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PURE LITERATURE FOR THE HOME.

Ernest and Alexander Blance, two brothers, were hanged a few days ago in Louisiana. They were hanged for murder, and it was all a direct result of reading bad literature.

The boys were working on a farm with perhaps no thought or desire to become criminals or to harm any one. By chance they came into possession of the life of Jesse James, read it and soon resolved to become outlaws. Their first victim was an old man who had done them favors. His name was Bagnaud. They found him at his store alone one night, bound him and took \$3,300 from him, killed him by stabbing him fifteen times and then buried him on the Raleigh. farm on which they worked.

Soon they left the farm and suspicion pointed towards some other persons who barely escaped being lynched for their supposed crime. The boys went to France, then back to California, the report says, and finally, after spending the money, they drifted back to their old home in Louisiana. Suspicion rested upon them, they were arrested confessed the crime and paid the penalty at the end of a rope a few days ago. On the scaffold the older of the brothers made a speech and said his career and sins were due to bad books he had been accustomed to read.

Now, all this is a sad story, but too true, not only in the case of the Blance boys, but with many others. Doubt less these boys had read other trashy thirst and the fatal plunge was taken dent." under the ruinous influence of bad literature.

The readers of THE COMMONWEALTH will remember that the same book, the life of Jesse James, was one of the first influences that moved the Bell boys, Brantley and Credle to efforts at plunder and finally to the murder of John B. Bonner of Aurora, this State, the final result of which was the longest most noted trial of the kind in the his tory of the State, perhaps, and the sentence of those boys to thirty years in State prison.

There is no more important duty for parents than to see to it that their children have pure and wholesome literature. The young mind needs and must have something to feed upon, and if it can not find good literature it will take the bad.

allow sensational papers to come into your homes. Too often they are filled with lies, pictures that are suggestive of evil thoughts, and carry with them an influence that, before you know it, has poisoned the minds of the boys or girls with thoughts and desires of evil which otherwise would never have come to them.

The same is true of books. Many s book that at first seems harmless and innocently amusing, turns out to be harmful to the young mind. The State makes some appropriation for the education of its children, and parente make personal sacrifices in order that their little ones may learn to read; but nothing is more important than that boys and girls have the proper kind of literature. Better not read at all than to read that which is hurtful.

A NOBLE BENEFACTOR.

Dr. John C. Terrell, a native of Person county, died in Philadelphia recently at the age of nearly 80 years. He had never married, and had amase ed a fortune of \$75,000. He left \$40. 000 to the schools of Person county and additional funds for building school houses in the county.

No such donation has ever been made to the county schools by any citizen of the State. This disposition of half his large estate will be a lasting memorial to Dr. Terrell.

North Carolina needs more such liberal-hearted rich men.

TAR DROPS.

There was quite a fire in Greenville Friday night. No very great loss.

There is a prospect of a railroad from Pollocksville, in Jones county, to Kin

Steps are being taken to build a railroad from Snow Hill to some point on the Coast Line system.

ernor Russell and others is being tried gives us three physicians. at Greensboro this week.

Keel, the murderer tried in Greenville last week, submitted to a verdict in the second degree and was sentenced to State prison for twenty years.

An annex to the State penitentiary will soon be built for insane criminals. The last Legislature made an appropriation of \$3,000 annually for it.

An air ship passed over Wilmington Monday night, says the Messenger. This meeting was to have been held With field glasses persons could see wires and ropes. It carried a brilliant search light and was going westward.

was in the State last week learning something of North Carolina. They the corner of Main and Washington passed through Weldon on their way to The fine academy building at Apex

A company of New Jersey editors

was burned last Friday night. School was in session and would have closed in three weeks. It was thought to be the work of an incendiary.

WILL MAKE A GOOD OFFICIAL.

The Wilmington Messenger a few days ago printed the following complimentary paragraph of Dr. W. R. Wood, who has recently been elected the new superintendent of the insane asylum at Raleigh:

"We are of those who for more than a quarter of a century have known Dr. Wood of Scotland Neck, the new superintendent of the Raleigh Insane Asylum, and think well of his ability as physician. He is beyond fair doubt a man of good parts, acquirements and skill. It is pleasant to see that he got his place by no unworthy methods or and impure literature before they read obstructive self-seeking. He will make the Jesse James book; and the taste a good official. Dr. Kirby, who is turnfor that kind of reading grew into a ed down, made a capital superinten-

REVIVAL IN WINTON.

ondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

WINTON, N. C., April 5, 1897. The meeting conducted here last week by Rev. J. E. Huston, was one of the greatest ever held in Winton. The church was crowded every afternoon and evening.

Saturday evening the weather was rather inclement, and the members of the church expected but few would attend but they soon learned that the inclement weather kept few away. They came out with their lanterns in such great numbers that they reminded one in the distance of an army of fire flies. Mr. Huston preached sixteen sermons during the week.

There were several professions during the week. All seemed to be concerned about their souls' salvation. Saturday evening the doors of the church were opened and eight were received for Beware, therefore, parents, how you baptism, and several more united by letter. The baptizing took place Sunday at 3 o'clock p. m. at the Winton ferry. There was a large crowd assembled to witness the solemn ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Samuel Saunders, pastor of the Winton Chowan Baptist church.

> The meeting closed Sunday night. Mr. Huston left here Monday for Murfreesboro, where he will conduct another series of meeting this week.

to Norfolk last Wednesday. Rev. L. M. Curtis of Aulander spent

several days in town last week. Rev. J. K. Fant of Ahoskie attended

the meeting. Mr. C. A. Sharp of Harrellsville visiting Mr. L. C. Cullens.

Miss Georgia Little and Miss Lena Picot, both of Camo, are visiting the fice has not been filled as yet. Mr. D. R. Britton and sister attended

the meeting last week. menced fishing at Barfield's beach Mon- lady every sunday evening.

Mr. J. O. Askew of Harrellsville was in town Sunday. A. D. Ward, Esq., went to Murfrees

Miss Henriettia Vann of Como visiting her sister Mrs. L. D. Boone.

Rosebud Tobacco is the best.

THE WAKE FOREST STUDENT April is before us and is a bright number of that excellent college magazine. Among the interesting papers in the current number is an article on Gettysburg by Mr. J. D. Hufham. Jr.

MATTERS RELIGIOUS IN PLYMOUTH.

ndence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

PLYMOUTH, N. C., April 5, 1897 Rev. B. H. Melton, Disciple minister, conducting a series of meetings in our town. Thus far five have been received for baptism.

Dr. Chas. Jackson, formerly of Gates-The railroad injunction against Gov- make it his permanent home. This to Mr. S. A. Jenkins, a prosperous

> Plymouth has now no newspaper and no first-class school. Both are sadly needed. A town that can boast of such schools and such a newspaper as Scotland Neck can and ought to be profoundly grateful. But I suppose even in Scotappreciate their blessings.

Rev. Jno. T. Edmondson of Littleton is to conduct a series of meetings at the Baptist church beginning April 19. some time ago but was postponed on account of sickness and bad weather. Mr. Edmondson sustains the reputation of being a most excellent preacher.

The Disciples have bought a lot on streets upon which they expect soon to week. Up till this they have had no church in this town.

NEWS FROM NASH COUNTY.

Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.]

For several weeks until yesterday we have had open weather, the farmers have been busy at work, ploughing and making preparation for planting.

An immense quantity of guano has been hauled from our town and yet a great deal more to be carried away, judging from the quantity we see taken from the cars and stored in the guano

since the recent dry spell have improved very much.

There are several houses now being built. Mr. C. B. Brantley, one of our enterprising merchants, is having a very neat house built which when completed will be occupied by Mr. A. P. Creech, R. R. Agent who on the morning of the 24th of March last led to the charming and accomplished daughter Commonwealth" may leave the impresof J. R. Lewis of our town. The cere- sion that there are two papers publishmony was performed in the M. E. church which was beautifully decorated at the hour of 7, a. m. Quite a number accompanied them to the depot where they took the train for Washington City. Rev. Mr. Jerome of Fremont officiated.

Norman, departed this life. Mrs. Northe Methodist church for many years. of order.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs W. H. Pearce died April 2nd after a few hours sickness.

On yesterday at 2:30 p. m. the funold home near Spring Hope by. Rev. being a member of Morning Star Lodge Now & THEN.

TILLERY TIPS.

TILLERY, N. C., April 5, 1897.

A colored train hand named William Moore tried to walk on air between two freight cars last Thursday. He was taken to Kinston with a broken arm.

Friday evening a fire broke out in the mixing room of the N. C. Lumber Co. It had gained some headway before it was discovered, but good work Mr. W. P. Shaw made a short visit by the newly organized fire department

quickly subdued it. The town commissioners met last Friday and drew up the ordinances by which this town will be governed hereatter. Mr. T. B. Higgins was elected town clerk and treasurer. There are AND GENERAL MARBLE AND several applicants for the position of town constable, but this important of-

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> ROUNDER. Watch the crowd at Whitehead's Drug store buying Dixie Nerve and Bone Liniment. Best on earth for Pains, Strains, Rheumatism and every-

thing where a first class Liniment is required. For man and beast.

The town of Lumberton has again S t 1 been stricken by the fire fiend. Only few months ago the town lost a great many houses by fire, and last week Dried apples there was another conflagration that lestroyed \$100,000 worth of property.

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A BRILLIANT MARRIAGE AT EVERETTS.

JENKINS-ADAMS.

Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.

WILLIAMSTON, N. C., April 5, '97. On Wednesday, March 24, at the Baptist church at Everetts, Miss Florence Adams, the lovely niece of Mrs, ville, N. C., has moved to Plymouth to T. H. Bailey, was united in matrimony young business man of Ayden.

The church was tastefully decorated with evergreens and cut flowers. Messrs. Zeb. Lane and Emmet White

ley acted as ushers. The ceremony was performed at 4 p. m. by Rev. G. L. Finch. As the land Neck there are men who do not joyous strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march floated out on the air, the bridal party marched down the aisles in the following order: Miss Lizzie Salisbury and Prof. E. B. Grantham; Miss Lena Andrews and Leon Burrows; Miss Jennie Burrows and Mr. White: Miss Myrtie Whitley and Frank Burrows: Miss Gertude Everett and Corneluis James : Miss Beulah White and Mr. Allen; Miss Nellie Simpson and Albert Coffeld; Miss Mittle Coffield and Paul Simpson; Miss Daisy White and Dr. Nelson, followed in the left aisle by erect a house of worship. I am inform- little Miss Ida Bailey and in the right ed that they will organize a church this afsle by Master Willie Holland, bearing lighted tapers.

Just after the former, came the bride, leaning on the arm of the maid of honor, Miss Ida Adams, her sister. They were met at the altar by the groom supported by his best man, Mr. Jenkins, his brother.

After the ceremony, the bride and groom left for their new home in Ay- 2 25 tf

The popular young couple received a number of beautiful and useful pre-

The News & Observer persists in credit ing what it takes from this paper to the The roads have been awfully bad but Scotland Neck "Democrat." We again call attention to the fact that this paper changed its name 18th of last June from "The Democrat" to "The Commonwealth," the name it bore when we were first connected with. We hope all our exchanges will note this. For tains 3x7 feet 18c, 4x9 feet 42c, 4x10 one paper to speak of The Scotland teet 45c. Curtain drapery yard wide 5c. Men's laundered shirts with cuffs Neck "Democrat" and another of "The and collar 33c, 38c. Oil cloth floor mats 3x4 feet 25c. 75 styles Hamburg dealer write us for prices. ed in Scotland Neck, which is not true.

HOW TO FIND OUT.

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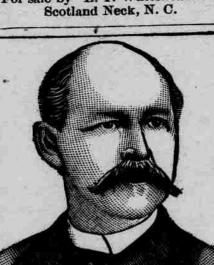
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