

We Are Very Busy

Opening Up Our NEW Spring Stock!

But we will have time to show it to you whenever you call, and understand, please, that when we say show we don't mean that you will have to buy.

Our different lines this season are the most beautiful we have ever shown. We don't generally do business at a loss, but our profit road this year is a narrow gauge one and its branches extend to every department of our store.

Our buyer has just returned from the Northern markets happy in the possession of the largest and most desirable spring stock that has ever graced our store. The goods are arriving on every train. We wish to call special attention to our

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At our store. Come and inspect our stock and you cannot fail to find something to please you.

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SHOES, DID YOU SAY?

Why yes we have them and the handsomest line you have ever seen. We have them to fit all feet, at all prices, for men, women, children. Come and see them.

Millinery Department!

Miss Wellman, our milliner, assisted by Miss Annie Booth, is now hard at work getting ready for the event of the season. As you know, almost anybody with fingers the least bit deft can buy a cheap frame, a yard or so of velvet, a ribbon or two, put them together and dub the result a hat. But the verdict of womanhood is that it's better to let good milliners do the work, so if you want an up-to-date hat trimmed by an expert, you'll have to come to headquarters, for we will quit selling when we quit excelling. "Do you hear?"

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If You Have A HEADACHE in the MORNING you will "Have Such Gladness" if you will drink Red Raven Splits.

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OXFORD SEMINARY FOR GIRLS.

Commencement of this Famous School Began Monday Night.

The Oxford people feel proud of the now widely known Oxford Seminary for girls so admirably and successfully presided over by Prof. F. P. Hobgood, the peer of any educator in the State or the South, and hence deep interest is always felt in the commencement exercises which always brings a large number of visitors to Oxford. The programs are always entertaining and instructive and admirably carried out in each department of the school, as Prof. Hobgood always surrounds himself with the best faculty obtainable, and hence the great success of the school. Monday evening the commencement began and in spite of the inclement weather the Chapel was packed to enjoy an evening with the darling little girls, who with their bright faces and tastefully dressed looked the picture of loveliness. The program proved quite an entertaining one and each one of the girls showed that they had received most excellent training, and the music, recitations, and songs were charmingly rendered, and they were warmly applauded. Those who contributed to the enjoyment were: Lizzie Hancock, Camelia Brooks, Fannie Webb, Sula Broughton, Mamie Royster, Mary Webb, Emma McCullen, Pearl Taylor, Edna White, Pearl Chantam, Mary McCullen, Annie Willis, Mittie Taylor, Oza Taylor, Hester Kent, Jessie Callis, Alene Cooper, Zula Mitchell, Annie Shore, Nannie Bass, Foy Olive, Nora Smith, Gibson Howell.

One among the best things on the program was the "Six Little Grandmas," and acted to perfection. The costumes certainly represented the dear old time grandmas, which are dear to many of our hearts, carrying us back to the days of "Auld Lang Syne."

The Baccalaureate Sermon was preached Tuesday evening before the young ladies in the Chapel instead of the Baptist church on account of the rain by Dr. Hubbard, the gifted and fine looking pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle at Raleigh. His subject was "Keep Yourselves in the Love of God," and preached an exceptionally good sermon, full of deep thought, elegant in diction and full of love for the Great King. Those who were fortunate enough to hear this able divine speak in the highest terms of his able effort.

Owing to the down pour of rain Wednesday morning the Graduating exercises were postponed until this Thursday at 11 a. m., and at 4 p. m. Annual Concert in Chapel.

The sermon before the Maggie Nutt Missionary Society will be preached this Wednesday evening by Dr. R. J. Willingham, Secretary of Mission Board of Southern Baptist Convention.

This Thursday evening Dr. T. N. Ivey, the gifted editor of the Raleigh Christian Advocate, will deliver the address before the Calliopean Society in the Baptist church.

Shudders At His Past.

"I recall now with horror," says Mail Carrier Burnett Mann, of Levanna, O., "my three years of suffering from kidney trouble, I was hardly ever free from dull aches or acute pains in my back. To stoop or lift mail sacks made me groan, I felt tired, and worn out, about ready to give up, when I began to use Electric Bitters, but six bottles completely cured me and made me feel like a new man." They're unrivaled to regulate Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels, satisfaction guaranteed by J. G. Hall. Only

LOCAL BREVITIES.

GATHERED BY OUR REPORTERS.

Short Items Dealing With the News of a Week.

—We are now having the long season in May.

—Read sale of house and lot in Oxford advertised in another column.

—Mr. J. J. Medford is quite proud of the arrival of another girl at his home.

—Mrs. J. T. Critcher, who has been numbered with the sick, is much improved.

—Look up Wade H. Britt's advertisement in another column and be sure to read it.

—Dr. J. P. Stedman is having a new fence put up in front of his residence on Penn Avenue.

—Owing to the rain work on the tower of Episcopal Church is temporarily suspended.

—Mr. C. D. Ray has purchased the residence from Mr. J. F. Meadows on College street for \$3,750.

—We learn through outsiders that the Horner Commencement will take place May 29th and 30th.

—Mr. Dudley Fuller is numbered among the happy fathers in town as he has a 12-pound boy at his home.

—Work has begun on the foundation to the 18-room edition to the Barracks of Horner Military School.

—The Singing Class of the great and noble Oxford Orphan Asylum is being trained for its summer tour of the State.

—The many friends of the beloved Mr. John W. Hays will be sorry to learn that he is again confined at home on account of sickness.

—With both the physicians and ministers with us at the same time the welfare of this community cannot be in danger.—Durham Herald.

—Chief Howard has had a quiet week, but he has given the boys to understand that Howard as a citizen and Howard as an officer are quite different.

—Dr. E. T. White and Mr. Joseph S. Brown will remodel their homes this summer, and when completed will be numbered among the handsomest in town.

—Drs. Booth & Hays will build a new side and back porch to their nice office. Please to learn that these skilled gentlemen are building up a splendid office practice.

—Dr. Kilgo's plan for the evangelization of China may prove no better than the missionary idea but as this has proved a failure, it might be given a trial.—Durham Herald.

The brick work on the first story of the large storage building of Mr. J. F. Edwards has been completed, and as soon as the rainy season is over the second story will go up.

—We regret to learn that Mr. M. T. Smith, of Richmond, was attacked with appendicitis last Saturday and an operation was necessary. At last account Mr Smith was quite sick.

—Rev. F. W. Hilliard will hold service and preach in St. Peter's church, Stovall, on Sunday next May 26th at half past eleven o'clock a. m. All persons are cordially invited to attend.

—Mr. B. F. Taylor has, we regret to learn, decided to leave Oxford and east his lot with the good people of Chase City, Va., and will leave in about two weeks with his family for that place.

—The editor is in receipt of quite a lengthy communication from "one of the nine" preachers defending his position in voting against the education of the masses which will appear next week.

—Commencement exercises of Mrs. Thos. L. Booth and Mrs. Kate Hays Fleming's fine school will take place tomorrow night (Friday) at Opera House, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

—Judge Graham request us to announce to the Confederate Veterans that he could not secure a car to Memphis, and that all who desire to go can go over to Durham and join the Vets from there.

—The editor is in receipt of an invitation to attend the Anniversary Exercises of the Alumnae Association of Greensboro Female College to be held in connection with the 54th annual commencement May 28th.

—The Taylor-Cannady Buggy Co. have just turned out one of the handsomest buggies ever seen in Oxford. It was built for Mr. J. M. Curran and is a beauty, and we congratulate Manager Behlen upon the admirable taste displayed.

—The new schedule with a through train to Richmond over the Oxford & Clarksville railroad failed to materialize Sunday. The Southern takes virtually no interest in the towns on its side lines and hence our people patronage the Seaboard Railroad whenever they can possibly do.

—The walls of the New Episcopal Church are nearly completed and are of old rose color and present an attractive appearance. We regret to learn that the congregation will probably not worship in it this year on account of not being able to purchase the pews, which will cost about \$300.

Place to Get Good Flour.

—It is a well understood fact that everybody loves good biscuits and in order to have them good flour is essential, and the best place in this territory to get it is at the Roller Mills of Messrs. Day & Latta at Berea. They have a splendidly equipped plant and make high grade flour.

Resigned as Captain.

Capt. Willie Landis, who has so faithfully and efficiently served the Granville Grays as Captain has resigned, and Mr. W. A. Devin, one of our fine young lawyers, was elected by the members of the company Monday night to succeed him. We do not know whether Captain Devin has had any military experience or not, but he will soon learn and will make a capital officer.

Everybody's Magazine.

The recent solar eclipse makes timely Maximilian Foster's description of "Photographing the Sun" in Everybody's Magazine. Just how the astronomers go to work to secure negatives of the corona and Sol's spots is lucidly told. The extraordinary instruments used are described and one gathers an intelligent impression of the problems at issue which the observers are striving to solve.

A Blessing to Oxford.

—The completion of Oxford and Coast Line Railroad to connect with the Great Seaboard System would prove a money blessing to Oxford and our people would accord it their almost unanimous patronage. It is most earnestly desired that not a single obstacle will be thrown in the way of the construction as it will be worth, we believe, \$100,000 a year to Oxford.

Broke His Leg.

—Sunday morning while Mr. J. T. Critcher, accompanied by Master Fred Bradsher, was on their way to Elmwood Cemetery, on reaching the bridge near by the horse became frightened and jumped throwing young Bradsher out, breaking his left leg just above the ankle. Mr. Critcher was not hurt and carried the young man back home and called in a physician who set the limb, and the young man is doing very well.

Hicks-Johnson Nuptial.

The editor is in receipt of the following invitation:

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Hicks request your presence at the marriage of their daughter Elizabeth Wychie, to Mr. William A. Johnson, Tuesday, June the fourth, nineteen hundred and one, at two o'clock, Oxford, North Carolina.

No cards will be issued in town, but the ceremony will be performed in the Orphan Asylum Chapel.

Old Maid's Club.

—It is mooted in back-number circles that an Old Maids' Club has been organized in Oxford, and that each member will be required to keep and tenderly care for a nice, lovely, darling cat. On attending a meeting of the club, five constituting a quorum, each member will be compelled to bring their pet cat with blue ribbon tied around its neck, as this color will be adopted by club. It is thought the organization of this club will create a demand for nice back fence musicians and the price on these popular pets will likely advance. If any member desires to advertise for a choice pet we will do so free of charge.

Sentiment Changing.

—It is certainly a pleasure to the editor to learn that some of our good citizens who were opposed to a graded school begin to realize that it will prove of lasting benefit to the town. Even those who straddled the fence are coming off the top rail and talking graded school. We are glad to see it, as it is never late to do good. But Senator A. A. Hicks said it reminded him of the farmer who had too almost pull his old sow's ears off to get her to the slop trough, and then almost pulled her tail off to get her away. Of course we will appreciate their co-operation and encouragement as we have one common interest in view—that of educating the children and building up Oxford.

The Blue Birds.

The question has been raised in the Charlotte Observer as to what has become of the blue birds, and the Observer comes to their rescue in the following lines:

"No more exquisite things of beauty followed Adam out of Eden or Noah out of the ark than these little friends that have spent so long in their wing-baths in the azure that they have verily become steeped and dyed in sky-tints. We do not see so much of them as we used to in the far-ago, when we drove the cows to milking up the ill-fated lane and stooped to peer in the nest far down in the hollow of the old gate post. We do not see them now and we miss them. Give them back. These ugly little leather-colored chatters under the eaves are a horrid substitute." They disappeared when the Third Party was formed.

"LORD I COME TO THEE"

Sad Death of Mrs. John E. Wool in Oxford Friday Night.

At the Presbyterian Manse on the night of May 17th, after an illness of only one short week, the spirit of Katharine Kelly Wool, wife of Rev. John E. Wool, took its flight to realms of endless day and "entered into that rest that remaineth to the people of God."

On Sabbath morning the funeral services conducted by Rev. A. R. Shaw, of Henderson, were held from the Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock, the regular hour for church service. Rev. J. S. Hardaway and Rev. A. McCullen, pastors of the Baptist and Methodist Churches respectively, assisted in performing the last sad rites to the memory of their fellow-minister's companion.

This act of christian fellowship on their part in revoking their regular appointments was heartily commended and highly appreciated.

"We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear."

The pall bearers were Messrs. W. I. Howell, Willie Landis, S. W. Cooper, John P. Stedman, R. F. Taylor and W. E. Massenburg. Following the casket came the officers of the Oxford and Geneva churches, each one bearing beautiful flowers.

The relatives of the family from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Wool, of Portsmouth, Va., Dr. J. H. Wool, of Norfolk, Va., Prof. A. P. Kelly, of Berryville, Va., a brother, and Mrs. Henry Preston, of Tazewell, Va., a sister of the deceased.

The sympathy of the entire community was demonstrated by a large and sorrowing congregation which listened with rapt attention to most appropriate and comforting remarks from the text: Rev 14-13. From the church the services were continued to Elmwood Cemetery where loving and tearful eyes took a last lingering look at the mound completely covered with lovely floral offerings.

Katharine Kelly Wool was born June 29th, 1874, at Tazewell, Va., and was the daughter of the late Judge James P. and Josephine Kelly. At the age of 16 she united with the Presbyterian church. After a brilliant record as pupil she graduated from college with honors in regular literary course and music. Actuated by a sincere and life-long desire to be helpful to the world she engaged for several years in teaching, in which sphere, through her christian influence and earnestness of purpose, she won the unbounded love and confidence of pupils and parents. On June 27th, 1900, she was married to Rev. John E. Wool at Tazewell, Va., and accompanied him to Welch, W. Va., the field of his evangelistic labors.

Early in March she came with him to his new pastorate at this place. Rarely ever has one in so short a time so deeply endeared herself to the hearts of all who were privileged to know her. She was a woman of pre-eminently saintly character and in possession of many noble traits and queenly graces which adorned her whole life—thoroughly modest and unassuming. All who came within touch of her noble christian life were impressed with its purity and entire consecration to the Master's cause.

She was endowed with wonderful musical talent and possessed a voice of unusual culture and sweetness. She manifested great interest in her husband's work and all her plans were colored with a sincere love for the Master and His cause.

To us it seemed that a wide field of influence was open to her in our midst for which she was both mentally and spiritually well fitted and seemed so happy in her new home, but Divine Wisdom saw her work completed and called her to her reward.

"Her Pilot was at the helm and
There was no moaning of the bar
When she put out to sea,
But such a tide as moving seems
Asleep,
Too full for sound or foam
When that which drew from out the
boundless deep,
Turned again Home."

May the God of the covenant administer to the sorrowing ones the consolations of His grace (for He alone can comfort your grieving hearts) and tenderly care for the little son who will never know the tenderness and sweetness of a mother's love.

"What I do thou knowest not now
but thou shalt know hereafter."
A FRIEND.

Old Soldiers Experience.

M. M. Austin, a civil war veteran, of Winchester, Ind., writes: "My wife was sick a long time in spite of good doctor's treatment, but was wholly cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills, which worked wonders for her health. They always do. Try them. Only 25c at J. G. Hall's drug store."

—Your attention is called to the administrator's notice of C. J. Cooper in another column.

Miss Florence Newman, who has been a great sufferer from muscular rheumatism, says Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the only remedy that affords her relief. Miss Newman is a much respected resident of the village of Gray, N. Y., and makes this statement for the benefit of others similarly afflicted. This liniment is for sale by J. G. Hall.

THE CHILDREN IN THEIR GLORY.

Closing Exercises of Mrs. A. A. Hicks' Splendid Primary School.

Friday night the Opera House was packed with an intelligent and highly appreciative audience to witness the closing exercises of the splendid primary school of Mrs. A. A. Hicks. Her entertainments are always of a high order, and on this occasion this accomplished and successful teacher added new laurels to her already fine reputation as a trainer of young boys and girls and is doing a grand work in our community.

The entertainment was finely planned and admirably executed. The little girls and boys, the pride and joy of many of our homes, in their handsome and dazzling costumes gotten up for the occasion by their loving mothers, were beautiful and the hearts of the fond parents beat with joy and gladness at the admirable manner in which each one acquitted themselves. To each one of our dear little friends "Brother Britt" extends his warmest congratulations as well as to their beloved instructor.

It would be a special pleasure to us to mention each piece separately, but will forbear and only give the names of those who contributed so much to the evening's entertainment. They were James Ellington, Harvey Bullock, Willie Pendleton, Lillie Watson, Gypsy, Alma and Carl Ragland, Norma Burwell, Katie Ellis, Katie Fleming, Annie Bryan, Estelle Bullock, Grady Ragland, Lillian and Alline Minor, Hixey White, Marie Medford, Annie Crews, Ethel Clement, Louis Mitchell, Kate Parham, Josephine Brown, Nora Lynch, Oscar Ragland, Ruth Mitchell, Lonnie Mitchell, Jack Bullock, Lawrence Fleming, Isabelle Fleming, Sallie Webb, Bulah Lynch, Linwood Bryan.

The music and songs were sweetly rendered, and the beautiful Operetta, "Cinderella in Flowerland," was charmingly produced, the beautiful costumes and their sweet fairy-like wearers presented a grand transformation scene when the red light was thrown on them. They were greeted with round of applause and a shower of flowers.

"Sister" Alline Hicks, the sweet little bud and idolized 3-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hicks, was not down on program, but she completely captured the large audience by walking out on the stage bewitchingly attired and sung in a sweet, clear voice, "Old Uncle Ned." She received such an ovation she was induced to come back and sang "All Alone" to the great delight of the audience, proving by the noise they made that this darling girl was not all alone, but a glittering gem in the galaxy of beauty that adorned the stage.

Shooting Scrape.

Tuesday night about 8 o'clock Peter Charleston and Edgar Mangum, the latter having arrived the same day from Norfolk, became involved in a quarrel at the home of Florence Bass near the passenger depot, and Charleston concluded it was getting most to warm for him and run out the house. During his exit Mangum used his pistol to good effect on the rear part of Charleston's body, putting 3 bullets close to each other in the fleshy part, also one ball cut an eyelid of one of his eyes. It was a close call for our veteran barber, and is not considered dangerously wounded. Both men are colored.

When officers Howard and Turner arrived amid the down pour of rain everything was in total darkness, and were rather cautious in their movements as Mangum was drinking and well-armed. About 10 o'clock Charley Ridley, a young colored boy, said: "Give me a gun and I will go up and see what is going on." So he went and when he walked up on the porch he struck a match and found Mangum stretched out on the floor in a drunken stupor with a good pistol in right hand. He called for assistance and Mangum was lodged in jail.

Reunion Confederate Veterans, May 28-30, 1901.

On account of the Reunion of the United Confederate Veterans the Seaboard Air Line Railway will sell tickets from stations on its lines to Memphis and return at the very low rate of one cent per mile. Tickets will be sold May 25th, 26th and 27th, good to return until June 4th.

An extension of final limit to June 30th, 1901, will be granted on all Seaboard Air Line Railway tickets and on all tickets reading via that line by depositing same with Joint Ticket Agent Memphis on or before June 3rd and upon payment of fifty cents.

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ON THE WING.

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The Varied Movements of a Number of People.

—Mr. R. F. Knott was in Durham Monday.

—Prof. J. C. Horner spent Saturday in Durham.

—Miss Allie Gooch, of Stem, was in Oxford Friday.

—Prof. Van Noppen, of Durham, was in Oxford Tuesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Daniel, of Geneva, visited Oxford Saturday.

—Mr. J. B. Roller returned yesterday from a business trip to South Carolina.

—Mr. R. S. Barbour, of South Boston, Va., was in Oxford Thursday and Friday.

—Superintendent Toepelman, of Henderson Telephone Co., was in Oxford Monday.

—Rev. G. W. Green, of Morrisville, is attending the Oxford Seminary commencement.

—Misses Cheatham and Misses Parham, of near Oxford, were on our streets Thursday.

—Mr. Jessie Willford, of Berea, was in town Friday and dropped in to see the editor.

—Drs. B. K. Hays and S. D. Booth attended the Medical Convention at Durham this week.

—Mr. C. B. Leach, of Wilson, was in Oxford Monday shaking hands with his old friends.

—Mr. D. S. Gooch, of Clay, was an Oxford visitor Saturday and called on the Public Ledger.

—Mrs. T. A. Hester and son, of Stovall, were in Oxford Monday and called to see the editor.

—Mr. G. T. Patton, of Florence, S. C., was in Oxford Thursday shaking hands with his friends.

—Mrs. W. C. Tyree, of Durham, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Curran on High street.

—Mrs. Gordon and children, of Clarksville, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Ury on College street.

—Miss Bettie Hunt has returned from Peace Institute accompanied by Miss Sauls of Norfolk, Va.

—Miss Hettie Lyon returned Saturday from Lottsburg Female College to the pleasure of her many friends.

—Senator A. A. Hicks and Mr. Wm. Harrison were over on the Southside appearing in a Magistrate's trial Tuesday.

—Miss Douglas, who has been on a visit to Mrs. Louis de Lacroix, returned to her home in Massachusetts a few days ago.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Gooch, of Hester, were in Oxford Friday shopping, and the editor had the honor of a visit from them.

—Judge W. T. Clement, who has just been re-elected Mayor of Scotland Neck for 2 years, is on a visit to his old home, and his host of friends are according him a hearty welcome.

—Rev. R. B. Owens, and Rev. Francis Hilliard, Miss Mary Horner, Miss Margaret Hilliard, Mrs. Louis de Lacroix, Mr. R. W. Lassiter and Prof. J. C. Horner are attending the Episcopal convention now in session at Durham.

—Rev. Gabriel Johnstone, of Welland, Ontario, Canada, is visiting his sister Mrs. Francis Hilliard. He conducted the services at St. Stephen's church Sunday, and preached a very fine sermon to the pleasure of the large congregation.

—Mr. R. W. Lassiter returned Saturday from a several weeks sojourn in New York City. While there he took in the great Exposition at Buffalo and says it is the grandest ever held in this country and everybody should go and see it.

—Dr. F. R. Harris a prominent and successful physician of Henderson, was on our streets Friday and the editor was pleased to receive a visit from him. He congratulated us upon the election for graded schools, and said only 3 white men in Henderson voted against education of the masses.

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