

PRESENT TOKEN OF HIGH ESTEEM

Dr. R. L. Kendrick makes Happy Speech in Presenting Mark of Sunday School's Appreciation to E. F. Aydtlett.

Blackwell Memorial Sunday School last Sunday presented its superintendent, Mr. E. F. Aydtlett, with a handsome gold medal.

The occasion was the re-election of Mr. Aydtlett by the Sunday school to the office of superintendent—a position which he has held for the last four years.

Speaking of Mr. Aydtlett's work in the Sunday School Dr. R. L. Kendrick who made the speech of presentation said:

"A stranger coming into the Sunday school is perhaps more forcibly impressed with the size of the school than with any one thing, and after he watches its perfect machinery—the workers—he is further struck with the completeness of its organization, with the unity and harmony of service, with the zeal and enthusiasm that each individual brings to the work, and begins to wonder how it was brought about."

In seeking an explanation of the unity of purpose that pervades the atmosphere of this school, I recall the remarks of your superintendent on last Sunday morning to two young boys to whom he was delivering presents from their teacher for regular attendance during the past year. The superintendent said that the regularity of these boys was significant for three reasons. It implies that there was implanted in the lives and characters of these boys the principles of promptness, a will of determination, and a consciousness that they were engaged in a just and rightful cause, worthy of their time and efforts.

"These remarks must have fallen upon your ears with greater emphasis than they could have been spoken by any other person in your midst. For the members of this school could not have failed to recall the many occasions when Mr. Aydtlett was far distant from Elizabeth City on a Saturday afternoon, his mind turned back to his Sunday school at home; but he did not stop there; he determined to be there, he chose to inconvenience himself in various ways, spent wakeful and uncomfortable nights, and made other personal sacrifices in order that he might be present at his post of duty on Sunday morning. This is the true sense of promptness that requires each and every one to lay aside personal conveniences, to arouse himself from physical comforts, and, even though weary and tired at times, to answer duty's call.

"For four long years your superintendent has guided your labors, at the head of this Sunday school. He has rendered you a noble and untiring service. You gave him a task out of which he has made a joy and a pleasure. In electing him to this position of

GOOD WORK FOR RED CROSS

Mr. W. G. Gaither, treasurer of the Elizabeth City Red Cross Fund, sent in \$224.00 to the Society's headquarters at Washington, D. C., yesterday. Elizabeth City people have responded liberally in making Red Cross contributions this year already, but it is thought that still others may wish to make personal contributions. Any so desiring may turn his contribution over to Mr. W. G. Gaither at the First National Bank, and it will be promptly sent to the proper authorities.

ENTERTAINMENTS POSTPONED.

On account of bad weather the Christmas entertainment at Riverside chapel, which was to have been given last night, will be given on tomorrow night.

The entertainment at Blackwell Memorial church annex, which was to have been given by the church on Wednesday evening, will now be given on Thursday evening, and will be with its usual program.

The public is cordially invited to attend these Christmas entertainments. The young people have received careful training and very valuable experiences are expected.

HOSPITAL OPENS NEXT WEEK.

The date of the opening of the Elizabeth City hospital has been set. Thursday, January 7th is the day, and already patients are planning to go to this institution for treatment.

The building will be open to visitors on January 2nd, and from that time until the 7th a general reception to the public will be given. Though a private institution this hospital, in the larger sense, belongs to the people of this city and section and they feel a pride in its completion and splendid equipment.

LOST OR STOLEN

I large Iver Johnson bicycle equipped with Morrow Coaster, high handlebars and Spring Seat. Liberal reward if returned to the ADVANCE OFFICE. dec 22 29 jan 1.

Let ZOELLER make a photo group of the entire family while they are at home for Christmas. —(adv.)

trust and responsibility, you have truly conferred upon him an honor worthy of the name, the honor of leading and guiding a band of christian soldiers onward toward the cross. But the heart of this people is not satisfied with this honorary recompense; it feels that its love and esteem is not fully expressed. As a further evidence of their gratitude, the School has selected a beautiful gold medal, and Mr. Superintendent, it gives me great pleasure, in behalf of this Sunday school, to present to you this token of their respect and appreciation for their respect and appreciation for the noble service that you have so faithfully and cheerfully rendered in their midst."

NEWSY ITEMS TOLD IN BRIEF.

Some of the most interesting Happenings in and around Elizabeth City Since Tuesday of Last Week.

Hardly has there been seen in Elizabeth City a more quiet Christmas than that of the year just closing.

Until the day before Christmas the streets were crowded with merry-makers, and on that morning, despite the bad weather, shoppers flocked to town and to the stores. But by Christmas Eve the bad weather had grown bad enough to dampen the ardor of even the most hardy holiday shopper, while Christmas eve was a fitful one, and the day following was a quiet one.

A number of marriages were celebrated on Christmas afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Blodgett were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Blodgett, and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Blodgett were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Blodgett.

Thomas Watson of Weicksville, before Judge Sawyer on charge of larceny yesterday was put under bail in the sum of \$1,000.00 for his appearance before the grand jury of the next term of superior court here.

A burglar entered the home of A. J. Armstrong, corner of First and Burgess streets, Thursday evening while the members of the family were away from home and stole a number of Christmas presents which the different members of the family had purchased. He also stole a new overcoat from Mr. Armstrong.

There have been many marriages in and around Elizabeth City since the last issue of this paper. The following are presented in brief owing to lack of space this week.

FORBES—STEVENS

Samuel W. Forbes and Miss Leta Stevens, both residents of Shiloh, Camden county, were married here Thursday afternoon by Rev. I. N. Loftin at his residence on Pennsylvania avenue.

FORBES—STAPLES

Milton G. Forbes and Miss Stella Staples, both residents of Ridgely, Camden county, were married here on Christmas Eve by Justice of the Peace, J. W. Munten at his home on Royal street.

EASON—PIPKINS

William W. Eason and Miss Grace Pipkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Pipkins, were married the afternoon before Christmas at the bride's home. Rev. I. N. Loftin performed the ceremony.

SCHOOL MAKES FINE RECORD.

History and Growth of Poplar Branch High School in Currituck County.

Poplar Branch, N. C., Dec. 22.—In 1899 was started a school of nine students at Poplar Branch, N. C., which was kept up by private subscriptions. It was started in a small room of a private house and continued two years. This school grew so rapidly that the small building was crowded, and the school was moved into the Old Bellows Hall.

In 1901 the private school of Mrs. J. S. Blodgett, a public school with only one teacher. In 1902 it became a public school with a teacher, and in 1903 it became a public school with two teachers.

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In October 1912 the Woman's Betterment Association was organized at Poplar Branch, having for its object, Community Co-operation. The first year's enrollment showed eighteen members with two honorary members and a financial record of not less than \$300.00.

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In the session of 1914-15 there are ten districts represented by 25 students. This great increase is attributed in a great measure to the influence of Prof. N. W. Walker of the State University, who made an address at the County Commencement exercises and has shown an active interest in the school and the community.

At the beginning of the second year's work of the Society the overcrowded condition of the school demanded a larger building, and the ladies of the Society cooperated with the men of the community to erect a \$2,000 building. Plans for this building were drawn in January, 1914 by J. F. Sumrell of Point Harbor, N. C., accepted by the State Board of Education and approved by the County Board of Education. Work was begun on the new building in May, 1914.

During 1914 the Society held eight entertainments, some literary and others social. Among the distinguished educators who visited the school were Miss Benler McNeamar of Keyser, W. Va., and Prof. Collier Cobb of the State University. A number of

JOSEPH PRITCHARD DEAD.

The town was saddened Saturday by news of the death of Mr. Joseph Pritchard, a resident of Purse street. Mr. Pritchard was found dead in his yard at about half past five o'clock. It is not known whether death overtook him through natural causes or was brought by a fall on the hard frozen and sleet covered ground. He is survived by a wife, one son, C. G. Pritchard of Winston-Salem and a daughter, Mrs. Matt Baker. He was buried Sunday, Rev. B. C. Henning and Rev. C. R. Angell officiating.

entertainments were given by the High School's friends for the benefit of the school. The first County Commencement of Currituck was observed in May, 1914, when the efforts of the principal, J. W. Walker, and the faculty, were aided by the citizens of the county.

The new high school building was dedicated and an Education Rally held at the building on September 12th 1914. The program consisted of addresses by Dr. W. T. Griggs, Prof. N. W. Walker, Editor Herbert Peele, Dr. C. S. Blackwell, Congressman John H. Small and Ex-Governor Jarvis.

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In the construction of the new building the whole community has shown great interest. The actual cash furnished by the county was \$500, the remainder of the money was furnished by the Betterment Society, private subscriptions, and the school committee, the total amounting to \$2,559.29. A number of citizens gave building material and work. The amount of building material and work given make the total valuation of the building \$3,000. The old building is valued at \$2,000. The total amount received from the county on both buildings is \$1,150. The school ex-

CONTEST CLOSES AT 6 O'CLOCK.

All Votes in Panama-Pacific Exposition Contest Must be in the Ballot Boxes by that Hour Thursday Evening.

Only two more days before the close of the greatest voting contest ever conducted in Elizabeth City.

In these days of wintry rain one thinks of the sunny climate of former and hopes that he may be able to visit the great Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco in the opening month which is now so near at hand time the contrast of California's climate to that of our own is most striking.

The contest was held earnestly and with a keen interest. This contest has been an interesting one for the people of Elizabeth City and some nearby cities. The financial problem solved by the contest is a most interesting one.

The who will be the fortunate competitor? That is becoming more and more the absorbing question in this community. As the contest draws to a close Mrs. Eva Boyd, Miss Maud Hyatt, Miss Lennie Beaubury, Miss Laura Spivey and Mrs. Jessie Mann have taken the lead.

Very few votes have come in since the last count and it is evident that each contestant is mustering her forces for the last day. What will happen between now and Thursday at six o'clock only the future will disclose. The announcement of the result will appear in this paper of the issue of January 1st. (adv.)

SAVINGS BANK & TRUST CO.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Savings Bank and Trust Company will be held at its Banking house on Monday January 14th 1915, between the hours of 3 and 4 p. m. for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before said meeting. Jan 8

PRITCHARD—BRITE

Percy Adrian Pritchard and Miss Mary Maude Brite, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Brite of the Providence section, were married on Christmas eve at 8 o'clock by Rev. C. R. Angell in the presence of intimate friends. There ceremony was performed at the bride's home.

receives a loan of \$1,000 from the State.

Community co-operation at Poplar Branch has resulted in the erection of this new building, which is an inspiration to the community to go on working for yet greater things,—a farm life school, a larger number of teachers in the faculty, and a large and well-equipped dormitory.