

OUR WESTERN TRIP! THE FAIR BOOMING.

We have just returned from a visit West in the interest of the Fair. It is useless for us to say to the readers of the GAZETTE, that we met with unbounded and unprecedented success.

At nearly every place we spoke, we were greeted by large and intelligent audiences of ladies and gentlemen, and at many places our hearers consisted of a good sprinkling of white people. Especially was this so at Thomasville and Lexington.

The campaign began at Durham, and was finished at Charlotte, by the Secretary, assisted by C. E. Yarborough and at Asheville by Mr. E. W. Turner and Mr. E. A. Johnson. It gives us pleasure to note here that at all of the places we had the pleasure to speak, the people manifested the greatest interest in the coming Fair, and if the weather is good thousands of people will attend the exposition. The people are determined to make the Fair a success, for they know that much depends upon it. We spoke at Durham, Chapel Hill, Mebanesville, Greensboro, Winston, High Point, Thomasville, Lexington, Salisbury, Charlotte, Statesville, Morganton, Hickory and Asheville. We are encouraged to the belief that from what we could gather on this canvass that the Fair will be greater in magnitude this year than ever before.

REV. MOSES A. HOPKINS, MINISTER TO LIBERIA.

Among the many applicants for the Liberian Mission, Mr. Cleaveland has selected Moses A. Hopkins of Franklinton, for the important place. In the point of character and christian virtues the appointment is a good one.

We have known Mr. Hopkins for eight years, four of which he was pastor of St. Pauls Presbyterian church at Louisburg. The last four years he has been in charge of the State Normal School at Franklinton, and pastor of the Presbyterian church at that place where he now resides.

Mr. Hopkins is of full African descent. Well proportioned, erect figure, penetrating eye, and his appearance will strike you at once as a man of mechanical genius.

Mr. Hopkins delights in educational matters and in this line the most of his efforts has been directed. How well he has succeeded in this is already known. By his push and vim, coupled with the vast influence over philanthropic men and women of the north has made Franklinton the great educational center of the State.

Mr. Hopkins has by deportment and gentlemanly bearing commanded the respect and confidence of the better element of the people both white and black. Therefore some of the best people in the State endorsed him, hence his appointment to Liberia. If we are to judge the future of men by the past, the future has then in store for Mr. Hopkins prosperity in an abundance. Having been educated at Lincoln University and Auburn

Theological Institute consecutively, he ought therefore to make a competent and successful diplomat at court of Liberia. We feel proud of the appointment in itself. We are proud because it is the privilege of a black man to fill a position of this kind under a democratic administration. This act we hope will tend to do away with the color line as to politics in this State and in the South.

We don't know what reasons prompted the President to appoint Mr. Hopkins to this position when so many men of our race, of pronounced democratic views had applied for the place, but we hope it was from a sincere desire on his part to recognize moral character and intelligence and faithful adherence to duty, all of which virtues Mr. Hopkins possesses. Taking this view of the matter, we heartily endorse the appointment and congratulate Mr. Cleaveland for the gracious act.

The Fair at Durham.

E. W. Turner and C. E. Yarborough addressed a large and enthusiastic audience at this place Tuesday, Sept. 8th, and Rev. Messrs. Cooke and Woodward also delivered stirring speeches. Durham is wide awake for the Fair. Bro. Cooke is doing a good work for the Fair, as also Bro. Woodward. We look for a large crowd from this place.

The Fair at Chapel Hill.

Secretary Williamson and C. E. Yarborough addressed a fine audience of ladies and gentlemen here on Wednesday evening, Sept. 9th. They were assisted by Rev. Mr. Hargrove, Messrs. Johnson, Caldwell, Whitted and Cordal. The people were glad to see these gentlemen, and invited them to visit them again. They will do so. A large crowd is expected from this place to the Fair.

The Fair at Mebanesville.

J. H. Williamson addressed a good audience at Mebanesville in the interest of the Fair. Rev. W. A. Scott and Prof. Berry also spoke. The people were well pleased with what was said, and promised to attend the Fair in large numbers.

The Fair at Greensboro.

Owing to the failure to give due notice, on the part of those to whom the matter was entrusted, the attendance at the speaking was not large, but an interesting meeting was had, and many will attend the Fair from here. The speakers were invited to visit Greensboro again before the Fair, when the Rev. Mr. Lipscomb and Mr. D. B. Yancy promise to give the speakers a crowded house.

The Fair at Winston.

At this place we had the pleasure to address a large concourse of people. Speeches were made by E. W. Turner, C. E. Yarborough and the Secretary. The crowd was enthusiastic, and a large number will visit the Fair from this place. Thanks to the Rev. Mr. Champin and Prof. Golar for working up a crowded house for the speakers. The Fair is booming here. Our friend, Mr. Pringle, is working hard to get a good crowd to attend the Fair.

The Fair at High Point.

The Secretary and E. W. Turner addressed a large and respectable audience at this place Monday evening, the 14th inst. We are under

obligations to the Rev. Mr. Howell and Wilborn for timely assistance. The people were glad that we paid them a visit, and Fair week will see many of them present.

The Fair at Thomasville.

E. W. Turner spoke at this place Tuesday evening to a respectable audience of white and colored. Much enthusiasm was manifested, and a large number will visit the Fair. Mr. Jesse Gossett, a respectable and intelligent gentleman, treated Mr. Turner with the utmost kindness, and gave him every assistance possible to do good work for the Fair. Thanks, Bro. Gossett. Would that we had more such men in our State.

The Fair at Lexington.

The Secretary and C. E. Yarborough spoke to a large and appreciative audience at this place Wednesday evening. The hall was crowded with both white and black. Rev. Messrs. Twine and Johnson assisted. Well, the Fair is just booming here.

The Fair at Salisbury.

The Secretary and E. A. Johnson addressed a respectable and intelligent audience at this place. A large crowd will attend the Fair, and Salisbury will also present some very nice articles for exhibition. Rev. Mr. Potter is to be thanked for invaluable aid.

The Fair at Charlotte.

Charlotte is alive for the fair. The Secretary and assistant spoke here to one of the most intelligent audiences imaginable. The interest manifested was bountiful. Good Music was sung by the choir. From present indications Charlotte will be on hand in large numbers at the Fair in November. Messrs. Ratly, Goode, Calvin and King have our thanks for kindly assistance at Charlotte.

LETTER FROM CONCORD.

MR. J. H. WILLIAMSON,
Raleigh, N. C.,

DEAR SIR:—By a disastrous fire in this town last Saturday night, 8th ult. Mr. Warren C. Coleman, suffered a loss of at least \$5,000. This is the third time that Mr. Coleman has been burnt out within five years, and on each occasion he was without insurance. He was fully insured for years on his last place of business and his last policy thereon expired only a very short time before our recent fire.

Mr. Coleman is a man of fine business talent, has made by honest individual labor and energy, everything that he owns and owned, which was sadly and frightfully diminished last Saturday night. Has always been a zealous, faithful and liberal promoter of all the best and proper interests of his and your race, and is an honor to his people. By the best folks of both races in Cabarrus, he is recognized and respected as a worthy intelligent citizen of our county.

Differing from him in race and politics, it is a pleasure for one to say this of him. For, I delight to see the prosperity and advancement of any fellow-citizens of all races, as I regret to see their losses in any respect; and I am always glad to say and do whatever is right and true for all of them.

In this the hour of his calamity, I commend him to you as a proper object of all the pecuniary aid that

you and your friends can render him. I write this without any request from Mr. Coleman.

Respectfully,

PAUL B. MEANS.

FORESTVILLE, N. C.,
Sept. 20th, 1885.

Dear Editor:—It affords me pleasure to say, that since you have spoken here, the people are doing much for the success of the Fair. When we look around us and see such men as, P. C. Williams, G. S. Patterson, P. T. Dorham and other prominent men, of the vicinity of Forestville, engaged in this noble work, it makes our hearts leap for joy and it arouses the minds of the people of this part of Wake county, awakes them up, fills them with ambition and makes them ready and willing to work at all times. We need just such men all over the State.

With much gratitude we congratulate the editor for visiting our little town (Forestville.) I never saw such changes as have been made since he left. We hope that the time is not far distant when he can visit us again. Our visit to Henderson was nice on the 17th ult. We regretted very much that the editor was not present, as we learned that he was in Western Carolina in the interest of the Fair. We met many friends from Warren and Forestville counties. After hearing good speaking, we enjoyed ourselves, partaking of the many ailments, that were on the grounds. Our young men enjoyed themselves, conversing with the many beautiful young ladies. We are sorry to say, that one of our lovely young ladies of the city of Raleigh, was taken very ill, with the sore throat, which rendered her unable to entertain her many friends. Many thanks to our friends and citizens of Henderson for their kindness.

Respectfully yours,

C. N. W.

MR. EDITOR:

Having received your valuable paper on the 19th of August, and finding that is just lovely to get the GAZETTE and read it, I sometimes, while sitting in my room with no one to speak a word of encouragement to me, get the GAZETTE and read myself to sleep; and the first thing when I awake I think how good the Lord is to watch over me and take care of me both day and night, and I often think of the great number of people who were living this time last year, but who are now cut short of the golden privilege we are enjoying, and are gone—yes, gone to a world that is unknown to us, and have paid the debt that we all have to pay.

Thus I love to steal a while away from every cumbering care, and spend the hours of setting day in humble, grateful prayer.

Truly yours,

A. L. RIDLEY.

STATESVILLE, N. C., Sept. 18, '85.

MY DEAR SIR:—Your late favor touching the "Colored Fair," was duly received.

The within shows our success. We had a very enthusiastic meeting. All passed off with much good cheer.

As I have been delayed in getting off my note, we have the pleasure to inform you that Messrs. Turner and Johnson came yesterday morning, and spoke last night to a full house.

Yours truly,

A. S. BILLINGSLEY.

FAIR MEETING IN STATESVILLE.

With the half-filled moon shining in all her glory, the evening was "splendid." The clock strikes eight, the bell rings, and the people flock together. The second bell rings, and the Court House is soon crowded full. But the speakers failed to come! This was a sad disappointment. In their absence, Rev. A. S. Billingsley called the house to order, stated the object of the meeting, and called on Mr. Jordan Chambers for a speech.

The meeting was addressed by Rev. Messrs. Brown and Billingsley and Messrs. Cay Chambers and T. H. Griffin. The speeches elicited much hearty cheering. The meeting was very enthusiastic. The interest in the Fair is rising "like any thing."

OBSERVER.

September 17, 1885.

OXFORD, N. C., Sept. 18, 1885.

Mr. Editor:—In answer to the gentleman in Connecticut who has never read the GAZETTE, in regard to the intelligence of the colored people, we acknowledge that the colored people are poor, and that some do wrong because they were not taught by the white people as they ought to have been. We know that the largest stealing that is done is done by the white people; and you are aware that wherever a colored girl is ruined, it is often done by white men, but the colored people don't charge the whole white race with what some bad ones do. We are thankful to say that are good white people in the South and in the North; and here in Oxford, where the white people have shown that they are friendly to the colored people, they have come up, and are worth over \$35,000 in city property, and in the county over \$100,000; and therefore we say that Oxford is a city that sits upon a hill.

Yours respectfully,

I. C. RICHMOND.

LUMBERTON, N. C., Sept. 21, '85.

Dear Sir:—I will visit Richmond and Moore counties this week and next, and will do all at command to awaken the people in regard to the Fair. A little later on, I will spend some time in Bladen and Columbus counties. If the weather is good I think more will attend from this county than ever have they are more desirous now than ever. I will endeavor to collect from your subscribers what I can. Let me hear how you are getting on. Will write an article for the GAZETTE in a few days.

Yours truly,

JOHN S. LEWIS.

—We had the pleasure while at Salisbury to stop with Mrs. Samuel Johnson, where we were kindly entertained and treated to everything that heart could wish. The Rev. F. C. Potter and lady are boarding at the same place, and we were delighted to meet Mrs. Potter. We had a pleasant sojourn, and the pleasant and jovial nature of the bride made our stay the more pleasant. The bride and groom are a happy pair, and we desire for them success through life. When we return to Salisbury, we shall certainly not stop short of Mrs. Johnson's residence. We know the reasons why.