

## FIFTY YEARS SINCE SECESSION

### North Carolina has Doubled in Population--Still a Rural State Yet With Four Times as Many Towns--Triumphs of Peace Greater Than Those of War

May 20, 1911, will be the fiftieth anniversary of the secession of North Carolina. A half century is but a brief span in the life of a people. Yet, looking back over the years that have passed since North Carolina severed her relations with the Federal Union and cast her lot in with the other Southern States, and contrasting the conditions, of 1911 with those of 1861, one will perceive even from the most casual study that during these years North Carolina has borne part in one of the greatest revolutions in the history of mankind. Since May 20, 1861, she has been through the greatest civil war in history; she has helped to adjust the most perplexing racial problem that ever fronted any nation; she has contributed in no small way to the peaceful solution of political problems of the deepest import and significance, and she has aided greatly in allaying the most violent and bitter passions of which human nature is capable—passion which in any other age and country would have kept alive the fire of sectional hatred and distrust through generations yet to be born.

These fifty years have been the greatest period in our three centuries of history. The great events of this period have been the triumphs of peace, not of war. When the historian of the future comes to tell the story of the years from 1861 to 1911, he will not place in the front rank of historical importance the battles of the Civil War, nor will he so estimate the events of Reconstruction. What will strike him most forcibly will not be the daring displayed on the field of battle, nor the fortitude maintained during the decade following the Civil War. Parallels to these can be found in the history of every civilized nation, ancient and modern. But nowhere else will he be able to find, within so brief a time, such a complete reconciliation of sections after civil war, such an immediate and bona fide acquiescence in the results of the appeal to arms on the part of the vanquished, such a full and perfect acceptance of that acquiescence on the part of the victors. What will most impress the historian will be the patience with which the Southern people endured all efforts to humiliate them, the sameness with which they met the most perplexing problems that ever confronted a people, the confidence with which they awaited the impartial judgment of posterity, the persistence, determination and success with which they set to work to restore their fields, to extend their crippled commerce, to rebuild their ruined industrial enterprises, to re-establish their wrecked educational system, to maintain their imperilled social ideals, to recover their lost political heritage, and to preserve their threatened civilization. It is the display of these qualities since the war, and not the desperate charges at Malvern Hill, Gettysburg, Chancellorsville and Appomattox that prove the Southern people to be worthy of the esteem and admiration of mankind.

During these years the history of North Carolina has been typical of the history of the other States of the South. In his investigations the historian will bear in mind that during the first thirty years of this half-century the energies of the

## William Todd Here

There are a few men who furnish amusement for the public who can always find a welcome and a corresponding degree of patronage when they appear in Williamston. Such is William Todd, who two years ago delighted this community for a whole week. Monday night he appeared here with increased attractions and every night has had a tent full of delighted spectators. The show is clean and just as advertised. There is a funny man to amuse, pretty girls to sing and play, well-trained dogs that waltz, and make a high dive, plenty of music and the best of all it only costs a quarter to enter, get a reserved seat and see the moving pictures, which are of excellent quality. The show will close Saturday night.

## It Startled the World

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people were spent in recovering what had been lost through four years of the waste and devastation of war. In 1861 the population of North Carolina was less than one million, one-third of whom were slaves. But two towns—Wilmington and New Bern—boasted of five thousand inhabitants. Raleigh was proud of her four thousand, and Charlotte looked the world in the face with pride because she had passed the two-thousand mark. One will search the census of 1860 in vain for the populations of Asheville, Winston-Salem, High Point, Greensboro, Rocky Mount and Durham. Agriculture and politics were the chief industries of the people. The pulses of a few manufacturing enterprises beat feebly, and the public school system was still in its infancy. The commercial facilities of the State were meager, but sufficient for the demand upon them. Railroads were few and poorly equipped, roads were impassable at certain seasons of the year, and it was only now and then that the faint whistle of a steamboat broke the silence of the forests along our river banks.

Since North Carolina seceded from the Union, May 20, 1861, her population has more than doubled. In agriculture her production of grain has doubled; of tobacco, quadrupled; of cotton, quintupled. Money invested in manufacturing enterprises has been multiplied twelve times and the output even more than that. In 1911 three times as many public schools are open in North Carolina as in 1861, in which five times as many pupils are enrolled, for whose education nine times as much money is being collected. The nine hundred miles of railroad of 1861 have grown to five thousand miles. Cross-road meeting places have grown into busy towns and thriving cities; and, though North Carolina is still, happily, a rural State, yet there are in 1911 four times as many towns and cities of five thousand inhabitants as there were in 1861. These are but a few things of the dozens that might be cited to indicate the wonderful changes that fifty years have wrought in our life.—Sel.

For soreness of the muscles whether induced by violent exercise or injury, Chamberlain's Liniment is excellent. This liniment is also highly esteemed for the relief it affords in cases of rheumatism. Sold by all dealers.

## Splendid Amateur Performance

"What Happened to Jones," a very clever comedy, was presented on Friday evening in the theater here by local amateurs. This comedy has a good many decidedly good scenes, and on Friday evening it was presented to most splendid advantage. The theme of the play centers around the visit of the Reverend Anthony Goodley, a Protestant Bishop of Australia, who has arrived in America on a visit to his brother, Ebenezer Goodley, an American professor. These two parts were played respectively by E. W. James and Frank F. Fagan, each of whom acted his part in a most acceptable manner. Mrs. Wheeler Martin as "Mrs. Goodley," Misses Delia Lanier and Essie Peele as "Majorie" and "Manerva," Miss Lettie Critcher as "Sissy" and Miss Irene Smith as "Alvina Starlight" were particularly good. John L. Hassell as "Jones," A. M. Jordan as "Richard," A. D. Mizell as "Bigby," Durward Gurganus, as "Helena," A. S. Coffield as the superintendent of the sanatorium, and Maurice Moore as the policeman, were artists in their parts, each of whom made a decided hit. Mr. Harry Biggs sang "Daddy's Little Baby Boy," by Neidlinger, assisted by Master Frederick Hoyt, Jr. during the intermission between the first and second acts.

A curious coincidence is that "What Happened to Jones" was presented on the same night in New York City by the Columbia Dramatic Club, of the Columbia University. A good deal of the success of the presentation of the play is due to the excellent coaching of Mr. E. W. James, a Harvard Alumnus and a former member of the Harvard Dramatic Club. Mr. James is an adept in the theatrical art, and his excellent direction was responsible for the splendid production of "What Happened to Jones" on Friday evening.

## A Burglar's Awful Deed

may not paralyze a home so completely as a mother's long illness. But Dr. King's New Life Pills are a splendid remedy for women. "They gave me wonderful benefit in constipation and female trouble," wrote Mrs. M. C. Dunlap, of Leadhill, Tenn. If ailing, try them, 25c at Saunders & Fowden.

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## Death of a Little Child

On the evening of May 9th, 1911, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cowan was visited by the death angel, who called for and carried away the infant soul of little Roxie, aged seventeen months, after a protracted illness. When death struck her she said: "Pretty" and died.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. George J. Dowell at the home near Williamston, and the interment was nearby under the shadow of a persimmon tree where the little body will quietly repose until the morning of the Re-urrection.

Roxie was quite a favorite and her absence will be keenly felt. But He who doeth all things well, and who said: "Suffer little children to come unto Me and forbid them not," will guard the dust and keep the spirit until the day when the grief-stricken parents shall again meet and recognize their little darling, if they continue steadfast unto the end. May the good Lord comfort them in this hour of bereavement.

"She died to sin, she died to care, But for a moment felt the rod; Then rising through the voiceless air, Spread her light wings, and soared to God."

J. M. Howell, a popular drug gist of Greensburg, Ky., says, "We use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in our own household and know it is excellent." For sale by all dealers.

## E. T. T. C. Notes

The Commencement of the East Carolina Teachers Training School will be held May 21 to 23. The Commencement sermon will be preached by Rev. Charles E. Madry of Statesville, on Sunday at eleven o'clock.

The annual address by Hon. Josphus Daniels of Raleigh, Tuesday at 10:30 a. m.

Monday afternoon class day exercises will be held in the park. A music recital will be given Monday evening. Tuesday will be commencement day with the graduating exercises, awarding certificates and announcements.

The Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday.

This will be the first class to graduate from this school.

The Seniors are having their final examinations this week.

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## Colored School Closed

The Roanoke Seminary closed its 6th. session, May 5th, 1911. This school is said to be numbered among the best of its class in North Carolina. It was formerly known as Roanoke Institute. By the efforts of Hon. H. W. Stubbs it was incorporated by an act of the last legislature and its name changed to Roanoke Seminary.

It is doing a good work in the way of uplifting the colored people. Under the management of Prof. G. T. Hill, A. M., as President it has given the race several of its public school teachers. It has connected with it an industrial department which trains the girls in plain sewing and dressmaking. Its aim is to establish the principles of decency and thrift among its pupils.

## New Minister Here

Rev. Morrison Bethea arrived here Saturday night and held services in the Episcopal Church on Sunday morning and night. His family, who are with relatives at Clinton, S. C., will follow him within the week. All of the household goods have been unpacked and placed in the rectory.

Mr. Bethea is a native of South Carolina but has spent much of his life in North Carolina. He is descended from a distinguished Presbyterian family, his grandfather, Rev. J. E. Morrison, having served the Presbyterian Church at Wedesboro for over forty years. Four years ago he entered the ministry of the Episcopal Church and his first work was at Auburn, Ala., from whence he came to Williamston. The congregation here are much pleased with Mr. Bethea and feel that the work will go forward under his direction.

Now is the time to get rid of your rheumatism. You will find Chamberlain's Liniment wonderfully effective. One application will convince you of its merits. Try it. For sale by all dealers.

## Embroidery Club

Mrs. James G. Staton was the delightful hostess to the Senior Embroidery Club on Friday, May 5th, from four to six o'clock. After diligently applying the needle and discussing current events, dainty refreshments were served. All members are requested to be present at the next meeting which will be held with Mrs. E. U. Barnes, May 19th.

## Quarantine Regulations

Dr. William E. Warren, who has been elected Quarantine Officer by the Board of Health of Martin County, calls attention to the following rules issued by the State Board of Health:

Sec. 17. If a householder knows that a person within his family is sick with smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles, whooping cough, yellow fever, typhus fever, cholera, or bubonic plague, he shall immediately give notice thereof to the quarantine officer or the deputy quarantine officer.

18. If a physician suspects that a person whom he is called to visit is infected with smallpox, diphtheria, measles, whooping cough, scarlet fever, typhus fever, yellow fever, cholera, or bubonic plague, he is hereby empowered and authorized to quarantine the individual of the household according to the quarantine rules and regulations of the State Board of Health, and he shall immediately give notice thereof to the quarantine officer or deputy quarantine officer.

Sick headache results from a disorder of the stomach, and can be cured by the use of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Try them. For sale by all dealers.

## What Williamston Needs

- Better Sunday observance.
- Fewer children on the street after sunset.
- Fifty or more less dogs.
- Vagrant law enforced.
- Fewer professional and other gamblers.
- Fewer open saloons.
- A good night watchman.
- An anti-spitting ordinance.
- Shade trees on certain streets.
- Peanut factory rebuilt.
- Hogs out of town.
- Fewer old croakers.
- Down-to-date railroad station.
- Planting rail.
- Manufacturing plant.
- Fertilizer factory.
- Hundreds of other things.

## ROBERSONVILLE NEWS ITEMS

### Local Happenings and People who are Coming and Going, Here, There and Yonder as Gathered by our Regular Correspondent.

Johnnie Gardner, of Bethel, was here Sunday.

Mrs. Ed Purvis, of Hassell, was in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ross went to Gold Point Sunday.

Miss Annie Mooring is visiting friends in Bethel this week.

Mrs. Robert Nelson and little son spent Wednesday in Bethel.

Miss Ethel Peel spent last week in Oak City visiting friends.

Miss Lizzie Roberson visited her sister near Hassell last week.

Miss Emma Robertson is visiting her aunt at Grindool this week.

Miss Mattie Burnett, of Scotland Neck, is visiting Mrs. John Ross.

Miss Lina Carson of near Oakley visited Miss Charlie Smith last week.

Miss Juanita Young, of Washington, visited Miss Charlie Smith last week.

Miss Lillie Jenkins, of Pine Top, spent last week with Miss Lizzie Roberson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mizell attended the play at Williamston Friday night.

Miss Vivian Rives and Mrs. P. L. Wiggins, of Tarboro, spent Monday here.

Misses Marce and Pearl Roberson attended the commencement at Bethel this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Rawls will leave this week for Goldsboro where they will make their future home.

It is reported that Dr. Hargrove and wife, who moved to Kinston, in January, will return here in the near future.

The firm of Wiley, Rodgers & Co., is erecting a large brick factory on Railroad Street. This will be the largest buggy factory in town.

Elder M. T. Lawrence, of Hamilton, will move this week to his new and handsome home which has just been completed. The people of the town welcome him and his family, especially those on Outerbridge Street among whom he will live.

## Meeting of Board of Health

The new Board of Health of Martin County, composed of Hon. B. E. Godwin, Mayor of Williamston, H. M. Burras, Chairman of Board of County Commissioners, R. J. Peel, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Drs. B. L. Long and J. E. Smithwick, met here on Monday and organized. Besides other business of importance connected with the health condition of the county, they elected Dr. Wm. E. Warren, Superintendent of Health.

## Commencement Exercises

The following invitation has been received:  
The Faculty and Senior Class of The East Carolina Teachers Training School request the honor of your presence at their Commencement Exercises May the twenty-first to the twenty-third nineteen hundred and eleven Greenville, North Carolina