

SOCIETY.

MARY S. MACRAE.

OVER THE HILL TO THE POOR HOUSE.

Whether it was the fine weather or a desire to be informed about the institutions of the country, whether we were led by love of horses or interest in mankind, one of the recent happy afternoons found us galloping away to the poor house.

"What short miles these seven are," said one of our party, as we reined up in front of Mr. Leslie's domain.

"Long enough," was the reply, "to make visitors very rare, and to make it out of the question for women to come alone. A good horse and fine weather will shorten the longest mile.

Mr. Leslie is an open faced, genial man, and the cheerfulness with which he and his wife were greeted, as we made the rounds, plainly bespoke the kind treatment which the inmates have received at their hands.

The group of little tenements which constitute the poor house, is built in an oak grove, and contains a newly built chapel where the neighboring ministers come now and then to hold service.

Of the seventeen inmates, only three are strong enough to do work on the farm, from which a great part of their support is derived, but the keeping of the rooms (especially among the women) evince, for the most part, a real spirit of cleanliness and thrift, leading one to think that they might be happily and usefully employed in some light remunerative work.

On a broad old-fashioned hearth a smoking coffee-pot and "hoe-eake baking" over and under the coals, was quite picturesque, and the hospitality with which we were received and the pleasure apparently taken in being visited, was really touching.

One flighty Irish woman's room was particularly neat, and her hospitality so suggestive, that we had to take a sudden departure or choose between her snuff and her wrath.

The most pathetic sight (for these women, though some are sick and all more or less infirm, seem to enjoy one another's society,) was an old man who lay ill and blind in a room not too well cared for, and seemed too low-spirited even to notice that he was told there were visitors.

"It is my great desire," a philanthropic woman who has the matter much at heart said to me recently, "that the poor house be moved nearer town. The county gives food, clothes and shelter to those who are without means of support, and I have reason to believe that the present superintendent is kind to them, but the place is practically out of reach of women who work among the poor and try to bring higher influences into their lives."

"We taxpayers support this institution, and it is but right that it be situated where we can give it our personal supervision; and try to bring it up to our standard of what a poor house should be.

"I believe," she continued, "that an industrial school in its connection would make the poor house self-supporting, and the old men and women who are unable to do farm work would be much happier knitting or making baskets than moping over their infirmities."

"But," argued a friend, "if the poor house were nearer town, would it not be an invitation to those who are simply lazy to impose on the county?"

"I think the county could protect itself," was the reply. "The investigation which applicants undergo make imposition an impossibility."

Inclination to agree with these views was strengthened by observation, and as we rode away with Mr. Leslie's hearty good bye in our ears and the sights of the afternoon fresh in our minds, we decided to give the matter further consideration.

The ordering of poor houses and jails is a subject that is being agitated throughout the State by the Board of Public Charities, whose officers, by the way, are unremunerated, and in our county three prominent citizens have been appointed to visit such places and report their condition. Our prospective jail is a subject for congratulation, and thus encouraged, this committee is quietly at work on the poor house question, hoping for co-operation in this important reform.

WANTED.—A reliable and smart lad, 12 or 15 years old, with bicycle, for half an hour every day at 4:30 o'clock. Apply at OBSERVER Office.

SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE.

Latest News from all Parts of the World. Prepared Especially for the Readers of "The Observer."

The President and Cabinet are opposed to recognition of Cuban belligerency, especially to such a resolution by Congress as will require the approval of the President. —The officers of the Horsa, on trial at Philadelphia for aiding the Cubans, were convicted. —The treasury gold reserve drops back to \$122,244,229. —The House Committee on Elections decides to report in favor of the contestant in the case of the Fourth Alabama district. —Senator Quay denies that he said he was willing to concede the North Carolina electoral vote to the Populists. —At Charles City, Va., a company is organized for shipping oysters in the shell; a rivet will be put through the shells to keep the oysters fresh. —In Alleghany county, this State, a shooting affray occurs, in which three persons are wounded. —The people of a section of Union county, this State, are going to take matters in their own hands Tuesday night if a certain man does not move his whisky still out of their neighborhood; Rev. J. W. Little says he will spend Monday night with the distiller, but his life has been threatened if he attempts it. The British steamer Mabel Taylor goes ashore near Pensacola, Fla., and is a total wreck.

A telegram from Charlotte, says: The first experiment with the Roentgen photographic process in the South has proven successful. At Davidson College Professor Henry Louis Smith, of the chair of physics, demonstrated to his classes the utility of the Cathode ray. A bullet was fired into the hand of a dead negro in the dissecting room of the medical department. The photograph discovered the bullet, the ray penetrating not only the flesh, but the bone, and showing the ball hidden behind the bone in the middle finger. Coins in a purse, a bullet buried in a cubic inch of fat meat, and a bird shot wrapped in many thicknesses of heavy paper were photographed with perfect distinctness.

THE CHURCHES TO-MORROW.
BAPTIST—REV. C. A. G. THOMAS, PASTOR.
Subjects to-morrow:
11 A. M. "The Bible, and the Bible only, the Rule of Faith and Practice."
7:30 P. M. "Coming to One's Self; or The Young Man Thinking of Home."
The public cordially invited to all services.

HAY STREET M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH—REV. L. L. NASH, D. D., PASTOR.
Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
Rev. W. H. Moore, D. D., Presiding Elder, will hold his quarterly meeting service.
Sunday-school at 9:30 A. M., J. A. Steel, superintendent.
League prayer meeting at 7 P. M.
There will be service and Sacrament at Campbellton at 7:30 P. M.

PRESBYTERIAN—REV. A. J. MCKELWAY, PASTOR.
Subject for Morning Service—Taking away the Stone.—John 11:39.
Hymns—236, 319, 529.
Foreign Mission Meeting at night. Address by the Pastor on Presbyterianism and Human Liberty.
Sunday-school Lesson—Jesus the Messiah.—Luke 9: 18-27.

SPRING, 1896!
CORRECT STYLE AND A GOOD FIT IS ASSURED IN A CUT TO ORDER SUIT - OF - CLOTHES.

THIS IS FOUND AT
CRAWFORD'S.
His motto, **SATISFACTION.**
W. A. CRAWFORD,
Merchant Tailor,
Market Square, Fayetteville, N. C.
February 21.

You would not knowingly swallow poison. When you drink poor whisky you poison blood, body and brain. Besides this you don't enjoy the drink. Buy good whisky. There's comfort, health and enjoyment in it. If over-worked, worried or run down, you need a warming soothing tonic. Nothing like good whisky. It aids digestion, makes flesh and pleasantly invigorates the system. Good whisky does this, mind you. Poor whisky irritates the stomach, inflames the tissues and poisons the blood. You can't afford to run risks; get the best, it pays. Physicians drink and recommend I. W. HARPER'S Nelson County Ky. Whisky.

SOLD BY
J. W. INGOLD,
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.



Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railway,
JOHN GILL, RECEIVER.

CONDENSED SCHEDULE.

In Effect December 28th, 1895.

NORTH BOUND. No. 2, Daily	
Leave Wilmington,	7:25 a.m.
Arrive Fayetteville,	10:35 "
Leave Fayetteville,	10:55 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction,	10:57 "
Leave Sanford,	12:19 p.m.
Leave Climax,	2:25 "
Arrive Greensboro,	2:56 "
Leave Greensboro,	3:05 "
Leave Stokesdale,	3:59 "
Arrive Walnut Cove,	4:31 "
Leave Walnut Cove,	4:38 "
Leave Rural Hall,	5:17 "
Arrive Mt. Airy,	6:45 "

SOUTH BOUND. No. 1, Daily	
Leave Mt. Airy,	9:35 a.m.
Leave Rural Hall,	11:05 "
Arrive Walnut Cove,	11:35 "
Leave Walnut Cove,	11:45 "
Leave Stokesdale,	12:12 p.m.
Arrive Greensboro,	12:58 "
Leave Greensboro,	1:03 "
Leave Climax,	1:32 "
Leave Sanford,	3:19 "
Arrive Fayetteville Junction,	4:30 "
Arrive Fayetteville,	4:33 "
Leave Fayetteville,	4:45 "
Arrive Wilmington,	7:55 "

NORTH BOUND. No. 4, Daily	
Leave Bennettsville,	8:25 a.m.
Arrive Maxton,	9:23 "
Leave Maxton,	9:29 "
Leave Red Springs,	9:55 "
Leave Hope Mills,	1:35 "
Arrive Fayetteville,	10:52 "

SOUTH BOUND. No. 3, Daily	
Leave Fayetteville,	4:38 p.m.
Leave Hope Mills,	4:58 "
Leave Red Springs,	5:42 "
Arrive Maxton,	6:12 "
Leave Maxton,	6:13 "
Arrive Bennettsville,	7:20 "

NORTH BOUND. No. 16, Mixed, Daily Except Sunday.	
Leave Ramseur,	6:45 a.m.
Leave Climax,	8:35 "
Arrive Greensboro,	9:20 "
Leave Greensboro,	9:35 "
Leave Stokesdale,	10:50 "
Arrive Madison,	11:50 "

SOUTH BOUND. No. 15, Mixed, Daily Except Sunday.	
Leave Madison,	12:25 p.m.
Leave Stokesdale,	1:28 "
Arrive Greensboro,	2:35 "
Leave Greensboro,	3:10 "
Leave Climax,	3:55 "
Arrive Ramseur,	5:50 "

NORTH BOUND CONNECTIONS
at Fayetteville with Atlantic Coast Line for all points North and East, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line, at Greensboro with the Southern Railway Company, at Walnut Cove with the Norfolk & Western Railroad for Winston-Salem

SOUTH BOUND CONNECTIONS
at Walnut Cove with the Norfolk & Western Railroad for Roanoke and points North and West, at Greensboro with the Southern Railway Company for Raleigh, Richmond and all points North and East, at Fayetteville with the Atlantic Coast Line for all points South, at Maxton with the Seaboard Air Line for Charlotte, Atlanta and all points South and Southwest.

W. E. KYLE,
General Passenger Agent.
J. W. FRY, General Manager.

BREAKFAST—SUPPER.

EPPS'S
GRATEFUL—COMFORTING.
COCOA
BOILING WATER OR MILK.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.
AND BRANCHES
AND FLORENCE RAILROAD
Condensed Schedule.

TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

DATED	No. 23, Daily	No. 35, Daily	No. 41, Daily
Jan. 27, 1895			
Leave Weldon..	A. M. P. M. 11 53 9 27		
Ar. Rocky Mount	12 57 10 20		
Leave Tarboro..	12 20		
Lv. Rocky Mount	1 05 10 20		6 00
Leave Wilson...	2 03 11 03		
Leave Selma....	2 53		
Lv. Fayetteville	4 31 12 53		
Arrive Florence.	7 15 3 00		

No. 47, Daily	
Leave Wilson...	P. M. A. M. 2 08 6 35
Leave Goldboro.	2 55 7 20
Leave Magnolia.	4 02 8 29
Ar. Wilmington.	5 30 10 00

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

DATED	No. 78, Daily	No. 32, Daily	No. 40, Daily
Jan. 27, 1895.			
Leave Florence	A. M. P. M. 8 15 7 15		
Lv. Fayetteville	10 55 9 19		
Leave Selma....	12 32		
Arrive Wilson..	1 20 11 15		
Leave Tarboro..	2 48		
Lv. Wilmington.	9 20 7 00		
Leave Magnolia.	10 56 8 31		
Leave Goldboro.	12 05 9 40		
Arrive Wilson..	1 00 10 27		

No. 78, Daily		No. 32, Daily	
Leave Wilson...	P. M. 1 30	P. M. P. M. 12 02 10 32	
Ar. Rocky Mount	2 33	12 02 11 15	
Arrive Tarboro.	2 48		
Lv. Rocky Mount	2 33	12 02	
Arrive Weldon..	3 48	12 54	

†Daily except Monday †Daily except Sunday.
Train on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leaves Weldon 3:48 P. M., Halifax 4:05 P. M., arrives Scotland Neck at 4:55 P. M., Greenville 6:37 P. M., Kinston 7:35 P. M., returning, leaves Kinston 7:20 A. M., Greenville 8:22 A. M., arriving Halifax at 10:55 A. M., Weldon 11:20 A. M., daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 7:00 A. M., arrives Parrale 8:40 A. M., Tarboro 9:50 A. M.; returning leaves Tarboro 4:50 P. M., Parrale 6:10 P. M., arrives Washington 7:35 P. M., daily except Sunday. Connects with trains on Scotland Neck Branch.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday at 5:00 P. M., Sunday 3:00 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 9:00 P. M., 5:25 P. M. Returning leaves Plymouth daily, except Sunday, 6:00 A. M., Sunday 9:30 A. M., arrive Tarboro 10:25 A. M., and 11:45 A. M.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro daily except Sunday, 6:05 A. M., arriving Smithfield 7:30 A. M., returning, leaves Smithfield 8:00 A. M.; arrive Goldsboro 9:30 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4:30 P. M., arrives Nashville 5:05 P. M., Spring Hope 5:30 P. M., returning, leaves Spring Hope 8:00 A. M., Nashville 8:35 A. M., arrive Rocky Mount 9:05 A. M., daily, except Sunday.

Trains on Latta Branch Florence & R. leave Latta 6:40 P. M.; arrive Dunbar 7:50 P. M., returning leave Dunbar 6:30 A. M.; arrive Latta 7:50 A. M., daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton branch leaves Warsaw for Clinton, Daily, except Sunday, at 4:10 P. M., returning, leaves Clinton at 7:20 A. M., connecting at Warsaw with main line trains.

Train No. 78 makes close connection at Weldon for all points North daily, all rail via Richmond, and daily except Sunday via Portsmouth and Bay Line. Also at Rocky Mount with Norfolk and Carolina Railroad for Norfolk daily and all points north via Norfolk daily except Sunday.

J. R. KENLEY, JOHN F. DIVINE,
Gen'l Manager, General Supt.
T. M. EMERSON, Traffic Manager.