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## IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

The Gazette desires to make this column a full and complete mirror of Gastonia's social life. In order to attain this end it is necessary for us to have the co-operation of the ladies of the town and we invite them to furnish us information concerning any events of a social nature in Gastonia or the county. If you know of anything that ought to go in this column, call Phone No. 50 and give us the details. We will appreciate it. When sending written communications do not fail to sign your name—not for use but that we may know the source.

### A MARRIAGE AT MT. HOLLY.

The following is from the Mount Holly correspondence of The Charlotte Observer under date of the 28th:

"This evening at 6 o'clock a quiet marriage was celebrated when Miss Josie Shipp, of Gulfport, Miss., became the bride of Mr. Monroe Jetton, of Davidson.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. E. Vipperman, pastor of the Baptist church, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. T. M. McCoy. It was witnessed by members of both families and a very few intimate friends.

The bride was attired in a going-away gown of blue and carried a bouquet of bride roses and ferns.

After the ceremony the bride and groom left in an automobile for their future home at Davidson. The bride is a sister of Mrs. T. M. McCoy, of Mount Holly.

### RAMSEY-CHRISTENBURY MARRIAGE.

The Wesleyan Methodist church on East Franklin avenue was the scene of a pretty wedding Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock when Miss Beatrice Christenbury, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Christenbury, became the bride of Mr. Grover Ramsey, son of Mr. Enoch Ramsey. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. C. A. Hendrix, in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The attendants were Mr. James Poole, Mr. John Marley, Miss Ruth Sparzo and Miss Flossie Christenbury. Little Miss Genelle

Hamilton was flower girl and Mrs. Bessie Hill played the wedding march. The church was attractively decorated for the occasion with ferns and a profusion of potted plants. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey will make their home in East Gastonia.

### BEATY-SPRINGS WEDDING AT PAW CREEK.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Springs, at Paw Creek, Mr. James W. Beaty and Miss Mayme Ross Springs were united in marriage Tuesday afternoon, October 28th, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Charles G. Lynch, pastor of the Paw Creek Presbyterian church, in the presence of a large gathering of friends, many of them from Charlotte, Mount Holly, Belmont and the neighborhood.

To the strains of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" played by Miss Ella Armstrong, of Belmont, the bridal party entered and took their stand under a bower of ivy and daisies where the vows were spoken. During the ceremony the Melody of Love was softly rendered.

The bride was very charming in her going away suit of blue with hat and gloves to match, carrying a huge bouquet of bride's roses and ferns. She is the second daughter of Mr. W. T. Springs and exceedingly attractive, and possesses a host of friends in both Merkleburg and Gaston counties.

The groom is a prominent young farmer of the Paw Creek section and is quite popular with many friends and business associates. They left immediately after the ceremony for Raleigh and other points where they will spend a week or ten days. After December first they will be at their newly completed home in Paw Creek.

### BETTER BABIES CONTEST.

Four Hundred Entries at State Fair—Charles Aycock Poe Won First Prize in Six-Months Class.

Charlotte Observer. Raleigh, Oct. 24.—Two hundred of the 400 entries in the better babies contest at the State Fair, which closed today, received honorable mention and Robert Royall Smithwick, of Wendell, Wake county, won first prize.

Charles Aycock Poe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Poe, and grandson of Gov. Charles B. Aycock, won third prize among all the babies and first prize in the six-months class. Dick Hester Frazier, of Bahama, Durham county, won the second sweepstakes prize.

Master Smithwick scored 99.9-10. Master Frazier 98.8-10, and Master Poe 98.7-10. The names of the 200 receiving honorable mention were withheld, pending statistical study which will show the relative success of breast-nourished and bottle-fed babies.

The prizes amount to \$400, besides merchandise by Raleigh merchants, \$15 being the highest and \$1 the lowest award.

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## SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTON PEOPLE

Personal Items About Gaston Folks and Their Friends—Short Items About People and Things That Are of Interest to Gazette Readers.

—Mr. J. J. Simpson, of Charlotte, was in Gastonia on business Saturday.

—Mr. Frost Torrence returned Tuesday from a business trip to Eastern cities.

—Mr. G. Reese Patrick, of route three, attended the Charlotte Fair Wednesday.

—Miss Anne Bell Haynes, after a visit to Miss Mildred McLean here, left on No. 37 Wednesday for her home in Texarkana, Ark.-Tex.

—Mr. J. H. Separk has gone east on business connected with the Gray Manufacturing Co., of which he is secretary and treasurer.

—Rev. A. A. McLean goes this week to Clover, S. C., where he will enter upon his new work as pastor of the Clover Presbyterian church next Sunday.

—Mr. Robert McLean, who is a student in the A. & M. College, at Raleigh, is spending a few days here on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McLean.

—Northbound Southern passenger train No. 43 was delayed Sunday night some five or six hours at Kings Mountain on account of a broken frame on the engine.

—Charlotte Observer, 29th: Miss Susie Hoffman is a guest at the Selwyn Hotel. Miss Hoffman's brother, Mr. Miles P. Hoffman and family, of Philadelphia, are also guests at the Selwyn.

—Yesterday's Greensboro News states that Mr. P. A. Jenkins, of Stanley, has accepted a position as assistant ticket agent in the city ticket office of the Southern Railway at Greensboro and will take up his new duties the first of November.

—At the Conference on Methods or Missionary Institute held in the First Baptist church of Charlotte Tuesday Mrs. H. B. Moore, of this city, represented the South Fork Association and read an interesting paper on "How to Increase Membership."

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## MIGHTY CONFLICT BETWEEN CROSS AND CRESCENT IS ON

In the Dark Continent Crescent is Waxing Not Waning—Forces of the Enemy Drawn Up—Will the Church Send Out Her Leaders to Inspire Christians in Africa?—Unfinished Task in China—A Gigantic One—1,557 Cities Without Missionaries—Millions of Moslems Almost Ignored—The Bible in Japan—Arabic, One of the Greatest Living Languages, to Be the Vehicle of Carrying the Gospel into Asia and Africa—71,769 Buddhist Temples and 180,129 Priests and Nuns in Japan—68,195 Protestants in Korea—Millions of Mohammedans Thirteen Centuries After Prophet's Death.

By SOUTHERN MISSIONARY NEWS BUREAU

Ida Clyde Clarke, Editor

"I had conceived a great prejudice against missions in the South seas, and I had no sooner come here than that prejudice was at first reduced and at last annihilated. Those who debarterate against missions have only one thing to do to come and see them on the spot. Missions in the South seas generally are by far the most pleasing result of the presence of white men, and those in Samoa are the best I have ever seen." Robert Louis Stevenson.

"None of the unoccupied fields in Asia, not even Arabia, can compare in strategic urgency today with the unoccupied regions in Africa, where the forces are assembling now for the great conflict between the cross and the crescent and where the vast unoccupied fields are the battle ground.

"At present Islam is conquering and nothing can stay its onward march or can redeem Africa from its grasp but the carrying of the gospel of Christ into every part of the unoccupied fields," says Dr. Samuel Zwemer.

"Paganism crumbles before Islam. The situation is critical and the testimony, as regards the urgency of this part of the missionary problem, is unanimous in its character and comes from every part of the mission field. From Syria, Japan, the Philippine Islands, China, India, Burma, Ceylon, the New Hebrides, Sumatra, Arabia, Baluchistan and even Peru, testimony has come that in the estimation of leading missionaries in these countries, the most urgent missionary world problem is to meet and overcome the Mohammedan advance in Africa and the testimony concerns the unoccupied fields of Africa.

"The battlefield is before our eyes," says Dr. Frank Weston, the Canon of Zanzibar, "the forces of the enemy are drawn up. Will our church send out her leaders to inspire the African Christians?"

Dr. Henry Holland, of Quetta, Baluchistan, says: "Africa should first receive concentrated attention because if pagan Africa once embraces Islam, then the work of converting it to Christianity will be a thousand times more difficult and slow; once Africa is under the sway of Islam, the days of spiritual harvest, such as have taken place in Uganda, will be over forever. Africa, in my opinion, offers the most urgent call at the present time.

"In the dark continent the crescent is waxing, not waning," says Rev. W. H. T. Gardner. "It is already half moon and expects soon to be full. In Africa every Moslem is a natural missionary."

UNFINISHED TASK IN CHINA. The unfinished task in China is still a gigantic one. What plea could be more eloquent in brevity and pathos than the fact that there are still in China 1,557 cities without missionaries?

When the China Inland Mission was founded in 1864 there were only 15 Protestant mission stations in China with about 2,000 converts. Today that mission alone has 205 stations, and 769 substations. Every province of the empire has its missions, with a total of 2,027 native church organizations and 177,724 Protestant church members.

And in addition to the areas unteached there are the Moslems, numbering millions. It is said that the Moslem population of China is certainly equal to the entire population of Algeria or Scotland or Ireland; that it is in all probability equal to that of Morocco and numbers not less than the total population of Persia. One writer has said: "Within China there is a special people, equal in number to the population of any of China's dependencies, for whom practically nothing is being done, and whose presence hitherto has been almost ignored."

THE BIBLE IN JAPAN. Fifty years ago no notion of the Bible was translated into the Japanese language, nor was the Bible in any language allowed to be circulated in Japan. Twenty-five years ago the complete Bible in what is called the authorized version was printed. During the quarter century the Japanese language has greatly developed and become standardized, the people of the various provinces coming to speak the "Tokio dialect." It was, therefore, felt that a revision was necessary, and a "revision committee" was appointed recently by the "permanent committee on the translation, revision, publication and preservation of the text of the holy Scriptures in Japan." The latter committee is composed of two agents

of each Bible society and one representative from each co-operating mission.

The following is an extract from the most recent report of the "revision committee."

"At the close of 1911 the gospel of Mark had been published, and the preliminary drafts of Matthew, Luke and John had either been completed or were well under way. The second revision of Matthew in full committee had proceeded to about the fifteenth chapter. During the present year, in addition to the preliminary drafts of Luke and John by the subcommittee, to whom that work was entrusted, the revision by full committee of the latter half of Matthew, the whole of Luke and a portion of John has been accomplished and preliminary draft has been made of a considerable portion of the Acts."

THE ARABIC LANGUAGE. It is said that the Arabic language will yet be the vehicle for carrying the gospel in Africa and Asia among the Mohammedans. The Arabs themselves say: "Wisdom hath alighted upon three things—the brain of the Franks, the hand of the Chinese and the tongue of the Arabs."

Arabic is undoubtedly important because of its speech. Samuel M. Zwemer says: "Arabic literature is found throughout the whole Mohammedan world, and the Arabic language is growing in influence and power, and is one of the great living languages of the world. The Arabic Koran is a textbook in the day schools of Turkey, Afghanistan, Java, Sumatra, New Guinea and Southern Russia. Arabic is the spoken language not only of the Arabs of Arabia proper, but forces the linguistic boundary of that peninsula three hundred miles north of Baghdad to Diarbekr and Mardin, and is used all over Syria and Palestine, and the whole of Northern Africa. Even in Cape Colony and the West Indies there are daily papers in the language of Mohammed. This wonderful flexible, logical speech with its enormous vocabulary and delicacy of expression can only be won for Christianity when Arabia is won for Christ."

BUDDHISTS IN JAPAN. In Japan there are thirteen denominations and fifty-seven sects of Buddhism. Of these the most powerful one is that of Shin Shin. There are 71,769 temples and 53,081 priests. This number includes only residing priests. Counting all those engaged in preaching and teaching there are 73,947. There are also other kinds of priests and nuns who have done duties of either preaching or teaching. These number 54,091. These classes of priests and nuns make up in all 180,129. Besides these there are about 10,000 students preparing for the priesthood.

The home department of the Japanese government has been gathering statistics of Christians for many years, and the last report of the number of believers of the different churches is as follows: Roman Catholic, 63,081; Greek Catholic, 14,749; Nippon Kirisuto, 18,441; Kumiai, 16,115; Sei-ko Kwa, 15,099; Methodists, 11,763; Baptists, 4,191; other smaller denominations, 12,246; total, 155,676.

PROTESTANTS IN KOREA. In Korea the total roll of full communicant members of Protestant churches comes to 68,195; probationers, 46,175; other adherents enrolled and regularly attending, 64,797; or a total of all classes of 179,167. There is an average attendance in Sunday school of 169,855. There are 774 parochial schools, with 18,287 scholars attending. Last year there were 334 students in attendance in the theological seminaries. Of this number 59 graduated.

BEGINNING OF MISSIONS. The modern era of English missions began with Carey. When he wrote his investigation of the missionary problem, that wonderful epitome of the conditions and the needs of the non-Christian world of his day, it was true that discovery and investigation had vastly widened the horizon of missions, and the world was more Christian than in the days of Paul, but it was still largely unknown, only partly discovered and very sparsely occupied by missions. Africa was unexplored, China unknown, Central Asia unvisited, and the principal mission fields of today closed by barriers and difficulties which seemed insurmountable.

MILLIONS OF MOHAMMEDANS. Only 13 centuries have passed since the death of Mohammed and today there are 225,000,000 Mohammedans, one-seventh of the population of the globe. There are 50,000,000 in Africa, 62,000,000 in India, 30,000,000 in China, 20,000,000 in the Malay Archipelago, and 250,000 in the Philippines, not to

## NEWS OF THE COUNTY

LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Newsy Letters from Gazette Correspondents Here and There Over Good Old Gaston—What Our Neighbors Are Doing in the Various Sections of the County—Personal Mention of People You Know and Some You Don't Know.

### CHERRYVILLE ROUTE 2 NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

CHERRYVILLE, ROUTE 2, OCT. 27.—Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Crouse, of Kings Mountain, spent last Saturday and Sunday with Mr. Crouse's sister, Mrs. John T. Carpenter.

Mr. Hunter Carroll spent Sunday with Mr. Bryan Kiser near Bessemer. Mrs. Will Farris and Mrs. W. R. Carpenter, spent last Wednesday with Mrs. Lee Dellinger.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rudisill and daughter, Mrs. Hall, and little son are spending a few days with relatives in the Beaverdam section.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Garrett and little son, Richard, of Kings Mountain, spent last Saturday with Mrs. Garrett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Carpenter.

Mr. Columbus Harmon spent Sunday in Dallas.

Mrs. Will Carroll spent Sunday with Mrs. R. L. Carroll.

Mr. Arthur Crouse, of Kings Mountain is spending a few days in Cherryville this week.

Miss Maggie Lee Carpenter spent last Saturday with Miss Ada Rayfield at Beaverdam.

Mr. Earl Carpenter spent Sunday in Cherryville.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Beam spent Sunday with Mrs. Beam's uncle, Mr. John T. Carpenter.

Mr. Bryan Kiser spent Sunday with home folks.

Mrs. Grier Dellinger and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Rudisill.

Misses Texanna and Ina Homesley spent Saturday with Miss Sallie Stroup.

### York and Yorkville.

The Enquirer, 28th.

Rev. E. E. Gillespie and family have moved into the new Presbyterian manse, recently completed on West Liberty street.

Mr. E. W. Pursley, of Yorkville No. 1, mentioned incidentally yesterday some instances of longevity in his family, and especially the case of a great uncle and two great aunts. Mr. Joseph Pursley, of Hickory Grove, is 81, and Mrs. Katie Ervin, of Clover, is 83, and Miss Susan Pursley, of Clover No. 4, is 95. The last named is one of the oldest persons in the county.

News has been received in Yorkville of the death of Mr. J. Frank Hart, formerly of Yorkville, but for the past twenty years a resident of New Orleans, La. He was attacked with cerebro spinal meningitis Tuesday and died on Saturday. The funeral took place on Sunday, after services held in an Episcopal church. The deceased was the second son of the late Maj. Jas. F. Hart, and was born in Yorkville on November 14, 1866. For a number of years preceding his death he had been in the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad, with headquarters in the New Orleans office. He leaves a widow and one child, and is survived by the following brothers and one sister: Messrs Arthur G. and Edward W. Hart, of New Orleans; Mr. John R. Hart, of Yorkville, and Mrs. W. S. Nell, of Rock Hill.

### WEBB CALLED ON.

Will Go to Maryland to Speak for Blair Lee and Democracy.

Cleveland Star. Hon. Thomas J. Pence, assistant national Democratic chairman and President Wilson have called on Congressman E. Y. Webb of Shelby to go to Maryland and make half a dozen speeches in the interest of the candidacy of Blair Lee for the United States Senate. They are of the opinion since the liquor question is an issue in the campaign, that Mr. Webb can be of untold service to the cause of Democracy and Mr. Lee by reason of Mr. Webb's authorship of the liquor law. Mr. Webb has accepted and will leave Shelby to meet his engagements when Mr. Pence calls on him. Friends of Mr. Webb consider this quite an honor to be called on for such an important task, also a recognition on the part of the President of Mr. Webb's ability.

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—Mr. Raymond McKee, of Belmont, a former member of The Gazette force, spent Wednesday in town. He is a student this year at the Belmont high school.

speak of the lands that are almost wholly Mohammedan in Western Asia. A recent writer said: "What fires of faith and devotion must have burned in the hearts of the early champions of Islam, to make them gird on the sword and fight and die for the new religion. It swept across Syria and all North Africa like the desert simoom—swift, fierce, impetuous, irresistible, destructive—only to be curbed and cooled by the waves of the Atlantic."

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