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## THE PUBLISHING HOUSE

### How It Came to Be

One of the most conspicuous recent achievements of the Methodist Protestants in North Carolina has been the building of the Publishing House in Greensboro. The thought of such a building was born out of the necessity for a church paper in the State and for a larger support of such a publication than subscription and advertising patronage would naturally yield. It was believed that an endowment put in the form of a building would be worth much more than the same amount in any other form.

The Publishing House scheme was devised early in the year 1895. It was first submitted to a few members of Grace Church in Greensboro, and was by them approved. The President of the Annual Conference, Rev. T. T. Ferree, M. D., also gave it his endorsement. March 5, 1895, a circular was addressed to the pastors of the North Carolina District, outlining the scheme, and asking them for the addresses of leading laymen in their fields to whom a trial appeal for funds should be made before appealing to church members generally. Pastors evinced their interest by their general response to this circular, sending exactly three hundred names.

Before making even the trial appeal, the publisher took time to reflect on the scheme further, to be sure that it was the thing to do, and also to mature a proposition, feasible and fruitful, of what he himself would do if others would erect the building. It was not until Sept. 13, 1895, that the appeal was sent out to the three hundred. In that communication, the publisher embodied his proposition, which was substantially this: to pay the church the cost of the building by giving six-month subscriptions to the church paper to families that have never taken it and to pay the tax and insurance and keep up repairs in consideration of a ten-year lease of the building. The publisher gave himself ten years in which to carry out the proposition regarding subscriptions.

The proposition contemplated a property to cost $2,500.

The responses to the appeal of Sept. 13, while not numerous, were encouraging. There were eighteen pledges ranging from $2.50 to $250.00, and aggregating $493.50. Of this amount $333.50 was pledged by members of Henderson Church, and $50 by members of Bethesda Church, Brinkleyville. If one fifth of the proposed amount could be obtained from so small a number, it was assumed that the remaining four-fifths could be obtained from the other members of the church; and, accordingly, a general appeal was made through OUR CHURCH RECORD of Oct. 3, 1895.

EDITOR'S ROOM, IN THE PUBLISHING HOUSE.

Pledges continued to come in, but it was soon discovered that the most liberal contributors would prefer to give much more for a more costly building. This led to an expansion of the original idea, and $5,000 was thought of as the sum to be raised. Bro. J. Norman Wills was the first to double his subscription in view of a more costly building.

Up to the sitting of the Annual Conference of 1895, the aggregate of pledges was $699 for the smaller building, or $746.50 for the larger.

A meeting of a few brethren from Greensboro and vicinity, including Bro. J. C. Roberts, of Kernersville, was held in the office of OUR CHURCH RECORD just before the sitting of the Annual Conference, the object being to formulate the matter definitely for presentation to that body. In this meeting, Bro. J. S. Hunter made perhaps the most forceful speech, saying, "If this thing is carried through successfully, we people in Greensboro must begin to do something. There is no use in our making ten-dollar and twenty-five-dollar subscriptions. We must come down with fifties and hundreds. I must pay one hundred and Bro. B. and Bro. C. (and so on) must pay one hundred each." Bro. Hunter and several others before the meeting closed had raised their pledges to $100 each and a few to $50 each, and the meeting closed hopefully in favor of a five-thousand dollar house.

The Annual Conference gave the matter a most friendly consideration, setting apart three different hours to solicit pledges. The Committee on Literature, Rev. W. F. Kennett, chairman, endorsed the project heartily, and Rev. T. J. Ogburn stood before the Conference to appeal in its behalf. Dr. F. R. Harris raised his pledge to $500. Bro. W. P. Pickett pledged $500; Capt. A. M. Rankin, $100; others, smaller sums, so that by the day of the next issue of OUR CHURCH RECORD, the number of pledges had grown from 35 to 102, and the aggregate from $746.50 to $3,237.50, including $500 pledged by Bro. O. R. Cox immediately after Conference.

The next great impulse came from the Henderson Church about Christmas time of 1895. Bro. Geo. B. Harris raised his pledge from $25 to $500, Bro. S. R. Harris raised his from $20 to $200, and other brethren made large advances, bringing Henderson's total from $608.50 to $1384.50. The total of pledges, Dec. 26, 1895, was now $4,037.00.

Pledges came in almost every week in 1896, up to the sitting of the Annual Conference, when the aggregate was $4,882.00.

The Annual Conference of November, 1896, held in Burlington, rallied to the support of the measure, and Rev. T. M. Johnson stood up to solicit further pledges. When that Conference ended, the aggregate of pledges was $5,330.39.

The lot had already been purchased, and it was now seen that a building befitting the location would cost more than the balance due on pledges. Special appeals were made which added $308.90, and $150 was obtained in a stairway contract. The aggregate promised resources were $5,789.29.

Of this amount, the treasurer of the building fund, Bro. R. H. Brooks, reports that $5,275.51 has been paid in.

The Annual Conference of 1895 appointed Dr. F. R. Harris, O. R. Cox, and J. S. Hunter as a soliciting committee. The work done by the members of this committee was very important, if not essential, to the success of the movement.

A duly called meeting of contributors was held in Greensboro, Feb. 7, 1896, and the following were chosen to constitute a Board of Trustees to hold and use the property for the purpose of its creation: Dr. F. R. Harris, O. R. Cox, J. S. Hunter, W. P. Pickett, J. Norman Wills, J. C. Roberts, Rev. T. J. Ogburn, Rev. T. M. Johnson, and the President of the N. C. Annual Conference, *ex officio*.

A Purchasing and Building Committee was appointed at the same time, consisting of J. S. Hunter, O. R. Cox, and J. Norman Wills. The lot was purchased in the midsummer of 1896, and the building was begun in the midsummer of 1897, and completed early in the present year, 1898.

The plan of the building was drawn by Messrs. Bruce and Morgan, of Atlanta, Ga.

The characters of the men composing the Building Committee and of the Contractor (Bro. W. C. Bain) are shown in the character of the building—substantial, honest, and sightly.

Some of the interiors are shown in our illustrations; the front, on the first page of the cover.

## THE N. C. ANNUAL CONFERENCE

### Sketch of its Earlier Years

The history of this body is an interesting one. We have space for only a few salient points. We begin at the beginning with

THE FIRST SESSION.

This was held in Whitaker's Chapel, Halifax county, beginning December 19, 1828. There were in attendance as members about twenty-five ministers and laymen, withdrawn or expelled from the Methodist Episcopal Church on account of their opposition to government without representation.

The Articles of Association prepared by the Baltimore Convention in November of that year were unanimously adopted. A committee was appointed to report a system of operation for the ministry.

Three financial agents were appointed to collect and a treasurer to hold and disburse funds for the use of the Conference. Pastors were appointed for Roanoke, Greenville, and Albemarle circuits.

The following passage in the records can be read between the lines:

"Whereas our Bro. W. W. Hill was on a former occasion elected to Elders' orders in the Methodist Episcopal Church, SO-CALLED (the emphasis is ours), by the Virginia Annual Conference, which election was not consummated, he not having applied to the Bishops, so-called, for that purpose, he now applies to this Conference for ordination, which on motion was unanimously carried by rising up."

It was agreed that the Conference 'should not receive any person as a preacher unless he should say that he thinks he is called of God to preach."

A committee on correspondence was appointed which was directed to appoint the time and place for the next Conference.

SECOND SESSION.

This began April 2, 1829, being held at Sampson's Meeting House, Roanoke circuit. Rules of order were adopted. During the examination of ministerial character, the Conference sat with closed doors. One brother, under suspicion, was permitted to surrender his license and withdraw without a trial. A committee of the whole was formed to plan circuits and appoint preachers. Four circuits—Roanoke, Liberty, Warrenton, and Oxford—were laid off on the old and new territory. Two of these had two traveling preachers each.

It was determined that "white females" should vote in the election of their Class Leaders.

It was resolved that the President shall be accountable to the Annual Conference for his moral conduct and the faithful discharge of his official duties, and that a Standing Committee be appointed before whom the President may be brought to trial during the recess of Conference.

THIRD SESSION.

This was held at Hunt's Meeting House, now Union Chapel, Granville ct., beginning Oct. 1, 1829. The preceding session had decided that a camp meeting should be held at the same time and place. Guilford circuit was added, and circuits were supplied with preachers as follows:

Oxford—Jesse H. Cobb, James H. Harris, Willis R. Harris, and Thomas Dance.

Guilford—John Coe, Travis Jones, Alexander Albright, Alson Gray, John Wilborn, Joseph Simpson, Isaac Coe, John Medaris, Jesse Gilmore, and John Gray.

Warrenton—Richard Davidson, Caswell Drake, and James Hunt.

Roanoke—Miles Nash, James Hunter, Wm. Bellamy, William Price, Albriton Jones, Eli B. Whitaker, and Henry Bradford.

New Contemplated circuit—Seth Speight, Josiah Horn, Swain Swift, Thos. Steely, Asa Steely, and Ira Norman.

Hillsboro—Chas. S. Cooly.

It was recorded, however, as the sense of the Conference that each circuit be considered as in charge of one preacher, designated in each case; as Rev. John Coe, Guilford ct., Rev. Jesse H Cobb, Oxford ct., and so on. The quarterly conferences were authorized to receive the services of such preachers as might be able to travel a short time only. The salary of the President was fixed at $200 and his traveling expenses.

FOURTH SESSION.

Whitaker's Chapel, Aug. 5, 1830. —the place and time. Spier Whitaker had been appointed by a quarterly conference a lay delegate "to make the lay delegation equal to the ministerial," and was admitted to a seat accordingly. Six representatives were elected to the General Convention of that year, held in Baltimore, and they were instructed "to insist upon the equal rights of all the members of the church being represented, and their character and conduct tried by their own churches; that they shall not concede any other test of membership than the general rules of Mr. Wesley; that they shall insist upon the government being formed upon simple, liberal, and scriptural principles."

FIFTH SESSION.

Rehoboth, Granville Co., Mar. 17, 1831. The constitution drawn up by the General Convention for the Methodist Protestant Church was adopted with the exception of a single vote. Richard Davison entered his protest against its adoption. This Conference adopted the plan of nominating by the third Quarterly Conference twice as many laymen or licentiates as there are ministers in the circuit, half the number of nominees to be elected as delegates to the Annual Conference.

SIXTH SESSION.

Raleigh, Mar. 1, 1832. Why the meeting was held in the State Capital is not stated. It was held in a Baptist house of worship. The report of the Finance Committee would indicate that the preachers were not engaging in the reform business for the sake of the money there was in it: Wm. H. Wills had received $87.57; Samuel J. Harris, $78.61; John F. Speight, $70.80; Alson Gray, $93.25 out of an allowance of $200. The Conference, however, had a "Surplus Fund," which was ordered divided equally among "the four present traveling preachers." The first Friday of the following September was set apart as a day of thanksgiving for our success and advancement as a church.

Seventh Session, Whitaker's Chapel, Feb 14, 1833.

Eighth, Mount Hermon, Orange co., Feb. 27, 1834. There were 30 ministerial and 30 lay members. Three ministers were charged with a neglect of official duty, and the yeas and nays were taken in the case of two of them. The charge was not sustained, although the vote to sustain the charge is very respectable. It would be interesting to know what the specifications were. The records do not state.

Ninth, Rehoboth, Granville co., Feb. 27, 1835. The number of church members was as follows: Guilford ct., 614; Orange, 705; Granville, 300; Roanoke, 345; total, 1,964. Increase during the year, 132.

Tenth, Sandy Ridge, Guilford co., Mar. 25, 1836. Rev. T. Y. Cook's official character did not pass because he had become a candidate for a seat in the State Legislature.

Eleventh, Bradford's, Halifax co., Dec. 9, 1836. It was moved that the Stationing Committee be all laymen, and decided that it should consist of the President and four laymen.

Twelfth, Shiloh, Dec. 1, 1837. A proposition was received from the Virginia Conference to establish a manual labor college, but was not accepted because of impecuniosity. The report of the committee appointed to draft recommendations to the General Conference contains the following:

"5th. That if the subject of a General Superintendency is recommended in the Gen. Con., our delegates are instructed to vote against it in every shape it may assume.

"6th. That if the subject of slavery is broached in the Gen. Conference, our delegates are instructed to inform that body that the N. Carolina District does not consider that a debatable subject."

Thirteenth, Rehoboth, Granville co., Dec. 7, 1838 At different times evidence appears of special care to preserve the balance of power between the ministry and laity. This Conference directed the circuits in which the President and Conference Missionary resided to elect delegates to balance against these members of the Annual Conference. The use of ardent spirits except for medicine was condemned by this Conference.

Fourteenth, Salem, Orange co., Dec. 6, 1839. Resolutions were passed, protesting against the anti-slavery agitation of the Northern conferences, and even threatening to secede from the church if the General Conference should pass any resolution implicating the Christian character of Southern slave-holders.

Fifteenth, Fair Grove, Rockingham co., Dec. 4, 1840. A communication is received from the Christian Church looking to a union of churches. Yadkin and Randolph circuits are formed.

Sixteenth, Whitaker's Chapel, Feb. 18, 1842.

Seventeenth, Rehoboth, Granville co., Dec. 2, 1842. A resolution was passed favoring the establishment of a paper for the Southern Conferences.

Eighteenth, Mt. Hermon, Orange co., Nov. 3, 1843.

Nineteenth, Fairfield, Guilford co., Nov. 1, 1844. "Wilmington mission" is laid out, and Rev. Jno. Paris is made Supt.

Twentieth, Whitaker's Chapel, Oct. 24, 1845. Number of members in the District, 3,452. The N. C. Missionary Society is formed.

Twenty-first, Rehoboth, Oct. 22, 1846.

Twenty-second, Mt. Hermon, Nov. 11, 1847. A proposition is made to divide the District into two, on account of its size.

Twenty-third, Fair Grove, Rockingham co., Oct. 20, 1848. It was moved that our ministers be requested to abandon the preaching of funerals at quarterly and annual conferences, except by the appointment of said conference. A committee was appointed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a literary institution. On motion of Rev. John Paris, a beginning was made toward a Superannuate Fund Society. Rev. John Paris was authorized to write a history of the church in the N. C. District.

Twenty-fourth, Whitaker's Chapel, Oct. 26, 1849. A course of study for candidates for the ministry is presented by a committee appointed for the purpose.

Twenty-fifth, Rehoboth, Nov. 8, 1850. Resolutions were passed in opposition to McBride, Crooks, and Bacon, Wesleyan Methodists operating in the State as anti-slavery agitators.

Twenty-sixth, Bethel, Guilford co., Nov. 7, 1851. Madison College, Pa., is recommended to our people. A committee is appointed to confer with Esquire Ellis, of Davie county, relative to the expediency of building a seminary under the control of the church.

## SKETCHES OF CHURCHES

### Grace Church, Greensboro

Looking back over the history of the Methodist Protestant Church in North Carolina, it is easily seen that her greatest loss has resulted from a failure to occupy the towns, and to encourage men to prepare themselves to fill such stations. Many who were Methodist Protestants in fact or by inheritance have moved into these centers of population, and have been lost to our cause.

At no place was the need more apparent than at Greensboro, the home of many Methodist Protestants, who must seek church privileges among other denominations. The importance of the town as a business center, and the fact that it is in a section which is one of the strongholds of our denomination, rendered the undertaking the more important, and yet the more difficult; for a church, to be of any benefit to our cause, must be creditable.

At the conference of 1888, held in Henderson, Rev. J. R. Ball was appointed a missionary to undertake the work, which was recognized as one of interest to our church throughout the entire state. The result was a neat and attractive building, which was begun in the Spring of 1891, and completed in 1892.

About the same time that work was begun, a Sunday school was organized in a neighboring hall, the first session being held on the first Sunday in April, with thirty-six present. On Sunday, November eighth, the school was moved into the Sunday school room of the church, which had just been completed.

The first pastor was Rev. W. F. Ohrum, who came to us from Maryland in April, 1892. He devoted himself to the work with the greatest earnestness and enthusiasm. Work was resumed on the main auditorium, and in September, it was formally opened with appropriate exercises, Rev. T. J. Ogburn, of Henderson, preaching the sermon. After a few weeks of delightful service, following this happy opening, Bro. Ohrum was called to rest from his labors.

In June of the following year, Rev. J. S. Williams became the pastor. He labored earnestly and effectively for three and a half years, and will long be remembered by Grace Church for his devotion to its every interest.

During last year, at the earnest solicitation of the Church, Rev. J. F. McCulloch, editor of OUR CHURCH RECORD, served as pastor, to the gratification of the many who were privileged to enjoy his magnificent sermons.

At the beginning of this year, the church was delighted to welcome as its pastor, Rev. T. M. Johnson. Increased activity in every department of church work has resulted from his labors. The writer would say to Grace Church—Great is our opportunity. Let not our crown be taken by another.

Grace Church could not have been built, had it not been recognized as an enterprise of great importance to our church throughout the entire state. She is indebted to the liberality of ministers and laymen of every section. The Church at Henderson, ready in every good work, contributed over one thousand dollars to its building fund.

The erection of this church marked the beginning of a new period in the life of the Methodist Protestant Church in North Carolina. The spirit of church extension has been developed greatly, and we look with confidence toward still greater things during the coming years. J. NORMAN WILLS.

### Hickory Grove Church

What is now the Methodist Protestant church at Hickory Grove was built about the year 1872 by the citizens of the community mainly, and was used by what was called a "Free Communion Baptist" congregation as a house to worship in till the year 1884. In that year the congregation became dissatisfied with their church relations on account of what they regarded as an overbearing and domineering spirit manifested by some of the ministers, and withdrew from the Association. Ministers of other denominations were invited to occupy the pulpit in order that the members might select one with which they could unite as a body, and in February or March, 1885, the church acting for itself, without a dissenting voice from any member present, selected the Methodist Protestant Church and elected Levi Hill and S. I. Sutton delegates to the quarterly conference of that body. The union was consummated in quarterly conference, Saturday before the first Sunday in April, 1885, at Tabernacle, in Greene county, N. C. Rev. W. E. Swain was pastor of LaGrange Mission that year. The title of the church property is vested in trustees who, aided by the congregation, have successfully defended several suits for the property. These suits have been instituted by those who have no color of title legally or morally and have only been an annoyance and expense to the church.

Since our new church relations the following ministers have served us in the order named:—W. E. Swain, W. T. Totten, W. M. Pike, J. F. Dosier, W. L. Harris, W. E. Swain, and C. E. Forlines.

Death has visited us and taken some of our best and most useful members. Of these we mention Levi Hill and B. F. Sutton who were both members of the Board of Trustees.

We now have a membership of about 80 and the church may be said to be in a fairly good condition. Rev. C. E. Forlines is our pastor and is laboring with commendable zeal and devotion to spiritually develop the congregation.

S. I. SUTTON.

### Kernersville Church

In the year 1866 the writer of this sketch moved to the village of Kernersville which, at this time, numbered about 150 inhabitants, six of whom, as now remembered, were Methodist Protestants, but holding their membership in three different societies all of whose local places of worship were miles away. Soon after this time, one of these members, the aged Elizabeth Lindsay, died in the triumphs of faith, and her daughter, Mrs W. P. Henly, moved with her husband to Winston, N. C., where she now holds her membership.

But, as time passed on, other members settled in the town, some of whom growing impatient or indifferent, went to another church, but others could not do violence to their first love and so they loyally watched and waited.

About the year 1870, a beautiful and well located lot for a church building came on the market—this was bought and held in faith.

In 1884, we began to canvass our number and decided we would venture on an organization and wrote C. F. Harris, D. D., asking him to come, at his convenience, and execute our purpose. On the 16th of November of this year he came, and, at a private house, organized a Methodist Protestant Church consisting of the following fourteen members:—

Joseph Armfield, W. M. Linville, J. M. Guyer, Rev. H. W. Peeples, S. V. Brookbank, J. C. Roberts, C. V. Roberts, Eliza Peeples, Elizabeth S. Linville, Mary J. Guyer, Sadie E. Leak, Ada King, Mary A. Brookbank, Mozilla D. Peeples.

The above little flock kept in touch with one another by holding Sabbath afternoon prayer meetings successively in their private homes. These meetings, which were often a spiritual feast, were continued until the present church building was ready for occupancy.

In the Spring of 1885, we decided to build and immediate steps were taken to this end. After a harmonious struggle, on June 5th, 1887, the house was dedicated without a collection, Rev. T. J. Ogburn officiating. It was a joyous day—a church home at last!

Of the fourteen charter members, above given, four have finished the earthly pilgrimage, and we confidently believe they are at rest in heaven; three on account of marriage or removal to other places have gone into other churches; seven still linger around the altar here, the prisoners of hope and trust.

Up to the present time we have enrolled 101 members; ten of these have died in the faith—all giving bright testimony that they were ready to depart. A few have grown weary of the struggle and dropped out by the wayside; others having left the community have demanded certificates and are gone into other folds—hence our present membership is only 61.

A little previous to the dedication of the church a Sunday school was organized which has continued year in and year out to the present. The school began with about 25, but in the main has numbered from 45 to 65 with an average attendance of 37.

Our church has been favored with able preaching all the time, but we, the membership, have failed to be as responsive as we should have been. Indeed, how indifferent we have been to the precious work of the church! What power shall awaken us? J. C. ROBERTS.

### Pleasant Grove

This church, known to some as Surratt's Camp Ground, belongs to Davidson Circuit, and is in Davidson county, near Jackson's Hill.

About the year 1841, two brothers, William and Beverly Surratt, who had been members of the M. E. Church, South, heard in some way of the Methodist Protestant Church and wrote to Rev. Alson Gray requesting him to visit that community and preach for them; he came to the house of Wm. Surratt at the time he had designated in his letter in reply, and found his his letter had not been received and that no appointment had been made for him, but his arrival was made known in the neighborhood and he preached on Sunday in Surratt's house and organized a Methodist Protestant Church of seven members. Soon after this a site was selected in a grove near Jackson's Hill, and named Pleasant Grove, a stand erected, seats provided, and an appointment made for a two days' meeting to be conducted by Rev. Alson Gray. When he came, he was accompanied by Rev. Wm. Trogden, who preached on Saturday, this being the first sermon preached at that place. In October of the same year a camp meeting was held, conducted by Rev. Alson Gray, assisted by Rev. Alex. Robbins, Rev. Josiah Snotherly and Rev. Arington Gray.

A camp meeting was conducted at that place every year for thirty years. Some of these meetings were attended with great power—

at the third one there were more than one hundred and twenty-five conversions and forty accessions to the church.

The next year after organization, the church was attached to——— Circuit and Rev. Josiah Snotherly was pastor. A log house was soon erected which was used until a few years ago when a new site was chosen and the house now occupied was built.

Other churches have come into existence which may be regarded as a part of the fruit of this vine. Among them may be mentioned Chapel Hill, Alleghany, Pine Hill, Milledgeville, and Piny Grove.

T. F. McCulloch.

### Tabernacle Church

Not having certain dates and information my sketch will be brief and incomplete. I shall have to write as memory serves me. About the year 1839 or '40, I can remember, the old log house stood where the grave yard now is, some seventy-five or one hundred yards south of where the new church now stands.

It was not chinked or daubed, as I remember it. The seats were stakes or poles split, with holes bored and legs put in. The first society formed was Methodist Episcopal. The names of the members I can give but few. Of. Roger Kirkman was one among others. I have been informed that Jonathan Causey, Sen., gave the first plat of ground for church purposes. Of course there has been more added since.

I am not sure who formed the first society of M. P's, but my impression is that it was Rev. John Coe. It might have been Rev. Alson Gray.

About the year 1841, they erected a more commodious house of worship on the same site of the present church. It was a good house in that day. Rev. Joseph Causey took the contract to paint it.

There have been three, if not four, Annual Conferences held at this place.

I would like to mention the names of some of the preachers that used to preach at Tabernacle in my youthful days; viz., Isaac Coe, James Deans, Joseph Gilbreath, and many others.

In 1841 there was a deed made by Jonathan Causey to the Trustees; namely John Forbis, Samuel Hunter, Levi Causey, Joseph Alexander and John Hardin, for and in consideration of the sum of two dollars.

We used to hold camp meetings almost every fall; quite a number of tent holders; a large arbor. It certainly was a joyful time at some of those meetings, but the tents and arbor are removed.

There has not been a camp meeting held at this place in almost 19 years, to the best of my recollection.

In the year 1888, with Brother Richard Wills pastor, the congregation was moved to erect a still more beatiful house with a seating capacity of 60x30 ft., and vestibule 12 ft, with Preachers' Room on the right and Ladies' Room on the left, as you enter the church, at a cost of not less than twenty-five hundred dollars.

After the new church was completed, it was dedicated by Bro. Wills the last time he was at Tabernacle.

It has a membership of something over three hundred; a good Sunday School, with Bro. Logan Trogdon as supt.,—attendance from 70 to 100.

In 1898, Tabernacle Circuit built a neat parsonage of five rooms, now occupied by our beloved Bro. J. E. Hartsell, as Pastor, this being his 6th year with us.

Will the good Lord continue to bless and prosper Tabernacle.

C. V. Hardin.

### Mt. Lebanon, Randleman

This church was built by John Gibson in 1850. It was the first church built at Randleman (then called Union Factory.) Among the foremost of those interested in the building were Rev. Z. C. Lineberry, Rastus Lewis, Howgh Julian, and Davis Horney. It was part of Randolph ct. for several years. Some of the first preachers to preach there were Revs. John Paris, Robt. Prather, T. H. Pegram, Joseph Causey, Isaac Coe, and Jack Laughlin. Mt. Lebanon has been especially blest with good preaching, having had some of ablest preachers in the Conference. About 1877, under the management of Wilburn Wood the house was enlarged to it present size. There are now 150 members, many of them relatives of those most active in building the church. Now may they with the zeal and love for the church that their forefathers had enlarge it again, and may Mt. Lebanon ever be as a city set upon a hill where God meets with and blesses His people and where many precious souls may be converted.

Member.

### Moriah Church

The first M. P. church in central and western North Carolina and the mother of no one knows how many other M. P. churches—such is Moriah, in Guilford county, four miles south of Greensboro. Through the kindness of Bro. W. A. Coe, its earliest records have come into our possession and lie before us, yellow with age, written in an antiquated chirography, frequently lapsing into heterodoxy in the complex matter of orthography, but thoroughly orthodox in the simple matter of church government. Those men of '29 possessed a sturdy sense of right which asserted itself on occasion. Hear what their records say:

"Pursuant to appointment a number of the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church met at Moriah Meeting House for the purpose of conversing on the government of said church, when the Rev. John Coe was called to the chair and Joseph Gilbreath appointed secretary. The president opened the meeting by prayer. On motion, the following brethren—Jesse Ives, William Heath, John Kirkman, James Hendrix, and William Gilbreath, were appointed a committee, who submitted the following preamble and resolutions which were read, examined, and adopted by this meeting:

Whereas when the General Conference were petitioned to give up the dangerous power which they had assumed, they refused to do it, and professed that they were the divinely instituted authority to make, alter, and enforce the laws of the church, and have denied us the liberty of the press and the freedom of speech, the preacher in charge of this circuit having expressed a determination to prefer charges against all the members who circulate the Mutual Rights or propagate the principles of reform therein supported, all of which this meeting believe to be reasons sufficient to justify the adoption of the following resolutions; therefore—

Resolved 1. That this meeting highly disapprove of the government of the Methodist Episcopal Church, so far as it respects the unlimited control that the itinerant preachers have over the church, believing it to be contrary to the rule laid down in Holy Writ by our Saviour and practised upon by his apostles after his ascension into glory, and contrary to our federal and state constitutions.

Resolved 2. That we consider it a duty which we owe to ourselves and our posterity to withdraw from the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Resolved 3. That the Articles of Association of the Associated Methodist Churches be adopted, and we do hereby form ourselves into a society under their regulations.

Thus the Rubicon was crossed, and this little band of thirty-four men and women took their places with those who wished to be known as Methodists without an episcopacy in the offensive sense which the term had acquired in their minds.

A committee was appointed to apply to the pastor, Rev. Richard Merryweather, for certificates of membership. We believe that these were never obtained, but the new organization persisted, chose Rev. John Coe for its pastor, and remains to this day,—not a large society, but a loyal one to the principles it then espoused. The church is one of the three that compose Tabernacle circuit. Bro. W. A. Coe, from whom we obtained the records, now an old man (he will pardon), is a son of Rev. John Coe referred to above.

Bro. Coe gives the following additional points:

The present membership of Moriah is eighty-six. At one time there were more than one hundred members. When the M. P. church was built in Greensboro more than twenty of the members here moved their membership to that place. In 1886, the church was repainted, a recess pulpit built, and blinds put to the windows.

The Annual Conference was held here in 1856 and 1876.

### New Hope

This church, of the Flag Spring circuit, was organized about twenty years ago. She sprang from the old mother church, Flag Spring, which had grown to be quite a large society, and some of us living at too great a distance for our children to attend the Sabbath school, consulted together and thought it best to build a new church and divide the membership, believing that the division would give double the strength to the then Asheboro circuit. We organized with about forty members. There are now about one hundred. This church is not as strong to-day financially as she has been. While she has had her ups, she has also had her downs. Our membership does not appreciate intelligence as it should in regard to our general church interests, only two taking our church paper (the Record). Some few of us have had a hard struggle all the while to keep the pastor's salary and the various interests of the church up to what they should be, but so far she has had an old gray or two that she could lay the lash on the heavier and has always pulled through so as to pass. Some of us have worked hard for years to build up a greater church and Sabbath school interest, and while we have had a good Sabbath school (and have one now) all the while it has been kept up by a *very* few of the heads of families. Our hope lies in the training of our Sunday school scholars, the young and rising generation. Our school numbers about 50, with an average of about 35 in attendance.

J. A. Spencer

### Oak Grove Church

This church was organized in 1880, by J. P. Simpson and Dr. Paris. Proceeding then to build a church, I, J. McDixon, gave the land and made the deed when I came of age. This church is located in Pitt county, and belongs to LaGrange Circuit. It was then a mission. This church is thirty-five miles below any church on this work.

J. McDixon.

### Lee's Chapel

Lee's Chapel was organized about the year 1870, with 10 members.

Brothers Jesse Page and R. H. Wills held a protracted meeting at a bush arbor near Brother E. L. Lee's house, and several were converted. The writer of this sketch was one of them. We were baptized by Brother Wills, at the house of Brother J. G. Lee.

After a hard struggle, we suc-

ceeded in building a temporary church, in which divine services were held for several years.

About 1881, Brother G. E Hunt was sent to this circuit who succeeded in finishing the church with the assistance of the members and others. Though we have succeeded beyond our expectations in building up our church, the fact that many of our best members have moved from our neighborhood is a source of regret. We have about 35 members at present.

Since our organization, 5 members have gone to dwell in "a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." One of those could appropriately have been called a "mother in Israel"—the late Mrs. Edward Lee.

"None knew her but to love her;
None named her but to praise."

Our Sabbath school may be considered a very flourishing one. The interest has been increased by the annual observance of "Children's Day" exercises. A kind Providence permitting, we expect to observe "Children's Day" in our church 1st Sabbath in next July.

We hold in loving remembrance our present pastor and all his predecessors. R. A. Hardy.

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### Rockwell, Catawba ct.

In November, 1864, Rev. L. M. Nolen had an appointment at a vacant house on the land of Richard Jordan, 11 miles north of Charlotte in Mecklenburg Co. Rev. J. W. Nailer and others preached at this point. In 1865, a brush arbor was built and a class organized consisting of Richard Jordan and family, Solomon I. Jordan and family, D. F. Davis and wife, Silas Davis, G. W. Alexander, Marquis Edwards, James Ferrell, James DeArmond, and their families, and Mrs. M. J. Brigman. Richard Jordan gave land on which a house was built and named Liberty Hill. At the Conference of 1865, it was attached to Mecklenburg ct., and Rev. J. L. Swain was its first regular pastor, 1866. James DeArmond, D. F. Davis, and Sol. J. Jordan were the first trustees.

In 1879, land was purchased near Eastfield, about two miles east of Liberty Hill, and in 1882 a large house erected, but not finished until 1896. This new house was named Union Grove, and is so called in the deed for the land, but before the house was ready for holding services a school-house was built and a well dug near by. The well was dug the most of the way in a rock. Meetings were held in this schoolhouse. At one of these meetings a Bro. Joseph Fite, in his prayer said, "O God, have mercy on the sinners at Rockwell." This was taken up by and became a by-word of these sinners; hence this church is known as Rockwell, while its name is really Union Grove Its membership now numbers 80. There are but few of the charter members now living, and among this few are some as loyal M. P.'s as there are anywhere. Sister M. M. DeArmond (Aunt Polly, as she is called,) is 87 years old, and takes O. C. R and reads it without the aid of glasses, and is much interested in the progress of her church.

W. D F.

OAK RIDGE CHURCH

### Dalton Chapel

Dalton Chapel at Dalton, N. C., was built in 1878 and dedicated by Rev. R. H. Wills in 1879. The house is 30x40 feet, frame, and well painted. Cost, about $500. A class of about 30 members was organized in the new church, which class was largely made up of members from old Crooked Run, a camp meeting ground in the time of Rev. Alson Gray, the old loved veteran of the cross. The building at Crooked Run had become dilapidated and unfit for worship, and the new Dalton Chapel was near by and in the midst of several leading Methodist Protestant families. A large new frame church, however, has been built at Crooked Run by the private means and efforts of Rev. Frank Grabs. A school of a high grade at Dalton and a railroad just completed here combined to center interest at this place, and the brethren fondly anticipated enlargement of Zion. The class has been regularly served by a pastor once a month, and the aged brethren, H. C. Coe and Isaac Spainhower, and their wives, still attend upon the preaching of the Word. William Fiddler and wife and other members lie in the burial ground on the hill-top near by. The congregation at regular appointment is small, but orderly and devotional. The present trustees are H. C. Coe, Isaac Spainhower, and S F. Keiger, and the pastor is Rev. W. C. Lassiter. We were greatly helped in the building of our church here by one who was not a member of our church, the late D. N. Dalton.

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### Oak Ridge Church

The idea of building a Methodist Protestant Church at Oak Ridge was frequently discussed during the eighties, but took definite shape during the year '88 under the personal efforts of Rev. J. R Ball. The land on which it stands, contiguous to the campus at Oak Ridge Institute, was donated for the purpose by Mr. J. A. Lowrey, and during the year '89 an imposing edifice was erected, cost including furniture being about $2000. Its membership was at first made up from among members of the churches at Ai, Bethel, and Flat Rock, as members of these various organizations lived in this community. From Ai came Brothers W. O. Donnell, Wm. and John Bunch and families, and others; from Bethel, Bro. Chas. Case; from Flat Rock, the Holt Brothers and families. These organized themselves into a society at Oak Ridge in the year 1890. The church was dedicated in August of the same year, Dr. L. W. Bates preaching the sermon. Rev. J. R. Ball was pastor during the year 1890; Rev. W. F. Kennett, '91; Rev. C. A. Cecil, '92; Rev. W. M. Pike, '93; Rev. T. J. Ogburn, '94, '95, and '96 until his election by the General Conference as Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions; Rev. W. F. Kennett since that time. The society numbered 41 members on organization. It now numbers 74.

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### Midway Church

Midway church was organized in 1867, by Dr. Lineberry, our good old veteran and pioneer preacher, who has blazed the way for so many out in the highways and hedges. Bro. Lineberry succeeded in building a large log church about that time which was never completed, but was used for a number of years to preach in. Many souls have been convicted and converted in that old log church. Some of our most Holy Ghost men preached in the old log church. As we all love our old heroes I will give some of their names: Dr. Lineberry, Alson Gray, C. F. Harris, H. Lewallen, C. A. Pickens.

The old church was used until the year 1888. Bro. W. F. Kennett served us that year. I believe Bro. Kennett remarked to me that the the protracted meeting we held in the church that year was one of the best he ever witnessed. The Lord blessed us so much at that time we determined to honor Him with a better house. Bro. Kennett has the honor of helping us carry the enterprise through; 1889, we commenced the new church at Midway. We finished it, paid for it, dedicated it, and had enough money left to buy carpets. All this was done the same year, and yet we had money left. Our church at Midway is said to be one of the best that you find in the country. We have over a hundred members. Bro. Wills dedicated the church. Bro. Wills was sent to Haw River circuit the year that he died. He preached his last sermon in Midway Church.

Geo. S. Kernodle.

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### High Point Church

I commenced to take subscriptions for the High Point M. P. Church, June, 1894. The building was completed, September, 1895. Prior to this time a strong sentiment in favor of building a church here had been created. Rev. J. R. Ball, deceased, and Rev. T. T. Ferree were among the number to agitate the question first.

On the 4th Sunday in Sept., '95, Rev. F. T. Tagg, D. D., preached the opening sermon, at the close of which a collection was taken sufficient to cover all (or nearly all) the indebtedness. In the evening Rev. T. J. Ogburn preached the dedicatory sermon and organized the church with thirteen members. At the following conference I was made pastor and remained so since. It will be in order to say that this "original thirteen" and the friends in the community and county and state stood by me in the struggle to build, and their faithfulness made it an easy task. Since the organization the church has steadily grown in numbers, till we now number seventy-one members. S. S. scholars on roll, one hundred and forty-six; thirty members in Y. P. S. C. E., and fifty-four Juniors. Up to this time the church has met all of its financial obligations.

The cost of church and furnishing is between three and four thousand dollars.

W. R. Lowdermilk.

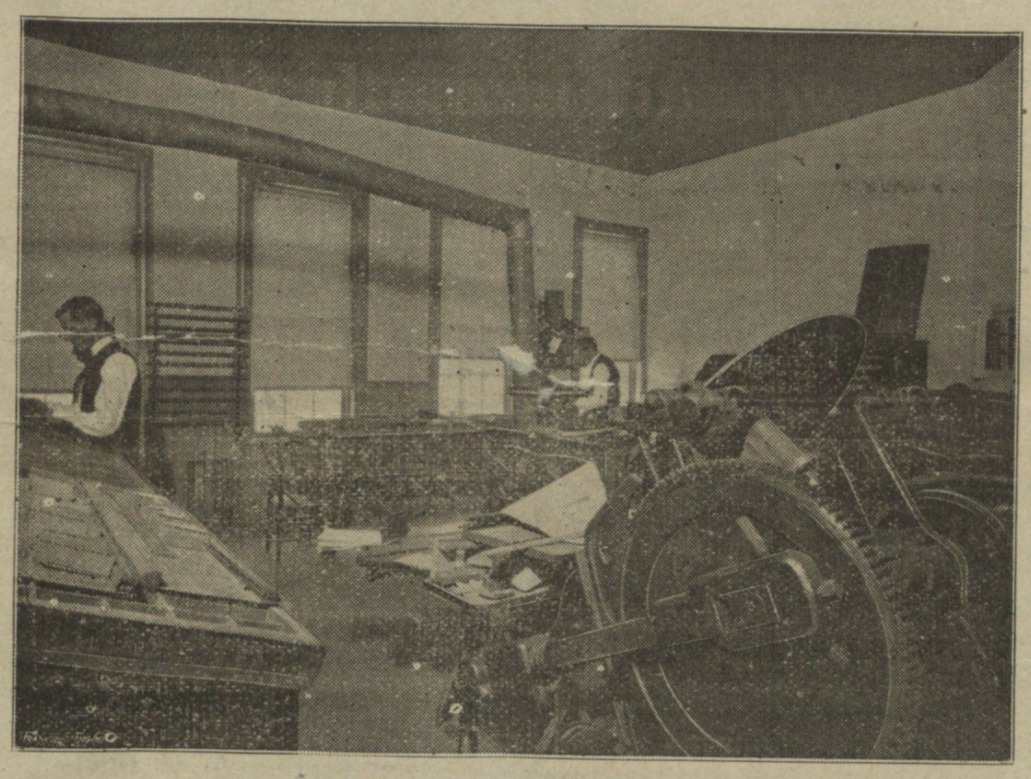
### Bethel, Flat Rock ct.

This Bethel is about one and one half miles south of west from the noted camp ground known as Double Springs. I do not think it would be exaggerating to say that thousands of persons had been converted at this camp ground. The writer well remembers away back in the forties and up to 1860 (which was the last camp meeting held at this place, by Rev. A. W. Lineberry) how the good people of the vicinities of Bethel, Flat Rock, Ai, and Palestine would move in on Friday (as a general rule) before the first Sunday in August, and late on Saturday evening Uncle Gray would drive in, and it might be heard in more than one place on the grounds, "The wheel horse has come." I have no recollection of ever attending a camp meeting at Double Springs that Uncle Gray was not there. But all this is far back in the past. The old arbor and log tents are all gone. It might be that some of the large rocks might be found that served as a back for the good sisters to build the fire against to do the cooking, as there were very few cook stoves away back in the forties. The old camp ground is now owned by Bro. Caleb Jones, a member at Bethel, and a grandson of the Rev. Travis Jones, who, as I have been often informed by my father (who was one of the charter members at Bethel) was told by Rev. Mr. Merriwether, the pastor, that he must stop reading the Mutual Rights. The Rev. Jones replied, "I pay for it and have the right to read it." The Rev. Mr. Merriwether returned in about four weeks and inquired of Rev. Jones if he had quit reading that trashy paper. The reply was, "No, neither do I expect to stop reading it as long as it comes to me." Without any further ceremony he (Rev. Merriwether) demanded the class book from Robert Dwiggins (my grandfather) and erased the name of Rev. T. Jones from the list of members, and notified the class publicly that the Rev. T. Jones was no longer a member of the church. After the congregation was dismissed Rev. Travis Jones notified the people that on the next Sunday he would read the Mutual Rights to all who would meet him at the church. It will be understood that the Rev. Travis Jones was a school teacher, and was perhaps the best educated man in the community. So on the following Sunday nearly all the class met, and the result was that all the class agreed to form a Methodist Protestant class except three members, to wit, Phillip Zean and wife Sallie and Jennie Knott.

The next thing done was to inform a Methodist preacher of the facts, and, if my memory serves me right, Uncle A. Gray came and organized an M P. Church at Bethel.

The old church was a frame building about 36 feet each way, and only weather boarded; the rafters and lathing made the finish overhead. There was one door in the south, one in the north, and one in the west. There was an aisle extending from the south to the north door and one from the west door to the pulpit in the east end, which stood about breast high, with a small window in the rear of the pulpit. The seats were made of about 1 1-4x10 inch with five stout pins for legs, two at each end set at the proper angle to prevent them from turning over, and one in the center to keep it from sagging. In 1849 the brethren wished to have a better house, so a neat and comfortable house was built, in which the Annual Conference was held in 1850. There the writer (a boy) saw old Bro. Drake for the first and last time.

J. R. Dwiggins.



TYPE-SETTERS' ROOM IN THE PUBLISHING HOUSE.

### Liberty Grove, Liberty ct.

This church was first owned and occupied by the German Reform branch of the Presbyterian Church. About sixty years ago the membership ceased to exist. For a number of years it was unoccupied by any denomination.

Colonel Abraham Brower asked permission to have preaching in the church by Methodist Protestant ministers. It was granted by the only son of the last deceased member. Rev. Alson Gray preached for several years occasionally, and finally organized a society of eight members, about the year 1850. And about the year 1875 or 1876, J. W. Brower, who was not a member of any church, though a Methodist Protestant in principle, together with a few others, decided to erect a new house of worship, and in a short time succeeded in the effort

We now have a very comfortable country church, or house of worship, and a membership of about thirty. Recently a few had their names transferred to Liberty.

A Member.

### Burlington Church

This church was organized in 1892, under the pastorate of Rev. W. F. McDowell in the Union Church, and during his pastorate the lot and a part of the building material was purchased.

In 1893 Rev. C. A. Pickens was pastor, and during his pastorate the foundation was laid and some material purchased. During 1894-5 Rev. W. A. Bunch was pastor and during his stay the church was very nearly completed. The church seems to have prospered under the care of these faithful brethren.

During J. G. W. Holloway's pastorate the church was seated, and the Ladies' Aid Society furnished it.

The church debt at this writing is $272.71, June 14, 1898.

R. N. Thompson.

### Corinth

Caswell Drake and Ned Dromgoole, two preachers in the M. E. Church who were expelled, probably for "Inveighing against the Discipline," together with Richard Jones, an influential man of considerable means, who was expelled also because he sympathized with the two preachers, built, in 1829 or '30, a house for the worship of God, and organized a church composed of those, who, like themselves, had been expelled, and the members of their families who would not stay in a church from which their companions had been driven.

The house was located on the west side of the old stage road from Warrenton to Halifax, between Little's old Ordinary and Gretna Green, the stage house, where fresh horses were put in harness. 'Twas a good-sized frame house, with plank floor resting solidly on the ground, there being no underpinning at all. There were three windows, one on each side; these being a solid wooden flap, about eight feet long, put in, the length horizontal, and when open set like a dead fall; and the third a small window of four panes of 8x10 glass which was over the little box pulpit, and when the preacher stood up his head did not quite reach up to it. When and by whom this house was dedicated or whether there was ever a dedicatory service, there is no record of it now that we have been able to find. This house continued to be used about twenty-five years, and then being in need of repairs, it was decided to rebuild. This house was in the days when week-day preaching obtained, and all-day services were much in vogue. The water supply, a spring, was at a very inconvenient distance, being more than a half mile away, so it was decided to build in a different place.

The present house was erected in 1856 by the daughter of Richard Jones and some others. Some of the timbers of the old house were used, and a number of the benches in use now were in the old house. The membership has never been large like some of our churches, but has grown steadily until the present time, and now has a larger number of active members on the roll than at any time in its history.

A. E. Carter.

### Pleasant Union

The writer knows of no written record of the beginning of this church. Tradition and memory are our only source of knowledge up to the year 1855. We first call on *tradition*.

There was in this locality a small class of Christian believers called Methodist Episcopal, organized some time prior to the year 1827: about which time Episcopacy was being considered by many as tyrannical; and its discussion led to a reformation in ecclesiastical government. Hence the birth of the Methodist Protestant Church. Now the class of M. E. believers as referred to worshiped in an old dilapidated log wall, covered, called Grace's meeting house. The class (or church, we will call it,) became divided. There being no deed for land, no suitable house of worship, not even much of a burial ground—society or class small, and growing smaller, the preacher in charge, Rev. Wm. Anderson, selected a site for the neighborhood to build a house in which to worship, and even named it *Pleasant Union*.

Sometime between 1827 and 1835, perhaps, a log house 20x24 was built by the neighbors; and for anything that we now know, the same Rev. Anderson may have preached a few times in it. The name he gave this place was indicative of what he thought they ought to do,

and perhaps would do, unite in governmental sentiment and live in peace. But Protestantism had been born and was beginning to grow and thrive. The Rev. Alson Gray, one of the first pioneers of the reform Methodists, organized a church in the new house, after which the place was known as Brothers's for a number of years. This new organization was composed in a measure of members from old Grace's meeting house, consequently M. E.'s.

The few left organized by their preacher (in and at the dwelling of A. Hutton) a family church, called Hutton's, where they were served for several years by M. E. preachers. But it has become extinct.

*We now will call up memory*, being still, as it were, in the dark age of the church called Pleasant Union. Still it held the Methodist territory or element, served by different preachers, both traveling and local, but thorough M. P.'s. The first class-leader, we think, was Peter Bowman; no trustees or steward until the year 1842, when Peter Julian, Christian Kime, and G. W. Bowman were appointed. There was no need of trustees, for the church owned no property till 1842, when, through the agency of the Rev. Joseph Causey (one of the first traveling preachers after Rev. A. Gray), a deed for the land was procured. And from memory we conclude that Peter Bowman was the first Sunday-school superintendent, for we well remember one special rule in a long list of rules which were read each Sunday—"That males and females were not to go together, but males by themselves and females by themselves."

During these dark ages we are not certain of all the preachers, but there were Revs. Alson Gray, Wm. Lineberry (who made the first lasting impression on my mind, when I was not more than 10 years old), Arrington Gray, Joseph Causey, Wm. Trogdon, Wm. C. Patterson, Joseph Gilbreath, and there was Joe Homes and James Christie, together with Rev. John Coe and Isaac Coe, with some others who labored in the ministry in these dark ages in a local capacity.

*Now come the written records.* The only Class Book known commenced in 1855, at which time class numbered 24, males 11 and females 13, all told. And here come the pastors: Revs. Jordan Neese, A. W. Lineberry, T. H. Pegram, J. L. Michaux, W. C. Kennett, C. F. Harris, R. R. Michaux, Joseph Dunn, J. H. Page, with J. W. Heath asst.

And now the old log house is removed and a new frame work erected 35x45, and when finished goes no longer by the name "Brothers's" but *Pleasant Union*, with a membership of 38 names, male and female.

Revs. J. R. Ball, R. H. Wills, S. W. Coe, T. F. McCulloch, J. R. Hutten, W. W. Amick, and now Rev. G. F. Millaway, all belong to the list of pastors, with nearly an evergreen Sunday-school. The church numbers nearly 90 members. In the cause of disuse of spirituous liquors, its influence has been quite encouraging From only one family in my first recollection, there are now a score of families.

G. W. Bowman.

### Mt. Zion, Surry ct.

This church is in Stokes county. It was started in the early sixties, by a few persons meeting and fixing up a brush arbor, with slabs on logs for seats. Rev. I. N. Hunt preached here for a year or two as an unstationed preacher. Later on it was taken in as a regular appointment on Forsyth circuit, and a small class organized, which at first consisted mostly of a few women and boys. In 1867 this little band, by the aid of friends and neighbors built a log house. This church was served for a few years by Bros. R W. Pegram, A. J. Laughlin, H. W. Peeples, and Alson Gray. Bro. Hunt is still living; the others have passed over to the land of rest.

WORKMAN'S FURNITURE STORE IN THE PUBLISHING HOUSE.

This church was formerly known as County Line, it being located nearly on the line between Surry and Stokes counties. In 1880 the log house gave place to the present church, a house 36 by 48 ft., well lighted, furnished with organ, &c., painted inside and out, and will seat 500 people. The present membership is 216.

Still later on (date not known) this church was made the nucleus of a mission, known as Surry Mission, out of which have grown four other churches; viz., Union Chapel, Pilot, Poplar Springs, and Moser's Chapel, and two others on the way, viz., Hill's Grove, enclosed (now at a standstill in the midst of confusion) and the church at Pinnacle Station.

This Mt. Zion church, by the blessing of God, has been a vital power in the work of salvation as committed to the M. P. church in all this region, and still it has a great mission before it.

The intention is to have the Pinnacle church enclosed, and well on the way to completion by the next Annual Conference. It is an important enterprise.

The facts in regard to Mt. Zion church were mainly furnished by Bro. W. N. Brown and wife.

### Alleghany Church

This church, Davidson circuit, was erected by Rev. J. G Surratt, Isaac Laughlin, John Laughlin, Thos. Smith and others. A society was formed by Rev A. J. Laughlin in 1880.

### Liberty Church.

On April 12, 1891, land was first bought for the Methodist Protestant Church at Liberty, N C. The first board of Trustees was W. L. Brower, John A Kimery, A. P. Brower, W. F. Bowman, Abram Staley, Wm. Ledbetter, and W. D. Burgess. Steps were at once taken to raise money to build the church. The different pastors of work kept urging the people forward to build this house of God. Revs R. H. Wills and J. R Ball, who have now passed from labor to reward, were tireless workers in this cause. Much praise is also due to many of the people of Liberty for their work in getting up money to build the church. But the work went on slowly and the church was not completed until within the last few years. Through the untiring efforts of Bro. J. R. Hutton, H. C. Causey, and many others whose names we would be glad to mention, if we had the space, the work was completed in the year 1895.

In January, 1806, Rev. J. R. Hutton organized the church with 13 members, as follows: R. E. Patterson and wife, W. C. Kennett and wife, M. F. Overman and wife, W. F. Bowman and wife, Dr. W. J. Staley, Wade Siler, D. A. Highfill, Edgar Highfill, and Miss Daisy Euliss. From that time to this the church has been slowly and steadily gaining strength. Now it has 22 members.

The first Quarterly Conference ever held in the church was held in March, 1896. On the first Sunday in April, 1896, the Sunday school was organized, with Mr. R. E. Patterson as Superintendent. The school was held for several months in the evening, but finally it was changed to run in the morning. Mr. Patterson has been Superintendent ever since the school was organized. Under his guidance the school has grown until it is now the largest school in Liberty. The average attendance is near 75. The teachers at present are: Prof. T. C. Amick, Mrs. Emma Siler, Mrs. R. E. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Bowman. Miss Daisy Euliss is Sec. and Treas. of the school.

There have been two revival meetings held in this church,—the first in the summer of 1896, by Revs. Hutton and Hartsell, the second in the fall of 1897 by Revs. Hutton and Millaway. The last was a great meeting on account of the outpouring of God's Spirit.

The Annual Conference for 1898 is to be held here. We shall give all a welcome to our M. P. home, and to our own homes here.

Thos. C. Amick.

### Littleton Church

Littleton is a growing town in one of the most healthful sections of North Carolina. The growth is not rapid when compared to some other places where street car lines are laid off before the original forest is removed, but is permanent and stable. The county line of Halifax and Warren divide the town, and in these two counties there are about one thousand Methodist Protestants. We have three churches within six miles. This shows that it is a center of our work in this section. There was talk of our building thirty years ago, but nothing done and an opportunity lost of extending our borders, which would have saved us much material and have given us a prestige in this community which it will now take us years to gain. Since then there has been much talk and little done.

In 1894, under the pastorate of Rev. H. S. B. Thompson, a lot was purchased, and thus the first permanent step taken. Later it was decided that this lot would not do, as it was in an undesirable part of town, and a lot in every way suitable was secured. Nearly all the material is on the lot, the framing is in place, and the weather boarding is being put on, and before this appears in print, the building will be closed in and roof on and debt so far avoided. We will organize with about fifteen or twenty members, and hope to do much good in the Master's vineyard.

J. H. Harrison.

Bethesda Church, Halifax ct.

The present Quarterly Conference Journal commences with the Quarterly Conference which met at Union, 14th of December, 1850. These members were present: Rev. W. H. Wills, Rev. J. F. Speight, Hardy Pitts, Benjamin Hunter, T. G. Arrington, L. W. Batchelor, and Hardy Carlisle. The following churches composed the circuit: Union, Corinth, Bloomfield, Quanky, and Eden.

Bethesda was built in 1853. The society was composed mostly of members coming from the society at Union. The first Quarterly Conference held at Bethesda was on the 22d of April, 1854. At this conference the time set for preaching at Bethesda was the 2nd Sunday in the month, which continues to the present time. The building is 30x40 feet, and very substantially built. The principal contributors to the building were Rev. W. H. Wills, Benj. Hunter, L W. Batchelor, David Parker, R. J. Vinson, and others.

The altar first stood in front, so arranged by Rev. W. H. Wills, that the congregation might not have to turn to see persons entering the church. The back part was partitioned off for the colored people. After the civil war the colored people ceased to attend, the partition was removed, and the altar put in the back part of the room. The same stove is in use that was put in in 1858. A chimney flue through the top receives the pipe from the stove. In 1889, at an expense of about $450, the room was remodeled by enlarging the windows and making them 12 instead of 24 lights, new and more comfortable seats put in, new pulpit and altar and pulpit furniture, a recess for the pulpit, neat lamps, wall calcimined, etc., so that we now have one of the neatest rooms in this section.

The founders of this society being men and women of undoubted piety and firmness of moral character laid a foundation on which has grown a church of steady progress and moral worth to the community which only the records of eternity will reveal. Many of the devoted servants of our Annual Conference have ministered at its sacred altar. some of whom are,—Revs. W. H. Wills, John Paris, B. F. Hoskins, C. F. Harris, Alson Gray, J. P. Simpson, J. C. Forbis, R. H. Wills, R. R. Prather, McB. Roberts, J. L. Swain, G. A. T Whitaker, J. H. Page, R. R. Michaux, J. L. Michaux, C. A. Pickens, G. E. Hunt, J. F. Dosier, S. W. Coe, T. J. Ogburn, W. M. Pike, W. A. Bunch, W. T. Totten, and J. S. Williams. Half of these have crossed the river. Revs. J. H. Page, R. H. Wills, and J. C. Forbis received license to preach here about 1858. About this time one of the neighbors being asked if he was going out to church to-night, replied, "I'm not going there to have Page and Forbis and Wills practicing on me."

The Annual Conference of 1863 was held here. Three district conferences were held at this church. Many times have its walls echoed the shouts of happy souls released from Satan's power, and of others rejoicing in the great salvation. On one occasion Dr. Batchelor, rejoicing, cried out. "I feel like I have old Satan down, and my foot on his neck." Several meetings of great power have been held here. At a district conference the Spirit was poured out in abundant measure, at which time Dr. F. S. Harris was happily converted; and the Spirit's influence seemed to continue in the church and soon Dr. J. E. Wyche found the Savior and began the Christian life. Many others could be mentioned who have made their church home with us, and others who have become leading members in other denominations were converted here. The song service conducted by Rev. J. H. Gilbreath did much to revive interest and life in the church. In 1891, a Christian Endeavor Society was organized, but for lack of interest and information was soon discontinued, but was organized again in 1895. In 1896, the Junior Society of Christian Endeavor was started. Its Sunday school was started about 1855, and has continued with more or less interest to the present, with perhaps a year or two of discontinuance, and has now a fine outlook for the future. Its prayer meetings have been kept up for perhaps one-third of the time. Three colored members continue their connection with us, and are among our most liberal and faithful contributors.

The homes of our members are always open to our pastors, and the church has never refused to accept and support the supply sent them by the Conference. She has ever been ready with loving heart and open purse to help every good cause.

With joyful sadness we review the past; and with hope look forward, urging every one to fight the good fight of faith, to lay hold on eternal life, and endure to the end; looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith.

J. E. Hunter,
Lucy C. Hunter.

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Bellemont Church

The church at Bellemont was organized by the writer in October, 1883, with 14 members. I will give a few of their names: Alford Stinson, Rinda Stinson, Catharine Rich, W. A. Rich, John Underwood, Sarah Underwood. A subscription was started to raise funds for a church. About $150 was subscribed. The next summer, 1884, we had a scourge of fever in every house of the village. We paid their subscription back in order to help the people to live. In two years afterward the society built them a small church where they now worship. There has been a great deal of embasrassment in the past on account of impostors, but the church is now moving smoothly along, with 100 members. J. H. Cox.

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Whitaker's Church

This church is the offspring of Old Temple Church which stood two miles in the country. Some of the old and true members were:

Cofield Knight, L. Deberry, L. F. Wheeless, T. H. Cutchin, Mrs. Martha Dunson, Mrs M. A. Braswell, and Mrs. Hardy King.

It was during the pastorate of Dr. W. H. Wills when the Whitaker's church was built. A year or so later Old Temple Church was sold and torn down, most of the members transferring their membership to the church in Whitaker's.

J. M Cutchin,
J. H. Burnett.

WHITAKER'S CHURCH.

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Gray's Chapel, Randolph ct.

This church was organized in 1831 or '32 by Rev. Alson Gray, his first visit being in 1831. In 1832 a small log house of worship was erected on a plat of ground where the old Fayetteville road crosses the Sandy Creek and Asheboro road.

The deed to the ground on which the church stands was made on the 6th day of May, 1834, by Jesse Walker, to Mark Hardin, John Wolfe, Simeon Bain, and Lemuel Lineberry, Trustees. In the year 1869, the old log house was moved off the grounds and a new building put in its place. Size of new building, 30 by 40 feet.

In 1897, a new roof was placed on the church, and this year a substantial iron fence was placed around the cemetery in which repose the remains of most of the pioneers of the church in this section,—James Odell, father of Capt. and J. A. Odell, John Wolfe, Mark Hardin, Lemuel Lineberry, and many others.

Membership of the church now, about 175.

The following have served as pastors of this church: Rev. Alson Gray, Albright, Arrington Gray, Praither, Hinshaw, Holmes, Causey, Paris, W. C. Kennett, J. L. Michaux, R. R. Michaux, Dr. Lineberry, C. F. Harris, Gladson, Neece, Garrett, Swain, Peeples, Amick, Highfill, Cecil, T. F. McCulloch, Millaway, and the present incumbent, H. S. B. Thompson.

Gray's Chapel is 20 miles south of Greensboro, 11 miles southeast of Asheboro, 6 miles east of Randleman, 5 miles north of Cedar Falls. J. W. Pugh.

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Henderson Church

The M. P. Church in Henderson, though comparatively new, is to be deserted in a year and a half and we are to move to more commodious and more fashionable quarters. It represents what our church in the state has lost in many towns. Its membership is the savings from other M. P. Churches in this and surrounding counties. We have members removed from Harris' Chapel and Flat Rock on North Granville circuit, from Rehoboth, Union Chapel, and Mt. Carmel on Granville circuit, and some from Halifax county. Besides these are others just as good and just as important to the church and to the Kingdom, who in some degree represent the work of the church here.

We are able to trace our history as a church no further back than to the expulsion of Lewellyn Jones from the church at "Hunt's" or Union Chapel concerning which occurred the newspaper correspondence between Ivy Harris and William Compton, the preacher in charge. By reference to Paris' History this can be seen in full. About the time referred to, four Harris brothers and their sister Betsy, who married Abner Hicks, withdrew from the mother church at "Harris Meeting House," being too proud and too honest to be guilty of reading the "Mutual Rights" in a church that forbade it. Whatever favors they may have received since their choice of freedom have come from the *Father*—none from the mother? The withdrawing class built Rehoboth Church about two miles from Oxford where three of the families worshiped for years. The others worshiped at "Midway," a "free meeting house," for several years and then built Harris' Chapel, where there is still a flourishing society and a great field for good. In the seventies the sons of Ivy Harris moved to Henderson, and in 1880 several Methodist Protestants had also come and William A Harris became the ruling spirit in

building our present church, having himself given the lot and paid out nearly two thousand dollars besides for its erection. The church was dedicated in 1881, its membership consisting of the sons and daughters of Ivy Harris and the families of W. A. Hart and W. I. Burroughs, all from Harris' Chapel, and K. W. Coghill and family, from Union Chapel.

Before the civil war Dr. A. C. Harris (a son of the Rev. Willis Harris and brother to Dr. C. F. and Revs. Samuel J. and S. P. J. Harris, all of whom have gone to their reward,) undertook the building of Mt. Carmel church, from which place we have several prominent members. Mr. James I. Satterwhite from Midway was one of the most prominent in assisting here, one of whose sons has moved to Henderson and has his membership here. Of the Harris descendants who remained at Rehoboth came the removal to a new community out of the shadow of Oxford, and since that time the four sons of B. F. Harris have moved to Henderson, as also several of the grandchildren of Betsy Harris Hicks, prominent among whom is T. T. Hicks, Attorney at Law. Mt. Carmel has also quit the suburbs of Henderson and moved to Gilburg, a prosperous little village about five miles from Henderson, where they have an up-to-date church and will take that community for Christ.

Our church here, as I said, represents the savings which would surely have been lost to the church if somebody not had sense enough to despise the day of small things.

WHAT WE ARE DOING.

We run Sunday school some fifty-two or three times a year, to say nothing of extra editions, as picnics, sociables, lawn parties, and the like. Our C. E. society is alive and kicking—kicking against public evils and private sins. Holds weekly meetings, both Senior and Junior. We take every collection asked for by the Annual or General Conference and some others of a local nature that have to be done. The church here has helped several young men to get an education, two of whom have served us as pastors and no church has better. We have secured a lot for our new church, situated about fifty yards from Main Street, on the corner of Breckinridge Street and Wyche Alley, extending along Breckinridge street 100 feet to Maj. J. F. Harris' residence. The lot is a gift from Maj. Harris, at a cost of $2250, and he has made an additional subscription. His wife intends to put in a memorial window for him during his lifetime. She says she is as anxious for her husband to know she appreciates him as that other people shall know it. The lot is the very highest point in town and by far the best location for a church. We want a building suitable to the lot and must have it and hope to get considerable help from our people over the State. We have a subscription list already about $4500 and the lot given. We have not yet gone outside our own church here but hope to enlarge it considerably by that means soon. We will have main auditorium room, bowling floors, and S. S. room adjacent, with rolling partitions and up-to-date in every respect.

One S. S. class has been taking collections regularly to furnish a class room in the new church which shall also be for pastor's study. We feel sure that our church here, properly assisted by the church at large, will no more take a back seat among the denominations.

We have several members about eighty years old who attend service regularly. We dare say that a larger per cent. of the membership attends S. S. than that of any other church in town—a larger per cent. teetotalers, a larger per cent. prohibitionists, a larger per cent. tithe givers, and pay more per member for church purposes than any church in town.

"Thus far the Lord has led us on,
Thus far His power prolongs our days."

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### Whitaker's Chapel

BUILDINGS.

Tradition says the first building was made of logs (used by M. E. preachers before our day). The second was a frame house (not ceiled, used by M. E. preachers at the time the Reform in church government was waxing warm, 1824-8). After the expulsion and withdrawal of ministers and laymen from the M. E. Church, after the notable Baltimore Convention, 1828, for opinion's sake concerning church polity, the first Annual Conference of the Reformers in N. C. was held at Whitaker's Chapel, Dec. 19, 1828, with E. B. Whitaker of this church president, pro tem. See Paris' History M. P. Church. This second building is removed some five or six hundred yards, and is used for farm storage purposes by W. C. Whitaker (at present, 1898).

The third building, nicely plastered and painted, was erected after the organization of the M. P. Church, the late L. H. B. Whitaker and W. C. Whitaker bearing the greatest part of the expense. The latter brother deeded the plat of ground to certain Trustees and to their successors, the Board to fill vacancies as they occur, to hold the property for the benefit of this society (W.'s Chapel M. P. Church). The name grew out of the chief and numerous families of this name around near by, together with the material, mental, and spiritual help from persons of this name in the community, which is called Whitakertown. These persons are descendants of Col. John Whitaker of the Revolutionary War, 1776.

This third building which, prior to 1880, stood on the north side of the public road leading from Enfield to Scotland Neck was pulled more than one hundred yards across to the south side of said road and additions made. At the rear there is a recess for pulpit, and on either side of this there are doors, the one leading into the minister's room, the other into the S. S. Library. The front end of the church consists of a vestibule with east and west doors. The old style pulpit changed to the modern, and carpets are in pulpit, chancel, and aisles. The organ, though some twenty years old, is still in use.

There is a cemetery hard by the church, with more than 100 graves, the donor of the land, W. C. Whitaker, who died in 1851, being the first buried here.

CHARACTER AND HISTORY OF SOCIETY.

As the stream is known by its source, so men who think and lead will have a following. The membership was made up of some of the very best Anglo-Saxon stock who mostly shaped the course of this society. There were other kindred and people, even unto some (African or Negro) slaves who seemed loyal to their church "away 'fore de war." After the civil war the most of the negroes joined societies for their own race.

It seems to me that Whitaker's Chapel from its origin until the present has been deservedly noted among the first (I speak by comparison) in education, ethics, and religion. She helped in the *make-up* of the very denomination which she has since so nobly sustained. Besides E. B. Whitaker, previously mentioned as president of the first North Carolina Conference at this place, W. C. Whitaker, L. Whitaker, and L. H. B. Whitaker had to do with the Reform, and these and others from this society have often, yea, almost constantly, been made delegates to this denomination's General Conferences. F. H. Whitaker of this society was at the joint Convention of M. P. and Methodist Churches in Baltimore, '77, when the breach was closed, making twain one. I think the old style of dividing the membership into classes and electing a leader was followed until some twenty years ago. The S. S. work here improved and reached out, the leaders said, covering, or nearly so, their time and teaching, and they almost discontinued. Then there sprang up a young men's prayer meeting which lasted for years. Part of the time it held two services a week. Later, in '94, the Y. P. S. C. E. was organized, and still later a Jr. Society. These are in operation at this writing. The S. S. has been going summer and winter for 30 or more years, making disciples of nearly every attendant. It has furnished the president of the County S. S. Association and Vice Pres. N. C. S. S. Association for six years; the chairman of the State S. S. Convention one year and Vice Pres. of the National and International S. S. Association one year (St. Louis Convention, '93).

Piety and daily Bible reading and prayer in the homes of eight families marked the days of yore in her circle; now only three houses practice such habitually. I think the number enrolled on class book will average 75, while at times it has reached 100 or more. It has been the paying church on the old Roanoke ct. for 70 years (see Quarterly Conference Journal), yet perhaps perfection is quite in the distance both for the society and her individual members. This church has been noted for good singing from the antebellum days. Her neighborhood singing circles and literary societies and house-to-house weekly prayer meetings during some of the years of her pilgrimage no doubt were elevating. To God be the praise.

She has entertained Interdenominational and Denominational S. S. Conventions, Subdistrict Conferences, and Annual Conferences, and does not forget the temperance cause, the orphans, the poor at home, and the starving in far-off lands.

W. C. W.

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### Shiloh

This church, formerly on the Greensboro circuit, is now on the Randolph circuit. It is near Julian Station on the C. F. & Y. V. Ry. From Bro. Wesley Ledbetter, we have the following information regarding its history: A burial ground was started there before the church was built, the mother of Robt. Julian being the first buried there. Rev. John Coe preached at her funeral. Her husband built a log church, which was free to all denominations. Just when the Methodist Protestants were put in possession is not remembered. The Annual Conference of 1837 met there. The present church was built in 1852. Jesse Julian gave land for its site. Frank Julian afterwards gave over three acres of land additional. Improvements were made in the building two years ago, a recess for the pulpit being added. A parsonage for Randolph circuit was recently built, during the pastorate of Rev. G. F. Millaway, and is located in Julian, near Shiloh. Rev. H. S. B. Thompson is the present pastor.

### Fair Grove

Fair Grove Church is located in Rockingham county, and on Haw River ct About seventy years ago the Rev. Alson Gray preached at the home of Elijah Chilcutt occasionally until May, 1833, when he preached at Fair Grove in a school house. About this time a lot was purchased from James Donnell, Esq, a church organized, and a deed made to the trustees, who were Robt. C. Rankin, Elijah Chilcutt, Wm. Schoolfield, James Hopkins, Nathaniel Simpson, and Thomas Hopkins.

This schoolhouse soon proved to be too small to accommodate the congregation. Then steps were taken to build an arbor to be used in summer and the school hou e in winter; and in September, 1833, the arbor was finished and a camp meeting held at this place, which gave rise to Fair Grove Church, with twenty-nine converts.

This school house and arbor served these people until 1836, when they built a meeting house. This house was a credit to Fair Grove in that day. The house was about 50x40 feet, of logs nicely hewn, covered with chestnut shingles, with door in the end, with glass windows, and seats without backs, which made the house respectable and comfortable. In 1843, [Is not our brother mistaken as to date?—Editor.] the N. Carolina Annual Conference was held at this place. The school house was used for the Conference, as there was no stove in the meeting house. Stoves were not much used in those days. The Annual Conference of 1848 was held here in the same old school house.

This school house, meeting house, and arbor served these people until in 1856, when the old arbor was torn down and a better and much larger one built on the same ground and covered with shingles in 1860. The new church stands there today in memory of those who worked so faithfully to build in 1863. The Annual Conference was held at this place with better accommodation than in 1843 and '48. At this date the Annual Conference was much larger than it was in 1843 and '48; consequently the accommodation was much better.

It was at this Conference that the Rev. R. H. Wills was assigned to this circuit as pastor for his first year as pastor of a circuit, I think. Let this be as it may, Haw River was the last circuit he traveled. He preached his last sermon at Midway church, and when he could stand no longer he sat down and finished his sermon to the Midway people.

Elijah Chilcutt, trustee of Fair Grove, is the same Chilcutt that read through the Bible one hundred and twenty-two times and was in his twenty-third reading when he died. This man read the Bible so much and had such great memory of it that the Rev. Alson Gray often called him his Bible Dictionary. Chilcutt was one of the first members of Fair Grove, and was the last one of the original members to pass away, and is buried at Fair Grove.

In 1883, the Annual Conference met at this place for the fourth time.

A. R. Teoxler.

### Mt. Pleasant, Liberty ct.

Much that is interesting of the early history of this church is lost, because no record can be found, and memory is not a safe guide. We claim our sketch is only approximately correct. About 1828 Wm. Coble, Esq, and his wife attended a camp meeting at Tabernacle. Both made a profession of religion. Rev. Alson Gray made arrangements with Coble to preach in his neighborhood; he preached in private until McMaster's School House, now the old part of Mt. Pleasant Academy, was finished, when he preached there near the present site of the church. About 1830 he organized a society with about 16 members, which was placed on Randolph circuit. Much of the early preaching, however, was done by local preachers of whom Rev. John Coe and his son Isaac were the most prominent.

Some time afterward an arbor was built near the school house, under which many great revivals were held. From time to time the subject of building a house of worship was discussed. About 1852 Rev. G. W. Bowman and Calvin Johnson were discussing the subject at the latter's mill, when J. remarked to B., "Everything must have a beginning, so let us start the house to-day. I will give $50; how much will you give?" B. agreed to subscribe $25. Paper was procured and a subscription list was started. Soon afterward a meeting was appointed at the school house, of which Rev. A. W. Lineberry was chairman, he being the pastor. Rev. G. W. Bowman was elected Sec, Calvin Johnson Treas. The society decided to build a house, and elected Calvin Johnson, Wm. Amick and Nathan Stafford a building committee. In the years 1854—5 the present house was built, costing about $500. Jabin Erwin was the master mechanic.

The tract of land now belonging to the church was bought of Calvin Johnson and Isaac May, and was deeded to the following Trustees and their successors: John Spoon, Wm. Amick, Wm. A. Coble, Nathan Stafford, Jno. A. M. Coble, Geo. Amick, and Calvin Johnson. The society had grown to 39 members which was now known as Mt. Pleasant church, although the name was given before this, but did not come into general use. Rev. J. L. Michaux preached the first sermon in the new church. Rev. G. W. Bowman was the first class leader, which office he held for at least ten years. The following are some that have served as pastor: Revs. J. L. Michaux, R. Prather, Joseph P. Causey, Alson Gray, C. F. Harris, W. C. Lennett, J. S Dunn, J. W. Heath, A. W. Lineberry, J. R. Ball, R H. Wills, T. F. McCulloch, S. W. Coe, and J. R Hutton. We cannot tell when it was taken off of Randolph circuit and placed on Greensboro circuit. In 1892 it was placed on Liberty circuit. The S. S. dates with the house. Rev. G. W. Bowman was the first Superintendent. I will give program for S. S. in 1854. School opened at 7 a. m., closed at 5 p. m. The literature consisted of testaments, child's primer's, Webster's spellers, catechisms, and tickets and reward cards, which were given for attendance, reciting verses, spelling words, answering questions, &c. Since 1855 the church has had a healthy growth numerically, at least, now numbering 275 members. It has been the spiritual birthplace of scores who have already passed to reward, and more who are on the active stage of life. May her influence deepen and widen until all from the least to the greatest shall know the Lord.

S. A. Alexander.

ROOM OF J. T. JOHNSON, OPTICIAN, IN THE PUBLISHING HOUSE.

### Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill is in the southeast corner of Davidson county and is a part of Davidson circuit. Rev. Josiah Snotherly first began to preach there in a private house belonging to Lazar Laughlin. A log house was built by John Laughlin, Clayborn Cranford, their sons and others between 1850 and 1855. A society was afterwards organized by Rev. Jacob Guyer.

The first camp meeting was held by Rev. A. J. Laughlin in 1867. This meeting was one of very great power and there was a large number of acccessions to the church. There has been a camp meeting at this place every year since.

### Cedar Falls Church

The Cedar Falls M. P. Church was built in 1878 and 1879. The lot on which the church was built was given by Col. Peter Julian and wife, Elizabeth. The church was remodeled in 1894, and is the equal of any church in this section. The society was organized in 1878 by Rev. Henry Lewallen and Rev. C. H. Williams, who was then Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions. Rev. H. Lewallen served as pastor of the church in 1879; Dr. A. W. Lineberry, 1880, 1881; Rev. J. H. Gilbreath, 1882, 1883, Rev. C. A. Pickens, 1884; Rev. D. A. Highfill, 1885, 1886: Rev. T. F. McCulloch, 1887; Rev. J. C. Deans, 1888, 1889, and about half the year 1890, when he was called from labor to his reward in Heaven. The balance of the year Rev. W. C Hammer, and Rev. Totten supplied the pulpits. Rev. G. F. Millaway was pastor in 1891, 1892, 1883, 1894; Rev. C. A Cecil, 1895, 1896, 1897; Rev. J. R. Savage is the pastor for the present year.

O. R. Cox.

### Hickory Ridge

Hickory Ridge was organized in 1847 by James Crews and wife, Misses Louisa Cox, Mary Banner, Mrs. Nancy Cox, and Mrs. Pattie Banner, in a log school house near where the church now stands.

Only one of the first organizers, Miss Louisa Cox, is now living. For about one year preaching was held in the school house. Rev. Alson Gray preached occasionally, Rev. Quinton Holton being the traveling preacher of old Yadkin circuit, which was made up of Davidson, Forsyth, Stokes, and Surry counties.

In 1848 Rev. Geo. Whitaker held a camp meeting under an arbor; a number of converts was the result of this meeting, most all connecting themselves with this church.

Seeing the need of a church they at once went to work. Matthew Crews and Wm. Cox donated two acres of land. The following year Rev. Cicero F. Harris was sent on the circuit. A frame church 30 by 45 ft. (a good church for that day) was soon erected. For a number of years camp meetings were held there.

Hickory Ridge is the oldest Protestant church in Forsyth county.

The same building that was remodeled during Rev. J. G. W. Holloway's work on the circuit is still in use. R. L. Cox.

### Concord Church

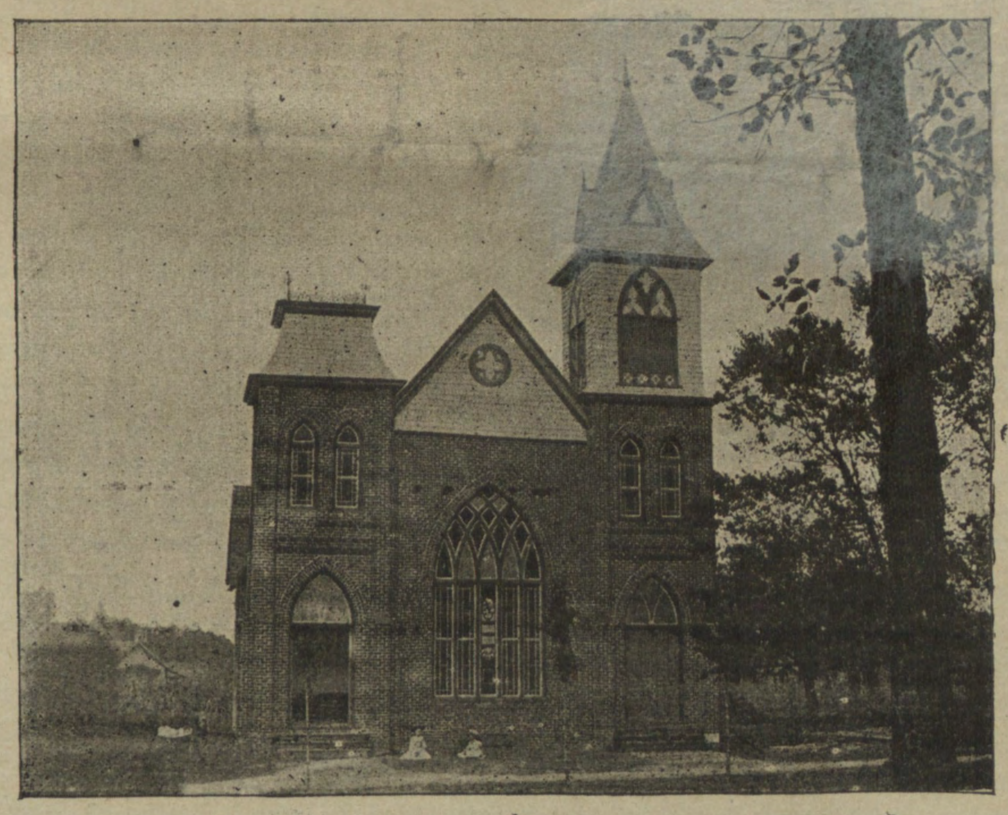
In the year 1832 or '33 Bros. Alson Gray and Christie commenced preaching in the home of Bro. Daniel Foust, and kept it up for a year or more. During this time some of the friends of Christianity decided to organize a class and build a house to worship in that would be more suitable than in the home of Bro. Foust; so they procured a site from Robert Cheek and Bartly Waldon, and got a deed bearing date 1835 and went to work to build a church. Brothers Daniel Foust, Thomas Thompson, Samuel Stockard, and Merriet Roberson furnished the logs to build a church. When it was completed they named it Concord. The house was used for the worship of God until the year 1890. Then we decided to build a neater and larger one. We were weak both numerically and financially. Some thought that we were not able to build, but we made the effort and help came from all sides. There are so many names that I will not mention them all. Bro. W. W. Amick was our pastor. He gave his year's salary at this place for the new church. Also our beloved President, Bro. R. H. Wills, gave his year's salary at Concord for the new church. Then came contributions from the Baptists, Presbyterians, M. E.'s, and Quakers, and even some of the non-professors gave of their means to help build the new church, for which they all have our thanks. We have now a neat little church painted inside and outside, with recess pulpit. May it still stand as a shining light to the young in after years.

A. N. Roberson.

### Alexander's Chapel

In 1891, a Methodist Protestant Church was organized in Riverview School House, near Beattie's Ford, on the Catawba River, in the northern part of Mecklenburg county, by Rev. P. D. Moore, who was then pastor of Catawba circuit, with only seven members, and they form the class at Fairfield Their names are J. P. Proctor, Mrs. J. W. Proctor, W. A. Prim, Mrs. M. A. Prim, A. A. Hager, Mrs. H. R. Hager, and Mrs. Mary Howard.

Mr. Charles Alexander, of Huntersville, gave land—hence the name Alexander's Chapel—on which was built a neat church, painted both inside and outside, and nicely furnished. It has a promising future. The membership has increased to 42. J. P. Proctor.



HIGH POINT CHURCH.

### Rehoboth Church, Granville ct.

Perhaps but few churches have a more interesting history than Rehoboth. In giving the history, we give not only the history of the beginning of Methodist Protestantism in Granville county, but the history of Methodism as well. The date is not positively known, but somewhere between the years of 1790 and 1800 Abner Hicks (father of G. Newton, John B., and B. W. Hicks) returning from a country store was overtaken by a Methodist Episcopal Missionary on his way from Baltimore to South Carolina, who asked him for lodging and a day of rest on the next day, which was Sunday. Mr. Hicks replied that he was a bachelor and did not have suitable accommodations, but accompanied him to George Harris's where he obtained the desired rest. While there he told them of his work and hopes, had family prayer with them, and obtained a promise from them to meet him at a throne of grace at sunset each day until his return on his way to conference, when he would preach for them if they so desired and would collect a congregation to hear him. The time arrived and he, true to his promise, came and preached not only once but several days. A number of people were converted from the meeting. He went to Conference, leaving an appointment to preach as he returned to South Carolina. News of this spread, and large crowds were in attendance on his return, when the first Methodist Society in Granville county was organized. They decided to build a church, Abner Hicks agreeing to furnish the land. The church was finished in due time, and called Harris' Meeting House, in honor of him who so kindly entertained the missionary his first trip. The sons of George Harris grew up, were converted, and all became active workers in the church, as did the sons of Abner Hicks. Willis and Fletcher Harris became eminent divines.

The little church did well, but did not escape the persecutions on account of the discussions of "Mutual Rights." On one occasion, when a reform preacher was entering the church to begin service, he was met by a layman forbidding entrance, whereupon the preacher turned him about, mounted the horseblock, and preached to an attentive congregation. Geo. W. Harris, Willis Harris, Ivey Harris, and Abner Hicks decided to build another church, which was built about two miles east of Oxford, Robert Taylor giving the land. "And they called the name of it Rehoboth, for now the Lord hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land." (We will show some of the fruits of this church farther on.)

Among the first preachers of Rehoboth were William Wallace Hill, Wm. H. Wills, John F. Speight, Willis Harris, and Caswell Drake. All these have long since passed over the river. The families of Abner Hicks, Geo. W., Willis, Ivey, and Harvey Harris were the principal members for a number of years. Members of these families moved to other localities and built other churches. Ivey Harris' sons, John F. and Wm. A., were the founders of Harris Chapel, now known as Dabney, on Vance ct., better known as North Granville. Later on Wm. A. Harris moved to Henderson and built the church that is now there. Dr. A. C. Harris and D. E. Young were the founders of Mt. Carmel, on Granville ct. Eppy Grissom and B. F. Harris were the chief builders of Antioch on Greenville ct. Perhaps a number of other churches have sprung from this old mother church

About 15 years ago we thought best to move to a more thickly populated community and nearer the center of the ct. This move has proved of great benefit. We now have a neat and attractive church building in modern style, and notwithstanding we have lost by death and removal a large per cent. of our members of means, we pay more to our pastor than the church has ever done in its history, and a greater per cent. of our members pay something than of any church we know.

For seven years we have had an evergreen Sunday-school that has steadily increased in interest since its beginning. For four years we have had a Y. P. S. C. E. and about two years a Junior Society, both of which are doing good work. There still remains one grandson and one great-grandson of George Harris, who have their membership at this church; also one son and several grandchildren of Abner Hicks, the majority of whom are active church workers. The late C. F. Harris was a member of this church at his death.

Perhaps some of the brightest intellects in our church sprang from this church, to wit, Rev. Samuel J. Harris, Rev. S. P. J. Harris, R. W. Harris, so well known as a ready writer for our church papers. Some of the purest men we ever knew died in this church, Geo. Newton Hicks, T. D. Harris, H. W. Harris, Jr., and others. May we who still survive meet those who have gone before on the other shore, is the prayer of the writers.

B. W. Hicks,

E. C. Harris.

Grace Church, LaGrange

Society organized in the fall of 1877, at the residence of J. M. Hadley, by Rev. J. H. Gilbreath. Original members: J. M. Hadley, Mrs. E. E. Hadley, James S. Wooten, Mrs. Catharine Wooten, Wm. C. Hadley, Mrs. Emma R. Hadley.

Having no church home the society was by courtesy permitted to use the M. E. Church for worship for several years. Rev. John G. Whitfield, D. D., was appointed pastor for 1878, and reappointed for 1879,—but was called from labor to reward in June of that year.

Rev. W. H. Wills, D. D., was appointed pastor for the Conference year 1880. Rev. C. R. Blades (now of Maryland Conference) served the mission in 1881 and 1882, Dr. Wills having pastoral oversight in 1881, and Dr. Paris in 1882. Dr. Paris was pastor in 1883. He died at Buffalo, Lithia Springs, in Oct., 1883, and was buried in Fairview cemetery, LaGrange, N. C.

Annual Conference making no appointment for 1884, Rev. W. H. Wills, D. D., was assigned to the mission by the President of the Conference. He served the work faithfully till stricken with paralysis in April, 1884, while delivering a sermon at Oak Grove church. He had to give up the work. He said to the writer: "Though the Lord's workmen fall, yet his work goes on." These noble men of God had great weight of character and did much to establish our cause in this community where there had been very little Methodist Protestant influence. Rev. W. E. Swain, when quite young in the ministry, was appointed to the mission for 1885, and also for 1886-7. Rev. W. T. Totten was appointed pastor for 1888, Rev. W. M. Pike, for 1889, Rev. J. F. Dosier for 1890. Rev. W. L. Harris served the circuit for 1891-2-3.

We enjoyed the pleasure of having the Annual Conference hold its sessions with our church in the fall of 1893, the last year of Bro. W. L. Harris's pastorate. Annual Conference of 1893 returned Rev. W. E. Swain to the circuit for 1894, and he was reappointed for 1895-6.

Annual Conference of 1896 making no appointment, Rev. C. E. Forlines was assigned to our work in June, 1897. He was reappointed by the Annual Conference for 1898.

While waiting to get able to build we lost two of the original three male members by death, thus losing much in executive ability and financial strength. Delays are dangerous. In 1887 our little society set to work to build a church home. With the encouragement and co-operation of all our people regardless of creed, we have on the corner of Caswell and James Streets a neat, comfortable building of modern design, 32x56, 22 feet between joists, with nice stained glass windows, five of which are memorials. The interior is well furnished, costing in all about $2300.

The church was dedicated in June, 1889, by Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D., of Western Maryland College.

Our modest beginning of six original members in '77 has increased about ten-fold, though of course we have had quite a number of losses by death and otherwise.

The condition of church, Sunday school, and C. E. Society is fairly good under the care of our efficient pastor, C. E. Forlines.

J. M. HADLEY.

GRACE CHURCH, LAGRANGE.

Mt. Hermon

This is, perhaps, one of the oldest societies in North Carolina. In 1830, during the month of Sep, there was a camp meeting held at this place in which Ivy Harris, Willis Harris, and Alexander Albright were the preachers. These camp meetings were held once in two years. In 1832 there was a wonderful manifestation of Divine power, and one hundred souls were born into the kingdom. Among them Rev. John Paris, D. D., of precious memory, who for so many years gave his life unreservedly to the Methodist Protestant church.

So far as known, the only one now living who was converted at Mt. Hermon in 1832 is Bro. Jacob Garrett, of Mud Lick, N. C., uncle of Rev. J. N. Garrett, of the N. C. Conference. He is eighty-two years old, and well remembers the first camp meeting of 1830. It was at this meeting that John McPherson was converted. His conviction and conversion were wonderful, and his life for God and the church was wonderful. After a long and useful life he has gone home to rest. John Holmes, grandfather of Prof. Geo. W. Holmes, of Yadkin College, N. C., was one of Mt. Hermon's first members.

A Journal of Quarterly Conference of Orange circuit, which formerly embraced Mt. Hermon church, begins: The first of these meetings the record of which is preserved was held April 6, 1833. Elders present af this meeting: Alson Gray and Alexander Albright. Jas. H. Cristie. preacher, was also present. Laymen present: John Stockard and Jas. C. Wrenn, Stewards. Joseph Albright, Alvis Albright, Rufus McMasters, Sam Smith, Rufus Hinshaw, John McPherson, and Thomas Carter, Class Leaders. Alexander Albright was elected Chairman, and John Stockard, Sec. In 1834 there were forty male and thirty-five female members, besides ten blacks, making a total membership of eighty-five. Sometime about 1832, the Methodist Protestants and Methodist Episcopals began the erection of a church, both having previous to this time worshiped in an old log house that stood on what is now a part of the cemetery.

The Methodist Episcopals wanted to hold their class meetings with closed doors, shutting out all except the members. The Methodist Protestants said anybody could be present at class meeting, and no one should be excluded, whether a member of the Methodist Protestant church or not. So a difference of opinion caused a suspension of the work on the union church. The Methodist Episcopals finally withdrew altogether from the enterprise, and went about two or three miles east and began what was known as Macedonia, only the corner stone of which remains. The Methodist Protestants carried to completion the house begun at Mt. Hermon, and continued to prosper.

As the years went by the congregation grew, and the membership increased, so that it has been found necessary to build several times, each church larger than its predecessor. To-day the church building at Mt. Hermon is one of the best country churches in all this section, the membership is large, and great throngs of people worship here. Recently a very substantial steel fence has been put around the cemetery, the church grounds cleaned off, and the church is free from debt.

W. E. SWAIN.

We must close this series of sketches here because our space is exhausted. We have eleven sketches of churches left. We regret that we could not get all in this number. We first thought we would condense the matter sufficiently to bring all within the limits assigned, but found most of the sketches so compactly written as to admit of little condensation. We decided that it would be better to print those received in full, and hold over a part of them for another historical number to be issued in the future.

### C. E. Announcements.

Topic for June 26—"The right use of time," Eccl. 3:1-8: Acts 24:24, 25.

Topic for July 3—"Honoring father and mother," Eph. 6:1-4: Prov. 17:6, 21, 25. "And was subject unto them," Luke 2:51.

## Greensboro Leads.

It is a noteworthy fact that the first successful effort made in this section of the South to operate mutual fire insurance companies has emanated from Greensboro. Throughout the North and West nearly every thriving and progressive town has a successful mutual fire insurance company of long and honorable standing which furnishes insurance at actual cost. The value to a community of such money-saving institutions may be appreciated when it is considered that prevailing business conditions have made fire insurance in most cases a necessity, and it, therefore, constitutes a tax upon property no less than the tax which we pay directly to the tax collector.

Three years and a half ago there was organized at Greensboro the Southern Stock-Mutual Insurance Company with a capital stock of $100,000.00, backed by the most successful business men in North Carolina. The plan of the company provided that after a small percentage has been earned for the stock holders, all profits over and above the Emergency Fund shall be returned annually to the policy-holders. It was a new thing and old insurance men ridiculed and predicted speedy failure to it and many distrusted it; but in a little over three years and in the face of the most inveterate hostility from the most powerful combination of capital in this country, this company has achieved a success unparalleled. The premium receipts have increased nearly three hundred per cent. since the first year. A dividend of 20 per cent. has been returned each year to policy holders, and while thousands of dollars have been returned in dividends to insurers, there has been added to the company's assets in this short time nearly forty thousand dollars in cash. With such a record during a period of probation and of hindrance and opposition, what may we expect from this institution in the years to come?

The demand for this insurance has been so great that it has been found necessary to organize a second company on the same plan. This second company, The Underwriters, with headquarters at Greensboro and under the same management as the Southern Stock Mutual, was organized in January last, and is doing a prosperous business and is destined for the same useful and successful career as its older running mate.

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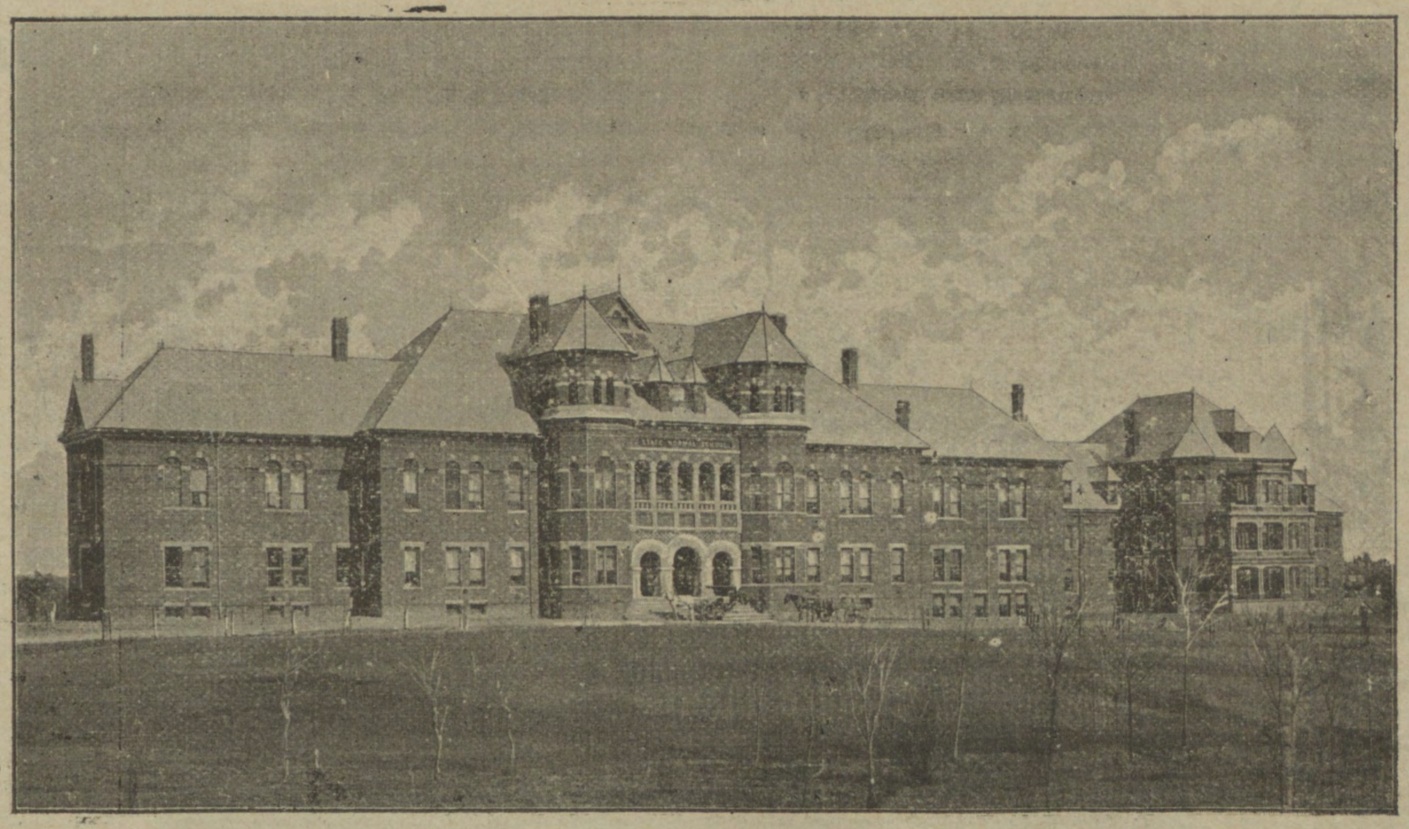

MAIN BUILDING OF THE STATE NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE.

## GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA.

The County of Guilford, in which Greensboro is situated, was formed in 1770, and named in honor of Lord North, Earl of Guilford. The Court House, and all that could be called a town, prior to 1808, was located about five miles northwest of the present site. Here was fought, in 1781, the decisive battle of Guilford Court House, and when, in 1808, a new site for the Court House was chosen, in the exact centre of the county, the prospective town which was laid out was named in honor of the hero of Guilford Court House, General Nathaniel Greene.

In the Office of the Register of Deeds, recorded in Book J, page 345-6, may be found the original deed from Ralph Gorrell, to certain commissioners named by the legislature, for the original town site, which contained forty-two acres, and was sold for the princely sum of Ninety Eight Dollars.

Accompanying it is a plot of the town, showing the primary division into lots.

The four corners surrounding the Court House were sold for $151.00, $150.00, $139.00, and $136.00, respectively. A lot on the outskirts, due south,

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was sold for $10.00, while one on the south eastern limits sold for $5.00. All these lots were 150 feet square.

Greensboro's most interesting historical associations are, of course, in connection with the Guilford Battle Ground. Until a comparatively recent date, this was wholly neglected; but through the patriotic efforts of Hon. David Schenck, and other of the best citizens of Greensboro and North Carolina, the old battle-field has been purchased, avenues have been laid out, monuments erected, a pavilion, museum, cottages, etc., built, and everything that means at hand would

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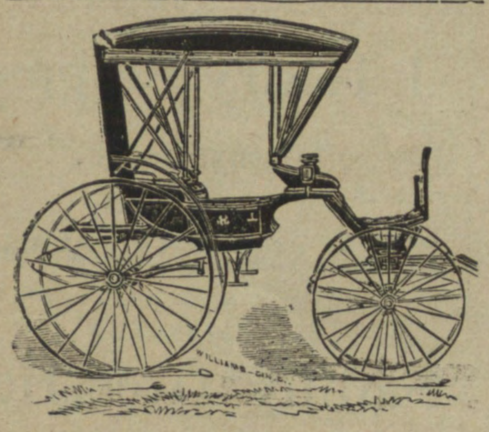

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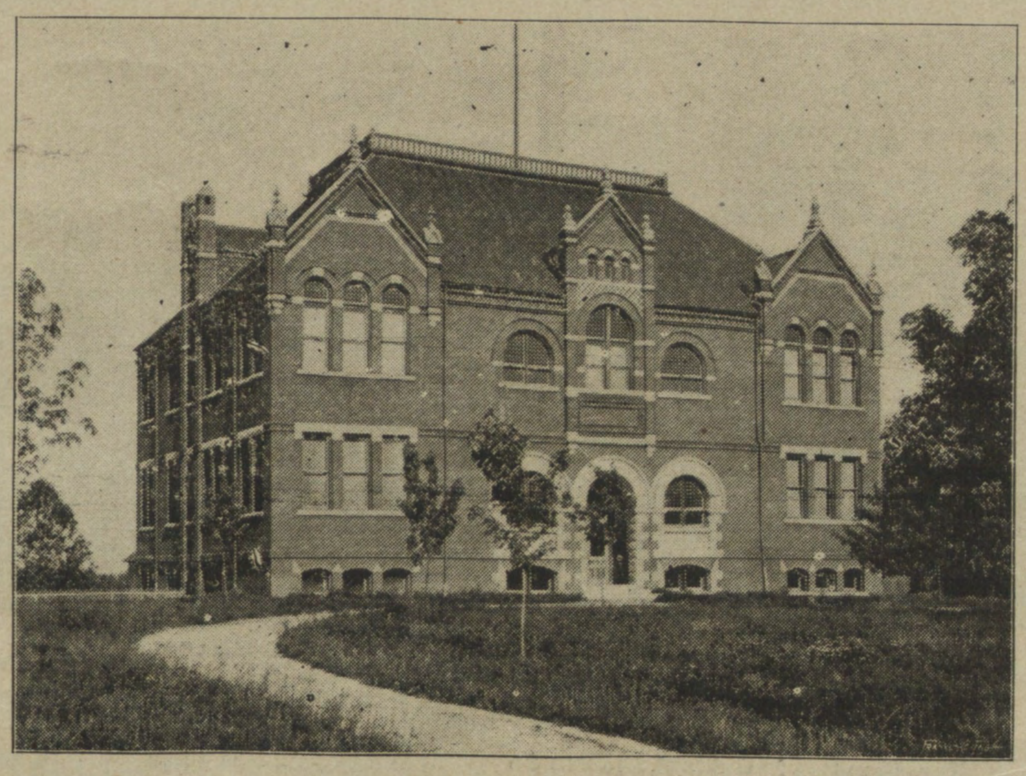
The first railway entered Greensboro in 1857. The work of construction was carried on from Raleigh and Charlotte toward this place as a common center, and the meeting place was near the present "Salem Junction" (Pomona)



SOUTH GREENSBORO GRADED SCHOOL.

CHURCHES

During the earlier years, the citizens of Greensboro worshipped at country churches; Alamance and Buffalo being the most convenient to the town. The members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, under the leadership of Rev. Peter Doub, erected a church in 1830-31 on South Elm Street, upon a lot very nearly opposite the one now occupied by the store of Odell Hardware Company. This was superseded in 1850-51 by a new house on West Market Street. The old church was sold later to the Baptists, who occupied it until its destruction by fire, about fifteen years ago.

Greensboro has now ten churches, and three mission chapels, for white people. There are quite a number of colored churches also. All of the buildings are creditable. The First Presbyterian and West Market Street Methodist Episcopal, South, being unusually handsome. We take pleasure in presenting to the readers of OUR CHURCH RECORD illustrations of a number of them, which show the progress which has been made during our period of inactivity, and which may be taken as an indication also of the fraternal spirit which exists among the various churches.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

While it never has claimed especial distinction of being a "College Town", the number of schools and colleges established in Greensboro, renders her entitled to consideration on this account. Here is located Greensboro Female College,—whose charter was ratified Dec. 28, 1838. It is the second regularly chartered Female College south of the Potomac. It has had at its head such men as Rev Solomon Lea, Rev. A. M. Shipp, Rev Chas. F. Deems, Rev. T. M. Jones, Dr. B. F. Dixon, and Rev. F. L. Reid, who have served as its Presidents in the order named.

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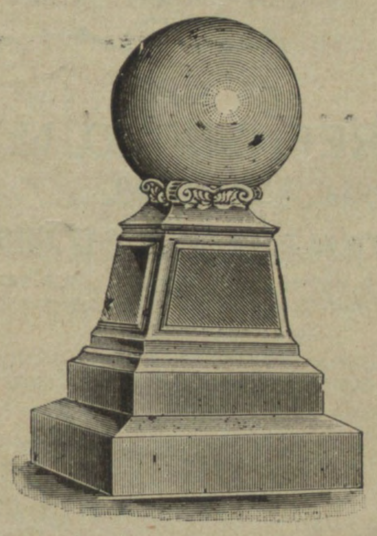

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It would be impossible to enumerate all the firms engaged in various lines of business in Greensboro. With but few exceptions the leading firms are represented in our advertising columns, to which the reader is respectfully referred.

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As a wholesale market, Greensboro has developed rapidly within a few years. Dry Goods and Notions, Hardware, Boots and Shoes, Groceries and Produce are the lines represented.

BANKS

The Greensboro National Bank, the Peidmont Bank, and the Bank of Guilford, do a regular Exchange Banking business; while the People's Five Cents Savings Bank which has been in successful operation for more than eleven years, affords a safe place of deposit for the smallest savings. This Institution has been of great benefit to the city, as it receives deposits of any amount from five cents upward, and pays interest on deposits ranging from three dollars to two thousand dollars.

### The Telegram.

The first issue of the Greensboro Evening Telegram (daily) made its appearance on the 31st day of July, 1897. Before the first volume was completed the Telegram, owing to increased patronage, was enlarged from a six column to a seven column folio. It is the first newspaper, in the history of Greensboro, to give the people a telegraphic news service, thus acquainting them with the happenings of the world the day they occur.

ODELL HARDWARE CO.'S MAIN BUILDING

Its chief aim and mission is the upbuilding of Greensboro, Guilford county, and this section of the state generally. It strives to be clean. It upholds right and condemns wrong. It stands for industrial and moral development. Its subscription price is within the reach of all—only three dollars a year. Its circulation is such that commends it to advertizers. Rates furnished on application. Address the manager, R. M. Phillips or The Telegram Publishing Company, Greensboro, N. C.

D. F. CALDWELL, PRESIDENT. W. B. BOGART, CASHIER.

THE BANK

OF

GUILFORD,

Greensboro, N. C.

THE PIEDMONT BANK

OF

GREENSBORO, N. C.

Capital, $60,000.00.

Surplus and Profits, $17,000.00.

J. M. WALKER, President. S. L. TROGDON, V. Pres. R. G. VAUGHN, Cashier.

Accounts of Individuals, Merchants, and Manufacturers solicited.

We shall be pleased to hear from any one contemplating opening a bank account or making a change. Every accommodation extended consistent with good banking.

# BROWN'S

## Brown's Store

Brown's Store, Greensboro.

We extend to every reader of the CHURCH RECORD this, a special invitation, to visit us. We do business on the

## Mutual Plan.

Your interest is ours and we make

**Your Needs Our Study.**

The stock of DRESS GOODS we carry is hardly surpassed by any in the state. Novelties as well as Staples in Silks, Mohairs, and Wool, and in Organdies, both plain and figured, together with Dimities and Lawns not a few. We make

**Carpets, Rugs and Curtains**

some of our specialties, carrying a large stock in great variety. Mattings and Linoleums also come in for a large share of our attention. And of all the clean, comfortable and serviceable floor coverings for Dining Rooms, Halls, Bath Rooms, etc., nothing has been found more satisfactory than a good English Linoleum, being moderate in cost and attractive in appearance. We sell quantities of this material and if you are not familiar with it will be glad to send you a sample. It comes in widths of one and two yards. We mentioned curtains awhile ago. Well, we have these in many styles, from cheap Nottinghams up to the more expensive Appliques and Irish Points. Also Chenilles in a variety of styles and coloring.

Realizing how greatly the Ladies are interested in such things, we call attention to a large stock of

**Table Linens, Cloths, Napkins**

and Doilies. Towels in great variety. White Marseilles and Pique Counterpanes at special low prices just now.

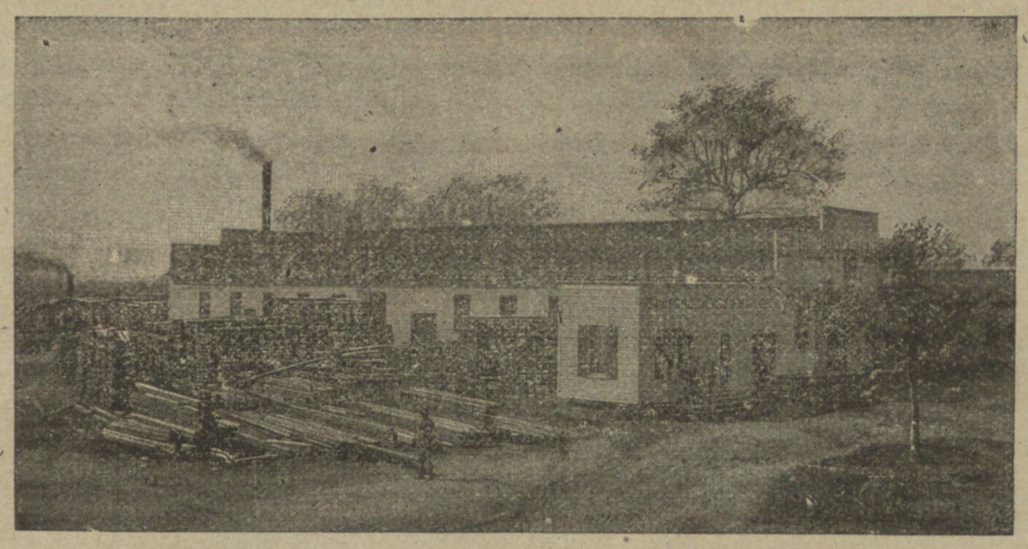
Please let us call attention to this, that from nearly every direction the railroads are running such schedules that you can come to Greensboro, spend a few hours, make your purchases and return home the same day. And if you will inform us

**We Will Gladly Meet You**

at any train and show you to our establishment and render any assistance in our power. We want to serve you and all we ask is the opportunity.

Sample Brown Mercantile Co.,

234 SOUTH ELM STREET.

MANUFACTURING ENTERPRISES.

Great advancement has been made in this direction. For many years the only branches of manufacturing attempted were Lumber, Sash, Doors and Blinds, Stoves, Water Wheels, Saw Mills, and other foundry products. Considerable development has been made in these establishments. Some of the best work in hard wood and in every other variety of building material is done in Greensboro and shipments are often made to points north of her. Her two foundries are in successful operation and a third is now in the course of construction.

In 1893 the Southern Finishing & Warehouse Company erected a plant for finishing cotton goods,—the only one of the kind in the entire South. It now employs none but native North Carolina laborers, and much is done looking to the comfort and well-being of the employees.

Following the erection of the Finishing Mill, the same body of capitalists organized the Proximity Mfg. Co. and erected a large mill. The cotton manufacturing interests of this section are being rapidly developed.

In addition to these the Hucomuga Mill, situated on the South Side of the town, has also been put into operation, occupying the building which was erected by a co-operative company

Greensboro's advantageous location, and superior railroad facilities, make it unexcelled as a point for the establishment of manufacturing enterprises, and it is to those who wish to engage in this business that she offers her best inducements.

A DELIGHTFUL PLACE OF RESIDENCE.

All that has been written above goes to show that Greensboro is a delightful place of residence. Ample railroad facilities, good schools, abundant church privileges, and good business opportunities, combine to attract the man in search of a home.

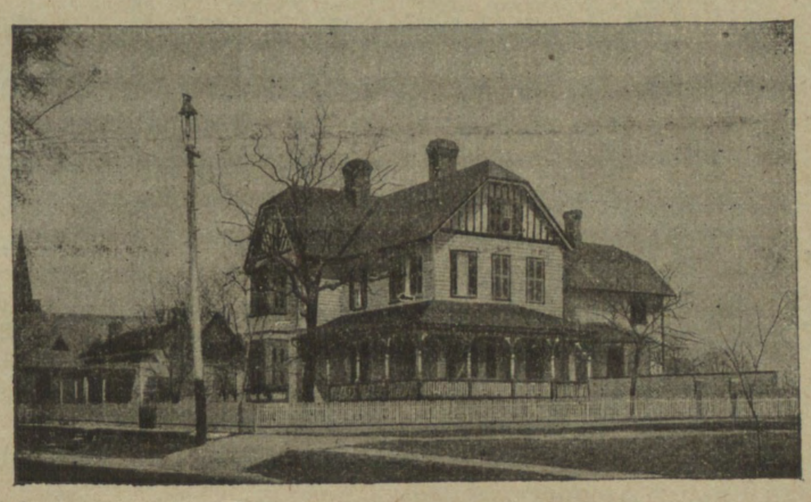
Other features of importance are:

An agreeable climate. While "hot spells" and "cold waves" are not unknown, they are not of long duration.

Pleasant streets and homes. Many of the streets are beautifully shaded. The principal business streets are paved, and others have been macadamized to some extent. Improvements in the street are being made constantly, the street force being employed throughout the year.

Waterworks, gas, and electric light systems.

A sewerage system, which, though not complete, extends along some of the principal streets and an extension of the system will no doubt be made before a great while.



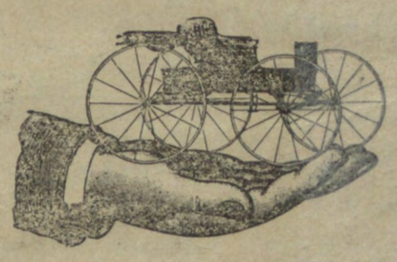
One of the most desirable residence sections will be that bordering on Summit Avenue, a magnificent boulevard now being constructed. The avenue will be graded and macadamized, and gas, water and sewer pipes laid.


NEIL ELLINGTON, President. J. W. LINDAU, Sec. & Treas.

The Southern Finishing & Warehouse Co.,

**Finishers of Cotton Goods.**

GREENSBORO, N. C.



A solid car load of the best Grain Drills just received, must be seen to be appreciated, sold on easy payments. We make a specialty of the following goods, and at prices never before heard of:

Buggies, $24.00, Carriages, Phaetons, Carts Wagons, Harness, $4.50, Saddles, $1.90, Harness Hardware, Whips, Collars, etc.

Farm Implements, Feed Cutters, Hay Rakes, Cutaway Harrows, Solid Disc Harrows, Cane Mills, Cider Mills, Wind Mills, Corn Shellers $1 50, best Mowing Machine made with all the latest improvements, and all other Farm Implements

Circulars and catalogues of our goods sent for the asking. Mail orders receive prompt attention. If you need anything in our line write us for prices. We will save you money.

C. C. TOWNSEND,

Greensboro, N. C.

**Greensboro Steam Laundry,**

JOHN M. DICK, Proprietor. E. A. MILLER, Manager.

**We Have a Sure Hold**

on our patrons. A fair trial is all we ask for.

## DR. J. E. WYCHE,

DENTIST.

Office in Savings Bank Building.
South Elm St., Greensboro, N. C.

## W. P. BEALL,
## Physician and Surgeon.

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OFFICE: 117 Court Square.
RESIDENCE: 404 Asheboro St.
Office hours: 11:30 to 1; 3 to 4:30.
Telephone No. 17.

## HARRY C. MARTIN,
## INSURANCE,
## GREENSBORO, N. C.

Office in M. P. Publishing House.

## DR. B. W. BEST,
**Physician & Surgeon.**
## GREENSBORO, N. C.

Office in M. P. Publishing House.
**Calls from city or country Promptly attended.**

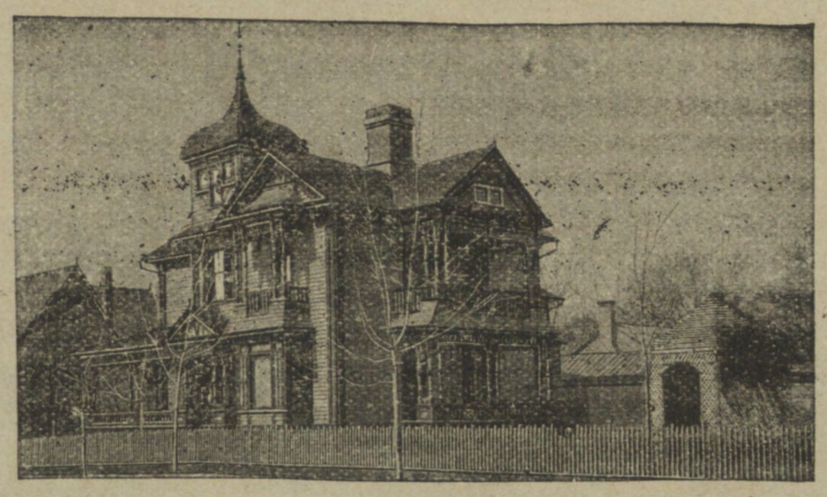
## Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railway.

JOHN GILL, Receiver.

Condensed Schedule.
In Effect May 26, 1898.

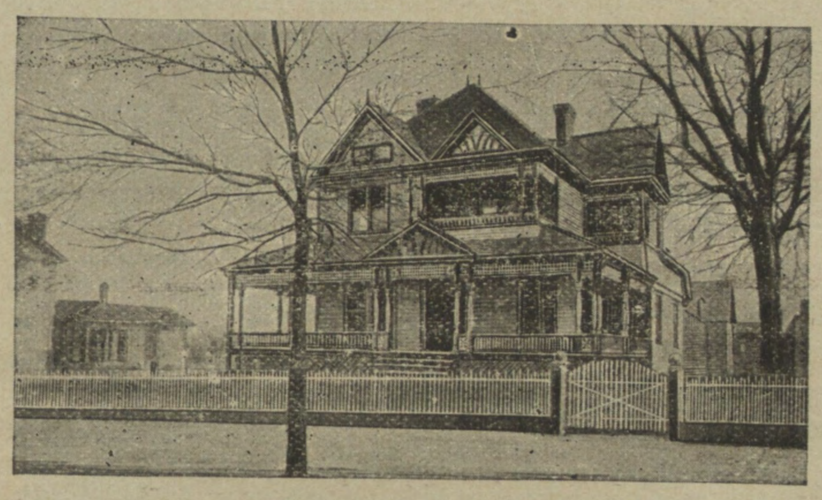
| NORTH BOUND. | No. 2—DAILY. | |
|---|---|---|
| ARRIVE. | | LEAVE. |
| | Wilmington, | 7 45 a. m. |
| 10 55 p. m. | Fayetteville, | 11 08 p. m. |
| | Fayetteville Jc., | 11 12 " |
| | Sanford, | 12 32p m. |
| | Climax, | 2 29 " |
| 3 00 p. m. | Greensboro, | 3 10 " |
| | Stokesdale, | 3 58 " |
| | Walnut Cove, | 3 29 " |
| | Rural Hall. | 4 57 " |
| 6 25 " | Mt. Airy, | |

| SOUTH BOUND. | No. 1—DAILY. | |
|---|---|---|
| ARRIVE. | | LEAVE |
| | Mt. Airy, | 8 40 a. m. |
| | Rural Hall, | 10 04 " |
| | Walnut Cove, | 10 33 " |
| | Stokesdale | 11 06 " |
| 11 55 a. m. | Greensboro, | 12 13 p m |
| | Climax, | 12 43 " |
| | Sanford, | 2 35 " |
| | Faytteville Jnc., | 3 50 " |
| 3 53 pm | Fayetteville, | 4 05 pm |
| 7 10 | Wilmington. | |

Last year two hundred and forty three houses were built in the town and suburbs; this record may be surpassed even this year. Practically all the houses now in course of erection are of he better class, many of them being of handsome design, large and well fitted up.

There is scarcely a single desirable residence or business house in Greensboro which is not occupied. Few of any kind can be found vacant.



In conclusion, we naturally refer to her people, who, while progressive, find time to be social, and to extend to the stranger or visitor a cordial welcome to all the privileges of the city.

I. M. V.

# Stop!

# Consider!

Do you know how many new houses were built in Greensboro last year? 243.

Do you know how many will be built this year? Indications are that the record of 1897 will be surpassed.

Do you know that those now in course of erection include many of large and handsome design? Perhaps the majority of them will cost at least $2,000.00.

Do you know that no good house should be built without being fitted up with mantels and tiles selected from our new and handsome stock? The price places them in the reach of all.

Do you know that it is a most unwise policy to economize by leaving off a bath room, something which is absolutely essential to health and comfort? The cost is not as great as you would suppose.

Do you know that you can buy a porcelain bath from us at a very reasonable price?

Do you know that we have a very handsome line of Gas Fixtures?

Do you know—but just call to see

## Odell Hardware

## Company.

# The State Normal and

# Industrial College

Offers the young women of the State thorough professional, literary, classical, scientific, and industrial education. Annual Expenses, $90 to $130. Faculty of 30 members. More than 400 regular students. Has matriculated about 1,500 students, representing every county in the State except two. Practice and Observation School of about 200 pupils. To secure board in dormitories applications must be made before August 1.

Correspondence invited from those desiring competent trained teachers. For catalogue and other information, address PRESIDENT McIVER, Greensboro, N. C.

What do you think of it? This beautiful Reed Rocker, worth $3.50, for only $2.00. When you leave home start for the BARGAIN FURNITURE STORE, in the elegant new building of the Methodist Protestant Publishing House,

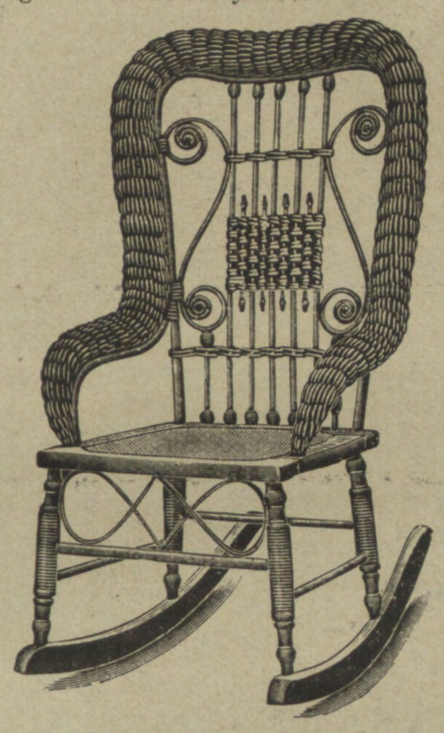
**Headquarters for Furniture Bargains.**

**Workman's Furniture House**

## WORKMAN'S FURNITURE HOUSE.

A COMPLETE LINE OF

Furniture and Home Furnishings. Everything for housekeepers. Good quality and low prices guaranteed to everybody.



## Wakefield Hardware Co.,

**No. 229 South Elm St., Greensboro, N. C.**

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

## Hardware and Farm Implements,

Factory Agents for "Majestic" Steel Ranges, New Lee Cook Stoves, Oliver Chilled Plows, Clark's Cutaway Harrows, Buckeye Wheat Drills, Walter A. Wood's Mowers, Rakes and Harvesters, J. I. Nissen Wagons, The Sherwin-Williams Co.'s Paints, Berry Bros.' Varnishes, Russell & Erwin Mfg. Co.'s Builders' Hardware.

Prompt attention given mail orders. Correspondence solicited.

J. W. SCOTT, President. J. AD. HODGIN, Treasurer.

## THE PEOPLE'S FIVE CENTS SAVINGS BANK,

GREENSBORO, N. C.,

**Pays Interest on Deposits. Has Been in Business for Eleven Years,**

**and Has Never Lost a Cent.**

Net Deposits June 11, 1898, - - $97,644.97.

This Bank respectfully solicits deposits from persons who may not reside in Greensboro promising its best attention to every account.

All moneys deposited on or before July 1st will bear interest from that date. The following letter speaks for itself:

GREENSBORO, N. C., May 11, 1898.

MR. J. AD. HODGIN, Treasurer,

DEAR SIR:—Shortly after your bank commenced business, I opened an account, resolving to deposit 50c a week. My first deposit was made August 9th, 1887. I continued the account until June 2nd, 1892, when I drew out all but a small balance, having previously invested the greater part of my savings. During the time that I continued to deposit, the interest carried to my credit amounted to $11.23, my deposits being uniformly 50c a week. I have entire confidence in the management of the bank, and commend it especially to young people, as affording them a means entirely safe for accumulating their savings.

Yours truly, J. NORMAN WILLS.

THOMAS WOODROFFE,

**Lessee of the MOUNT AIRY GRANITE QUARRIES,**

MOUNT AIRY, N. C.

HIGH GRADE LIGHT GRAY GRANITE

**Used in construction of**

Land Title and Trust Co. Building, Philadelphia, Pa; Odd Fellows' Building, Philadelphia, Pa.; Masonic Temple, Reading, Pa.; Entrance Greenwood Cemetery, Lancaster, Pa.; Synagogue, Baltimore, Md.; Court House, Wise county, Va.; Court House, Winston, N. C.; Court House, Wilmington, N. C.; Confederate Monument, Raleigh, N. C.; Mausoleum, Wilmington, N. C.; School Building, High Point, N. C.; Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church, Norfolk, Va.; Park Avenue Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va.; St Paul's Catholic Church, Portsmouth, Va.

EXTENSIVELY USED FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

**ONE THOUSAND CAR LOADS SHIPPED YEAR 1897.**

The location, on a 260 acre dairy farm, in the most healthy section in North Carolina, gives ample space for recreation and quiet study, free from the distractions of towns and cities. Five spacious brick buildings, constructed for practical daily use, well furnished and well lighted. College and Society libraries. Museum of Natural History. Chemical laboratory and philosophical apparatus. Faculty of ten able instructors—men and women—chosen to strengthen every department of instruction and to exert the most wholesome influence in the formation of Christian character. Three courses of study, leading to the Bachelor's Degree. Classical, Scientific Latin-Scientific. Careful and enthusiastic instruction in Music. The College is noted for thoroughness of instruction and the high moral tone and religious life which it fosters. The charges are less than in any other educational institution of like equipment. Total expenses for next year from $90 to $133. Open alike to both sexes. Fall term opens August 23rd. For catalogue, address THE PRESIDENT, Guilford College, N. C.

# What men who have tried it say of the Keeley Treatment.

CLIO, S. C., Jan. 17, 1898.
W. H. OSBORN, President Keeley Institute,
Greensboro, N. C,
DEAR SIR:—
Your favor of 10th to hand, and was glad to hear from you and that you have more patients than usual, and do hope that you will have twice as many this year as you did last. I cannot see why every one who drinks whiskey does not become a "KEELEYITE," as I consider a man who can show a certificate of graduation from Keeley and who has been true to it, has the strongest recommendation that he is able to possess. The $120.00 which I spent with you was the best investment that has ever left my hands. The 16th day of next May will have been 5 years since I touched a drop and have had no desire for it whatever, and don't believe I ever will have. I am not like some who go to Keeley—ashamed of it—but I am proud that I am a "Keeleyite" and don't care if the world knows it.
With kind regards to all, I am, Yours truly,
GEO. R. WELCH.

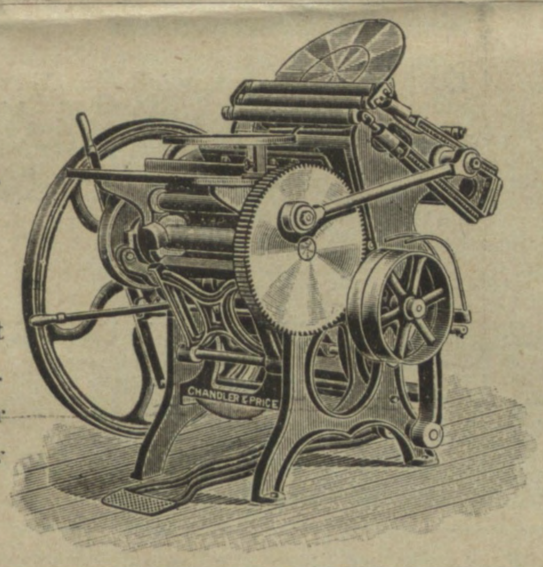
RED SPRINGS, Oct. 1, 1897.
W. H. OSBORN, President Keeley Institute,
Greensboro, N. C.,
MY DEAR FRIEND:—
I took the Keeley treatment seven years ago this fall, as you know, and never since have I had the slightest desire for alcohol in any form, not even beer or wine. I have not tasted a single drop of anything in that line. It is no trouble for me to resist as there is no temptation and before that it was the curse of my life. Every man cursed with the habit ought to take the treatment and know what it is to be released from the most abject of slavery.
Very truly yours,
L. H. LYON.

THE KEELEY INSTITUTE.

Mr. Theo. Edwards, a lawyer as well as a splendid planter, of Bull Head, Green county, N. C., writes W. H. Osborn, May 17th, 1897, as follows:
"Another year has passed, making four since I left the Institute cured of my thirst for intoxicating liquors, and as I have annually written you or Dorsey Battle since that time, assuring you of my faith in the permanency of the cure, I now assure you once more that time only adds faith in all good things it has done for me, and others who have taken the treatment with a desire to reform their lives. I am glad to be able to report all the boys in Green, who have taken the treatment, to be still on the right road, and are strong in their praises for what has been done for them. I was truly glad to know you had at the Institute a goodly number of patients. As long as there are any drunkards, I do hope you will continue full up. Every day I live I thank God anew for sparing me long enough to take the treatment, thereby saving my life and soul from damnation."—News and Observer, Oct. 7.

For Further Information, Address, **THE KEELEY INSTITUTE,**
**Greensboro, N. C.**
*All Correspondence Confidential.*


## E. L. TATE,
PRINTER AND STATIONER.
OFFICE IN M P. BUILDING,
GREENSBORO, N. C.




Job printing of all kinds. Prompt attention, good work, and low prices.
Come see me when you want your printing done in a neat and tasty manner.
PRINTING THAT PLEASES.

## GREENSBORO NURSERIES,
GREENSBORO, N. C.,
FOR ALL KINDS OF
Fruit, Shade, and Ornamental Trees, Vines, and Plants.

It is our aim to produce the very best in variety and grade of stock regardless of cost, and we sell as cheap as any first-class nursery could do business. Your patronage solicited. Agents wanted.

**Greensboro Herd of Registered Poland China Hogs.**

This herd is composed of premium stock, and every pains taken to keep them up to their high standard, and I sell at about one half the price that such stock is usually sold at. Single pig, $6; pair $10, f. o. b. cars here.

**John A. Young, Proprietor, Greensboro, N. C.**

## Greensboro Sash and Blind Co.,
MANUFACTURERS OF
**Doors, Sash, Blinds, Moulding, Brackets,**
AND DEALERS IN
ALL KINDS OF PINE LUMBER.
202 Lewis Street, Greensboro, N. C.

## Glenn Manufacturing Co.,
GREENSBORO, N. C.,
**Manufacturers of Overalls and Pants.**

We have the newest and most improved machinery and are prepared to furnish THE BEST GOODS FOR THE LEAST MONEY. Ask for

GLENN'S GOODS,

SOLD by HUNTER MFG. & COMMISSION CO., Greensboro, N. C.

O. R. COX, Pres.,
Cedar Falls, N. C.

JOHN A. HODGIN, Sec. and Treas.,
Greensboro, N. C.

# CAPE FEAR MFG. CO.,

## GREENSBORO, N. C.,

Handles a full line of all kinds of building material. Framing, Siding, Ceiling, Flooring, Shingles, Lime, etc., kept in stock.
Makes to order Frames, Sash, Blinds, Doors, Mantels, and all kinds of interior finish.

## Specialties.

CHURCH WORK of all kinds—Pews, Altar and Pulpit work.

STAIR WORK from the cheapest to the highest priced made and ready to set up complete.

ARTISTIC GRILLS for hallways, stairs, arches, doorways, etc.

HARDWOOD FINISH from plain and qr. sawed oak. Nothing more elegant.

Estimates furnished promptly from drawings and specifications. Satisfaction guaranteed.

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# Guilford Lumber Mfg. Co.,

## GREENSBORO, N. C.

Manufacturers of all kinds of

**Building Material, Frames, Sash, Doors, Blinds,**

**Mouldings, Brackets, Mantels, Flooring, Ceiling, Siding,**

**Framing, Laths and Shingles.**

## Our Planing Mills Are Situated at Troy, N. C.,

Right in the finest timbered section in the State.

**From there we can ship your house complete and guarantoo satisfaction**

Our specialty is car load lots of flooring, siding and ceiling and mixed cars. We always have in stock a large lot of window glass chipped and colored. Before placing your orders get our prices.

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# The Carolina Cook Stove,

Manufactured by

## G. T. GLASCOCK & SON, Greensboro, N. C.

This Stove has a reputation of TWENTY YEARS' standing as one of the best cooking stoves sold in North Carolina.

Recently retrimmed with new and modern doors Have top shelves and nickel Towel Rods.

Every stove guaranteed to give satisfaction and not to break from the effects of heat.

If your local dealer does not handle them, write us for prices, delivered at your railroad station.

# E. E. BAIN,

**MANUFACTURER AND WHOLESALE AND RETAIL LUMBER MERCHANT.**

GREENSBORO, N. C.

## Shingles, Laths, Sash, Doors, Blinds.

LUMBER IN CAR LOAD LOTS
A SPECIALTY.

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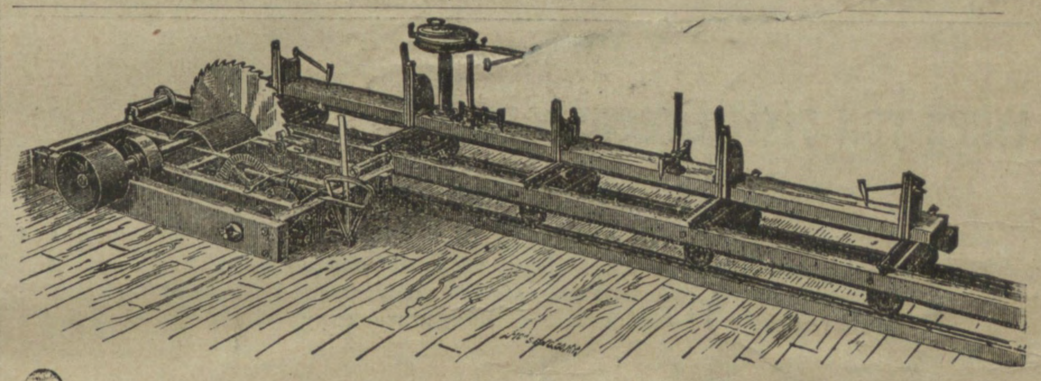

# SERGEANT MFG. CO.,

## GREENSBORO, N. C.,

Manufacturers of

SERGEANT'S PATENT VARIABLE FRICTION FEED SAW MILL

AND LOG BEAM SETWORKS,

TURBINE WATER WHEELS, FEED CUTTERS.

## Sergeant's Patent Link Sash Weights.

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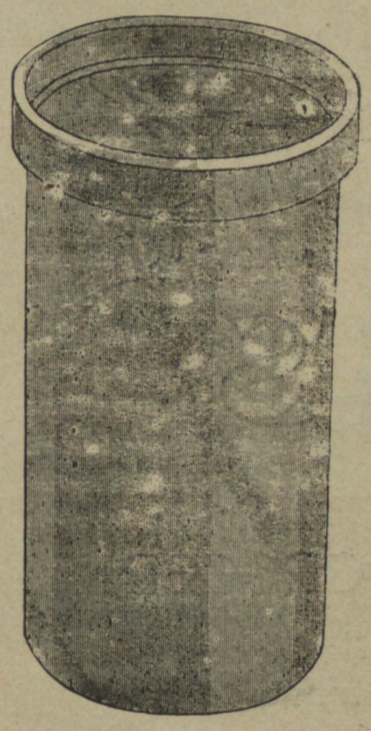

# POMONA TERRA COTTA

# COMPANY,

*Pomona, Guilford County, N. C.,*

Manufactures

SALT GLAZED SEWER PIPE, TERRA COTTA FLUE PIPE, FLUE OR CHIMNEY LININGS, TERRA COTTA WELL TUBING, DRAIN TILE, FIRE BRICK, Etc.

Our Well Tubing is what you need for a nice clean well. It keeps out all insects, frogs, snails, etc., and surface water. Nothing is more desirable than a clean well with pure water.

Send for circulars and price list.

# JUST NOW

## We're making two big efforts.

First, to reduce all summer stock, REGARDLESS OF FORMER PRICES OR COSTS.

Second, TO MAKE THIS JUNE THE LARGEST IN SALES AND CASH RECEIPTS IN OUR HISTORY, AND THIS IS OUR 28TH JUNE.

Our stock of DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, AND SPECIALTIES is in every way worthy of the attention of every merchant reader of this paper.

We're saving money for hundreds and why not for YOU ?

BIG CATALOGUE. PLENTY OF SAMPLES.

OR ANY QUESTIONS ANSWERED PROMPTLY.

ALL FOR THE ASKING.

## J. W. SCOTT & CO., GREENSBORO, N. C.

(Members of the Wholesale Merchants' Association.)

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## When you visit Greensboro

We cordially invite you to call to see us, and examine one of the largest and most complete hardware establishments in the entire South. From a modest beginning in 1883, when we succeeded to the hardware business of Odell & Co., we have developed our business until we now occupy

## Two Mammoth Buildings, Containing

## 55,000 Square Feet of Floor Space.

All of this, and more, is needed to meet the demands of our growing business. We think this shows the hold we have on the trade, and should serve to convince the most skeptical that Greensboro, as a hardware market, offers inducements not to be surpassed by those of any other city.

Very truly,

## ODELL HARDWARE CO.

(Members of the Wholesale Merchants' Association.)

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## JOHN J. PHOENIX,

# MEATS

## PRODUCE. GROCERIES.

208, 210, 212, 214 South Davie Street,

Stalls No. 3, 5, and 7, City Market.

(Member of the Wholesale Merchants' Association.)

# Welcome

## To GREENSBORO, and to the STORES of her

## Wholesale Merchants.

In order that Merchants who wish to buy goods may be induced to test the value of the Greensboro Market, the

## WHOLESALE MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION

WILL FURNISH **Free Transportation** TO ALL MERCHANTS

who wish to visit our City with a view to purchasing goods. You are under no obligations to buy if prices are not right.

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# MEBANE'S

## Flavoring Extracts

Are the best and purest goods on the market.

WE SELL TO MERCHANTS ONLY.

## W. G. MEBANE CO.,

**Manufacturers and Wholesale Grocers.**

(Members of the Wholesale Merchants' Association.)

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## SIMPSON-SHIELDS SHOE CO.,

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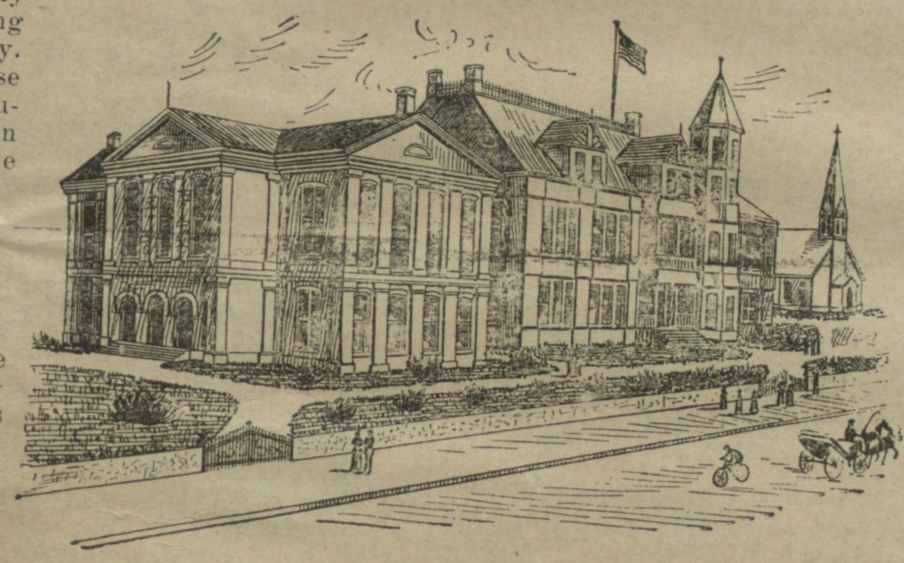

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