

## ANENT THE LIBRARIAN.

**Success of the Library Depends Upon a Wise Choice—The Salary Should be Large Enough to Secure One's Entire Time.**

To the Editor of the Gazette:

While the Board of Directors of our Library Association have power to elect the librarian, pass regulations defining her duties, and fix her salary (we say her because it will be a woman), yet we know they will not be adverse to hearing some notions others may have.

There are two ideas about a librarian. One is to elect some one who can spare a little time from her other work; who can open the library, charge up the books taken out and credit those which are returned. She might take her sewing, knitting or fancy work along so as to while away the hours in case they became tedious. A small salary would be sufficient in this case. This plan would save money, but it would kill the library in six months, in the opinion of the undersigned.

Getting the right kind of librarian is, in our opinion, more essential to the success of the library than anything else. The Board of Directors can give attention to it only at intervals, and the whole enterprise will succeed or fail according to the kind of librarian selected. In order that the library may be what it ought to be, somebody must think about it, talk about it, and work for it all the time. Some one must feel personally responsible for its success, must be a living impersonation of the library. The members of the association cannot do this, the directors cannot; all these have their business to attend to.

The only one to do it is the librarian. It should be made possible for her to be and do all this by paying her a salary large enough to render any other employment unnecessary. There is an immense amount of work for the librarian to do outside the library building. The monthly dues must be collected, no small job in itself. The purchasing committee will be busy men and women and must rely to a great extent on the suggestions of the librarian. Hence she must keep in touch with all the latest and best books published. She must be familiar with reliable reviews of books in every department of literature. She must simply be an authority on everything of this kind. Most of the patrons of the library will want suggestions as to what books to read. In short, we want to ask her any old question about books in any department and receive a clear, positive, reliable answer.

How can one be posted on all these matters unless the entire time be given to it? And how can the time be given unless a sufficient salary be paid? The efficiency of the library will be settled right at this point.

We believe some one should be selected who will make this her business for years, who is willing to prepare herself well for the important work, who will put her conscience as well as energy into it, and one who will feel that she is largely responsible for the library's success.

This will be as broad a field of usefulness as the town affords. To direct, in large measure, the reading of the people will be to wield an influence that cannot be measured. The work is too great and the responsibility is too heavy to be undertaken at odd times. The salary should be large enough to justify her putting her enthusiasm, energy, conscience and life into it.

Expensive? Why, yes. But it is worth something and everything valuable costs. We should save the money already invested by investing largely in a librarian. Penny wisdom here would be pound foolishness with emphasis.

**A Real Story.**

It was told by Mr. Bob White. One day last week Mr. John Sarvis came to town in his buggy and returned home. Mrs. Sarvis was in the buggy with him. Upon the arrival at home one noticed a commotion through a crack under the buggy cover. Mr. Sarvis raised up the cover and rats began to pour out. Immediately there was a high old time killing them. Sixteen were killed and nine got away. Mr. Sarvis had brought them to town and back again. Mr. White says the ladies didn't help any, but they kindly gave the men and the rats plenty of room.

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## EAST GASTON GOSSIP.

**Farmers Having Trouble With Hired Help—Telephone Company Puts in New Switch Board—News Notes and Personal Items.**

Correspondence of the Gazette.

East Gaston, May 21st.—We are due your many readers an apology for not appearing in THE GAZETTE for the last two weeks. Our only excuse for not doing so was that on the 7th inst. we wrote and mailed our article as usual and were waiting for its appearance, and not seeing it in print have concluded that it found its way to the waste basket, or was waylaid on the way there. [Our correspondent's letter was duly received, and appeared promptly in the next issue of THE GAZETTE. May 10th—Ed. GAZETTE.]

Col. Durant Rozzell, the painter and master of all trades of Lowesville, is now in East Gaston doing some work on Mack Henderson's house. We know what this means.

About two weeks ago one of Col. Abernethy's fine registered Jersey cows got her leg broke while in the pasture by getting it fastened between two rocks as she was going down a steep hill.

The following persons of East Gaston have bought new buggies this spring: R. L. Cannon, R. J. Underwood, W. B. Hipp, N. P. Farror, Albert Farror and Robert Caldwell.

Miss McIntosh, the efficient school teacher of Mountain Island, we are sorry to say, is seriously sick.

Dr. Williams and little daughter, of Baltimore, have been spending several days at Mountain Island with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tate, the much admired manager of the Mountain Island Mills.

Mr. George Jenkins, the brick man of Mount Holly, has been up in East Gaston trying to buy wood to burn brick this summer.

Capt. Eddleman sent a team up in East Gaston a few days ago and got a load of peas from Henry Underwood, one of East Gaston's prosperous and wide-awake farmers. Be careful boys and behave yourself or you might have to eat some of Henry's peas.

One of Gaston's matrimonial candidates sent his best girl 6 frogs last Saturday a week ago for her Sunday's dessert. My, my!

East Gaston makes more progress than is usually credited to it. One of our good farmers says he has got his cow trained so that while she gives milk she will not eat onions while in his pasture where there are many, but that when she is dry she eats all she can get. Another man has the turtles trained so they will come from the river and make nests with his hens, and that the hens hatch the turtles and that sooner or later he will have a species of crowing turtles as well as crowing hens.

Mr. B. L. Finger and family, of Catawba county, spent several days this week with his father-in-law, Hon. M. L. Cansler (better known as Uncle Shoo). Col. W. I. Warren, the model farmer and war-horse politician of Lucia, was down the road a few days ago, calling on his many friends who are always glad to see him. If any one wants a high old time, let him go and visit Col. Warren and his good wife.

Everybody seems to be very well pleased with the county ticket, and Mr. Armstrong says that while his horse had a good deal to do before the primary, that he is yet alive and in trim to run the Republican nominee into his hole to remain there for at least two more years. Charlie is a hustler and will get there every time.

Mr. R. B. Babington, the telephone man of Gaston county, has been in Mount Holly a few days putting in a new switch board and making other improvements there. We are glad to know that he has about succeeded in making satisfactory arrangements with the subscribers up the line. There was some kicking when it was reported that rates were going to be higher under the new management, but kicking was about all, as most of them as usual tucked under when the time came.

Mr. Fred Prim and Miss Ivey Rumsfelt of Mountain Island, were married a few Sundays

ago. It was a pretty green affair.

Our farmers are having lots of trouble with their hired help this spring. We favor a law that will force every man carrying out his contracts or putting him on the chain gang. We have understood that there was such a law on the statute books now, and that the failure on the part of our farmers to execute this law is the cause of the trouble they are having.

EAST GASTON.

## BONDS ACCEPTED.

**Recently Elected City Officers Make Their Bonds—Ordinances to be Revised and Published—Other Business Transacted by City Council.**

The city council met in special session at the city hall Thursday night at 8 o'clock, Mayor J. K. Dixon presiding. Aldermen J. O. White, H. B. Moore, W. T. Rankin, L. L. Jenkins, and L. C. Pagram were present.

The bonds of Mr. H. Rutter, superintendent of the city light and water works, H. B. Moore, Treasurer, I. N. Alexander, Chief of Police and tax collector, W. P. Upton, chief of the fire department, were accepted.

The committee of arbitration to settle the disagreement between the Piedmont Telephone and Telegraph Company and Messrs. S. N. Boyce and G. W. Ragan was continued.

Mr. M. L. Mauney was elected to the position of cotton weigher. The only other applicant for the position was W. M. Adams.

Mr. E. H. Tuttle was elected to list taxes, make abstracts, and fill out tax receipt books at a salary of \$75.

The mayor appointed Mr. L. L. Jenkins and Mr. J. O. White as a committee to confer with the chief of the fire department and Superintendent Rutter for the purpose of perfecting a system of fire signals.

The council ordered that the mayor have the ordinances of the city revised, employing for this purpose such legal counsel as is necessary, and to have the same published in pamphlet form.

Sanitary Policeman Smith was instructed to notify all persons having unused wells on their premises that they must have them cleaned out and protected or filled up.

The treasurer was instructed to borrow from time to time such amounts of money as may be necessary, to meet current expenses.

The following ordinance was passed: That all persons using electric lights under a flat rate be required to pay a double rate on each and every light which may be burned after midnight, same to go into effect on and after June 1st.

The council adjourned to meet in regular session on the second Tuesday night in June.

## PICNIC AT BESSEMER.

**Employees of Bessemer City Cotton Mills Given Annual Outing by the Proprietors—Twelve Hundred People Present—Music, Dancing and Refreshments Combined to Make Happy Occasion.**

It is a happy custom the proprietors of the Bessemer City Cotton Mills have of giving their employees and their friends an annual outing in the shape of an all day picnic. Saturday was the day set aside for the event this year and twelve hundred and fifty people participated in a day of festivities, unmarred by a single mishap, at the Mountain Park Hotel on Whetstone Mountain.

As early as nine o'clock Saturday morning the employees of the mill, together with their invited friends, began to gather at the mountain and from then till 9:30 in the evening the hotel and grounds was a scene of gayety and pleasure. Heavener Brothers' string band of Cherryville furnished music during the entire day. About noon a sumptuous dinner was spread at the hotel for 1250 people. Early in the afternoon the ball teams of Bessemer and Shelby met on the diamond and played an interesting game of ball, the score being 7 to 3 in favor of Shelby. Fruits of all kinds and cigars were served on the grounds free of charge.

Returning from the ball ground to the hotel the picnickers found supper awaiting them. After thoroughly satisfying the inner man with the good things from the table the band again began to play and dancing was indulged in till 9:30 o'clock when the occasion came to a close and all returned to their homes.

The proprietors, Messrs. Smith and Pinchback, were highly pleased with the splendid behavior and the universal good humor of the crowd. "It was the best behaved crowd I ever saw" said Mr. Pinchback to the reporter. All the expenses of this annual picnic are borne by the mill. It is given complimentary to the mill operatives and their friends and is an event always anticipated by them with the greatest pleasure.

## DEATH AT CLOVER.

**Mrs. William N. Jackson Passed Away Saturday Night After Short Illness.**

Correspondence of the Gazette.

Clover, May 23.—A gloom was cast over our town yesterday morning when it was announced that Mrs. Hattie Jackson, wife of Mr. William N. Jackson, was dead. She had passed quietly to sleep at about 11 o'clock Saturday night. Her death was not unexpected. She became ill with pneumonia three weeks ago and from the very first her condition was considered serious. Mrs. Jackson was in the bloom of womanhood, being only about 28 years of age. She leaves a devoted husband and two small children to mourn their loss. The youngest child is a girl only three weeks old. While Mrs. Jackson had only been a resident of our town two of three years, she had made many friends who, with the bereaved family, mourn their loss. She was a devout member of the Baptist church. She was amiable in disposition, pleasant at all times, always meeting those with whom she came in contact with a smile and pleasant greeting. Funeral services were conducted from the residence of her pastor, Rev. W. R. Hurt of Yorkville, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, after which her body was deposited in the Clover cemetery there to await the final call of the master. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Ed Price, Andy Turner, Tom Jackson, Carl Stroup, John Stacy and Davidson Youngblood.

## Things that are New

There's always something new at Yeager's—the store where ladies go to find the latest in ladies' fashionable goods. And they are not disappointed, for the new things are here as soon as they are put on the market. To-day we mention:

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