is of short duration.

OUR SILVER CORNET BAND

IT WILL BE FIRST-CLASS OR NONE AT ALL

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THE JOLLY YOUNG SALTS

THEY STRUCK A ROCK IN ROANOKE RAPIDS.

(By An Inseparability.)  
The voyage of the four sailors down Roanoke river came to a sudden close Thursday when the boat was turned over in the midst of the Rapids near Roanoke Junction, a few miles short of Weldon the intended destination. John Stedman, a pilot, having run the boat at a high rate of speed straight into a rock fifteen feet high, the other officers covered themselves with glory; Edward Ballou, Captain, deserting the ship and being the first to get to land; Basil Horsfield, steward, opening a can of sardines for dinner upon the bank; and Elliott Cooper, Commissaire, stating that no more supplies would be "kneaded."

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TOURISTS PLEASED WITH THE PATRIOTIC COLORS

Land Values More Than Doubled in Many Places on the Popular Thoroughfare.

The National Highway is progressing in a very encouraging manner, according to Captain Winslow's statement, and Captain Winslow is receiving all along his division between Richmond and Fayetteville. New roads, he says, is constantly being built into the main highway, and will be more and more numerous. Tourists will incline to turn into these new roads, especially if they are well constructed, for the inclination is naturally to think the best road is the one that has the government's sanction. The blazing of the Highway with patriotic colors is placed with a view of enabling the tourists to stay on the main highway in a single day.

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