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EASTER SUNDAY IN SALISBURY

Clear Skies and Sunshine Are
Fitting Accompaniment to
Day's Joyous Spirit

CHURCH SERVICES

Elaborate Music at 1st Metho-
dist in Morning and Chil-
dren's Exercises at Night

Easter morning dawned clear and bright and as the sun rose higher in the heavens it became apparent that the gentler sex could wear its new thin dresses and light straw hats without fear or favor and so there was a gorgeous display of rainbow colors making many a masculine heart beat faster under his new spring coat.

In all the churches all of which were filled to the doors, especial attention was paid to the origin of the day and the Resurrection was the theme of most of the sermons. The music was arranged for the occasion and in almost every church was given more prominence than is usual.

Excelling the rest in the elaborateness of its musical programme was the First Methodist church, where it was unanimously conceded by the immense congregation to be the finest Easter music ever heard in Salisbury. The four numbers presented a series of tonal pictures of the Resurrection, leading up to the Apotheosis, and was a triumph of artistic conception. It was the work of Miss Hattie Crawford who presided at the organ and brought forth such melody as has rarely been heard. The quartette consisted of Mrs. E. E. Kephart, soprano; Mrs. R. H. Matthews, contralto; James Rideout, bass and R. H. Matthews, tenor, and had been carefully trained so that their splendid voices were in the utmost harmony. It were invidious to single out any of the quartette for special mention as each contributed so much to the general delight, and it can only be said that the solo by Mrs. Kephart was a revelation even to those who had previously heard her full, rich soprano.

The programme:
Anthem—"Magdeline," George William Warren; the quartette.

Anthem—"How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me, Oh Lord?" Carl Pfeiffer; the quartette.

Solo—"The Three Visions," Mrs. E. E. Kephart.

Anthem—"King All Glorious," Barney; the quartette.

The Children's Service
At night the Sunday school of the First Methodist church took possession of the service for their Easter exercises. The church had been elaborately and tastefully decorated by the younger ladies of the congregation for both morning and evening services, with palms, potted plants, spirea, ferns and hydrangeas and they served a double purpose, adding beauty and impressiveness to the exquisite music in the morning and making a charming scene at night in combination with the fresh young faces of the pupils of the school. The large auditorium was packed and though extra seats were brought in, standing room was at a premium. With the exception of congregational singing, prayer and scripture reading by Dr. Rowe and a few remarks by Superintendent Summersett, the entire service was devoted to the children. As, the little girls clad in white, they marched back and forth among the flowers, they made a series of inspiring pictures, symbolic of the purity which the Easter tide always suggests. They had been

VAGUE RUMORS OF SEA FIGHT

Sight of Japanese Man of War Badly Damaged Lends Color to Unverified Report of Battle

NO NEWS FROM TOKIO OR ST. PETERSBURG

Gen. Kuropatkin Resigns as Commander of Second Manchurian Army--Gen Kaulbers Succeeds Him

LONDON, April 25.—The Reuter Telegraph Company announces that a German cruiser reports sighting a number of Japanese warships in the straits of Formosa, one vessel being badly damaged. A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Tokio says there is an unconfirmed report that the fleets have commenced a battle but inquiry at the naval department failed to elicit any definite information.

A telegram from St. Petersburg says that it is denied in the Russian capital that there has been a naval engagement. LONDON, April 25.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from St. Petersburg says that Gen. Kuropatkin has resigned the command of the second army in Manchuria. Gen. Kaulbers takes Kuropatkin's place.

carefully trained by the Misses Nettie Plummer, Laura Rowe, Pearl Monroe, Ethel Northern and Nellie Moyle, and the effect of the training was seen in the perfect manner in which the exercises were carried out. Miss Hattie Crawford was organist. The programme was as follows: Song—Easter Greeting—by Children Recitation—Now We Tell the story—Miss Ida Benson. Scripture lesson and prayer—Dr. J. C. Rowe. Song—Hear Our Prayer—by Children. Recitation—An Easter Wish—Miss Eloise Summersett. Recitation—In the Breaking of Day—Miss Nellie Rabe. Hymn—Christ is Risen—Congregation. Recitation—Easter Tidings—Verrine Maupin. Recitation—Sleeping Flowers and Song—Lovely. Easter Lilies—Infant Class. Recitation—Voices of Spring—Edward Bostian. Recitation—Christ is Risen, and Flower Chorus—Thirteen little girls. Dialogue—Edward Bostian, Frank Ridehour, Vivian Ross, Ester Shuping. Recitation—Lilies of Easter Tide—Miss Irene Collet. Song—Now is Christ Aroused—Children. Recitation—An Easter Prayer—Miss Belle Shaver. Song—Easter Belles of Gladness—Choir. Talk—Supt. W. B. Summersett. Collection. Song—In Cavalry—Choir. Song—When we Waken in the Morning. Doxology—Children.

DAUGHTERS OF CONFEDERACY
There will be a meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at the Central hotel. Business of importance, including the coming festival week will be discussed and every member is urged to be present. Mrs. J. S. Henderson, Pres.

THE ELKS BALL
The Elks' Ball last night was the event of the season and justly enjoyed by all. Members of this lodge in Salisbury have a way of doing things in the most approved style and when a thing is undertaken by them it is conceded in advance to be a brilliant success. Road The Sun—The People's Paper.

COMMENCEMENT. AT CRESCENT Closing exercises to be held May 17-18. Cards have been received, reading as follows: The faculty and students of Crescent Academy and Business College, Crescent, N. C. request the honor of your presence at the annual commencement exercises, May 17-18, 1905. Programme: Wednesday, May 17, 4:00 p. m. Art Exhibit Wednesday, May 17, 8:30 p. m. Declaimers from Societies Philmathean; C. J. Mitchell, J. H. Culp, A. J. Thomas, Jonas Bame, B. L. Phillips. Demosthenian; Myron Fisher, E. L. Anger, Jamie Pritchett, J. C. Peeler, G. A. Morrow. Thursday, May 18. 11:00 a. m. Literary Address Rev. R. T. Vann, D. D. Raleigh, N. C. 2:30 p. m. Graduating Exercises Delivery of Diplomas Presentation of Medals 8:30 p. m. Annual Entertainment Class Roll: Class Motto "Ubung macht den Meister" Willie C. Lyerly, Manius C. Barnhardt, Marvin M. Swain, Henry C. Park, Pless D. Brown Marshals J. C. Peeler, Chief G. A. Morrow J. H. Culp E. T. Hart W. A. Carpenter

LOCAL BRIEFS
The Hon. H. B. Varner of Lexington was in this city yesterday. G. W. Garland, Esq., went to Gafney, S. C. last night, on a business trip. J. M. Peeler of Albemarle, spent Sunday in the city the guest of his father. Chas. Brown, the shoe man left Monday night for Lynchburg, Va., on a business trip. Mrs. J. P. Hannah, who has been spending some time in Winston-Salem, is in Salisbury for the day, the guest of her daughter, Miss Cornelia Hannah. Advertise in The Sun, it pays

IN MEMORIAM

HENRY REEVES

To all mankind there comes one time when his measure is taken, and correctly, by his fellow-men. Despite funeral eulogies, tombstone inscriptions, kind words of sorrowing friends, if a man has not led a life which has been a benefit to the world, at his death is the truth made manifest. Conversely, if he has led a godly, upright and sober life, it is none the less true that when the current of life has ebbed away, then the fullest realization of his virtues comes to those left behind.

Yesterday evening there gathered in the First Methodist church an assemblage of hundreds of people who had come to pay the last honors to one whom they had loved. The church was crowded and every seat was filled. There were present men and women of high and low degree. On the one side sat men of wealth, of prominence, of public station, women of refinement, of culture, of all that the world holds in esteem. On the other side sat an equal number of those who, to serve some inscrutable purpose of Providence, have been appointed to serve. And of all the assemblage, white or black, man or woman, there was not a head that was not bowed in sadness, not an eye that was not dimmed with grief. It was such a scene as is usually associated with the death of men who have held great position in the world of statecraft or of finance yet it was in honor of a man whose position had been humble, and whose skin was black.

For eight and fifty years Henry Reeves was sexton of the First Methodist church, a record, as far as is known, unequalled in the United States, certainly unequalled in North Carolina. Coming to the position as a boy of sixteen, he lived far beyond his allotted three score and ten, and in all that time, longer than nine tenths of the human race lives, his life was devoted to doing his duty as he saw it, and doing it well. And the faithfulness, the kind-heartedness of the man made him known and loved by all Salisbury. The position of sexton was dignified by his incumbency. For over half a century naught but illness ever kept him from his post nor is there a record of his ever having slighted his work or sulked over his task. To the members of the church he was "Uncle Henry," scores knowing him by no other name. He was a member of the church and on occasion was asked to pray at the weekly prayer meetings. On the Sundays when communion was served, after the other members had partaken the aged sexton came forward and knelt alone to receive the bread and wine.

A few weeks ago the old man was taken ill and it was known that he could not live. Somehow, the bell did not ring with its usual sweetness, there was something missing from the services. On Saturday night, surrounded by his family, having been tenderly ministered unto by some of his white friends who had revered him from childhood, he passed into the Great Beyond.

At the funeral yesterday afternoon the Easter decorations still remained and the casket was covered with flowers sent by members of the church. An eloquent tribute was paid by Dr. Rowe, the pastor, who pointed out that there was an instance of the triumph of character. The Rev. Mr. Farrington, pastor of the Second Methodist church, assisted at the services. The music was especially arranged by Miss Hattie Crawford, and the choir, composed of Mrs. E. E. Kephart, Mrs. D. M. Miller, and the Messrs. Steven-

MYSTERIOUS MURDER IS COMMITTED

Young Boy Shot Down and Instantly Killed Sunday Night

SHOT AS HE WAS MAKING THE ROUNDS

No Solution of the Mystery has Yet Been Discovered--Officers Working On the Case.

One of the most mysterious killings that ever occurred in Salisbury is that of young Jack Canup, the 13 year old son of James Canup.

The boy was acting as night watchman at Rices lumber yard, was shot while making his rounds at 10 o'clock. Several theories have been advanced but the mystery is as deeply shrouded now as it was at the time of the shooting.

The sound of the pistol shot awoke the boy's father who was asleep nearby and who upon going out to see what the trouble was, found his son lying in a pool of blood.

The bullet entered the right eye and penetrated the brain; and death was instantaneous.

About the only theory that is given credence is that some one was in hiding in one of the buildings and when the boy appeared with the light was afraid of detection and shot to save himself.

Another theory is that some one was shooting promiscuously and that a random shot struck the lad.

That some cowardly ruffian was the perpetrator of this deed and that he did it with full intent to kill is not doubted for a moment. All steps in the power of the proper authorities should be taken to bring the guilty party to justice.

It is reported that a white man by the name of Chas. Smith overheard a negro who was on a switch engine standing near the plant say that he had a gun and was going to kill some d—white man before morning.

He did not know who the negro was however and is therefore unable to identify him.

The strangest thing about it is that the blood hounds carried there could scent no trail at all.

The whole thing is a deep mystery and may never be solved.

TWO MORE LAWYERS

Retained in the Grubb Case Which Will be Called May 10.

T. F. Hudson and Whitened Klutz have been added to the council for the defense in the Grubb case. This case will come up May 10 and will take several days to dispose of.

Grubb has retained some of the best lawyers in the state and a legal battle, such as is seldom seen in the Rowan County Court house, will be fought.

son and McCorkle, sang the anthem "In Heavenly Love Abiding," impressive and spiritual part of the sad service. The pall-bearers were the stewards of the church he had loved and served, and as they took the inanimate clay which had been Henry Reeves out from the aisle, sobs were heard from many a member. He had asked that he might be buried from the church, but it is doubtful if the simple hearted, kindly man ever thought that his death would make so wide a gap be greeted with so much sorrow. Hosts of mourners accompanied the body to the grave, where the remains were lowered into their last resting place.

La Rochefoucauld once said, on the death of a friend, "Now he knows the great mystery," and this knowledge has come to Henry Reeves. Dust may have gone to dust, ashes to ashes, but his spirit is with the God who gave it. All who knew Henry Reeves know also that when he comes before the Great White Throne into the presence of Him who knows not race nor sect, creed nor color, with his earthly body left behind and his pure spirit further purified, he will find himself among those for whom are the many mansions.

BEAUTIFUL SUNDAY SERVICE

The Easter services at the Lutheran church Sunday night was among the best that has ever been in the city.

The church was beautifully decorated in white and a profusion of flowers and the programme arranged for the evening was excellent.

Each part of the programme was exceedingly good and the manner in which it was carried out, was surpassing beauty.

Everything about the evening service was of the highest order and those who arranged these services are to be commended for the excellence.

The congregation were highly appreciative and greatly enjoyed the services.

Following is the programme:
Voluntary.
Song of Welcome—The School.
Prayer—Rev. Boozer.
Anthem—Choir.
Recitation—Mary West.
Easter Day—Six children.
Primary Class Song with Recitation.
Lilies of Easter—(recitation) three girls.
Recitation—Rachel Pace.
Faith, Hope, Joy—Six girls.
Solo—With chorus.
Waking time—Fifteen children.
My Easter Egg—Five Boys.
Song—School.
Voices of Spring (recitation and song) three girls.
The Cross—Eight Girls.
Easter Offering.
Solo—Mrs. Chas. Brown.
Recitations—Lillian Cable.
Closing Song—School.
Benediction—Rev. C. L. Miller.