## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

**REV. DR. J. B. SHEARER ON SYMPATHY**

**His Lecture Before the Literary Societies at the Presbyterian College—Miss Louie Jones a Prize Winner.**

The commencement exercises at the college were resumed yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, when Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., delivered an address to the two literary societies.

After an organ selection by Prof. McCoy, Mr. Junkin, one of the principals of the school, introduced Dr. Shearer as follows:

"We have with us to-day," said he, "one of the foremost educators of the South; the president of one of our leading colleges, noted for its scholarship, superior advantages, and high moral standard. One who by his untiring energy, skill, judgment and common sense, has built his college, and has been largely instrumental in establishing this institution of learning. He will this morning deliver the first annual address before the Pierian and Gamma Sigma societies, the Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., president of Davidson College, and president of the board of trustees of the Presbyterian College, needs no introduction to this audience."

Dr. Shearer acknowledged the happy introduction, and then announced as his subject:

SYMPATHY CONSIDERED AS A FORCE IN EDUCATION.

"Sympathy," said he, "is usually classified among the feelings, and is regarded as a participation in the feelings of others, especially their joys and sorrows, their pleasures and their pains. Such definition is too narrow to embrace all the facts. While every known feeling, sensation, emotion or sentiment may be excited in another's breast by sympathy, it is hardly proper to classify it among the feelings. It is rather a tendency of the mind analogous to physical temperament and modified by it, which may attain any and every stage of realization.

"The word sympathy, in its etymology, suggests similarity of affection—a passive receptivity of and an active assimilation to, the feelings, sentiments, dispositions, condition of others, and indeed to all mental states, embracing also cognitions and volitions. Nor is it limited to contact with mind, but is excited and directed by material and physical surroundings.

"Three kinds of sympathy may be named as affecting education: First, there is physical sympathy. The body is affected by physical conditions and surroundings and the mind is affected through the body.

"Second, there is much sympathy with the physical through the intelligence as it perceives order and harmony and beauty in the material world. Beauty in nature, in art and music, in neat and elegant surroundings, develops taste largely by contact, while disorder, deformity, uncleanliness and the disgusting mar and destroy the aesthetic faculties in the same way.

The third and the highest kind of sympathy is the physical sympathy of mind with mind, heart with heart, soul with soul. Its value in education will appear from several considerations:

"1. Imitation has sympathy for its basis and inspiration. It is non-rational in its beginnings, non-voluntary, spontaneous and almost irresistible. It is the inspiration of childhood and youth and is guided more by intelligence in after years, when habits have been formed and character fixed.

"2. Sympathy is an unmeasured force in the formation of character. It modifies the dispositions, it helps to fix habit. It determines prevailing conduct.

"3. The power of example is based on sympathy. It sharpens the reason to see the beauty and attractiveness of virtue. But virtue and reason plead in vain, when the heart vibrates to pleasure's syren song.

"4. Sympathy is the teacher's greatest source of power and largely determines the success of his work. It is his to present a model for unconscious imitation, and for intelligent following. The teacher must be full of sympathy for the pupil. Some call it tact, some call it magnetism. Tact in discipline depends on the right understanding of the pupil, and this is a sympathetic rather than an intellectual process.

"We talk of magnetism; is not the rationale this? The face, the eye, the posture, tell their story to the sympathetic speaker or teacher. The hearer catches the speaker's enthusiasm and intelligence as well, and soars with him into regions far above his ordinary level, and such is the result of action and re-action that the teacher also is often enabled to do his best thinking when stimulated by the presence and sympathy of his class. Herein is the value of the living teacher as compared with the mere text-book drill, or a still more arid system of lectures, written and read as a mere product of the intellect.

"From this same point of view we might put in a plea for the social, the moral and the spiritual as a necessary part of all education, but this would open too wide the limits of this discussion.

"5. We might also emphasize the good or evil of the recreations and amusements of life. Sympathy is most powerful to mould and fashion when the mind is in a state of abandon or surrender.

"Sympathy may be controlled by fixedness of purpose, by pre-occupation of mind, and by principle.

"Happy is the teacher who works in touch with every grade of pupil, bright and dull, intelligent and ignorant, refined and boorish, virtuous and vicious. Only so can he be a blessing to all, and only so can he make the best possible out of all the material that passes under his hands."

After the address Miss Louie Jones was presented with a prize by Mr. Junkin, for the best map in putty.

The closing prayer was made by Dr. Shearer.

### ANNUAL CONCERT.

**Fine Music and a Big Crowd in the College Hall Last Night.**

The annual concert of the pupils of the Presbyterian College for Women was given last night.

The college hall was packed from door to stage and from wall to wall. The interest manifested by the public, not only by the attendance of so many citizens of various classes and conditions, but by the good order and attention, could but be appreciated by the principals. The heat was trying, but the crowd bore it heroically, for the pleasure of enjoying the music.

The programme opened with an overture by Misses Elise Ramsey, Annie Wyatt, Lucille Hoffman and Daisybell Pharr, which was excellently rendered.

"Summer Fancies," a chorus by young ladies, followed.

Misses Grace Cochrane and Olive Dunlap, two of the star quartette of players, rendered, most brilliantly, a duo from Faust.

A violin trio by Misses Bertha Morris and Alice Atkinson and Mr. Will Bason gave variety and interest to the programme. They handled their bows remarkably well.

A brace of numbers by Miss Male Pegram—"Could I," and "Sing Smile Slumber," was one of the special features of the programme. Miss Pegram has a beautiful soprano, of excellent quality, sweetness and strength. Although a student of only a year, she has acquired the style and finish of a more cultured artist. Her voice last night was lovely and she was heartily encored, but she did not respond. She left the stage with her arms full of flowers.

Misses Cochrane and Dunlap and Messrs. Overcarsh and McCoy next favored the audience with that old, but ever welcome concert favorite, "Waking of the Lion," played on two pianos. They gave it all the dash and vim the interpretation demands.

A flute solo by Mr. Harry Asbury, Charlotte's talented flutist, was the next number which claimed the interest of the audience. The selection was from Terschak, and it was rendered with beautiful execution and finish.

Miss Helen Foil—the rarest jewel in the crown—came next on the programme. She gave an interpretation of List's Sixth Rhapsodie that was masterly. Miss Foil is one of the finest pianists who has ever been heard at the college, even in the old Baumann days. She has a beautiful touch, style and taste. Prof. McCoy has cause to feel proud of her work.

Miss May Oates was greeted with a round of applause as she came forth to sing her solo—"Angels' Serenade." Miss Wilson accompanied her on the organ and the effect was very fine. Miss Oates is one of the future musical celebrities of Charlotte. She has a phenomenally rich, soft, mezzo soprano, with volume and excellent range. This is her first year of study, and under Miss Wilson, she, as well as Miss Pegram, has accomplished wonders. They sing with a finish that does not naturally belong to the debutante in song. The audience demanded more so persistently that she had to repeat her song. She was loaded down with roses and other beautiful flowers when she left the stage.

A duo by Misses Foil and Dunlap followed, after which Rev. J. W. Stagg, in his usual graceful and apropos style, presented the certificates awarded to Misses Cochane, Foil, Donald and Dunlap in the musical department, and then, in behalf of Mr. McCoy, presented the scholarship award to Miss Foil. This gives her a year's study under one of the best teachers, either in this country or in Europe.

A chorus finished the programme.

Mr. McCoy and Miss Wilson have every reason to feel proud of an satisfied with their pupils. Their efforts of last night were the best indication of their work, and who can say that it has not been good?

### COMMENCEMENT AT THE CONVENT.

**An Attractive Programme Arranged by the Sisters.**

The tenth annual commencement of St. Mary's Seminary, conducted by the sisters of mercy will take place to-day. The programme, attractive and interesting, is as follows:

Thanksgiving service in St. Peter's Catholic church at 8 a. m.

In the convent hall the exercises begin at 9 a. m.

Entrance march, piano, by Miss Grace Phelan, Bessie Springs and Mary J. Gallagher.

Address of welcome, Miss Daisy Northy.

Hymn, "Ave Maria," solo, Miss Katie Kidd.

Songs and dumb bell exercise, Kindergarten class; piano accompaniment by Miss Grace Phelan.

Distribution of premiums.

Song, "Hail, Smiling Morn," senior class; piano, Miss Grace Phelan.

"Trades," recitation by little boys.

Second distribution of premiums.

"Pretty Little Zephyrs, We," song by little girls; piano by Miss Annie Scott.

Seraphim Waltz, duet by Miss Bessie Springs and Master Norman Brown.

Third distribution of premiums.

Recitation, "Little Helpers," by little girls.

Diploma Waltz, piano trio, Misses Nell Pettice, Louise Cobb and Mary E. Gallagher.

Fourth distribution of premiums.

Recitation, "What's the Matter?" Miss Louise Cobb.

Dance, piano duet, Misses Bessie Springs and Grace Phelan.

"Advice to Boys," recitation, by Master Maurice Manning.

"Congenial Hearts," masurka, Misses Grace Phelan and Annie Scott.

Awarding of special premiums in music, painting and drawing.

Address by Master Felix Robbins.

Song, "The Old North State," pupils of the seminary.

Address by Rev. F. Francis, O. S. B.

### BRIEFS.

**Stories by the Wholesale—Take Them With You.**

—Mr. Baxter Williams, of Clear Creek, killed a mad dog yesterday.

—The Andrews Music House shipped a piano yesterday to Corbin, Montana.

—The Southern up-town office has been moved from Trade to Tryon street.

—Palamountain furnished the Biddle Institute medals. They were very handsome.

—The stone for the curbing at the court house arrived yesterday. It will be hauled to-day.

—Mr. Jo. Boyte, book-keeper at Kendrick's stables, is up after a right severe attack of illness.

—Mrs. R. N. Elliott, daughter of Mr. J. Watt Kirkpatrick, of Sharon, has been very sick for a week.

—Dr. E. E. Boyce, of Gastonia, was here yesterday on his way to Sharon to see Mrs. L. W. Hunter, who is very ill.

—The largest sale in Cotton Town this week was made Wednesday by Mr. Fred Oliver. He sold 36 bales. Sanders & Orr were the purchasers.

—The vegetable movement on the Southern is rather light at present. The watermelon trains are starting, so there will be extra trains and crews.

—Miss Bonnie Oates is to give a recital in the Young Men's Christian Association hall next week. Possibly it may come in the exposition series.

—Mr. W. H. Allen and family, including Mr. Allen's father, who is here from Raleigh on a visit, went on a fishing expedition to Tuckaseege Ford yesterday.

—Mrs. William Clark, of Blowing Rock, who has been in bad health lately, has gone to Johns Hopkins, Baltimore. Mrs. Clark is a sister of Mr. Jim. Stinson.

—Pink and green are the colors of the alumnae association organized at the Presbyterian College Wednesday. The satin ribbon badges are marked "P. C."

—Mr. James Harty is contemplating changing the front of his old residence on North Tryon street, to corespond with that of his handsome block just above.

—The Evergreen and Ebenezer Baptist Sunday schools, colored, will run their annual excursion to Greensboro on the 18th. Fifteen coaches have been chartered.

—Messrs. Geo. W. Totman & Company have opened a factory for the manufacture of bed-springs on North College, near Fifth. Mr. Totman is from New Jersey.

—Mr. and Mrs. George E. Hiss have rented one of Dr. J. F. Robertson's new houses, on Vance street—the second nearest to Tryon street. They will take possession on the 10th inst.

—Mr. Frederick Going of New York, gave a Shakesperean recital last night in the Pythian hall, 4 C's building. Mr. Going has lectured before in Charlotte, and his merits need not to be enlarged upon.

—The reception tendered President Geo. Miller and bride, of the Neptune fire company, last night, in Varick Hall, by the company, was a very enjoyable affair. President Miller received several presents.

—Mr. S. Wittkowsky returned yesterday morning from Wilmington, where he went to attend a meeting of the Land and Improvement Company, of which he is a member. The old officers were re-elected.

—Mr. Chivers, the artist who rings the changes daily with his brush on the mirror over Jordan's soda fountain, is frescoing the Queen City Guards' armory. He goes next to Capt Chadwick's house in the country.

—The State Medical Society meets at Morehead on the 8th. The State Board o. Examiners meet Monday, and will probably be in session throughout the week, as there are a number of candidates to be passed upon.

### EXPOSITION.

**The Band Concerts Well Attended Yesterday—Spelling Bee To-Day.**

The two concerts at the exposition yesterday attracted even a larger number of out-of-town people than of home folks. The people from the farming districts especially, are coming in now to see what has been done by the women of Mecklenburg county. The fear that the exposition would appeal only to those of more matured tastes or with a love for the fine arts has been dispelled by the fact that people of every class and condition are delighted with the exposition and go time and time again.

Some interested friends appealed to the managers yesterday for a continuation but this is not probable. Those of the city who have not yet attended should do so at once as it is more than probable that one visit will only make them hungry for more and the opportunity for more will soon be removed.

SPELLING BEE.

The special attraction this afternoon will be the spelling bee for children from 10 to 13 years of age. Mr. Brevard Nixon will be in charge, which should be sufficient guarantee for its success. Application should be made at the door upon entrance. No extra fee will be charged those who enter the spelling content. The range will go to the winner, with the compliments of the Buck Range Company. The contest will begin at 4 o'clock.

The ladies in charge of the dining room have asked the Observer to say that persons desiring to go to the dining room for lunch can do so from 12 to 2 by applying to the office for free admission during those hours. Such persons, however, will not avail themselves at that time of the opportunity of seeing the exhibits without paying the usual admission fee.

GRIFFIN CONCERT.

The Griffin concert to-night should draw a large audience. It will be given in the association hall. Tickets are on sale at Jordan's. Coupons for admission to the exposition will be issued as usual.

### Death of Mrs. Wyley.

Mrs. Wyley died last evening at 7 o'clock at the residence of her son-in-law, Capt. Ed. Patterson, of North Cedar street. She came here three years ago to make her home with her daughter, and has been in feeble health for that length of time. The remains will be taken to Virginia this morning for burial.

### Railroad.

Fitz Lee, the colored porter on the ill-fated No. 11, has resumed work. He is almost entirely well.

The Bristol pond trestle on the Air Line, is being rebuilt. Mr. Wood and bridge force and their cars are at the southern passenger depot.

## AMONG HOMEFOLKS.

**They Gave the Names of Strangers Away.**

Mr. E. W. Blitt is back from Cleveland Springs. He was delighted with the fare and accommodations in general.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Plummer, of Baltimore, returned home yesterday, after a visit to relatives here.

Mrs. E. A. Bacon has gone to Mebane to spend several weeks.

Misses Claudia Mock and May and Janie Boyden, of Salisbury, are at Judge Burwell's.

Mrs. A. W. Miller and Mrs. T. H. Gaither have returned from McAdenville.

Mr. C. Gresham has gone to Mt. Airy, Ga., for the summer.

Mrs. Rufus Barringer and son, Mr. Osmond Barringer, and Miss Lilly Long leave on the 28th for a trip to California. They go direct to San Francisco.

Misses Katharine Sharp, of Portsmouth, and Josie Laxton of Morganton, who have been visiting Miss Hallie Lucas, have returned home.

Mrs. Brown, of Raleigh, is at Mr. Willis Wilkinson's, on North Church street.

Mr. L. W. Sanders is expected home from the North to-day.

Mr. Junkin, of the College, leaves at noon for Texas to see his wife and son.

Miss Julia Robertson arrived home last evening from Washington, where she had been spending the winter at school. With her came a friend, Miss Dunlap.

Mr. T. G. Pearson, of Guilford College, who loaned the exhibit of that institution at the exposition, was here yesterday. He goes to Michigan for the summer and will enter the University in the fall.

Mrs. Albert Guerry, of Atlanta, whose husband painted the large portrait of Senator Vance seen in the east end of the exposition building, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McLaughlin, of Statesville, came down last evening.

Miss Jimmie Croom and brother, Mr. Bascom Croom, of Maxton, are visiting Mrs. John S. Blake.

Mr. W. Jacques Lowenstein, of Statesville, spent last night in the city.

Capt. A. Theiss, of the Haile Gold Mine, passed through the city last night on his way to New York, and from there to Nova Scotia. Mrs. Theiss and Mrs. Wohlford accompanied him as far as Charlotte. They go from here to Creighton, Ga., to visit Mrs. O. J. Theiss.

Mr. Chas. Stone spent last evening in Concord.

Mr. S. W. Cramer went North last evening.

Drs. W. A. Graham and E. M. Brevard expect to go to Morehead to attend the meeting of the State Medical Society.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Jenkins, of Gastonia, spent last night in the city.

Mr. W. S. Liddell left last night for Detroit.

Mrs. R. R. Ray and daughter, Miss Mina, of McAdenville, came over last evening, and are at Capt. R. E. Cochrane's.

Judge Norwood and wife left for Waynesville, their home, yesterday. During their stay in the city, they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Henderson.

Mrs. A. M. Young and children have gone to Rock Hill, S. C., on a visit. Mrs. F. A. Caldwell, who lives in Rock Hill, went with them.

Mrs. John Bennett, of Wadesboro, is the guest of Mrs. John VanLandingham.

Mrs. Watt Maxwell, of New York; Mrs. T. W. Pritchard and Miss Nancy Maxwell will return this evening from Columbia, S. C.

Mrs. J. A. Lockhart, of Wadesboro, is at Mr. P. D. Walker's.

Miss Mittie Roland, of Monroe, is visiting Mrs. T. C. Benton.

Mr. Stephen Smith, of Lexington, Ala., was here yesterday on his return from Lincolnton.

Mr. A. N. Turnbull, of New York, who has been at Mrs. Brady's since last fall, leaves to-day for Blowing Rock. He will spend the summer with Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Edwards.

Mrs. J. V. A. Weaver and children got off yesterday for Chicago. The baby was better.

Mrs. Gen. Harrison, of Atlanta, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. E. Wilson.

Mrs. James Moore, of Augusta, who has been at Mr. Wilson's returns home in the morning.

Prof Bivins leaves for home this morning. He will return to Charlotte during the summer.

Mr. Will Lindsay, of Salisbury, is in the city.

### Prof. Gray at Mebane.

Prof. Preston Lewis Gray, who was married to the only daughter of the late Col. Wm. Bingham, has taken charge of the Presbyterian High School at Mebane, and associated with him will be Rev. E. C. Murray, of South Carolina, Prof. J. M. Oldham, of the University of North Carolina, and Prof. J. E. Mills, a first graduate of Davidson College. Mr. Murray has been for years president of the Presbyterian College at Clinton, S. C., which he resigned of his own accord to go to Mebane.

The Bristol News says:

Preston L. Gray, Esq., will leave Bristol to-morrow for Mebane, N. C., to take charge of a Presbyterian high school at that place. The News, together with a host of other friends, regrets to see so pleasant a Christian gentleman and such a valuable citizen leave, and their good wishes will follow him to his new home. That he will make friends, we have no doubt. His life here has been such that we have no hesitancy in commending him to the people of Mebane.

Previous to coming to Bristol he was assistant at the Harrisonburg high school in Shenandoah valley, was principal of Noble Institute, for boys, located at Anniston, Ala., and also principal of the High School at Beattyville, Ky., to which place Rev. J. S. Meredith, of Bristol, has been recently called; he is, therefore, not a novice at teaching.

### THE DENCK RECITALS.

**A Request Programme for This Afternoon.**

The Denck recitals at the Andrews' Music House are attracting numbers to that store during the hours of recital. Prof. Denck is a gifted artist, and his playing is greatly enjoyed.

The following request programme will be played this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock:

Moonlight Sonata.....Beethoven
Schergo .....Mendelssohn
Valse des Valses.....Satter
Tarantelle .....Moszkowski
Marcia .....Raff
Waltz Elude.....Raff
Paraphrase on Rigoletto.....Liszt
Concert Waltz (left hand alone).....
.....Neumann
Miserere and Prison Scene from Trovatore (left hand alone).....
.....Denck
Rhapsody No. 2.....Liszt
Last Hope.....Gottschalk
The Awakening of the Lion.....
.....Kontski

### Church Notes.

The Westminster League meets in the First Presbyterian church parlor to-night.

Rev. Dr. Barron will return from Shelby to-morrow night.

Every member of Tryon Street Methodist Epworth League is urged to be present at the meeting to-night at 8:15, and to bring both Bibles and copies of the Discipline as some systematic study will be begun.

It is thought that the Second church organ will be ready for use by Sunday. Miss Bonnie Oates is to sing, and the day will be a memorable one, musically.

Mrs. G. W. Bethel will sing in the Episcopal church Sunday morning.

To-morrow is observed as a holy day of obligation in the Catholic church. Mass will be said at 6:30.

### Conservatory Graduates.

Owing to the number of students who had to perform at the Conservatory annual concert on Wednesday night, the presenting of diplomas to the young ladies who graduate this season had to be omitted. The two graduates are Miss Jessie Henderson and Miss Lillie Beatty, both in instrumental music. The average of each is unusually high. These young ladies are performers of skill, although of different temperament and style. Both have been very faithful students, and it is a pleasure for Prof. Gaertner to add them to his graduates.

### Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Mecklenburg Presbytery met in the Second Presbyterian church yesterday morning. Some thirteen ministers were present and six ruling elders.

Mr. J. E. Brown, a member of the First church, Charlotte, was received as a candidate for the ministry.

Candidate J. H. Gray and L. H. Query were licensed to preach.

A call from Sugar Creek church was made for the pastoral services of Rev. T. J. Allison, and order was taken for his installation on the fourth Saturday of June at 11:30 a. m.

### A Witness.

Mr. James A. Owens, of Chester, S. C., passed through the city yesterday on his way to Gaffney, as witness in the trial of Chas. Jagers, for the killing of his (Jagers') child. Mr. Owens is a brother of Mr. Owens of the Singer office.

## SOUTHERN COTTON SPINNERS.

**A SPECIAL MEETING ON THE 10TH.**

**Constitution and By-Laws to be Adopted, and Other Business of Importance to be Transacted.**

The board of governors of the Southern Cotton Spinners' Association met in this city yesterday morning, and instructed the secretary to call a special meeting of all Southern cotton spinners, and especially the members of the association, to meet here on the 10th of this month, for the purpose of adopting the constitution and by-laws of the association, and of regulating other important matters which will have for their object the perfecting of the work of the association.

Since the adjournment of the recent convention, held in this city May 15th, two called meetings of the board of governors have been held independent of meetings of various committees. Besides these meetings the work of the secretary and treasurer has been very heavy, owing to the circulating of large amounts of type-written and circular letters, etc.

Numbers of letters are being received in every mail, and speak for themselves the vast amount of interest being taken in the work, by cotton mill men all over the South. There is every indication of great good to grow out of the organization.

The officers have reason to feel encouraged in the work which they have been giving so much attention to, notwithstanding various published statements in Northern papers to the contrary. It is not the intention of the members of the association to attack any individual or corporation, but to act as a body in hearty co-operation with all who may be interested in the manufacture, transporting or selling of cotton goods in general, and coarse cotton yarns in particular. It is believed that each being in close touch with the other will have a very beneficial effect, and by working in hearty unison one with the other, such general improvements will be effected as will redound to the good of all interested in the success of the South's cotton manufacturing interests.

### A HANDSOME BIT OF ART.

**A Piece of Tapestry Painting on Exhibit at D. H. Baruch's.**

There is exhibited in the right hand show window of the store of D. H. Baruch a beautiful specimen of tapestry painting, from the brush of Miss Laura Wadsworth. It is a re-production and enlargement from the copy of a Roman scene, entitled "Reading Homer." All eyes are on the figure of a person seated, with a scroll in his hand, and supposed to be reciting. Stretched upon the floor, in an attitude of graceful abandon, is a dancing girl, and in the background are seen musicians, clad in the costume of the period, and with harp and tambourine. The faces are attractive to a degree, the poses natural and the colors beautifully blended. The painting is of large size, and can hardly fail to catch the eye of the passerby. It is for sale. Miss Wadsworth is an artist of gifts and of patient industry. She is a pupil of Carl Hecker, of New York, and her work, notably this piece of tapestry painting, reflects credit, through her, upon her instructor.

### THE GRIFFINS' FAREWELL.

**A Concert in the Association Hall To-Night—Programme.**

The Griffin concert in the Y. M. C. A. hall, this evening, is being looked forward to with infinite pleasure by the many admirers of these talented musicians. Mr. Huyck was not able to be present, but the programme, as can be judged, will be well worth hearing:

Fantasie Appassionata .....Vientemps
Song—"Who Is Sylva?" .....Schubert
Song—"Sweet and Low" .....Norris
Song—"The Year's at the Spring" (written for and dedicated to Mrs. Griffin.....
Mrs. A. O. Meares.
Song—"Nymph and Shepherds".Purcell
"Walther's Prize Song" .....Wagner
Aria—"Ah, Perfido!" .....Beethoven
Introduction and Gavotte .....Ries
Song—"The Kiss" .....Beethoven
Song—"The Monotone" .....Cornelius
Song—"The Erlking" .....Schubert
Song—"Protestations" (with violin obligato) .....Norris
Song—"Spring Flowers" (with violin obligato) .....Reinecke

### Prof. Sharpe Comes Home.

The Goldsboro Argus, of Tuesday, says:

"Prof. Thos. A. Sharpe, principal of the Goldsboro graded schools, left for his home in Charlotte to-day, to spend the vacation. During his term of service as principal, Prof. Sharpe has made many friends among the pupils of the school and among our citizens generally, all of whom wish him a pleasant vacation."

Prof. Sharpe is from Pineville, this county. It is pleasant to know that he has made so good an impression at his new home.

### "Rom" is Dead.

Mr. James Minter has been grieving over the death of a fine English mastiff intrusted to his care. The dog belonged to Judge Boykin. It was left here about a month ago. Mr. Minter has several mastiffs, and one more was not more than he was willing to care for. The dog was named "Romulus." It weighed 168 pounds, and was a handsome specimen of canine flesh. It had pneumonia, and notwithstanding the best of care and attention, died.

### Capt. Wilkes Honored.

The graduating week exercises at the Naval Academy at Annapolis are in progress.

The board of visitors, of which Capt. John Wilkes is a member, was received the day before the regular graduating exercises.

Capt. Wilkes was elected president of the board, and was also selected to deliver the oration to the graduates.

Mrs. Wilkes accompanied Capt. Wilkes on his trip.

### Baby Drummer No. 2.

The youngest "gripper" on the road is possibly Willie Michael, who left here last Monday for the western part of the State in the interest of the Southern Chemical Company. "Willie" is but sixteen years old, but has a long head on him, with that most attractive characteristic, urbanity. His first day's work was three good orders, and he reports more to follow.

### New Times.

The first Friday night concert of the season takes place at Latta park this evening, beginning at 8 o'clock. The local band has advantages over many, in the fact that its selections are of the latest. Three hours of this fine entertainment, with the other attractions at the park, will afford visitors and citizens an outing of pleasure and comfort.

### Prof. Graham Will Deliver an Address.

The closing exercises of Providence school will be held on the 11th.

An address on education will be delivered at 11 a. m., by Prof. Alex Graham, and the closing entertainment will be held at night under the auspices of Mrs. J. W. Siler and Miss A. V. McGeachy, teachers.

### A Day at the Monastery.

Messrs. Russell Robbins, A. Bidewald and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cremins went to Belmont Wednesday and spent the day at the monastery. Father Bernard met the party at the depot in Charlotte and accompanied them to the college.

### Undertakers to Meet.

The North Carolina State Funeral Directors' Association meets in Raleigh on the 15th inst. Mr. J. M. Harry, of this city, is the president. He will be in attendance, also other undertakers from this section.

### The Charlotte Methodist.

The next issue of this paper will be of especial interest and have an unusually large edition. It will be a Wesley edition, and will be largely illustrated, on account of the birthday of John Wesley being in this month.


### Lump in the Breast Cured.

Six or seven years ago I had a lump or knot to come in my breast, which made it swell so much that it became so hard I could not make a dent in the breast. It was very painful and caused me to suffer so much that some nights I could hardly turn in bed or rest. Nothing did me any good and I was very uneasy, not knowing how it would terminate. I used one-half dozen bottles of Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy, without stopping on it, and it made a perfect cure of me. The lump disappeared gradually and I have never had any trouble from it since.

LUCIE E. GASKINS.

Windsor, N. C., May 13, '97.


### In and Out.

Captain Fielding, of the Southern Railway, and family, who have been occupying Mr. N. J. Sherrill's house on North Poplar street, have moved to the Coulter house, a few doors below. Mr. Green, a nephew of Mr. Brooks, of W. J. Matheson & Co., has taken the Sherrill house.


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FOR YOUTHS AND BOYS.

We believe in teaching the young gentlemen and little men of this place what good clothes, stylish clothes, well made clothes are. We believe in teaching them by practical demonstrations.

We will take your little man and fit him out twice as handsomely as he can be fitted anywhere else for the same amount of money that you will pay here. We will do the same for the little boy's father. We show some exclusive novelties not to be found elsewhere.

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## LEIBERMAN

& CO.

21 South Tryon Street.

Mail Orders Solicited.

## Racket Store

With by far the largest stock and best values ever offered, makes business always satisfactory at the RACKET. Consumers appreciate these values we are offering. No merchant's good credit can cover the same territory in mercantile circles that the ready cash can. You may think you have big values offered you, with that sweet solo, four to six months' credit attached to it; but when the cash down gets a hit at such, it just about cuts in twain. We never buy goods unless we buy them cheap, and we never vary from the old established law of ours: one small profit and stop.

We wish to call your special attention to our elegant stock of Spring and Summer Clothing, all new and very latest styles. We keep all kinds of clothing, cheap, medium, good and fine. We carry an immense line of work pants, prices 50c. to $1.25. These are good values. Men's corduroy pants $1.50 to $2.

THE BEST LINE OF MEN'S WHITE UNLAUNDERED SHIRTS IN THE CITY FOR THE MONEY. 33, 38 AND 50 CENTS. MEN'S NIGHT ROBES; GOOD QUALITY, WORTH 75C., AND TO CLOSE THE LOT WE OFFER THEM AT 43 AND 50 CENTS.

One of the greatest attractions this week is a bargain shoe counter. 1,000 pairs men's shoes to close at $1 per pair; many shoes in the lot worth double. 1,000 pairs ladies' Oxford ties and summer shoes from 35c. up. See our 50c. slipper counter.

Every housekeeper should know that we carry a full stock of crockery, glass and queensware that we are selling very cheap. You need only to inspect these goods and you will buy.

Visit the RACKET, you will find us with a full head of steam, and a house full of the very best values.

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## J. G. HOOD & CO.

Old Racket.

THE MOST MAGNIFICENT LINE OF

## Sterling Silverware

EVER SHOWN IN THE CITY IS NOW BEING EXHIBITED AT OUR JEWELRY STORE. ALL NEW DESIGNS AND THE VERY BEST QUALITY. POPULAR PRICES PREVAIL.

## Garibaldi & Bruns,

Jewelers, Designers and Repairers.

## BEAUTY IS VAIN.

We do not vouch for our Lawns, etc., after a trip through Laundrytown, but as seen to-day at

## Alexander's

there's none excelling in richness and beauty—the Lapperts, Cads, Mulls, Organdies and Etamine Lawns.

There's one line 8½c.; our job well worth your visit.

Hot sunshine calls to mind need of

## UMBRELLAS.

There's a new lot at LADIES' STORE. New kind of handles; very attractive steel rods; close roll, $1.15, $1.50, $2.10 each.

Changing scenery good for the eye, so we change to skirt talk. Selling more skirts than "law 'lows." Got them on the run; keep them skewed ahead of us. Making P. K. skirts and Crash skirts to order, and the featherweight skirts of Etamines, etc., are "darlins" for $2.25 and $3.25 each.

Everlastingly hustling for things to keep the ladies a hustling to

## 13 W. TRADE ST.

NEWNESS DAILY.

Night Shirts 50c.
Night Shirts 75c.
Night Shirts $1.00.
Night Shirts $1.25.

Hot weather fabrics, very handsome patterns in Muslin, Cambric and Nainsook.

THE CAROLINA CLOTHING CO.

J. A. SOLOMONS, Manager.

## Our Stock of Furnishings

Is magnetic in its attractive power. Draws all kinds and conditions of men. It has so many good points to recommend it. There's **Style** to please the dressy. **Fit** to please the particular. **Variety** to please the fastidious, and **Good Quality** to please everyone.

Price is a misfit; too small for such big values.

## The Long-Tate Clothing Company.

—TELEPHONE 166A.—

We solicit orders from a distance and will send goods on approval by express to any part of the country, returnable at our expense.

## A Shirt Bargain

If You Wear Size 15.

One of the best shirt manufacturers in the United States sold us his line of sample shirts. About 200 fine Negligee Shirts, some with collars detached and some to be worn with white collars, no two alike and **all size 15.** Not a shirt in the lot worth less that $1.50, (this being the lowest priced shirt made by this manufacturer), and from this value up to $3. We give you a chance to-day to take your pick from this lot of shirts at **$1.25.** Do you know how much better sample shirts are than regular stock? Samples are always made by the best hands in the factory.

## LESLIE & ROGERS.

Sole Agents in Charlotte for Knox World Renowned Hats.

## KEEP GOING! DON'T STOP

—until you reach the—

## CHARLOTTE HARDWARE CO.,

where you will find the choicest stock of

WATER COOLERS

in Charlotte. Headquarters for Ice Cream Freezers, Door Screens, etc.

## The G. S. Read Stock

Is going fast and other handsome goods are taking its place.

## Many Rare Bargains

will be offered until this entire stock is exhausted. We are compelled to make away with these goods. Not that they are not of a high order, but before we purchased them from Mr. Read we bought largely of other goods which must take the place of his stock.

Refrigerators and Ice Cream Freezers are going rapidly. If you haven't bought yet we can interest you, both in price and quality.

## MOORE & KYLE.

Successors to G. S. Read & Co.

Crockery, Glassware, Housefurnishing, etc.

HAMILTON-BROWN SHOE CO'S. OWN MAKE

$2.50 SHOE

For Sale By

A. H PORTER & SON.

Leaders in Shoes, Hats and Gents' Furnishings.

6 WEST TRADE STREET.

## Rambler

The highest of HIGH GRADE WHEELS Is the RAMBLER. Their equal has never been found.

PRICE $80.

Rambler Ideals are record breakers at $50.

Shaw - Howell Harness Co.

## COLLISION.

An occurrence of this kind on the railroad means destruction of life and property. The pedestrian on the street being a little overbalanced often comes in contact with a lamp post and usually receives a black eye or a skinned nose. So, there are various ways in which collisions occur. Some are caused by accident, others carelessness. The best way to escape all such misfortunes is to be guided by the rule that governed your Uncle David Crockett: Be sure you are right and then go ahead. Following this example

## Belk Bros.'

efforts have been crowned with success. Why, we are running smoothly along, making the fastest time on record, handling more folks than all of the other stores combined on Trade street, from creek to creek, too, without a jar, have the right of way over all lines, consequently the track is clear, not even a collision at the counters, for the people know we are giving them goods far below the cost of manufacture, and all come to see us with a feeling of security that cannot be obtained elsewhere. Our expert buyer, backed by the almighty dollar, handles the throttle, acquainted with all the curves and grades, well posted, often picks up railroad wrecks, auction goods, etc., while others are asleep.

## WIDE AWAKE.

Receiving Dry Goods, Shoes, Clothing, Hats, Notions, etc., daily. Think of it, shoving out to the multitudes ladies' slippers, Oxford ties, button boots, for 25c., 35c. and 48c. Mens' gaiters 48c., 68c., 75c., 98c. and so on. Clothing: A good suit for $1.48. Fine custom made suits from 3.50 to $2.00 below any other dealer. Boys' suit 25c.; pants 5c. Men's pants; job lot as low as 37c., and finer grades at one-half price. Sample line gents' underwear going at a big discount. Unlaundered shirts 25c. Shirt for 10c. Socks 2c. Large line of ties and bows just in; worth 25c., being sold for 5c. and 10c. Dress goods: 500 pieces Lawns, Dimities, Silkonets, Crepons and other attractive lines, 10c., 12½c. and 15c.; all go on our five cent counter. Full dress goods. The way the crowds are pouring in our stores you would think the whole of Charlotte had turned out. Listen for the 7 a. m. whistle and come in a run to

BELK BROTHERS'.

Cheapest Store on Earth.

15, 19, 21 E. Trade Street. Charlotte, N. C.

## THE EMPORIUM'S

## Bulletin For the Next Few Days.

Our 50c. Novelty Dress Goods at 30c. per yard.
Our $1 Waist Silk at 72 1-2c. per yard.
When in need of Silk Mitts don't fail to call on us.
We just received a large supply and have them from 10c. a pair up.
Our motto is, "Quick sales and small profits."

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## Dave Oestreicher.

THERE IS A....

## HOT TIME A COMING!

It is not necessary to consult the weather bureau man to find out that a hot time is coming. You have lived in this world long enough to know that June, July and August are "swingers." We have prepared for these hot days. We will make your burden light. Our line of light weight men's wear has never been of a higher grade or more up to date than we have now placed on our counters. Negligee Shirts—No trouble to get what you want in this line. Serges, Sicilian and alpacas to fit all at moderate prices. Every garment of the best fabric and well made.

## MELLON & SHELTON,

Leading Clothiers and Gents' Furnishers.

Mail orders have our prompt atten

More than a carload of Bed Room Suits have be ed. Bought at a cut rate summer reduction from mills turers anxious to sell. Their loss—it will be your gain if y want a suit now. Solid oak, best styles, workmanship firs class. The lowest known price to all. Here are a few hint at prices:

Solid oak, 3-piece suit, German bevel glass, 12.50.
Solid oak, 3-piece suit, large bevel glass, - 15.50.
Solid oak, 3-piece suit, large bevel glass, - 17.50.
Solid oak, 3-piece suit, cheval style, - - 18.50.