

BETHUNE NEWS NOTES.

Local and Personal Items From our Neighboring Towns.

Bethune, S. C., May 2.—Messrs. B. McLaurin and G. B. King are spending some time at White Springs, Fla.

Mr. D. T. Yarbrough made a business trip to Georgia last week. Miss Eulalie Suggs, of Hartsville, spent the week-end here with relatives and friends.

Miss Bleha Clark, of Anderson, the guest of Miss Bernice McDowell.

Mrs. H. T. Thomas has returned from a visit to relatives in Bishopville.

Mr. C. D. Blue, of Rockingham, spent Sunday in town.

Messrs. Luther Sowell and Benjamin Pearce, of the Beulah section of the county, were visitors here this week.

Quite a number of young people from here attended the play "Valley Farm," at Clyde Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McLaurin were in Hartsville last week.

Rev. J. N. Forbis was installed pastor of the Presbyterian church Sunday evening. Rev. J. C. Rowan, of Camden, delivered the charge to the pastor and Rev. H. A. Knox, of Hayesville, to the people.

Mrs. A. K. McLaurin and Miss Evelyn spent several days in Chester and Lancaster last week.

Misses Maggie Yarbrough and Ola Bethune, accompanied by Miss Mary B. McCaskill, of Cassatt, attended the Woman's Missionary Union, in Manning. They went as delegates from their respective societies.

Mr. D. T. Yarbrough is spending sometime in Asheville with Mrs. Yarbrough.

A board of trade has been organized here with J. A. Stone, president; H. H. Holder, vice-president; J. H. Hough, secretary and S. T. Gardner, treasurer.

The Bethune Telephone Co. has bought its complete outfit and will soon have one of the best systems in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McLaurin entertained in honor of Miss Bleha Clarke Tuesday evening.

Mr. H. H. Holder has moved into his handsome new residence on Walton street.

Mr. Joe Hough has moved into the house formerly occupied by Mr. Will Hammond.

Messrs. N. A. Bethune and D. M. Bethune and G. B. King, of Co. A., 1st S. C. Battalion, attended the funeral of their comrade J. W. Wood, held at Hebron church last Tuesday.

Ground will soon be broken for the erection of a large brick building on the corner of the Eastridge street.

Mrs. Douglas and children, of Hesterfield, are the guests of Mrs. John McDonald.

Misses Letta Lucas and Eula McQueen, of Tiller's Ferry, are spending some time with Mrs. G. S. King.

Miss Eva Hayes leaves Thursday for Lynchburg, Va., where she expects to spend the summer.

A match game of ball will be played between Bethune and Clyde Wednesday afternoon.

MUSIC. Music is the voice of the soul. Its divine melody we are wafted things of earth, and seem to float in mystic realms. Thrilled by inspiring harmony, the rudest becomes a palace; and the doped prisoner of a day seems to hear the far off echo of celestial voices.

There is music in all things, if we could but read the teachings of nature.

"There is music in the sighing of a reed, There is music in the gushing of a rill."

Stroll along the seashore and take a tiny shell; how beautiful it is, iridescent, reflecting the colors of the rainbow; how delicate and small; place this tiny jewel of the sea to your ear and listen. All you that music? 'Tis but the thro of the waves that dash and break upon the shores of the earth, and toss their foam crested billows a mighty anthem to God.

O, the magic power of music. It binds and chains the savage passions within us; it softens every grief, soothes every pain and makes captive the fallors of the heart. They dying, hear it, and as realities of earth grow dim and distant, the soul faints away on waves of trial sound to the golden gates of heaven. As it is sung in lullabies over the cradle, so it is breathed soft whispers over the tomb.

—Beulah Louise Henry.

Mrs. J. J. Milligan and Mrs. W. Duffie, of Charleston, and Miss Ale Kind, of Columbia, are visiting Mrs. H. B. Browne.

CHAMBER COMMERCE NOTES

New Schedule to be Inaugurated on Southern Railway.

At the monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday night, the Secretary read a telegram from the officials of the Southern Railway, telling of the proposed changes of the Southern Railway, which will take place on the 26th, inst. A train will leave Columbia at six o'clock in the morning and connect with the Charleston train at Kingville and reach Camden at 8:20. A train will leave Charleston, Orangeburg, and points this side of Columbia will reach Camden, Kershaw, Heath Springs and Lancaster nearly five hours earlier than by the present schedule. It is impossible now to go to any point north of Camden and return the same day. The new schedule will make it possible to go north as far as Rock Hill and spend two hours and return here at 3:40. This southbound train will make connection with the Columbia-Charleston train at Kingville and avoid a long wait. It will continue to Columbia. The southbound ten o'clock and the 1:40 north bound schedule will remain the same, which is also satisfactory to the people here. The Southern has been promising this change for sometime. The change will no doubt increase their business here.

A letter from the River Navigation Department at Charleston stated that the snag boat "Waterloo" would be completed by fall.

The Chamber will send a large delegation in automobiles to Sumter at the hearing of the Northwestern Railway before the Railroad Commission. They want better railway service for Camden over this road, and hope that the trip will be beneficial to the city.

The "tentative" schedule of the Seaboard railroad was discussed. It was decided to confer with the commercial bodies of Darlington, McBee and Florence in reference to requesting a new schedule. The connections at McBee it is said do not suit the patrons of the railroad between McBee and Florence. In asking for a new schedule, the Chamber here wants one that will suit all towns between Hamlet and Columbia. The Seaboard has suffered from the loss of traffic among the tourist by its present schedule. All of the hotels employ white help. When they were ready to migrate North last month, they had special cars put on for their benefit on the Southern and taken to Rock Hill and coupled to the train on the main line there. One of the members stated that this one relay of passengers had cost the Seaboard \$2,000 in sale of tickets, which ordinarily would have gone by that road. This is only one instance in the loss of tourist trade that prefer to travel by the Seaboard going North, but would not on account of the poor schedule.

Letters were read from the River Navigation officers in Charleston in reference to the piers of the river bridge causing the river to change its course and to wash the public highways and plantations. One of the members stated that this change of the channel of the river may eventually cause the County to build a new bridge over the river. Then too it is filling up the channel in high water, making it detrimental to navigation. The officials stated that they would look into the matter.

Kicks were made against the telephone service and the manager being present assured the body that it was temporary and that he would look into it and rectify it at once.

The chairman of the road committee stated that M. C. West, Supervisor of the County, said he was three months behind with his road work, due to wet weather, and that he would commence work on the road near the river as soon as possible. If he could not build a new road, he would plant hedges on the side and place logs parallel to avoid washing any more at high water.

A letter to the Secretary from Mr. Richards, the Land and Industrial agent of the Southern Railway, stated that home-seekers rates to Camden from Washington would be granted for \$13.75 round trip on May 7th to 21st, June 4th to 18th, July 2nd to 16th, August 6th to 20th, September 3rd to 17th, October 1st to 15th, and November 5th to 19th. These rates are given to induce settlers to come here.

New Livery Stable.

We beg to announce to the public, that we, the undersigned, have opened up a first class Livery Stable in connection with our feed and sale business, and solicit the patronage of the town and traveling people. We assure you that at all times you will find the best turnout—either single or double drivers, and saddle horses, to be found anywhere.

Respectfully, W. C. Moore, J. H. Clarke.

The Girl He Forgot

Henshaw laughed when he asked Elizabeth Blake to accept Wharton, whom she had never met, as her particular escort at the theater party which Henshaw was planning to give the following week.

"I'll be delighted," said Elizabeth. "But what's the joke?"

"Jim Wharton's the joke," replied Henshaw. "I don't suppose he ever took a girl anywhere in his life. He boards where I do."

The night of the party Jim's costume was certainly irreproachable, and but for a certain shyness, which troubled him more than it did any one else, his manners were irreproachable. Elizabeth was the most tactful of her sex, so, when she found that her attempts at conversation seemed merely to startle and embarrass her escort, she asked most of the time to Henshaw and Pauline Curtis, who were her neighbors on the other side. Being thus left to himself, Jim was free to enjoy the play.

It was several minutes after the curtain had fallen on the final act before Elizabeth, who had been busily collecting her possessions, looked around in search of Jim and discovered that there was no such person anywhere to be seen. She gave a little gurgle of mingled surprise and amusement. Henshaw turned toward her at the sound, and when he saw the vacant chair he, too, laughed.

"You followed instructions too well, Elizabeth," he said. "I didn't mean for you to obliterate yourself so entirely that he could go beating it off alone like that."

Not until Jim, still chuckling to himself in retrospective enjoyment of the play, took out his watch and began to wind it, which was his first step in the process of going to bed, was he assailed by an unpleasant and all too familiar sensation. He recognized it.

"I've lost something," he said to himself, beginning to feel about in his pockets. He knelt his brows and tried to think. It couldn't have been his ticket to the play, for he had been there and come home again. "Great play," he soliloquized. "I don't know when I've enjoyed anything so much. I wonder if Tom—"

Here he struck a clew. "Why, where is Tom?" he asked, thoughtfully. "We certainly went together." Then, like a flash, it all came back in one horrible, overwhelming flood.

When Tom returned and stopped in Jim's room on his way to his own, he found a pale, disheveled, dejected creature sitting on the side of the bed, one large shoe in his hand, gazing wildly into space. Jim turned a haggard face toward the intruder.

"Nice man you are!" said Tom, disgustedly. "Any time I undertake to make a social butterly out of you again!"

Wharton groaned. "Say," he asked, "what does a fellow do when things like this happen?"

Tom started for the door, smothering a yell of delight. "They don't happen," he said, chokingly, as he disappeared.

About 5 o'clock the next morning Henshaw was awakened by a knock on his door. When the door was opened slightly Wharton's dejected countenance appeared in the crack.

"Tom," he said, "I've hardly slept a wink. I've just got to do something."

Tom reached for a pillow and threw it at the long, sad face. "Go and do it then," he shouted. "But if you bother me again, I'll—"

The door closed on the uncompleted sentence.

If Wharton could have seen Elizabeth's mirthful countenance that evening when she read his name on the card which the maid handed her he would have been tempted to dive headlong out of the window. When she entered the room in which he was waiting for her, however, she was unsmiling enough.

"Good evening, Mr. Wharton," she said, with cold politeness. "Won't you have a chair?"

"A chair?" repeated Jim, looking about wildly. "I—I don't believe I need one, thank you. That is, I can't stay but a minute. Miss Blake. I wanted Tom to come with me to tell you what a fool I am. He knew I'd do something awful. He hadn't any business to make me go last night. Miss Blake, I don't know what to say. If there's anything I can do to square myself, I'd be glad to do it. I know there isn't any excuse for a bonehead like me."

Jim was pallid with misery by this time. "I know you can't forgive me and I don't ask it. I just came to say that I wish you'd get somebody to kick me around the block. I can't apologize, for there's no apology that I can make. The only thing I can say for myself, is that you're the first, I may say, the only girl, I ever forgot."

It was not until Elizabeth had dropped upon the piano stool and with her head resting on the piano had very nearly gone into hysterics that Jim realized his blunder. Then he, too, laughed.

Elizabeth's picture now decorates the back of Jim's watch, and underneath, placed there at her request, are the words: "The first and only girl."



THE RICH MAN IN HELL. Luke vi, 20-26; xvi, 19-31—May 5. "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."—Luke vi, 20.

NOT ALL THE POOR shall inherit the Kingdom of God. We are to notice the setting of the Master's words. He lifted up His eyes on His disciples, and said, "Blessed are ye poor, for yours is the Kingdom of God"—"ye shall be filled"—"your reward is great in heaven."

The second part of our lesson is one of our Lord's most striking parables. We read, "He opened His mouth in parables and dark sayings, that, hearing, they might hear and not understand." Of all our Lord's parables this one has been most seriously misunderstood. It would be unreasonable to suppose that a man would be sent, after death, to torment because he fared sumptuously every day, and wore purple and fine linen. Nothing whatever is said about the character of the man. The Rich Man represented a class.

Similarly, the poor man symbolized a class, because no reason is given for his blessing after death, except that he was poor, covered with sores and lay at the rich man's gate.

The Rich Man represents the Jewish nation. The bountiful table represents the rich promises of the Law and the Prophets, theirs alone up to the time they nationally died to those favors. The Rich Man's purple represents royalty—they were God's typical kingdom.

The "line linen" of the rich man represented the justification granted the Jewish nation alone. It was a typical justification. A harvesting of the Jewish people began with our Lord's ministry and lasted forty years. It ended in A. D. 70, when the Rich Man, as a nation, died at the hands of Titus, the Roman Nationally, the Rich Man is buried, and will be non-existent until the Lord's blessing returns to the Jewish people, as explained in Romans xi. But though nationally dead, the Jewish people have been very much alive ever since, and have been ostracised, persecuted and tormented.

Although the nation of the Jews contains representatives of all the tribes, it is specially represented in Judah and Benjamin; hence these two tribes constitute the Rich Man. The other ten tribes, "scattered abroad," proportionately represent the "five brethren." This thought is confirmed by the statement, "They have Moses and the Prophets, let them hear them." None but Israel had Moses and the Prophets.

Lazarus in Abraham's Bosom. Lazarus, the poor outcast, who longed for a share of the Rich Man's favor, represented a class of Gentiles, such as the Centurion, whose servant Jesus healed.

Of the same Lazarus class was the Syro-Phenician woman, who besought Jesus to heal her daughter. Jesus answered, "It is not proper to take the children's bread and give it to dogs"—"dogs" being a familiar name for all outside the pale of Judaism. The woman answered, "Yea, Lord, yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from the children's table." In answer to such faith Jesus granted her a crumb from the Divine table.

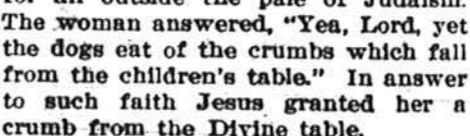
Here we see the Lazarus class, sick, covered with sores—because not sharers in Israel's yearly sin-atonement sacrifices—hungry, because all the promises of God primarily belonged to Israel. They were outside the gate of Divine favor—"aliens, strangers and foreigners to the commonwealth of Israel." This Lazarus class, chiefly Gentiles, had as its nucleus "the outcasts of Israel"—the publicans and sinners.

The parable pictures a great change in this Lazarus class—they died to the conditions where in they were. They ceased to be poor beggars, aliens and strangers. But Lazarus was not buried; "he was carried by the angels" to Abraham's bosom. The angels were the Apostles and ministers of the Gospel. These declared to the Gentiles that whereas they were "aliens and foreigners to the commonwealth of Israel," they were now "brought nigh through faith in Jesus, and the begetting of the Holy Spirit."

Abraham typified God, the Father of the faithful, and the carrying of Lazarus to "Abraham's bosom" symbolically said that the worthy outcasts of Israel and worthy Gentiles became children of God, children and heirs of Abraham, who typified God.

The Jew in his misery had beheld with jealous eye God's favor toward those he despised. He has even humbled himself to ask that relief might be sent to him through Christian Gentiles, "one drop" of refreshment. But no relief will be afforded until the Messianic Kingdom is established; then Israel (dead and living) shall obtain mercy through the elect.—Romans xi, 1-30.

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