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This issue's cover shows an interior view of the first Olivia Raney Public Library in Raleigh. Opened in 1901, the library was built with funds donated by Richard B. Raney (1860-1909), owner-manager of the Yarborough Hotel in Raleigh and insurance agent. The library, which faced the state capitol, was named in memory of Mrs. Raney (nee Olivia Cowper), who died after only eighteen months of married life. The library was "built, equipped, decorated, and furnished in every particular" by Mr. Raney, a native of Granville County.

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