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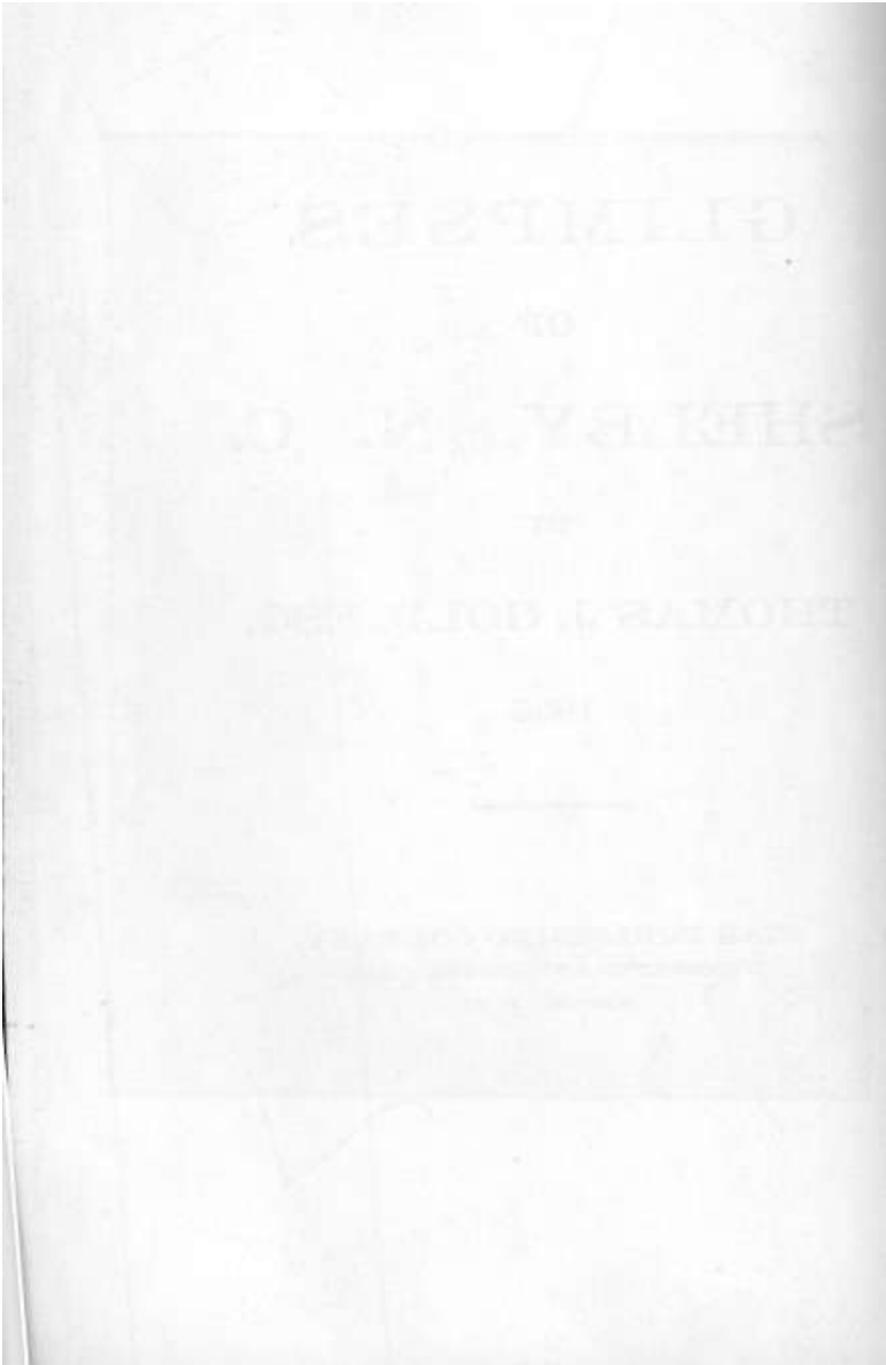
View showing Lithia Water Fountain on corner of 400th square, and Star Office on opposite side of street. Street is 400th square, with Great Street on opposite side of street.

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The Town of Shelby.

Shelby does not claim to be a city filled with commercial and financial enterprises and bustling with industrial activity, and it is no purpose of this book to make such pretensions. It is the mission of this book to show that Shelby is a town blessed with conservative, but thrifty people, happy homes and firesides, and good schools and churches. It is sought to convey to the public through this book that Shelby is a place where a premium is placed on true manhood and womanhood, where society is shaped by culture, refinement, and mutual helpfulness, where harmony exists among homefolks, and where strangers receive a hospitable welcome. Furthermore it is the object of the compilers of these "Glimpses of Shelby" to inform homeseekers wherever they may be found and capitalists with money to invest, that in this community they will find a warm welcome, a remarkably healthful climate, beautiful and inspiring scenery, and rich and potent resources. In short we seek to advertise a locality where malaria, mosquitos, fever, chills, and sunstrokes are practically unknown; where the winters are mild and pleasant; where free-stone water is clear and cool the year round; where the atmosphere is fresh and bracing; where mineral springs abound possessing valuable medicinal properties; where cotton, corn, vegetables, wheat, hog and hominy are plentiful; and above all a place where industrial enterprises in the way of furniture factories, carpet factories, cotton mill supply factories, and modern hotels, would yield enormous returns. So palpable and significant are the opportunities for success offered here to these enterprises that a separate chapter will be devoted to them.

Aside from the climatic and industrial advantages it has to offer, Shelby has an attractive and convenient geographical location. Situated on the two great lines of railways, the S. A. L. and the Southern, midway between Charlotte and Asheville, it has four daily mails and

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close connection with the great railway centres of the North and South. 1100 feet above the sea level, overlooking the Blue Ridge and nestling at its foot-hills, from it can be seen the surrounding peaks of that great mountain system. To the south comes under view historic King's Mountain on whose summit Ferguson died the death that helped to win American independence and around which fought so bravely and successfully Col. Cleveland and Col. Shelby, for whom this county and county site were respectively named. Level, dotted with stately oaks and tall shady elms, and beautified with numerous flower gardens and grass plots, Shelby appeals to the aesthetic nature and wins the affections of every one sojourning within its borders.

But it should not be inferred from the emphasis placed on the healthful climate of Shelby, the hospitality of its people, its attractive scenery, its ideal situation and its potent resources, that it is not awake to the modern spirit of industrial progress that is sweeping over the south. It has a population of 2,500; three cotton mills operating 5300 spindles; a national bank second to none in the state in its reliability, in the financial skill exercised in its management and in the volume of its business; two wholesale grocery stores and four commission houses which are placing their goods all over Western North Carolina and Northern South Carolina; thirty-five retail stores handling dry goods, notions, hardware, groceries and drugs; a steam laundry doing a big business; a foundry, a sash and blind factory; wagon and buggy shops; the southern headquarters of three enormous monazite companies; the southern headquarters of a big mica concern; real estate agencies; music houses; modern jewelry establishments; four good hotels; book stores, and many other commercial and industrial enterprises that go to make up a prosperous, growing town and to lend aid and nourishment to capital that might come here for investment.

The foregoing facts summarize in substance what Shelby is and what it has to offer to people seeking homes and capital seeking investment. Here you find a cultured and refined people; here you find morality leavened with the benign spirit of the Christian religion; here you find love for the neighbor and hospitality for the stranger; here you find aggressive progress tempered with a wise conservatism; here you find the man placed above the dollar, but the dollar placed in

reach of the man; here you find a climate healthful and invigorating; here you find a scenery beautiful to the eye and stimulating to the soul; here you find bountiful resources awaiting capital to develop them and offering enormous returns for investments.

### Transportation Facilities.

The ability of a town to receive and distribute quickly and cheaply all kinds of commodities has much to do towards establishing its value as a point for profitable investment. Of no less value in this respect is its ability to reach out in every direction and touch the principal railway and trafficking centres of the country. Situated on the Lawndale Railroad bringing it in close touch with the manufacturing and lumber interests of upper Cleveland county and on the great railway lines, the Sea Board Air Line and the Southern, Shelby has excellent transportation facilities at present, and reasonable assurance of better in a short time. By the S. A. L., it is brought in close connection with all Eastern North Carolina and by the intersection of this line with the main line of the Southern at Charlotte, over this system Shelby is thrown in close touch with the North and South. The branch line of the Southern coming through Shelby connects with the main line of the Southern at Blacksburg, fourteen miles south and with another trunk line of this great system at Marion, 55 miles west. At Blacksburg close connection is made for Charlotte, Charleston and Atlanta, and from Marion can be made connection for Asheville, Memphis and the far west. Owing to the sound financial basis of these two great systems and to their rivalry, freight rates to Shelby are reasonable.

As has been stated we have good reason to believe that Shelby will in a short time have even more convenient railroad facilities. Mr. R. W. Hunt, division passenger agent of the Southern, has recommended to the meeting of passenger agents held in Washington recently the running of a through train from Kingsville, S. C. to Marion. With such a schedule and with the branch line of the Southern going through Shelby extended to Chattanooga, as is sure to be the case, Shelby will have the most convenient schedule that can be desired and will possess the transportation facilities of a gate city. Attention is also

called to another contemplated arrangement calculated to place Shelby in a new trunk line running from a point in Virginia to Charleston, the significance and certainty of which movement is plainly set out by the tenor of an editorial of May 8th in the Charlotte Observer, as follows: "That was a big corporation chartered in Raleigh Saturday to build a railroad from Charleston to a point in Virginia, traversing portions of South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. The principal office is at Morganton, and the name of the road is the Charleston, Virginia and Ohio Railroad Company." This road will come through Morganton and upper Cleveland and will of course pass through Shelby. With the facilities for transportation it has and with the contemplated improvements, which will not be delayed long on account of the fact that the very necessities of the country will force their construction, Shelby will take the place of a railroad centre which its producing and consuming population, its growing industries and its fertile resources, indicate it must be.

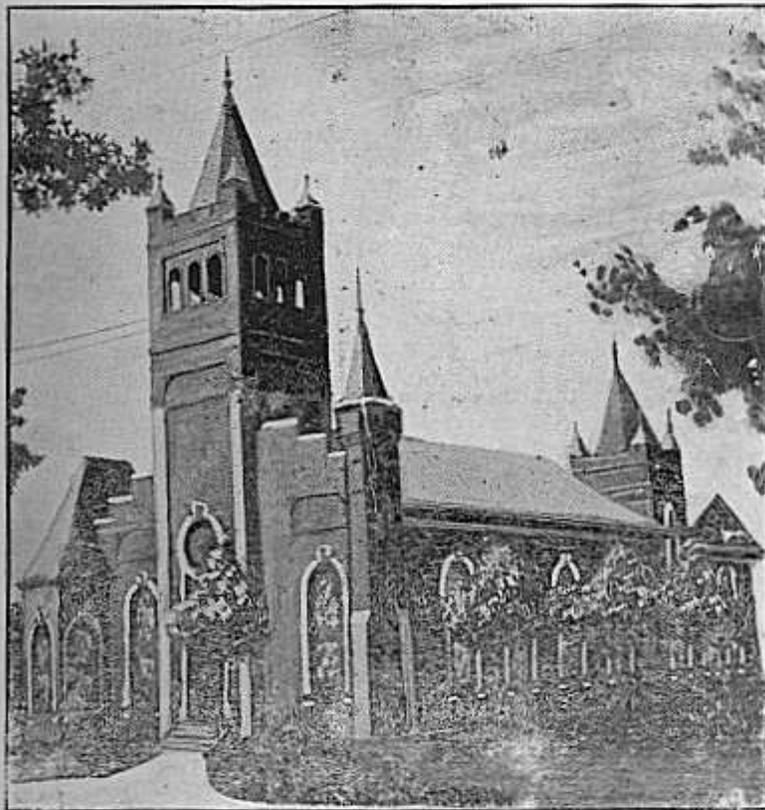
## Financial Institutions.

### FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

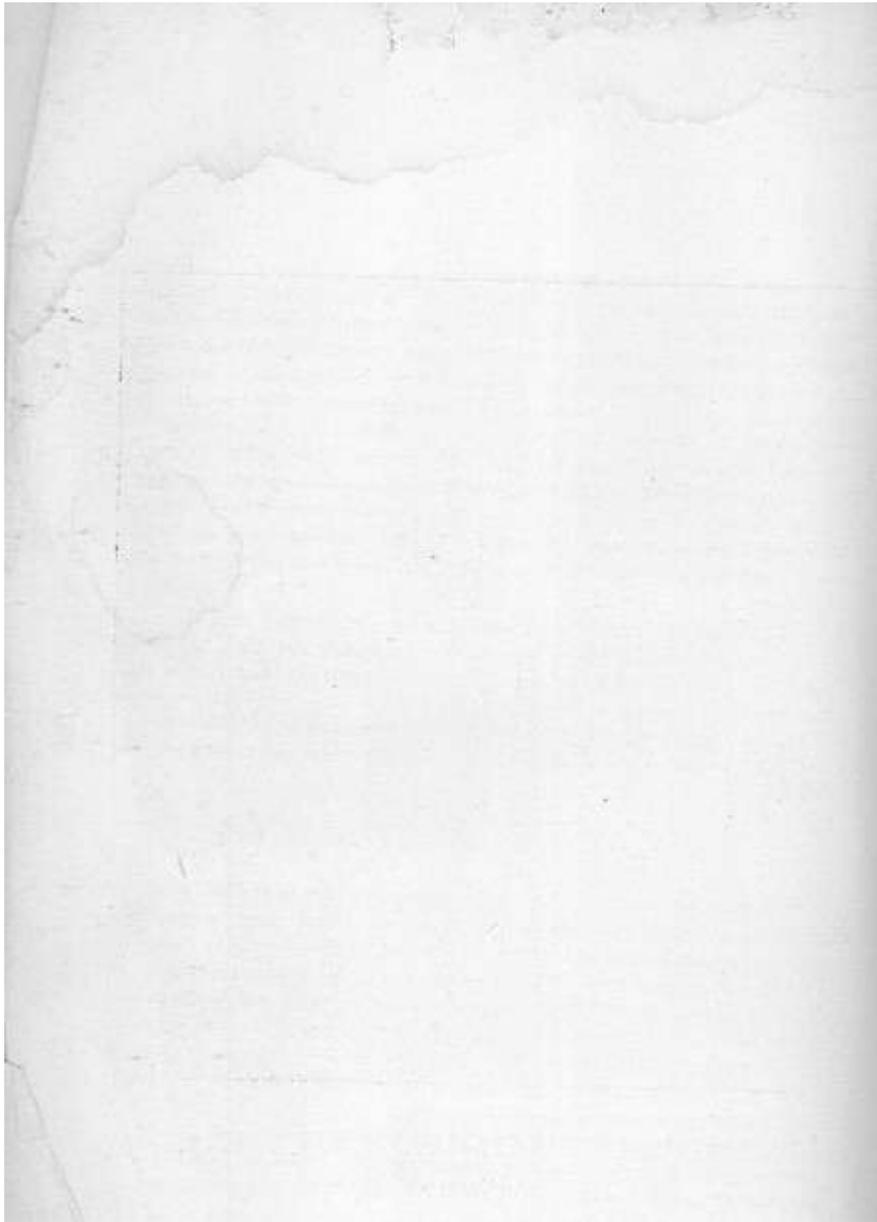
In considering the progress of a community with the view of establishing its business status and opportunities offered for returns to capital seeking investment, we must place as the most important feature next to its transportation advantages, its financial facilities; and in no particular is a city's strength or weakness so apparent as in the showing made by its banks. Upon their record and standing depends the town's status for financial solidity and prosperity.

One of the chief institutions of progressive Shelby is her splendidly equipped First National Bank, which began business on June 4, 1903, succeeding the well-known banking firm of B. Blanton & Co. The new bank has a paid up capital stock of \$100,000, and supplies the necessary power to conduct the business interests of this county and sends life and activity pulsating through every artery of trade and commerce.

The old banking house of B. Blanton & Co. was well and favorably known throughout Western North Carolina, and its business had increased constantly for the past several years, keeping well in the van



**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH.**  
REV. G. D. HERMAN, PASTOR.



of progress. However, the demands of growing business interests made the organization of a National Bank advisable, hence the First National came into being under the administration of the Messrs. Blanton, and a strong stock corporation was formed. The stockholders are among the most prominent citizens of the county, and a board of directors of well known business men was selected. They are: H. F. Schenck, C. C. Blanton, O. E. Ford, A. C. Miller, J. D. Lineberger, B. Blanton and George Blanton. The officers are: President—Chas. C. Blanton; Vice-President—H. F. Schenck, Cashier—George Blanton; Assistant Cashier—Forrest Eskridge. The transfer from a private to a National Bank was made on June 4th, 1903, and the directors were greatly pleased with the showing made. It was much better than was expected.

Aside from the sound financial standing of this bank, and its large and growing business, its power is strengthened and its continued prosperity made sure by the sound business judgment, experience and affability of its president, Mr. C. C. Blanton, who is also president of the Shelby Cotton Mills and the Shelby Building and Loan Association, and is one of the finest financiers and best all round business men in the State.

#### SHELBY BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION.

No community is truly great or prosperous where a majority of the families are tenants and not owners of homes. Realizing the truthfulness of this and knowing that the whole community would be benefitted by the co-operation of the home-owners into an association through which the less fortunate might have a chance to build and own homes for themselves, the Shelby Building and Loan Association was organized with 600 shares of 100 dollars each, the same to be paid in installments of 25 cents per share each week. Although this benevolent enterprise has been organized but a month, it is showing its good effect, several loans having already been made for houses now in course of construction. Any information regarding the standing, methods or workings of the association will gladly be given by the secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Frank Roberts.

## Graded Schools.

No city is complete without a good system of schools, and it goes without saying that so enterprising a city as Shelby is not lacking in this regard. The pride of Shelby is her splendid graded schools, which are unexcelled by any in the South.

Such is the high character of our schools that any student from them, with the certificate of the superintendent, is admitted to the sophomore class of the State University and the leading colleges of the State without examination.

Noted institutions of learning in other states waive their rules and admit students from the Shelby schools on the recommendation of the superintendent without examination.

The course of study has been raised very much during the last few years and now ranks with the very best schools in the State.

The school has a very good library, and new books, papers and magazines are being added as rapidly as possible. The expense of furnishing the library was defrayed by the teachers and the student body by giving entertainments, &c.

The buildings are new, conveniently arranged and handsomely furnished with modern desks, etc. The white schools have an enrollment of nearly 350 with a corps of seven teachers; the colored have an enrollment of 150 with two teachers.

The graded schools are to Shelby what the University is to the State—the brightest gem in her educational coronet.

The officers and teachers for 1904-5 were: Superintendent, J. A. McLean; principal, B. T. Falls; teachers, Misses May Wells, Kate Shellem, Olive Hamrick, Margaret Poindexter, Jennie Eagle, Madeline Miller, Nannie Tiddy, Selma Webb, Marrie Richardson, and Mrs. G. B. Cabaniss.

## Manufacturing Industries.

### THE SHELBY COTTON MILLS.

The largest single enterprise in Shelby is the Shelby Cotton Mills with a capital stock of \$150,000. This mill has been in operation four years and has been a great factor in the growth and progress of the

town. It is well officered and managed, and the outlook for large dividends in the future is most gratifying. The capacity of the mill is large enough to make its output of consequence and this mill is one of the few which has a man regularly employed in a New York commission office to sell its goods. The result of this step has justified the wisdom of it, and the business of the mill is now on a firm and satisfactory basis. The directors of this mill are all well known and capable business men. They are: Messrs. J. D. Lineberger, J. J. McMurry, Dr. H. D. Wilson, M. N. Hamrick, J. H. Hull, Chas. C. Blanton and M. M. Mauney. The officers are: President—Chas. C. Blanton, Vice-President—M. N. Hamrick, Secretary and Treasurer—J. J. McMurry.

#### THE SHELBY OIL MILLS.

Another enterprise of great value to Shelby is the Shelby Oil Mill, a branch of the Virginia Carolina Chemical Co. This mill is managed by local men and is just such an enterprise as the town needs. The cotton seed market is always brisk in this place and the farmers realize a good price for their seed, while the hulls make good feedstuff and the value of some of its products for fertilizing cannot be too highly recommended. This oil mill was built in Shelby some three years ago by local capitalists and they afterwards sold out to the trust. The plant here is worth nearly \$50,000 and is managed by Mr. J. F. Jenkins.

#### BELMONT COTTON MILLS.

This mill was built about 20 years ago and incorporated with a capital stock of 50,000 dollars. It operates 3,800 spindles and turns out a fine grade of yarn. A. C. Miller, manager.

#### LILY MILL & POWER COMPANY.

This is one of the most modern and best equipped mills in the State. It was built during the years 1904-5, and incorporated with a capital stock of 100,000 dollars. It operates 5,000 spindles, and all its machinery is run by electricity. The power is created at Stice, eight miles south of Shelby. This concern is contemplating furnishing power for the other manufacturing enterprises in Shelby—Jno. F. Schenck, president; Maj. H. F. Schenck, vice-president; Harris Ransour, secretary and treasurer; W. E. Morton, superintendent.

### THE THOMPSON-BRANTON COMPANY.

An important manufacturing enterprise of Shelby is the big wood shop of the Thompson-Branton Company, located on the Southern Railway near the depot. This shop is equipped with all the latest machinery and is modern in every way. It gets a large number of big contracts in the surrounding counties and upper South Carolina. It was incorporated in January 1905 with a capital stock of 10,000 dollars. Z. J. Thompson, president; Everett Branton, vice-president, W. H. Thompson, secretary and treasurer.

### Shelby Churches.

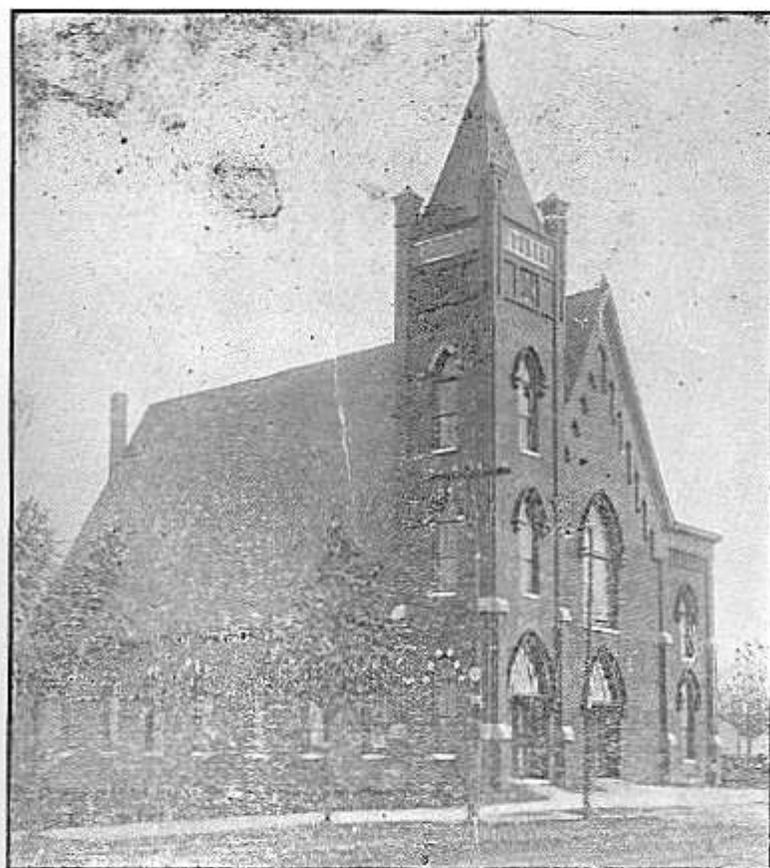
Devout persons need to have no fear for whatever their creed, they will have a place to worship in Shelby. The Episcopalians own a neat and comfortable church on LaFayette street. The Methodists have a handsome new brick church on Marion street which is a credit to any city. The house of the Shelby Baptists is a credit to the denomination of the state. At the corner of Graham and DeKalb streets stands the handsome church of the Presbyterians. The operatives of the Belmont Cotton Mills worship in a neat chapel of their own on South Washington street, while both the Baptists and Methodists have a chapel of their own at the Shelby Cotton Mills. All of these churches are served by able, consecrated ministers who love God and serve Him.

The various societies of the different churches have large memberships and are doing a great work. Shelby is pre-eminently a city of churches and there is a strong and healthy moral and religious sentiment pervading the town. It is the kind of place you would select to rear your children and build up a pleasant and happy home.

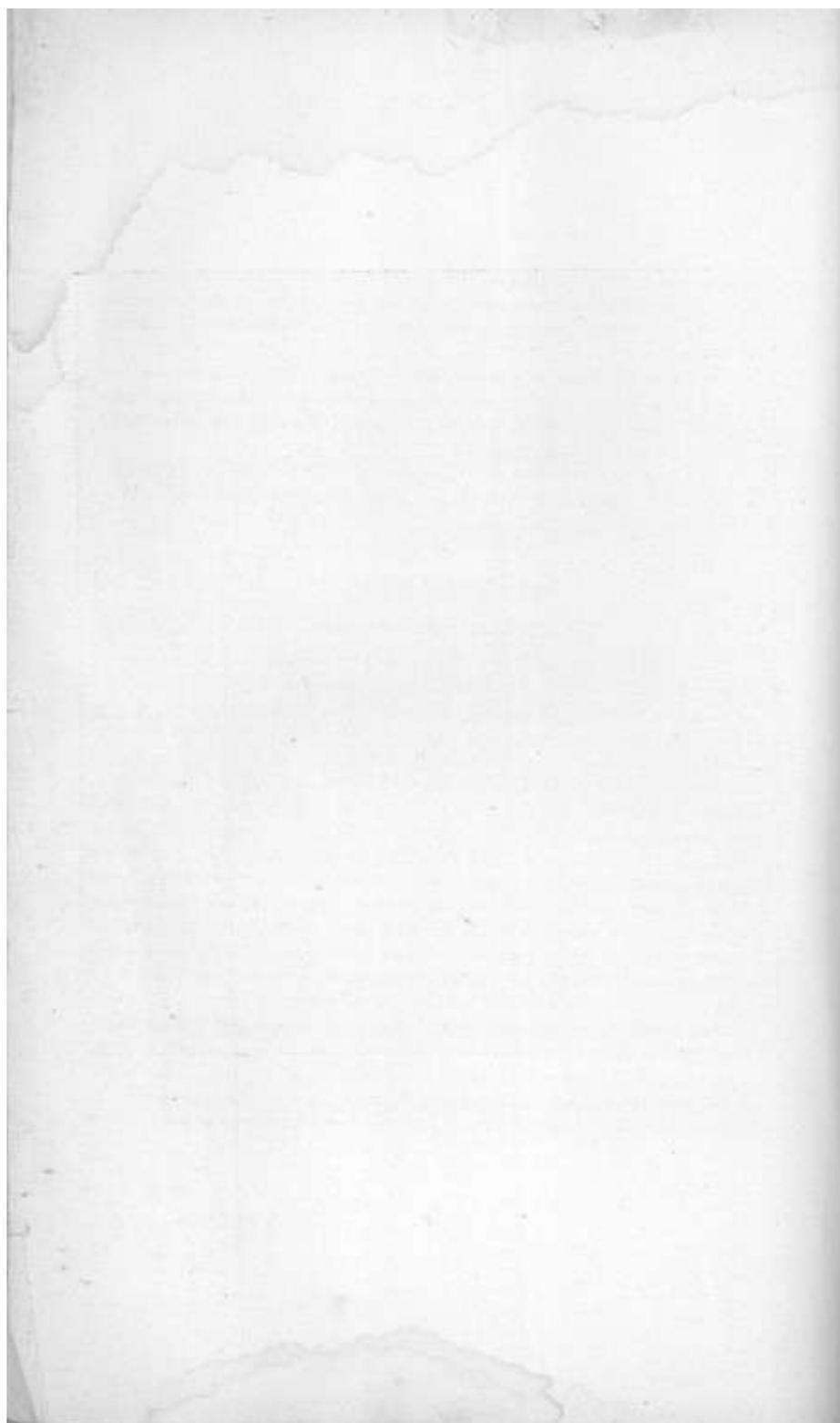
### Fraternal Orders.

Among secret societies Shelby boasts of the most flourishing of the state. Lodge 102, A. F. and A. M., owns the handsome building in which the lodge rooms are located.

The Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias have a flourishing lodge and so also have the Red Men and Heptasoph. The Woodmen of the World also have a camp here, and in the way of benevolent insurance



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,**  
REV. M. E. PARISH, PASTOR.



associations, we have the Cleveland and Gaston Divisions of the N. C. People's Benevolent Association, and the farmers have their own mutual fire association with over a million dollars worth of farm property insured.

The United Camp of Confederate Veterans have a large membership in the county, and the patriotic order known as the Soelby Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy has wrought nobly in the great work for which it was organized.

Shelby is a thorough Southern town and yet no where can you find a place more hospitable to northern people, nor a people more considerate of the views of others, hence the good fellowship and kindly feeling which exists between all classes of people here.

## Mineral Water.

### CLEVELAND SPRINGS.

This famous health and pleasure resort is located just two miles east of Shelby, and every summer large numbers of people in pursuit of pleasure, health and happiness come to this time honored resort and spend several weeks; and many come for the entire summer. It is a beautiful place, and the people have formed the habit of going to Cleveland Springs, and they have no disposition to break loose from it. Messrs. McFarland and Lemmond are the popular lessees and they do everything possible for the entertainment and comfort of the guests. The water is justly famed and the people have used it for generations and been benefitted or cured entirely by virtue of its operations. The white sulphur spring is one of the boldest springs to be found anywhere and the water is strong with sulphur, though not the least bit objectionable in taste. A stay at Cleveland Springs will give you a good appetite, renew your youth and build up an iron constitution.

### SHELBY LITHIA FOUNTAIN.

In Shelby's beautiful court square is located the Lithia Water Fountain, where the pure mineral water is sold at two cents a glass. This water is brought from the famous McBrayer Springs, two miles above Shelby, in pipes and passing through ice-covered lead pipes in the fountain house in the square it is served as cool and pure as it is

refreshing and sparkling. Mr. H. B. Quinn is the clever manager and proprietor and he sells large quantities of the water all the year round. Its medicinal qualities are well known and many have been benefitted, and a vast number cured entirely of various maladies, by the use of this valuable mineral water. This water comes from a bold spring and is arranged so as to protect the water from all impurities. This water was brought to Shelby at a cost of \$2900.

### Miscellaneous Enterprises.

#### SHELBY ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY.

Shelby has a fine system of electric lights, and the progressive proprietors Messrs. A. W. McMursy and Hugh G. Miller are doing everything possible to give satisfactory service. Mr. W. W. Barron is the experienced and trustworthy electrician.

#### SHELBY FOUNDRY.

The Shelby Foundry and Machine Shops, of which Maj. B. B. Babington is proprietor, was organized in 1875, and is doing an extensive business in making castings for new factories and other buildings in this and adjoining counties.

#### BASEBALL TEAMS.

Shelby always has a good baseball team. Games are arranged with all the surrounding towns and the interest in the national game is great.

#### LYCEUM SYSTEM.

Arrangements have been made with a Lyceum System, of Atlanta, whereby Shelby is to have an excellent series of lectures, orchestras, and musicals. Thos. J. Gold, local manager.

#### STEAM LAUNDRY.

Mr. E. A. Rudasill is proprietor of the Snow Flake Steam Laundry, and a most important enterprise it is. The building is equipped with all the latest and most improved machinery, and the laundry does good work.

#### MONAZITE CONCERNS.

Shelby is the chief centre of the Monazite belt and all of this valuable mineral mined in this section is brought to Shelby where it

goes through the refiner. The largest Monazite companies in the United States have their Southern headquarters here. They are: Carolinas Monazite Company, L. A. Getteys, local manager; Tysoe Monazite Mine, J. W. Chenhall, local manager; Thorium Chemical Company, John M. Scott, Jr., local manager; English Monazite Company, Geo. L. Englis, manager; and the North Carolina Mica and Monazite Company, Karl Karlston, secretary and treasurer.

#### MILITARY COMPANY.

The Cleveland Guards have a membership of over 50 and are well trained. The officers are: Captain, J. Frank Jenkins; First Lieutenant, Claude Blanton; Second Lieutenant, Reid Morrison.

#### TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.

The Telephone System in Shelby has recently been overhauled and put in first class condition. The cables are all in, and the system is thoroughly Bell. Through it Shelby has all the long distance 'phone service that Charlotte or other large places enjoy. Manager, Chas. L. Eskridge.

## Prospective Enterprises.

### COTTON MILL SUPPLY FACTORY.

That Shelby is a desirable place for a cotton mill supply factory is plainly shown by the fact that within a radius of 40 miles of here are situated 42 cotton mills operating 450,000 spindles and 7,500 looms. And Shelby is in close connection with 13 mills in Cleveland county, 3 in Cherryville, 4 in Rutherford county, 7 in Lincolnton, and in reasonably close connection with 7 at King's Mountain, 3 at Bessemer City, 1 at Morganton, 1 at McAdenville, 8 at Gastonia and 2 at Gaffney. With the improvement in transportation facilities which are contemplated, Shelby will be in direct touch with all these mills and more which are to be built.

### FURNITURE FACTORY.

Reference is here made to the article appearing in this book on "Timber Interests" of Cleveland county. Within a radius of 40 miles of Shelby there is no furniture factory, and within the same radius is

the finest timber section in Western North Carolina. All of the most valuable exist the greatest profusion, and are easily accessible. All the people of Shelby ask is that some man with capital to invest in such an enterprise come and look the field over for himself.

#### FEMALE COLLEGE.

No place in the state is more suitable for the location of a female college than Shelby. No section is taking a bigger and more active interest in education than this section of North Carolina. Some of the best high schools of the state are situated within a radius of 50 miles of Shelby, and in no place could be found a purer and more refined people, a more healthful or stimulating climate, more beautiful and inspiring scenery, nor a more curative and health preserving water.

#### A MODERN HOTEL.

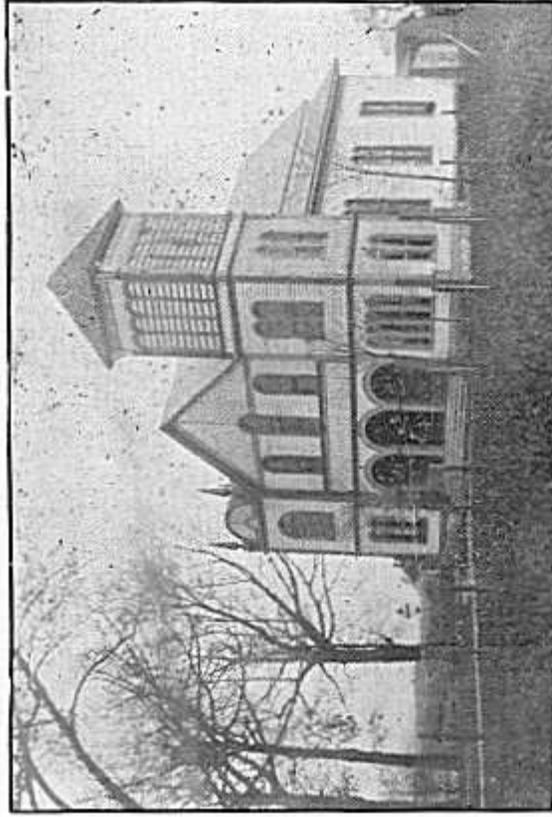
Shelby is becoming famous all over the south as one of the healthfulest and most beautiful towns in North Carolina. While hundreds of people come here every year to spend the summer, a great many more are kept away because of the lack of hotel accommodation. To be sure we have good hotels now, but not the kind Shelby's growing popularity as a health resort demands. A modern hotel would bring a thousand people here during the warm season and enormous financial return to its proprietor.

#### CHAIR FACTORY.

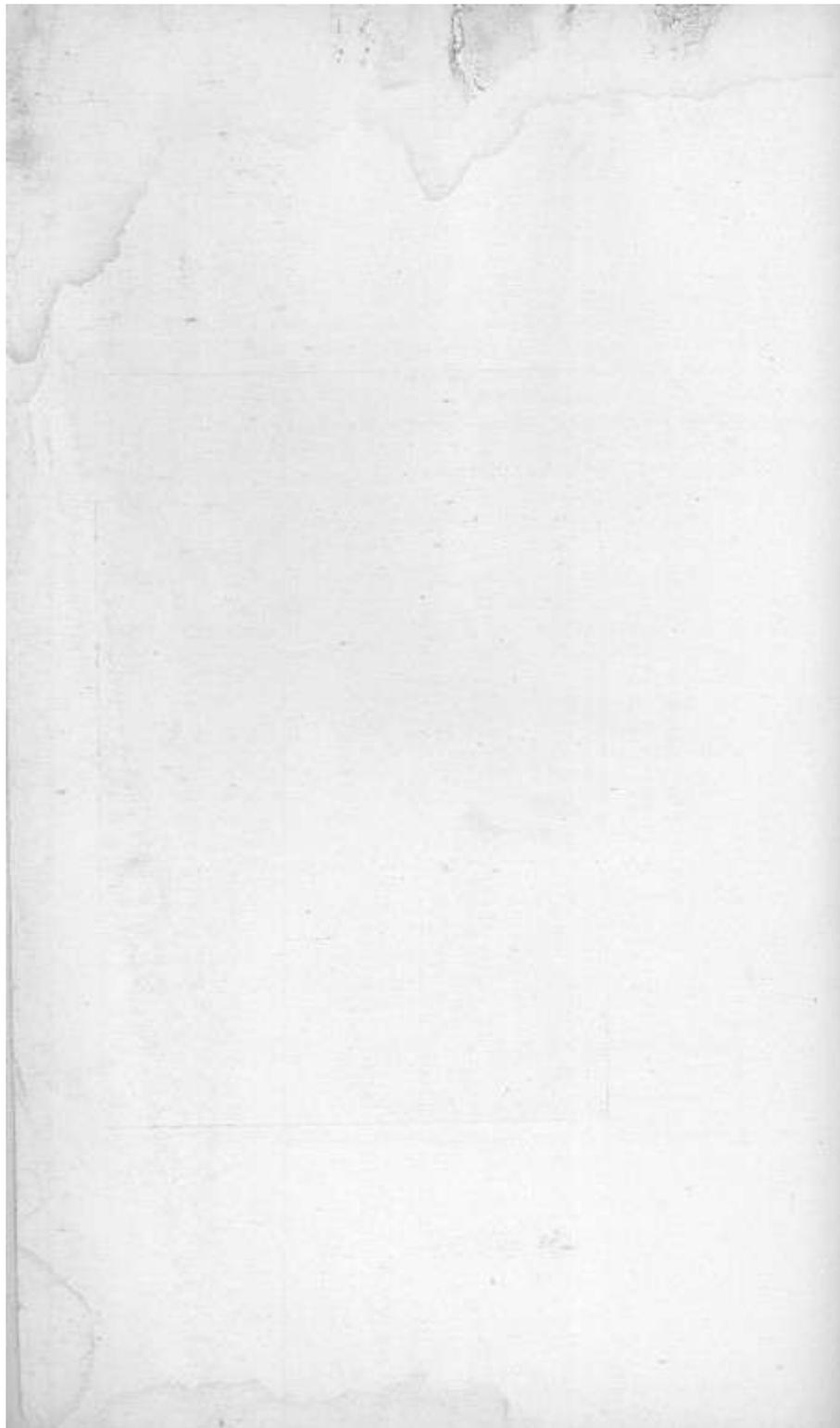
A chair factory would be a paying investment in Shelby. In all Western North Carolina from High Point to Tennessee, there is not a chair factory. The timber is here, we have the transportation facilities, and there is a demand for the chairs. A money making enterprise awaits the man who will invest his capital.

### Cleveland County.

As the tree draws its substance from the soil and atmosphere so does any town draw its life and vitality from the surrounding county. As no one cares to invest his money in a town without knowing something of the surrounding county, we will give a few facts about Cleveland County of which Shelby is the county site.



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,**  
REV. W. R. MINTER, PASTOR.



Cleveland properly belongs in the class of new counties. It was formed in 1841 from the counties of Rutherford and Lincoln. It is bounded on the south by the State of South Carolina, and joins Gaston, Lincoln, Catawba, Burke and Rutherford, and contains 275,000 acres of land, valued at \$3,000,000.

The county belongs to the great Piedmont belt of the State, and the soil, of course, is principally a clay; it is watered, however, by the two Broad rivers and several large creeks, along which lie thousands of acres of the richest alluvial bottoms to be found in any of the old coast States.

#### PRODUCTS.

Everything that grows in North Carolina can be grown in Cleveland (except rice) with more or less profit. The soil and climate are admirably adapted to a large variety of crops, as the statistics for the staple will readily show. The most valuable product—the one whose total foots up more—is at present cotton.

Last year the people gathered the largest crop of cotton ever grown in the county—a total of fifteen thousand bales. Shelby is one of the best cotton markets in the State.

The corn crop is always large, some of our best farmers raising as high as 75 bushels to the acre. Wheat and oats are both planted largely and our farmers raise twice as much wheat as in former years.

Our farmers are rapidly growing in the plan of modern farming. They grow peas, clover, grasses, and all manner of feedstuffs and do not depend upon raising one crop and that alone.

All kinds of fruit grow here in greatest profusion. It is seldom that our peach and apple crops fail and we can always rely upon the strawberries and grapes. There are many well kept vineyards and the market is good for all kinds of fruit and the products of the farm, the dairy and the poultry yard.

Among the wild fruits, the principal ones are the Walnut, Hickory Nut, Chestnut Chinquepin, Hazel Nut, Persimmon, Grape and Acorn.

#### TIMBER INTERESTS.

The timber interests of this county are great and varied. Every valuable wood in the State, except the coast growth, is to be found

here in great abundance. There are over forty varieties that abound in the fastnesses of our forests, and the vast tracts of oak, hickory and pine are inviting fields to the lumber dealer or the man interested in the conversion of timber into furniture or other finished products of the manufacturers' plant. Here is great wealth. The county affords fine specimens of poplar, ash, walnut, dogwood, wild cherry, locust, persimmon, and other desirable varieties.

The present need of Shelby and Cleveland County is more manufacturing enterprises, and especially more manufacturing plants, such as furniture factories, cotton mills, coffin factories, and wood shops.

#### WATER POWER.

The water power of the county is almost incalculable. Main Broad River with its two great tributaries, First and Second Broad, flows through the southern portion. Main Broad is a magnificent stream whose width varies from a quarter to half mile. All the several roads which intersect it are supplied with the latest improved river ferry boats with wire arrangement, and at one point easy accessible, there is a fine steel bridge. The two branches of this river and the seven large creeks which flow into it, afford more water power than will ever be used, even if we should spin every pound of our cotton, grind every peck of our grain and work up every foot of our timber with it.

#### MINING AND MINERALS.

Among the valuable minerals found in the county are Iron, Silver, Gold, Copper, Tin, Plumbago, Corundum, Tourmaline, Garnet, Amethyst, Kaolin, and most important of all, Monazite and Mica in the most wonderful profusion. But little attention was given to the mining interests of the county until a few years ago, but for the past ten years immense quantities of monazite have been mined and it has enriched our people many thousands of dollars. The only obstacle in the way of the full development of our mineral interest has been the paramount one—a lack of capital.

#### COTTON MILLS.

The manufacturing interests of Cleveland are great and rapidly increasing. The county is dotted with cotton mills, flour mills, saw

mills, sash, door and blind factories, oil mills, etc, and all of them are doing well. The industrial spirit is mightly manifest, and there is much money invested in these good paying institutions. Our great need is for more of them.

### Business Houses of Shelby.

One of the strongest indications that Shelby is rapidly taking on the spirit of progress is the public spirit and generous nature of her business men. They love Shelby and are always willing to contribute liberally to any enterprise calculated to add to its progress. The men who have advertised in this pamphlet have made Shelby what it is, and in their strenuous lives and broad patriotism, lies the future of this town. Although very few of them could see any direct value that would accrue from an advertisement with us, they realized that any value this pamphlet would be to the town at large would be of indirect value to them. So they advertised and made it possible to issue these "Glimpses of Shelby." This book is the result of their public spirit and enterprise, and we hopefully trust that each may reap a harvest from the seeds so generously sown.

#### H. E. KENDALL, DRUGGIST.

Men and enterprises make a town. A progressive man behind an enterprise means a progressive, money making enterprise, all of which add to the prosperity of a community. Such a man is H. E. Kendall and such an enterprise is his drug store. Always prompt, always accurate, always the public spirited citizen, he is popular all over this section and his trade, retail and wholesale, extends all over this and adjoining counties.

#### C. M. WEBB, CLOTHING.

With inherited business ability, and genialty and prosperity rarely excelled, Mr. C. M. Webb has built up one of the biggest dry goods and gents' and ladies' furnishing establishments in this section. With fashionable and reliable goods at reasonable prices, a handsome store-room, and accommodating service, he ever stands ready to give satisfaction to his customers.

**CLYDE WEBB, DRUGGIST.**

While old men are the back-bone of society and business the young men are their vitality and moving spirits. Such a character is Clyde Webb, one of Shelby's experienced druggists. Although a young man he has had several years of experience as a licensed pharmacist, and his drug store in Shelby is replete with everything kept in a first-class drug store. Clyde Webb stands for accuracy, promptness and progress.

**McMURRY & SUTTLE, DRY GOODS.**

Messrs S. A. McMurry and J. L. Suttle, the members of this well known firm, are young men who keep abreast of the times in everything. They handle anything in the way of dry goods and notions, and are agents for fashionable tailors and clothiers. Their goods are new and modern. In their store you will find a warm and hospitable welcome.

**W. H. BLANTON, LIVERY STABLE.**

The fact that Mr. W. H. Blanton is a livery stable owner and dealer in horses and mules is not an accident. For he is a born judge of stock and knows what you need and pleases you. His horses are handsome and good travellers and his buggies are new and stylish. Outside of his regular livery business he handles mules and horses by the droves, always buying good stock and getting them so as to be able to give you your money's worth in horses or mule flesh.

**W. B. NIX, DRY GOODS.**

Ever in a good humor, ever kind and accommodating, ever ready to serve his customers and do the straight thing with them, Mr. W. B. Nix is one of the leading dry goods merchants of Shelby. He looks after your wants, and when you purchase goods from him you may know that you got value received.

**KENDALL AND CABANISS, CLOTHING.**

Messrs. Kemp Kendall and Barnett Cabaniss are whole-souled and progressive. They have built up one of the biggest trades in this sec-

tion in gents' furnishings and notions and in everything kept by a first-class haberdasher. They have made a study of good clothing, and can fit you to a "T". Just say your wearing apparel came from Kendall & Cabaniss and it is known at once that it is durable and the latest style.

**PAUL WEBB, DRUGGIST.**

Politeness, accuracy, promptness and experience, are requisites of success in any business, especially in drugs. All these Paul Webb possesses. His stock of drugs and drug store sundries are always of the desirable kind, and he is ever ready to meet his customers with a hospitable welcome and satisfactory service.

**FARMERS' HARDWARE COMPANY.**

The Farmers' Hardware Company, with Messrs. A. P. Weathers and C. T. Hord as proprietors, can furnish you anything you need in the hardware line. Each member of the firm is familiar with machinery and farming utensils. They know what the people want, and they sell so the people can buy.

**O. E. FORD, WAGONS AND BUGGIES.**

One of the staunchest citizens and most successful business men of Shelby is Mr. O. E. Ford. In addition to his extensive duties as a big fertilizer agent, he handles a fine line of wagons and buggies and ever stands ready to furnish, at a reasonable price, a durable and serviceable vehicle.

**A. BLANTON, GROCERY COMPANY.**

That Shelby is growing and becoming the centre of trade of the surrounding country is indicated by the fact that recently Mr. A. Blanton established a big wholesale grocery house here. It opened with a big trade, for Mr. Blanton's reputation as a successful wholesale merchant at Marion preceded his coming into this section. He leads the strenuous life, and each month his sales increase.

**LANDER McBRAYER, REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE.**

"Find what you are fitted for and then enter that field or profession," is good advice. Lander McBrayer is a born real estate dealer

and insurance man. He has a genius for trading so as to satisfy all parties. This is true because he knows what you need in real estate and goes out and gets it. He is a well informed and successful insurance man also and represents the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York.

#### T. W. HAMRICK CO., JEWELERS.

From a small establishment for the repairing of watches this concern has grown and developed into one of the leading jewelry establishments of Western North Carolina. It enjoys a big trade in this section, and its mail orders are extensive. Messrs. T. W. and Frank Hamrick are geniuses in their lines. They know how to advertise; they know how to buy; they know how to sell and what to sell in order to please and satisfy their customers.

#### J. T. GARDNER, BROKERAGE AND INSURANCE.

Col. J. T. Gardner is one of Shelby's most progressive citizens and successful business men. He does a general brokerage business, and his success as an insurance agent has been remarkable. Colonel of the First North Carolina Regiment, he is popular and broadly known. This and the fact that he is familiar with all the particulars of life and fire insurance, make him a successful man in this line.

#### M. A. GRIGG, FURNITURE.

"Yours for Service and Sales," says Mr. M. A. Grigg. The spirit of this advertisement breathes the spirit of the man. Where there is furniture of any kind to be sold he is there with what you want at a price you will call right. From a small business he has increased his trade till now he is the leading furniture man in Shelby.

#### T. W. EBELTOFT, GROCERIES, ETC.

Mr. T. W. Ebeltoft knows the grocery business. He makes a specialty of town trade and gets a big portion of it. His big sales necessitate his replenishing his stock every day. So his goods are always fresh and what you want. He also handles books and fine stationery.

**J. P. AUSTELL, BARBER.**

For a man to carry on successfully a tonsorial business he must keep a neat, comfortable establishment, be provided with the modern instruments, keep first-class barbers, and let good cheer, hospitality, prompt attention, and satisfactory service be the controlling virtues in his business. All these requirements you will find in the tonsorial parlor of J. P. Austell. Everybody knows where his shop is.

**S. L. GILLESPIE, MUSIC.**

"There is nothing that succeeds like success." When Shelby's dealer in pianos and organs is mentioned with reference to success, we can well say that his business will continue to prosper and grow, because of the fact that he has already made a great success. He places his organs and pianos all over this and adjoining counties, and also handles a big line of chinaware and fancy stationery.

**T. B. WASHBURN, GROCERIES.**

A genial disposition, a kind heart, and a business head are the qualities that have brought Mr. Tom Washburn from a small grocery merchant to one of the busiest and most successful in Shelby. He occupies a big roomy, brick store in the new Lineberger building and ever stands ready to furnish you anything you want in heavy or fancy groceries.

**NIX BROS., DRY GOODS.**

Nix Bros. carry a big line of goods and get a large trade. Safe business methods, fairness and honesty have brought the popular brothers, Messrs. A. and John Nix to be among the most prosperous merchants of this section. They sell anything in the way of dry goods and groceries.

**C. B. SUTTLE & CO., MEAT MARKET, ETC.**

C. B. Suttle, E. A. Wellmon and Marion Putnam, proprietors of this business, are among the most successful business men of Shelby. They handle the finest meats on the market, they buy and sell cattle,

