# OUR FRIENDS.

## The Towns and Country Tributary to Memphis, and That Trade With Us.

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the morals of the place being excellent, owing to the fact, we are told, that a prohibitory law negatives the sale of any vinous or spirituous liquors in the corporation, or within five miles of the same. Suppose Memphis had such law!

"Picture it, think of it, then, if you can."

The town was incorporated in 1856, one year after the first settlement, being the year marked by the completion of the Memphis and Charleston railroad, the combined work being continued from both ends of the line at this place. Colonel George Wilson, Hursville, drove the last spike in April, 1857, when the occasion was duly celebrated. The first merchant of Iuka was W. Pickens, who followed successively by Colonel J. M. Stone, J. D. Martin and J. M. Thompson, who was succeeded by the present incumbent. There is a good brick jail, and a courthouse which cost ten thousand dollars. The first church built in this place was erected by the Methodists, Rev. J. A. Wheelock is now officiating minister of that church. The Methodists have also built a house of worship at Burnsville, and Bosue is passor. The Presbyterians are preparing to build a church, but, for the present, worship in the court house. The Baptists have their own a neat building, whose erection is due to the religious zeal and persistent energy of the ladies of Iuka. The colored people, Methodist and Baptist, have churches here. Of schools there are in Iuka one female institute, Colonel Douglass principal, with one hundred students, and the male academy, under the direction of O. W. Stinger, with seventy-five students. Iuka is a thriving town, and is quite a gem in the flourishing trade. Hammerly & Price, Barnett & Moss, James H. Dunn, A. T. Mathews, F. G. H. White, J. M. Bates, DeWoody & Bryan, J. B. McKinney and Daniel E. Coleman are the leading business men. Hamerly & Price are also owners of an extensive planing-mill at this point, with a capital stock of twenty-five thousand dollars. They have saw-mills near town, employ a force of fifty hands, and run twenty teams and have one million feet of lumber in their air-kiln. Their mill turns out five thousand feet of dressed lumber per day, large quantities of which are shipped to Memphis. The long-leafed Mississippi pine abounds in the adjacent hollows, and constitutes a large element of their trade. Tressgentl-men set a good example to other towns along the Memphis and Charleston railroad and elsewhere in the south. Mr. J. W. Thorn has a cotton-gin factory at Iuka. The Thorn cotton-gin is well and favorably known to all cotton-planters. Messrs. H. Zeanun, Howell and F. Farnell are builders and carpenters. Out there are many mechanics of all kinds in line. There are two cabinet-making shops, two tin-shops and two blacksmith-shops. Two liveries, two saloons and two hotels. The Burns is the finest hotel in the town. Mr. J. W. Thorn has a cotton-gin factory at Iuka. The Thorn cotton-gin is well and favorably known to all cotton-planters. Messrs. H. Zeanun, Howell and F. Farnell are builders and carpenters. Out there are many mechanics of all kinds in line. There are two cabinet-making shops,