Tabernacle Was Full at Sunday Night's Service - Inspiring Music by Chorus Choir of 300-Evangelist Browning Delivers Stirring and Convincing Message to Christians and Sinners-Special Services.

To a congregation which filled the main auditorium and Sunday school rooms and the aisles of both, Rev. Raymond Browning Sunday morning preached a forceful sermon at Main Street Methodist Church, this being the first of a series of evangelistic services being held in the tabernacle Oakwood cemetery. Deceased was

Mr. Browning's subject was, "What is a Christian?" He took as his text the only three passages in the Bible where the term Christian is used. Under three general heads, he discussed the meaning of Christianity in a clear and convincing man-First, Christianity means standing for something-character. Those disciples of Christ in the early days were called Christians in a spirit of derision because they stood for something. In striking contrast to the religionists of that day wno worshiped in magnificent temples and bowed down before myria.1s of heathen gods, the Christian stood for the high ideals and the teachings of the Christ who had been derided. betrayed and crucified-to be a Christian, one must stand for some-

To be a Christian also means, said the speaker, to do something—to give service to the Master. Paul stood before King Agrippa and plead not for himself, but for Christ. He was serving his Master and in doing so he caused the King to say, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." There is no Christianity without service.

In the third place, said the evangelist, to be a Christian means to Being a Christian does not mean a life of ease. Christ said, Those whom the Lord loveth. He chasteneth." To be a Christian means to be tempted and tried. Only one who is a true and thoroughly devout follower of the meek and lowly Jesus, can stand against the trials and

temptations that come to every one. Mr. Browning used numerous ilistrations in his sermon, and at times there was hardly a dry eye in the house as he recounted some tragic and pathetic occurrences which had come under his own observation and knowledge. Throughout the discourse, he was listened to with profound attention.

At the night service the big tabernacle, holding approximately 3,000

people, was filled. A choir of 300 voices, under the

direction of Mr. O. W. Stapleton of Atlanta will be a feature throughout the meeting, which will probably last for three weeks or more. SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE.

When the big choir of two hundred or more voices began to sing Sunday night the tabernacle was filled to its capacity. It was the largest congregation ever assembled at one place in Gastonia to hear the Gospel preached. The singing was splendid as was also the solo sung by Mr. Stapleton at the close of the

Mr. Browning took for his text the two great commandments, namely, Love the Lord our God with all thy heart, soul, mind, strength and body and thy neighbor as thy self." These two commandments, woven into one, said the speaker, gave us the sum total in a nutshell of the Christian religion. No man can be a true Christian unless he meets the conditions set forth in these commandments. The speaker used a number of convincing and stirring illustrations to force home to the hearts of his hearers this great truth.

At 10 o'clock yesterday morning there were more than 200 persons present and the service was a most profitable one, the sermon being to Christians.

Last night Mr. Browning preached from the text, found in the last chapter of Ephesians, "Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ***Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God.

In a manner that held the attention of a large audience the speaker took up one at a time these articles of equipment of a Christian life. In order for one to have this equipment he must have all sin uprooted from his heart. "Evangelists are often said the speaker, criticised. cause some of their converts don't stick, they backslide. Neither I nor any other preacher, either evangelist or one in the regular pastorate, can guarantee that any man will not backslide. It lies with the man himself. I cannot look at him and tell whether every vestige of sin has been wiped out of his heart and life. Unless such is the case he can't live a true Christian life. We have

BROWNING LATE EVENTS IN TOWN AND COUNTY LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

Banks to Close,

As tomorrow, May tenth, is Confederate Memorial Day and a legal holiday in North Carolina, the local banks will all be closed.

Young Wife Dies.

Following an operation performed Sunday morning Mrs. Pete Stroup died at the City Hospital yesterday morning at 1 o'clock. Funeral services were held at the home yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. G. H. Harrison, rctor of St. Mark's Episcopal church, and interment was in only 38 years of age. She leaves her husband and two children to mourn their loss. Prior to her marriage she was a Miss Beach. Her death is a source of sorrow to many

Officers Elected.

At a meeting of the stockholders the Seminole Cotton Mills Company held last Thursday the following were chosen directors: C. B. Armstrong, T. A. Ratchford, D. M. Jones, A. E. Moore, W. H. Adams, J. H. Daingerfield and A. K. Winget. The directors then organized by electing the following officers: C. B. Armstrong, president and treasurer; A. K. Winget, assistant treasurer; T

Ratchford, vice-president; Ralph Armstrong, secretary. Work has already begun on the sidetrack leading from the C. & N.-W. main line to the newly purchased site south of the city and work on the building will begin at once. The Seminole will be a 10,000 spindle mill and will be equipped to manufacture combed peel yarns numbers

Death of H. T. Martin.

Mr. Henry Thornton Martin died at noon Friday, May 5, at his home at Alexis, aged 68 years. Mr. Martin had been in ill health for the past six months, but was seriously ill only a few days. Funeral services were conducted at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon at May's Chapel in Catawba county by Rev. J. A. Peeler, pastor of the Maiden circuit, and the burial took place at Campbell's graveyard nearby, where Mr. Martin's wife was buried about six years ago. Deceased is survived by seven children, Mrs. D. F. Arndt, of Catawba county: Mrs. J. L. Asbury, of Charlotte; Mrs. Will Matthews, of Stanley; Miss Nora Martin, of Alexis; Z. V. Martin, of Gastonia; A. A. Martin, of Alexis, and C. P. Martin, of Mt. Hol-Mr. Martin was a member of the E, church at Stanley. He served during the last two years of the civil war with the Home Guards. Mr. Martin had lived in the county for many years, and made his home at Gastonia for some time a few years ago. He had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances to whom the news of his death will bring sorrow.

Cool summer shirts, wash ties and collars. Swan-Slater Co.

Rev. Charles E. Maddry, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist church in Raleigh, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the University Baptist church at Austin. Texas.

Mary Pickford Ideal Theatre Fri-

Concord has plans under way for

"Sleeping Beauty" Broadway The-

The Carolina Municipal Association adjourned at Kinston last Friday. They chose Raleigh as the meeting place of the association in

Mary Pickford Ideal Theatre Fri-

Dr. C. L. Cruse, of Statesville, has been appointed official veterinarian of the Southern Railway for the west ern division.

"Sleeping Beauty" Broadway Theater Thursday.

Mr. Theo. B. Brown is the new sec retary of Salisbury's Chamber of Commerce. He assumed his duties Monday.

Mary Pickford Ideal Theatre Fri-

The Comptroller of the Currency on Saturday issued a call for a report of the condition of all national banks at the close of business Monday, May 1.

"Sleeping Beauty" Broadway Theater Thursday.

Alfred S. Barnard, for twenty years an attorney at law in Asheville and well known over the State, will go to New York city to practice with the law firm of Massey & Lowe. Massey is a son of Prof. W. F. Massey, formerly of the A. & M. faculty. Mr. Barnard and Mr. Massey were licensed by the State Supreme Court in 1894.

"Sleeping Beauty" Broadway Theter Thursday.

The Carolina Cotton Mill at Maiden is nearing completion and will be put in operation within the next 60

MEETING DRAWS CROWD GASTONIA AND GASTON NEWS OF THE COUNTY IN SOCIAL CIRCLES F

DROUGHT HURTS,

Continued Dry Weather is Causing Rather Gloomy Prospects for the Farmers—Rain Badly Needed.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

GASTONIA, Route 3, May 8. The farming business is very poor just now. We have had but little rain in five or six weeks. I have been through a part of aston and Mecklenburg counties and find the fruit nearly all killed, the wheat crop not worth harvesting, the oat crop dead, no corn hardly planted, some cotton fields with a stalk every forty yards, and others not quite so thick

But there's nothing to be made by grumbling. Pick your flint. Never mind the powder. It's dry. We have had dry springs before and the rains always have come, but it was five months in getting here in 1881. I am plowing up a field where I expected to get a good crop of oats and planting corn, and if I fail with corn I will sow peas. I think that it would be a good idea to prepare a good piece of land and sow some cane seed. It makes good feed for all kinds of live stock. Remember if we do not raise feed we will have to buy it and it is already high. I saw a man the other day selling clover right from the mower at 50 cents a hundred pounds.

SCHOOLS CLOSE,

Commencement Sermon at Bessemer City by Rev. A. T. Lindsay-Graduating Exercises Last Night.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

BESSEMER CITY, May 8. - The losing exercises of the graded school began last Friday night with an entertainment furnished by the pupils in the primary and intermediate grades. The exercises were of a high order and indicated that much effort had been put forth by the teachers.

Saturday night's entertainment was, furnished by the high school with others from the intermediate grades. The exercises for the most part consisted of a play, deplicting the Courtship of Miles Standish.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the commencement sermon was preached by Rev. A. T. Lindsay, of Linwood College. Mr. Lindsay chose these words as his text: "That ye present your bodies a lying sacrifice." Lindsay was seemingly at his best and the sermon was greatly enjoyed by the congregation. The graduating exercises will take place tonight.

The board of trustees will meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon for the purpose of electing teachers.

McAdenville Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

M'ADENVILLE, May 8 .- Mr. and Mrs. Flake Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Rumple and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wiley, all of Charlotte, were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. John Pence.

Mr. Kelly Beatty, of Thrift, was visiting here Sunday. Mr. Cleve Lethco died here last Thursday and was buried Friday at Ebenezer cemetery. Rev. G. A. B.

Holderby preached his funeral. A protracted meeting will begin at the Baptist church here the third Sunday in this month.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Webb spent Sunday with their son, Mr. E. Webb, at Dallas.

We are glad to note that Mr. M. J. Ray. our efficient superintendent. is fast improving from his recent illness and will soon be able to be at

his post again. The members of the Baptist congregation here will send their pastor, Rev. David E. Vipperman, to the Southern Baptist Convention

Asheville enxt week J. L. Webb's singing school at Spencer Mountain will close next Saturday night, although it may be extended ten nights longer.

COMMUNITY CLUB.

Ladies of Tanyard Section Have Organized "Community Home Decoration Club"—Officers Elected.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

GASTONIA, Route 3, May 8. Mrs. Shetley met with the ladies of the Tanyard section on Friday, May and organized what will be known as the "Community Home Decoration Club." The following officers were The following officers were elected to serve for the next six

months: Miss Eunice Robinson, president: Mrs. L. E. Dixon, first vice president: Mrs. L. E. Torrence, second vice president; Miss Ella Dixon, secretary and treasurer. The club has enrolled 20 members

to date and extends an invitation to any one wishing to join and share with us the good we hope to obtain through this organization, for feel it will be a great help to the community. The club will meet every two weeks at the different homes. The first meeting will be held with Mrs. John C. Robinson on Friday afternoon May 19. At this meeting Mrs. P. E. Hoffman will demonstrate beaten biscuits, Mrs. H. L. Lineberber omelet, Mrs. John' C. Robinson chicken salad. All the ladies of the community are cordially invited to be present at this meeting.

Keep cool, get into one of our Palm Beach or Kool-Kraft suits. Swan-Slater Co.

ORIGINAL THIRTEEN

WITH MISS BOYCE.

On Thursday afternoon from four to five at her home on West Second avenue Miss Lucy Boyce will be hostess to the Original Thirteen Club. The occasion will be especially in honor of Miss Clara Armstrong, whose marriage to Mr. W. L. Wetzell has been announced to take place in

D. A. R. TO MEET. WITH MRS. JOHNSTON.

The next regular meeting of the William Gaston Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will be held on Friday afternoon of this week at five o'clock with Mrs. Rufus M. Johnston at her home on South Broad street. At this meeting reports will be heard from the recent meeting of the National D. A. R. Congress in Washington. All members are urged to attend.

CELEBRATED FIFTH BIRTHDAY.

At the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs. M. F. Kirby, Jr., on South Marietta street Friday afternoon Master Fred Kirby, 3rd, celebrated his fifth birthday anniversary by having a few of his little friends with him. The young folks had a most delightful time playing games and The young folks had a most indulging in delicious refreshments. Master Fred played the host to perfection and his little friends went away wishing for him many returns of this happy anniversary.

MR, AND MRS, BOYCE GAVE DINNER PARTY.

At their home on West Airline avenue Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. W. Meek Boyce gave a most enjoyable six o'clock dinner. guests were Mr. and Mrs. Eugene V Wilcox, of Sioux City, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Miller, Lowry Miller and Mr. D. M. Jones The decorations of Rhododendron and mountain flowers, with a huge bowl of sweet peas for a center-piece. Dinner was were especially pretty. served in eight courses.

THE BETTERMENT.

Last Meeting for the Current School Year Was Held Friday Afternoon -Committees Appointed for Coming Year-Splendid Program on Home Economics.

(Reported for The Gazette The Woman's Betterment Association held its last regular meeting for the year Friday afternoon in the auditorium of the Central graded school. Mr. W. P. Grier opened the meeting with prayer. The new president, Mrs. J. Y. Miller, asked for the co-operation, sympathy and support of the members through the coming year and spoke of the unusually fine programs which had been rendered during the past year.

The educational committee announced that the observance of book night had been a great success, having realized nearly \$68 and 90 books. The following committees were ap-

pointed Building-Chairman, Mrs. M. F Kirby, Mrs. W. T. Rankin, Mrs. A. J. Kirby, Mrs. W. L. Balthis, Miss Mil-

dred Rankin. Civics-Chairman, Mrs. S. A. Kindley, Mesdames S. A. Robinson, G. W. Ragan, A. A. McLean, H. M. Eddleman, E. C. Wilson, R. C. Wagren,

Frost Torrence. Educational-Chairman, Mrs. J W. Atkins, Mesdames W. C. Barrett. F. L. Wilson, Joe S. Wray, B. M.

Weir, W. P. Grier, Home Economics-Chairman, Mrs. W. J. Clifford, Mesdames D. A. Garrison, D. E. McConnell, J. F. Thom-

Library-Chairman, Mrs. D.

Garrison, Miss Lottie Blake, Mes-dames W. L. Balthis, J. W. Moore, J. H. Henderlite. Membership-Chairman, Mrs. R B. Babington, Mesdames W. C. Da-

vis, E. O. Jennings, T. M. Brockman. Music-Chairman, Mrs. B. H. Parker, Mesdames H. B. Moore. A. Jones, Hope Brison. Public Health Nurse - Chairman,

Mrs. G. W. Wilson, Mesdames D. A. Garrison, A. F. Whitesides. D. R. La Far, R. M. Reid, W. T. Rankin, J. K. Dixon, J. H. Separk, S. G. Fry, C. V. Blake, J. M. Shuford, J. G. Carpenter.

Sanitation-Chairman, Mrs. D. R La Far, Mesdames J. M. Sloan, A. A. McLean, H. M. Eddleman, A. F. Whitesides, B. F. Ormand.

After the business session the meeting was in charge of the Home Economics committee, with Mrs. W. J. Clifford, chairman, presiding. The program was a real treat to those present, Excellent papers were read by Mesdames W. J. Clifford, Balthis, J. F. Thomson, D. E. McConnell and Miss Susan Markham. Mrs. H. B. Moore gave a very successful and easy recipe for bread-making.

Miss Anna Blair has taught in the Monroe public schools for more than 25 years without having missed single year.

Caesar Cone, the well known Greensboro manufacturer and philanthropist, has agreed to give \$10,-000 for a tuberculosis hospital for Guilford county provided the county will give \$20,000.

J. T. Lupton, a wealthy manufacturer of Chattanooga. Tenn., has purchased Lake Sapphire and 1280 acres of land in the Toxaway section of Transvalnia county. He will have a summer home there.

COMING AND GOING



Brief Items About the Movements of Gaston People.

Miss Jamie Munday spent the week-end with friends in Hickory. -Mr. Bliss Goforth, of Gastonia, spent Sunday with homefolks in Blacksburg, S. C.

-Mrs. R. K. Babington and little daughter left today for Raleigh to visit relatives. -- Tax listing time again. Don't

fail to make your return during the month of May.

—Mrs. W. R. Ford and Miss May Withers spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Rhyne at Mount

Holly. -Mr. O. O. Baber and family spent Sunday in Blacksburg, S. C., as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew

-Mrs. P. T. Heath, Mr. Tyres Heath and Miss Pauline Bramlett, of Atlanta, Ga., are the guests of Mis. W. D. Barringer.

Mr. John Barnett, of Hopewell, Mecklenburg county, was the guest Saturday and Sunday of Mr. and Mcs J. M. Underwood,

Rock Hill, S. C., Herald, 6th: Miss Elloree Walker, of Leslie, left Thursday to visit relatives in Belmont and Gastonia, N. C. -Mr. D. O. Moton, who has been

onfined to his home on route three for several weeks with an attack of grip, is able to be up again. -Sheriff W. N. Davis left yesterday for Cleveland Springs where he

will spend the remainder of the week resting and recuperating. -Next Sunday is "Mother's Day" Wear a red rose if mother is living,

a white rose in her memory if she is dead. Miss Rachel Boyce, of Due West, S. C., arrived in the city yesterday

and will be the guest this week of Mr. S. N. Boyce and family. Rev. J. D. Rankin, pastor of the the guest for several days of Dr.

nd Mrs. Mc G. Anders Registration books are oven until May 20 for the benefit of all who have moved into a new precinct or come of age since last general elec-

Miss Pearl Moretz, of the faculty of the Belmont graded schools. spent the week-end in the city as the guest of her aunt, Mrs. E. K. Whit-

Miss Elizabeth Price is expected to return to her home on route two tomorrow from Concord, where she has been a student in the Sutherland school.

-Mr. M. C. Thorn returned Friday night from Trenton, N. J., to which place he was called by the sad death of his brother who lost his life in a railroad accident.

-Everybody should honor the few living Confederate soldiers and pay a tribute to the memory of the Confederate dead by attending the memorial exercises at the court house at eleven Mr. Cameron o'clock tomorrow. Morrison, of Charlotte, will deliver the oration.

-Tomorrow, Memorial Day, being a holiday, the postoffice will observe holiday hours. The windows will be open from 8 to 10 o'clock a. m. and from 5 to 6 p. m. The city carriers will make one collection and one delivery in the morning. The rural carriers will go out as usual.

Straw hat time. We have a style and size for every head. Swan-Slater

Push the Inheritance Tax Idea. The Progressive Farmer.

Even the Phinppine islands have just adopted an inheritance tax law, and there are now only six States left in the Union which fail to get revenues from such taxes. But the South Carolina House of Representatives by a vote of 65 to 44 killed the bill—a bill which would lighten the tax on productive labor just to the degree that it secured funds from in-There is no juster tax on earth than that which is levied on property a man gets without industry or effort, and such inheritance taxes ought to be levied in ten-fold greater measure, to take the place of taxes now levied on thrift and in-

We hope our South Carolina readers will bring pressure to bear upon their legislators next time and see that the proud old Palmetto State no longer lags behind even the Philippine Islands in this matter of progressive legislation. The bill de-feated by the South Carolina House would not have taxed widows on the first \$19,000 inheritance nor a child on the first \$5,000, so nobody can say that it was an extreme measure.

It is a shameful fact that about the only States that yet collect all their taxes otherwise and let the inheritances of the wealthy escape are Southern States—Alabama, Florida, one which might well serve as a mo Mississippi and South Carolina, with el for other Southern commo Rhode Island and New Mexico to wealths.

-Mrs. W. H. Reddish, of Wades boro, who has been the guest for several days of Mrs. L. F. Wetzell,

left yesterday for Morganton on a

visit to her parents. -Mrs. J. S. Walker morning for Sanford to see her mother,, Mrs. G. H. Culberson, who is quite ill. She will be absent from the city for several days.

-Mrs. S. P. Pierce and Miss Ethel Pierce will go to Rock Hill, B. C., to morrow to attend the Confederate memorial exercises and to spend a

few days visiting friends. -Mrs. O. W. Mackie and children moved last week to Charlotte, where they are now residing at 805 North Davidson street. Mr. Mackie has been in Charlotte several weeks and has a position with the Seaboard Air

-Rev. J. H. Henderlite and Messrs. R. K. Babington, G. E. Mar-vin, W. Y. Warren and W. L. Thompson will attend a meeting of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch-Masons in Charlotte tonight and tomorrow.

Mr. Thomas Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Carpenter and an accommodating clerk at the Armington Hotel, returned home Friday from Charlotte where he recently underwent an operation for appendicitis. He is able to be out and hopes soon to be himself again.

-Charlotte Observer, 6th: Mr. and Mrs. William E. Adams began housekeeping yesterday in their bungalow on Jackson avenue, Piedmont Park. Since their return from a bridal trip to Washington they have been with Mrs. Adams' mother, Mrs. Rosa Pressley McKinley, Jackson Terracer

-Three handsome new ice was ons have been put into service by the Gastonia Ice & Coal Co. Two of Methodist church at Norwood, left them of 2,000 pounds capacity for last night for his home after being local business and the third is of 1,-500 pounds capacity and is for the Belmont trade. They were built es pecially for this company by the well known wagon factory of S. J. Nissen & Co., of Winston-Salem.

> Big shipment nobby caps just received. Swan-Slater Co.

NEGRO WOMAN KILLED.

Della Farris Cut to Death in Saturday Night Row Growing Out of Domestic Troubles-Belle Page and Her Twelve-Year-Old Held for the Crime-Mack Page Sentenced to Twelve Months Roads for Assaulting Wife With Deadly Weapon.

Della Farris, colored, was almost instantly killed and Mack Page and his wife, Belle Page, were both se verely carved up in what appears to have been a free-for-all-fight on Tanyard Row in the negro section of town Saturday night shortly after 9 o'clock.

Following a preliminary hearing in Municipal court before Judge Jones yesterday morning Belle Page and her 12-year-old son, Willie Page, were committed to jail without bond charged with murder and there will await trial at the next term of Gaston Superior Court for the trial of

criminal cases. Mack Page was found guilty of assaulting his wife with a deadly weapon, to-wit a knife, and he was given 12 months on the county roads. The testimony adduced tended to show that he cut his wife several times very seriously. His attorneys, Carpenter & Carpenter, gave notice of appeal to the Superior

So large was the crowd in attendance to hear this preliminary trial that it was moved from the city hall to the Superior Court room, which was pretty well filled by spectators

and witnesses. This tragedy was the result, it appears, of a free-for-all fight growing out of jealousy. Page was with the Farris woman when they came upon Page's wife. A difficulty took place between the Farris woman and Belle Page and her son Willie. When this difficulty was over it was found that the Farris woman had been fatally cut or stabbed, her jugular vein having been severed and she bled to death in a few minutes. So far as known she was never able to make any statement regarding the matter.

A large number of witnesses were examined in the preliminary trial of the woman and her boy on the charge of murder. Mangum & Woltz represented the defense. Judge Jones committed both to jail without bond to await trial at the next term Gaston Superior Court.

keep them company. Let our readers in these States demand reforms of their legislatures, and if it takes a constitutional amendment, as in Alabama, why, hurry up the amend-ment. The Oklahoma law is a good