

The News

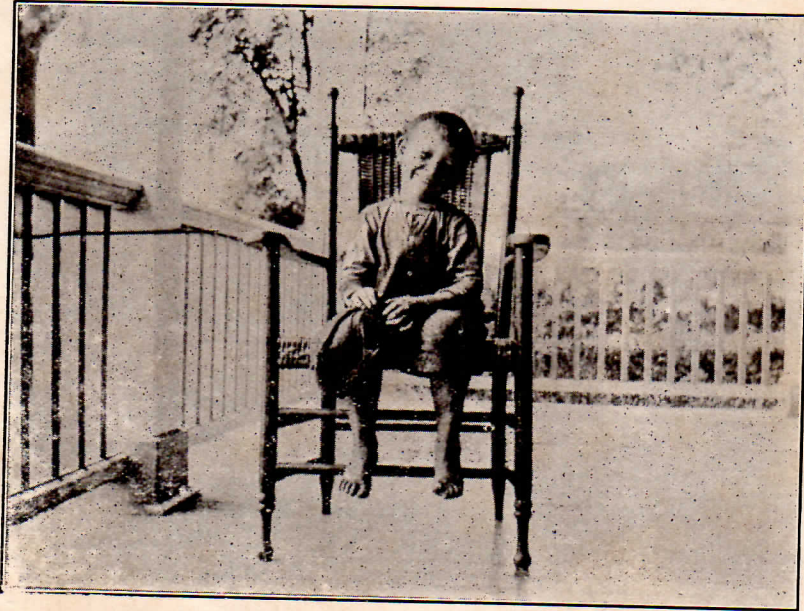
OF

The Patterson School

"AN INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL FOR WHITE BOYS"

Yadkin Valley, Caldwell County, North Carolina

Located on property bequeathed by th. Hon. S. L. Patterson, the late Commissioner of Agriculture of the State of North Carolina, and his wife Mary S. Patterson



Waiting to enter the Patterson School. He is old enough now. It costs \$60. Will you pay his way?

NOVEMBER, 1909.

The Opening of School. The first term of the first year of the Patterson School opened auspiciously Wednesday, September 29th, 1909. The opening exercises were brief and we made no effort to have them in any way pretentious. Next year, dignified by age, and justified by reputation, we may with propriety make much of the opening day, but on this occasion we did not.

The boarding pupils had been coming in for several days preceding Wednesday, and were up bright and early on the great day. The day pupils began to arrive about eight o'clock on Wednesday, and at 9:30 we gathered in the Assembly room for the simple opening exercises. A hymn was sung, the

Apostles' creed was said, prayers were offered and brief addresses were made by the Rev. W. H. Hardin, of Gastonia, N. C., and by the Headmaster. The absence of the Rt. Rev. Junius M. Horner, D. D., Bishop of the District of Asheville, was deeply regretted.

After the opening exercises the boys were examined for purposes of classification and grading.

Two of the boarding pupils did not come, and a third was unable to come on account of sickness, so that we opened school with thirteen boarding pupils and nine day pupils from the neighborhood, a total of twenty-two. We are expecting three more boarding pupils and two more day pupils in the near future, which will give us a total of twenty-six. (27)