

MR. MINTER LAST NIGHT.

Godliness is Profitable His Theme—
Prof. Martin This Afternoon and
Dr. Rice Tomorrow.

Rev. W. H. Minter pastor of the Presbyterian church at Lineolton, preached in the First Presbyterian church last night to a large congregation. Mr. Minter's theme was Godliness is Profitable. Does it pay? If so, how much does it pay? These are questions that ought to be asked by every one. Godliness, said the speaker, is the most profitable thing in the world. It is being and doing like God so far as we can approach Him in our finite way. The world will tell you that Godliness is not profitable, but I tell you it pays even in this life. Mr. Minter spoke of some of the ways in which Godliness is profitable. It pays even from a financial point of view, because it begets industry, frugality and economy.

Godliness pays in point of health and long life. It means healthful and sane living, thus conserving our physical forces and promoting long life. Godliness pays in point of mentality, and it pays because of the inner consciousness of being and doing right. It is profitable in the consciousness of service to our fellowmen, in helping and serving others. It pays more because it is the best thing to have the witness of God that He is well pleased with us. The rewards of this world are as nothing to this.

Mr. Minter is an impressive speaker, and has a most pleasing voice and manner. While in Concord he was the guest of Mr. Williamson W. Morris, a member of his class at Davidson College.

This afternoon at 4 o'clock Prof. W. J. Martin, of Davidson College, will address the Chantanooga, and tomorrow morning and night Rev. Dr. Theron H. Rice, of Richmond, will preach. Both these able speakers are well known throughout the Southern Presbyterian church, and something good is in store for a. . . go out to hear him.

We wish to speak of the excellent music Chantanooga under Miss Lucy Love, the direction Harris, . . . were: Mrs. Woodhouse Morrison, Messrs. T. and J. L. . . the selections excellent, and a pleasure to all who . . .

WITH THE CHURCHES.**Associate Reformed Presbyterian.**

Sabbath school at 10 a. m. Meeting of session at 10:45 to confer with officers-elect. Ordination service at 11 a. m. At this service newly elected elders and deacons will be ordained. Preaching at 7:30 p. m. by the pastor.

First Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Theron H. Rice, of Richmond, will be at the First Presbyterian church tomorrow morning and evening. Tomorrow closes the Chantanooga week at the First church and those who have been following from day to day these most excellent services will find in Dr. Rice a man in every particular well fitted to bring them to close.

All Saints Episcopal.

Sunday being Passion Sunday there will be celebration of Holy Communion and service at 11 o'clock, conducted by the Rector, Rev. W. H. Ball. Evening prayer service at 7:30.

Only Three Things.

The Sixty Second Congress will meet in extra session next Tuesday. Its necessary work is not difficult. Only three things, says the New York World, are expected of it:

1. Pass the Canadian reciprocity bills.
 2. Untax food and clothing to reduce the cost of living.
 3. Ascertain why the United States army is massed near the Mexican border.
- A Congress that does this and nothing else, says the World, can adjourn until the first Monday in December with a clear conscience.

Held Four Aces; Then Cashed His Checks.

Spartanburg, S. C., March 31.—The realization of all poker players' dreams—to hold four aces—came to Nathan Anderson with such shocking suddenness this afternoon that he cashed in his last checks and quitted the game forever. With several other negroes, Anderson was playing a quiet game in a barn. The cards had been running cold in his vicinity, and when he skinned back the celluloids and his gaze fell upon the four biggest ones in the deck, the shock was too great. He died of heart failure in a few seconds.

Mr. Ransom Scott, of Charlotte, is visiting relatives in the county.

KIDNAPERS FORGE \$12,000 PAYMENT.

Capture Grandson of Judge Waldo at Night—Mother Offers Her Jewels.

Albuquerque, N. M., March 31.—Kidnaped at midnight from the home of his parents at East Las Vegas Wednesday night, the 2-year-old son of A. T. Rogers, son-in-law of Judge H. T. Waldo, general counsel for the Santa Fe Railroad, of Kansas City, was returned to his home shortly after midnight this morning after his parents had paid the kidnapers the \$12,000 ransom demanded.

The child was found after the ransom had been paid, wrapped in a blanket lying fast asleep in an arroyo near Onawa, a remote village 11 miles north of East Las Vegas.

The kidnaping was one of the most daring in the history of the country. Four masked men entered the Rogers home at midnight Wednesday and pointing revolvers at Mrs. Rogers' head, forced her to take her baby from his crib, dress him and deliver him to them. They had evidently been watching for this opportunity for months and had taken advantage of the fact that her husband was out of the city.

Mrs. Rogers offered the kidnapers all her jewels, all her silverware and everything of value she had if they wouldn't take the child, but they refused and compelled her to deliver the baby.

As they left, the men handed Mrs. Rogers a typewritten letter of instructions. It informed her that unless she had her brother-in-law, Will Rogers, deliver to them near Onawa a package containing \$12,000 in bills by last midnight they would kill the child. The letter specified that the money sent must not be in bills of greater denomination than \$10. Mrs. Rogers was to display a light at the rear of her home at 11 o'clock last night if she had decided to pay the ransom, so that the kidnapers could be on hand to receive it and return the baby.

Deadlock in New York is Broken at Last.

Albany N. Y., March 31.—James A. O'Gorman, associate justice of the court of New York, was elected on the sixty-third joint session of the assembly as United States senator to succeed Chauncey M. Depew, thus ending the most prolonged deadlock ever known in this state.

Sheehan was the original choice of the Democratic caucus, but there were enough insurgents who refused to follow the caucus, to prevent his election and he finally withdrew. O'Gorman was one of the many new candidates to be considered. He was accepted late this afternoon by the insurgents as a compromise. Murphy, leader of Tammany, had accepted O'Gorman, when he saw that it was impossible to elect Sheehan. The vote on the joint ballot was O'Gorman, 112; Depew, 80.

Earthquake at Little Rock.

Little Rock, Ark., March 31.—Little Rock was shaken by an earthquake this morning at 10:50 o'clock. Mirrors were shaken from walls, desks and chairs in offices rolled about and windows clattered. A near panic occurred in the Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone Company.

H. F. Alciator, section director of the weather bureau, whose offices are located on the tenth floor of the Southern Trust building reported considerable sway in that building. The Union railroad station, built of heavy concrete and stone, was rocked perceptibly. Pine Bluff, Dumas and Wilmar also reported as having experienced shocks.

No serious damage has so far been reported.

Shocks were also felt at Memphis and Vielsburg.

\$50,000.00 Corporation for Winston-Salem.

The To-bac-ton Manufacturing Co. is the name of a concern now being organized in the Twin-city for the purpose of manufacturing a hair tonic under the name of To-bac-ton, in which the extract of tobacco is the germicidal property, but so compounded that there isn't the slightest trace of the odor of tobacco about it. They are placing it on the market at drug stores and barber shops under a guarantee money back plan. See coupon ad in this issue.

Debate in Seventh Grade.

The seventh grade at Central school had a debate Friday, the subject being: "Resolved, That the South had a right to withdraw from the Union."

The following were on the affirmative: Faggart Murr, Leroy Parker, Martin Bramley, David Pemberton and Brice Williford.

Those on the negative side were: Ethel Furr, Ora Honeycutt, Ruth Dry, Helen Fisher and Frances Ridenhour. The negative side won. Prof. Webb was the judge.

A SURPRISE WEDDING.

Mr. Ferguson and Miss Barrier Married Wednesday Evening.

The correspondent of the Charlotte Observer from Matthews, of March 30, has the following of interest:

"A marriage, which was a complete surprise to their most intimate friends, was solemnized at the Baptist parsonage yesterday at 7:30 p. m., the contracting parties being Mr. Lonnie B. Ferguson and Miss Opheelia Barrier. Rev. J. E. M. Davenport officiated. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. W. D. Barrier, of Rimer, and is at present engaged as music teacher at Cochrane Academy. She is a graduate of Mont Amosa Seminary and is a young woman of rare personal charm, is cultured, accomplished and deservedly popular.

"Mr. Ferguson is a son of Mr. L. A. Ferguson, a prominent farmer near this place, and is a young man of unimpeachable character and unquestionable integrity, and possesses in a large measure those elements of true worth which go to make up a noble man and an ideal citizen."

Death of Former Cabarrus Man at His Home in Mecklenburg.

Mr. William J. Penninger, a well known citizen of Mecklenburg county, died at his home five miles north of Charlotte on the Statesville road on Saturday night, March 25, at 11 o'clock. He had been sick since November last, though not confined to his bed until within the last week. The cause of his death was dropsy. He was born in 1835 in Cabarrus county in the heart of the old Dutch settlement, on little Buffalo.

Mr. Penninger headed his country's call and enlisted in the 8th North Carolina regiment, Barringer's brigade. Capt. Jonas Cook, of Mount Pleasant, was his captain. He was captured and was confined in Point Lookout for several months. Regaining his liberty, he again went to the front and remained until the close of the war. He was universally esteemed by his surviving comrades of the days of '61. He was a man of quiet and unobtrusive manner. Mr. Penninger leaves a long list of children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. His surviving children are: Mrs. Ella Boet, of Concord; A. D. Penninger, of Charlotte; Mrs. John Fisher, W. Jackson Penninger, Walter Penninger, J. C. Penninger, all of Mecklenburg county, and V. O. Penninger, of Charlotte. The funeral services were conducted Sabbath afternoon at the late home of the deceased by Rev. Mr. West, of Williams Chapel, and the interment was in the cemetery at Sugar Creek church where his wife and one child had preceded him. Mr. Penninger was a member of Sugar Creek congregation.

Imported Hay Causes Spread of a Dangerous Grass.

Stanly Enterprise.

Farmers of this State have cause to feel alarmed over the spread of a very dangerous grass or weed known as "Common Soil." It grows on the top of the ground, and resembles what is known as plantain. It covers the soil rapidly, and it is almost impossible to raise small grain where the weed grows.

Our attention was called to the matter by James A. Milton, of Route 2. Mr. Milton has made a study of the matter and had an analysis made of the weed. He says the weed is spread upon home soil through the manure, and comes from the Western baled hay. He asks the farmers of Stanly county to make their own feed as the time is coming when it will cost the farmers of the county thousands of dollars if the use of baled Western hay is persisted in.

This is a subject calling for thorough investigation on part of the Farmers' Union, and if Mr. Milton's version is correct, immediate war on this new grass should be made.

A former society woman in Washington has just been sent to the work house to serve a year for drunkenness. She pled her own case in court declaring that she contracted the drink habit from attending high-class functions where wines, etc., were served.

1,000 SLAIN IN MEXICAN BATTLE.

Rebels Dynamite Mill and Set Town on Fire—Peace Plans are Falling.

El Paso, Texas, March 31.—There is considerable anxiety here and in Juarez today over the report from Nogales San Rafael, that 500 to 1,000 have been killed or wounded in a fierce battle which has been raging for three days between Federals and insurgents near San Rafael, Sonora and in the destruction of San Rafael by fire. No confirmation of the report has come to El Paso and few details of the reported engagement are at hand, but an officer in the Government forces is quoted as saying that no fewer than 1,000 were killed and wounded on both sides.

The report is that a revolutionary force of 1,500, under Colonels Garcia, Cabral, Gandarilla, Villereal, Giron and Manago, advanced against San Rafael from Ures Mexico. They engaged a big Federal force after having blown up a flour mill on the outskirts of the town. The dynamiting started a conflagration, which is said to have spread to all parts of San Rafael, practically destroying the town.

The battle progressed while the conflagration was at its height, the revolutionists so occupying the Federal forces that they were unable to care for several scores of women and children imperilled by the fire. A number of these are said to have perished.

The Federal force of about 1,200, commanded by Colonel Barron and Colonel Ojeda, was the same as that which engaged the insurgents recently at La Colorado. The final outcome of the reported engagement is not known.

Candidates for Renomination.

Mayor Wagoner, Aldermen Brown, King, Propst and Bruton of the present administration have definitely decided to stand for re-election and will make official announcement in a few days. Pressure was brought to bear upon Aldermen Barrier and Cannon to stand for re-election but they positively decline to enter the race. Just who will enter the primaries for aldermen to succeed Messrs. Barrier and Cannon cannot be learned but it is very probable that Mr. Claude Ransom will be the one from the first ward.

There will be evening prayer service at All Saints Episcopal church this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To Be Opened in the Phifer Building in Room Vacated by Mr. A. G. Odell.

The Library Association has rented the office room formerly used by Mr. A. G. Odell in the Phifer building and the books will be moved from the school building the first of the week. A librarian will be secured and the library will be open to the public the latter part of next week. The Library Association is only three days old and has a membership of 65 members. The association most earnestly requests the co-operation of the public in sustaining the library.

The entire membership of the Betterment Association wishes to extend most hearty thanks to Mr. A. G. Odell, who most generously consented to exchange his office room for the benefit of the library. Mr. Odell will continue his office just across the hallway.

The Woman's Betterment Association is accomplishing things in Concord and re-establishing the library scores another victory for it.

Not the Cabarrus John Edwards.

Horace Edwards, who received a telegram Thursday stating that his brother, John Edwards, an escaped convict from Cabarrus county chain gang, had been killed by a train in Asheville, returned yesterday afternoon from that place and found that the man who was killed was not his brother. The telegram gave no particulars and was addressed to the father of John Edwards, of this city, and had the number of his house on the address. The man killed, it is understood, was a native of New York.

Winston Sentinel: The local department stores have samples of the new harem skirts, but so far as known not a sale has been made.

The head of one firm made the statement this morning that he purchased his "sample" for advertising purposes only, yet he proposes to present this sample to the first lady that will promise to don and wear it. Will the offer be accepted?

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