THE WEATHER.
Snow in west, snow or rain in east portion Tuesday, colder; much colder at night with a cold wave; high shifting winds.

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AUGUST BELMONT MAKES A DENIAL

Asserts He Made No Attempt to Improperly Influence Legislation.

RACING INTERESTS INVOLVED

Declares Racing With Him a "Pastime, Not a Business"—Explains to Legislative Committee—Letter Made Public.

New York, Dec. 5.—"I cannot make too emphatic the statement that I have never directly or indirectly, in person or through any corporation or individuals, contributed, authorized, or advised the expenditure of a single dollar to improperly influence legislative action, nor have I been asked to do so."

August Belmont, chairman of the Jockey Club, makes this statement in a letter to M. Linn Bruce, chief counsel for the Legislative Investigating Committee before which Mr. Belmont was a witness last week. The letter was made public tonight, along with a brief letter from F. K. Sturgis, treasurer of the Jockey Club, saying that he (Sturgis), was in error when he testified recently that James W. Wadsworth, Jr., Speaker of the State Assembly recommended a counsel for the racing interests E. T. Coyne, of Livingston county. This recommendation he adds, came from the Elder Wadsworth, State commissioner of racing.

Mr. Belmont's letter which Sturgis said he read and heartily endorses says in part:

"Since the giving of my testimony before your committee, it has come to my attention, through the newspapers, that a most unfair and distorted view of my connection with racing interests is sought to be imbedded in the public mind. Racing with me now and for many years has been a pastime, not a business. My financial holdings in property used for racing purposes have always been very moderate. The great bulk of my time is devoted to the management of my banking and railroad interests and I now repeat what I stated to your committee that the sweeping allegation of a corrupt use of money to influence legislation was a matter of which it ought to be presumed I was ignorant.

"The claim is made, as I understand it, that money was used to bribe the members of the legislature of 1908 to vote against the Hart-Agnew law.

"My interest in racing as a sport has prompted me to maintain a general and not a special supervision of the amount of money that were being expended by the associations. It would seem that in 1907 upwards of $40,000 was paid to Judge Coyne for services rendered by him before the Legislature and elsewhere in behalf of racing interests. This money was paid him before the Legislature of 1908, which passed the law crippling races came into existence. To this sum most if not all the associations contributed. The figures, while large were claimed by him to be reasonable in the light of the work performed. Mr. Coyne had been county judge and surrogate o. Livingston county and a lawyer of high standing in the up-State counties.

Mr. Belmont then says that the racing interests were very much interested in securing the active support of agricultural societies and horse breeders of the State to exert all possible legitimate influence to preserve their legal status—he continues, "in a State-wide way Judge Coyne endeavored to represent us. No suggestion was ever made to me that his bills covered any improper disbursements, or that our moneys had been in 1907, or in any other year, used improperly in influencing the Legislature.

"In 1908 the Hart-Agnew law having been passed while I was in Europe, I undertook on my return after consultation with my associates the disbursement of such portion of the fund of $40,000 testified to before your committee in publicity and legal services, as I might be able to arrange, and the items of moneys paid out from such fund have been correctly given you.

"I in no way shirk my way of responsibility, but that the public should be persuaded into a belief by juggling with the figures that I have soiled my name by stooping to cover up under the guise of lawyers bills and newspaper expenditures, the bribing of members of the legislatures is a position in which no fair-minded man would wish to place me. Nor shall I ever consent to believe until the proof is overwhelming to the contrary that any of my associates were party to—or cognizant of, any opposition to anti-racing legislation which was not under the circumstances perfectly defensible and under legal advice."

Mr. Belmont then offers to aid the committee in any way in his power and to appear before it again if wanted to preclude any opportunity for a misunderstanding as to his acts in regard to racing matters.

MRS. MARY BAKER G[illegible] EDDY

Mother of Christian Science Ch[illegible] Passes Away in Boston Sunday Night at Advanced Age. Her Career.

Boston, Dec. 5.—Mrs. Mary Baker Glover Eddy, the discoverer and founder of Christian Science, is dead. Announcement of the passing of the venerable leader, which occurred late Saturday night at her home, Chestnut Hill, a suburb, was made at the Sunday morning service of the Mother church in this city yesterday.

"Natural causes" explains the death, according to Dr. George L. West, a district medical examiner, who was summoned a few hours after Mrs. Eddy died. Later Dr. West added that the more immediate cause was probably pneumonia.

The news of Mrs. Eddy's death was made known simultaneously by Judge Clifford P. Smith, first reader of the Mother church, at the close of the morning service, and by Alfred Farlow, of the Christian Science publication committee, in a statement to the press.

According to Mr. Farlow, Mrs. Eddy died at a quarter before 11 o'clock last night.

"She had been indisposed for about nine days," said Mr. Farlow's statement, "but had been up and dressed and as late as Thursday transacted some business with one of the officials of the Christian Science Church. She took her daily afternoon drive until two days before her going. Saturday she fell quietly asleep and those around her could at first hardly realize that she had gone. Her thought was clear until the last and she left no final messages.

"No physician was in attendance but she had the assistance of the students who comprised her household. With her at the time of her departure were Mr. Calvin A. Frye, Mrs. Laura E. Sagent, Ms. Ella S. Rathvon, Rev. Irving C. Tomlinson, her corresponding secretary, William R. Rathvon, and her secretary, Adam H. Rickey.

Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy was born in Bow, N. H. Her father was a man of some property and local distinction, friend of President Franklin Pierce and other distinguished men of his time. Mrs. Eddy was related to Gen. John McNeil, a hero of Lundy's Lane. On her father's side she was related to Gen. Henry Knox, of revolutionary war fame. She was a first cousin of Gov. Hoke Smith of Georgia. Mrs. Eddy's childhood days were spent at Bow, near Concord. As a young woman she was a confirmed invalid until the healing incident which ushered her to the threshold of Christian Science. Mrs. Eddy was highly educated, having been tutored by her brother, Albert Bakerman, a graduate of Dartmouth, member of the New Hampshire Legislature and Congressman at the time of his death. In 1843 Mrs. Eddy married Maj. Geo. Washington Glover and removed with him to Charleston, S. C., her husband being later stricken and having died, in Wilmington, N. C., with yellow fever. Mrs. Glover returned to her old home at Tilton, N. H., where her son was born. While at Tilton Mrs. Eddy frequently wrote for the papers and magazines and was widely read. In 1853 in the hope of regaining her son from whom she had been obliged by circumstances to separate, Mrs. Eddy married Dr. Daniel Patterson, a dentist of Franklin, N. H., and in 1862 removed to Portland, Me., in search of health, consulting P. P. Quimby, a magnetic healer of local reputation. Later she removed, after being benefitted but not healed, to Lynn, Mass., where she lived with her husband. It was in 1866 that Mrs. Eddy met with a fall on the ice which was the immediate cause of her discovery of Christian Science. Physicians pronounced her case hopeless and ignoring the medicine prescribed, Mrs. Eddy, in her extremity, turned to her Bible and claimed to have received such inspiration and spiritual help from the Biblical account of the man with the palsy that she arose from her bed a well woman. Mrs. Eddy continued the study and in 1875 her "Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures" was published and the foundation laid for the great denomination of which she was the head. Mrs. Eddy secured a divorce from Dr. Patterson and in 1877 married Dr. Asa C. Eddy, one of her earlier students of Christian Science, who died in 1882.

For some years Mrs. Eddy taught Christian Science in Lynn. In 1881 she chartered the Massachusetts Metaphysical College in Boston. The charter for the first Christian Science church was obtained in 1879, and in that year Mrs. Eddy was called to become the pastor of the church. She was ordained in 1881, although she had preached five years previously. Mrs. Eddy founded and for a long time edited The Christian Science Journal, a monthly magazine. In the fall of 1889 Mrs. Eddy removed from Boston to Concord, N. H., and in 1907 to Chestnut Hill, a suburb of Boston.

Last Resting Place.

That the body of Mary Baker Glover Eddy, founder and head of the Christian Science church, who died Saturday night, will finds its last resting place in the crypt under the altar of the First, or "Mother" Church in Boston, is the belief tonight of many of those prominent in the denomination.

No official intimation to that effect could be had, but so far as could be learned no arrangements have been made to take the body to Mrs. Eddy's birthplace at Bow, N. H., or to Concord, N. H., where she so long resided.

A woman in high standing in the church circles said today that there was a general understanding among the church at large that the body would rest in the crypt of the "Mother" church.

Arrangements have been fully completed for the funeral on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at the late home of Mrs. Eddy at Chestnut Hill. The services will be simple and the attendance will be limited to the family, immediate household of Mrs. Eddy, and the leading officials of the Christian Science church.

Telegrams have been flowing in steadily from all parts of the world seeking verification of the news of the death of Mrs. Eddy and containing many tributes.

UNIONISTS LOSE IN THE ELECTIONS

Now No Possible Chance to Replace Liberal Government in England.

THE SECOND DAY'S POLLINGS

No Possibility of Gaining Enough in Contests Yet to be Held—London Much Enthused Over the Results.

London, Dec. 5.—The position of the parties tonight, after the second day's pollings in the general election, is as follows:

Government coalition: Liberals 87, Labor 14; Nationalists 16; total 117
Opposition: Unionists 116.

The results today merely confirm the opinion formed of the results of Saturday's contests that the Unionists now have no possible hope of replacing the Liberal government in power. The only question remaining is whether the Liberals will return with a larger or a smaller majority.

To gain a bare majority in the new Parliament the Unionists must make a net gain of 62 seats. Thus far, with 130 pollings, they have a net gain of only five seats. They have gained 11 and the Liberals six seats.

The gain by the Unionists on Saturday was seven, while the Liberals gained four. Today the Unionists gained four and the Liberals two seats. A continuation at this rate of progress would fulfill the Unionist prediction that the Asquith cabinet would come back with a greatly weakened majority and would be more than ever dependent upon their Irish and Labor allies.

It must be remembered, however, that the Liberals lost at the January elections, a large number of seats through three-cornered contests. Such contests are largely eliminated in the present elections and this may give the Liberals sufficient gains to balance those of the Unionists.

It seems likely that the House of Commons will meet with the position of the parties practically unchanged.

The Unionist rally in Lancashire has been maintained and the Liberal hope of winning two seats at Preston has been disappointed, but what the Liberals lost in Lancashire was compensated for by their better showing in Yorkshire.

In Liverpool a strong campaign by the Unionist orator, F. E. Smith had the result of greatly improving the Unionist position. The Unionists gained the seat for the exchange division of Liverpool, as well as that for Birkenhead.

The two seats the Liberals lost in London today, Islington North and St. Pancras West, were held by very small majorities in the previous Parliament. Apparently, therefore, the metropolis is much the same as January in its attitude towards the contending parties. Perhaps rather significant are some of the Liberal gains, such as Wakefield, a cathedral city, which has been represented by a Unionist for eight years, and Cheltenham, another Tory stronghold and residential city, largely composed of retired officers.

It is notable that in the royal borough of Windsor the Liberals succeeded in reducing the Unionist majority.

The signs of the conversion of the traditionally conservative middle classes may be an indication of a similar change in the country agricultural districts, which went almost entirely Unionist in January.

London tonight is displaying much enthusiasm and the successful candidates are being borne in processions through the streets with torch lights.

There were similar scenes in Liverpool, Leeds and other towns where elections were held.

The political clubs were filled with members at the Carleton and other Unionist gathering places and much disappointment was expressed at the smallness of the gains, which were expected to be treble what they turned out to be. In Liberal quarters the greatest enthusiasm prevailed, for it was predicted, even among the staunchest supporters of the government, that the Unionists would make a net gain of eight seats in today's polling. Among the election results was Liverpool (Scotland division). T. P. O'Connor, Nationalist, majority 1,769, no change. O'Connor's majority last election was 2,167.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 5.—James Berlingatt, general manager of the St. Joseph & Grand Island Railroad, has been appointed assistant general manager of the Virginian Railway here, in charge of operations, vice H. P. Reigart, resigned.

FOUL MURDER NEAR DURHAM

Walter Taylor Slain and Body Placed on Railroad Track—Blow on Head Was Fatal—Last Seen With Barbee.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Durham, N. C., Dec. 5.—One of the boldest and most daring deeds heard of here for years was committed last night at the railroad junction of the Durham & Southern and Durham & South Carolina railroads, about one mile east of this city. Men coming along the railroad early this morning noticed the body of a man lying across the track. Upon investigation it was found that the man had a deep wound in the back of his head from which he evidently died.

It is thought that the bold murderer placed the lifeless body across the track in the hope that some passing train might cut the body in two and thus remove all suspicion. Sheriff Harvard was notified at once and sent Deputy Sheriff Morgan, who was accompanied by the coroner to the scene. An inquest was immediately held.

The body was identified as the body of Walter Taylor, of Duke, a former resident of East Durham. Taylor came over to East Durham Sunday and was seen by many friends. He visited a drug store that night and was later seen in a restaurant, this being between 7 and 8 o'clock. Mr. Taylor was 23 years old and is survived by a wife and one child. From the appearance of the ground near the railroad tracks, where the body was found, it is evident that the dead man put up a brave fight for his life for when found both of his hands contained clutches of broom straw. The body was taken to East Durham, where the coroner's inquest was held and at a late hour this evening the jury had not rendered a verdict. The wound in the back of the man's head appears to have been made by a bullet. It is claimed that Reuben Barbee, who has been in so many murder trials, was the last man seen with Taylor, but up to this time no clue has been found of the man or men who committed the deed.

COTTON CARRYING ROADS.

Must Adhere to the Rule Regarding Validating.

New York, Dec. 5.—Representatives of 18 of the largest exchange buying banks in the city, at a meeting today decided that cotton carrying roads in the South must adhere strictly to the rule providing that all bills of lading for cotton shall be validated only when the property comes into actual possession of the carrier, otherwise the banks doing a foreign exchange business may refuse to buy the bills.

The attention of officials of banks had been called to the fact that some of the roads were dilatory in this regard. It is understood that the representatives of the banks agreed unanimously that they could not safely buy foreign bills of exchange against bill of ladings for export cotton unless such bills were validated strictly in accordance with the White Sulphur Springs agreement, made between bankers and railroads last July. This stipulates that bills of lading shall not be signed until the cotton is in the possession of a railroad company. The American Bankers Association, it was learned, has received word from the Interstate Commerce Commission that it intends to stop the practice of issuing bills of lading for merchandise not actually in the possession of the carrier.

SOUSA AT ASHEVILLE.

Joined His Band There Last Night—Three Thousand People.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 5.—John Philip Sousa, the famous march king, who has been sick for the last three weeks, joined his band here to make a tour of North and South Carolina. He was given a great reception here, nearly 3,000 people filling the auditorium to night despite a pouring rain.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 5.—The Building Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor, today selected Atlanta, Ga., as the meeting place for next year's convention.

OUTLINES.

The closing session of the 61-st Congress opened in Washington yesterday. Resolutions were adpoted to the memory of those who have died since Congress last met.——The poling in England yesterday confirmed the opinion that the Liberals will have a majority over the Unionists.——August Belmont, in an open letter yesterday, denied any attempt to improperly influence legislation in favor of the racing interests.——A man believed to be Walter Taylor, of Duke, N. C., was killed and his body placed on the railroad track near Durham. The man died from a blow on the head. No arrests have been made——The Louisiana General Assembly yesterday defeated a resolution to submit the election of United States Senators to popular vote.——J. C. Patten and several others were re-indicted yesterday on the charge of trying to monopolize interstate commerce in available cotton.——New York markets: Money on call easy 2 1-2 to 2 3-4 per cent., ruling rate 2 1-2, closing bid 2 1-2, offered at 2 5-8. Spot cotton closed quiet, middling uplands 15.15, middling gulf 15.30. Flour steady, moderate jobbing trade. Wheat firm, No. 2 new 53 3-4 f.o.b. to arrive. Corn firm, No. 2 new 53 3-4 f.o.b. to arrive. Oats firm, standard white 39 1-4. Turpentine steady.

CONGRESS OPENS REGULAR SESSION

Senate and House Now Ready to Proceed With Legislative Work.

DEATH ROLL UNUSUALLY LARGE

Fitting Resolutions Adopted to Memory of Departed Members—Applause for Champ Clark—The Preliminaries.

Washington, D. C. 5.—The closing session of 61st Congress opened at noon today. Na buiness was transacted, both branches meeting merely to appoint a joint committee to formally apprise the President that the legislative branch of the government was ready to proceed, to call the rolls of members and to adjourn after adopting resolutions to the memory of those members, who had died since Congress last met.

The usual animation marked the opening in both the Senate and House, but the re-union of old legislative friends was tinged with sadness because of the heavy toll death had been among their number in the past few months. In consequence the Senate was in session only a quarter of an hour, while the House occupied 50 minutes of time before Speaker Cannon declared it adjourned until tomorrow. The mebers, like school boys, released from a class-room, then poured from the capital to face a blinding snow storm that had set in at the dawn today.

More than usual interest was manifested in the opening because of the passing of the balance of political power of the end of the session. As a result the galleries were crowded to the utmost with visitors, who had braved the inclement weather. Since adjournment last June there have been four deaths in the Senatorial ranks, rendering it necessary to make official announcement in each case when the Senate convened. Vice-President Sherman was prompt in making his appearance in the Senate chamber, and he brought the Senate to order with a rap of his gavel just as the two hands on the big white-faced clock united to announce the arrival of the noon hour. Immediately afterward came the opening prayer by Dr. Ulysses Grant Pierce, who referred to the usual number of deaths during the recess.

The roll called that followed disclosed 80 senators present, only 8 failing to respond to their names.

Resolutions by Senators Hale, of Maine, and Cullom, of Illinois, providing for the notification of the House and the President, respectively, that the Senate was sitting and prepared for business were adopted before the Senate took cognizance of the work of the Grim Reaper. In accordance with Mr. Cullom's resolution, he and Mr. Money, of Mississippi, were appointed to wait upon the President. The Secretary of the Senate was instructed the necessary information to the House.

The deaths announcements were made in order of seniority and each case by the colleague of the deceased member. Senator Martin, of Virginia, broke the official news of the death of Senator Daniel, of that State; Senator Bacon, announced the demise of Senator Clay, of Georgia; Senator Foster performed a like service in behalf of Senator McEnery, of Louisiana, and the series closed with an announcement of the death of Senator Dolliver by Senator Cumins, of Iowa. All spoke in feeling terms of the departed.

In connection with the announcements resolutions expressing the profound sorrow of the Senate over each of the deaths were adopted after which an adjournment was taken out of the resepect to the memory of the four men.

In the House the entrance of Representative Champ Clark, of Missouri, elicited as much applause as did that of Speaker Cannon. The face of Mr. Clark, as he walked down the aisle to his seat on the Democratic side was as rosy and shining as was the bright pink carnation he wore in his button hole.

Called to order by the bang of Speaker Cannon's gavel promptly on the stroke of twelve, the House remained in session long enough only to hear a prayer, the roll call to adopt resolutions of sympathy on the death of Representatives Brownlow, of Tenessee; Foulkard, of Pennsylvania; Tirrell, of Massachusetts, and Gilmore, of Louisiana, and the members of the other House who have died since the adjournment of the previous session and to have the oath of office administered to three new members.

Representatives Tawney, Calderhead and Clark were named by Speaker Cannon members of the joint committee to call upon the President and notify him that Congress assembled.

The new members, who entered upon their duties as representatives of their districts today were John

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THE COTTON POOL MEN AGAIN

Indictment Returned Against Patten, Haynes, Scales and Others—Handed Down by Second Grand Jury—Features.

New York, Dec. 5.—James A. Patten, of Chicago, Eugene Scales, of Texas, William P. Brown, of New Orleans, and others were indicted again today by a Federal grand jury charged with conspiring to monopolize inter-State commerce in available cotton during the last four months of the crop year ending September 10, 1910. The indictment was actually returned on August 4th last, but did not go into effect until it was opened today.

The accused with their counsel appeared before Judge Hough, in the criminal branch of the United States District Court, and entered tentative pleas of not guilty. They have until December 11th to demur and arguments on the demurrer will be heard on the third Monday in January, 1911.

The original indictment was found in May last, but the defendant objected that the special grand jury which returned it had been improperly drawn and the government, fearing that the courts might find the plea in abatement, well taken, decided to re-submit the evidence to another grand jury which in due course handed down the indictments opened today. It contains eight counts instead of five, and lessen the number of defendants by two, omitting Sydney J. Harman and Charles A. Kittle, yet naming besides Patten, Scales and Brown, Frank B. Hayne and Colonel Robert M. Thompson, all of whom were originally indicted.

LABLANC TRIAL NEARS END.

Attention of Jury Returned to Widow of Glover.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 5.—The prosecutions direct case against Hattie LeBlanc on trial for the murder of Clarence F. Glover, probably will be before the jury at the close of tomorrow's session. When the court adjourned tonight, the jury heard the evidence of 21 witnesses, seven of whom testified today. No witness has yet testified to seeing Hattie LaBlanc enter or leave the laundry, where the shooting is said to have occurred and efforts by the District Attorney to introduce testimony that more closely connected the girl with the crime have been ruled out by the court. On the other hand, during the seven days of the trial, the defense has turned the attention of the jury from the little Cape Breton girl to Mrs. Lillian M. Glover, the widow.

Half a dozen witnesess testified today to seeing Mrs. Glover in her own home about the time the shooting is said to have occurred in the laundry.

Mrs. Glover's personal counsel, Samuel D. Elmore, was forced to admit on the stand today that he was paid $4,153 by Mrs. Glover immediately after the murder to defend her against a situation which had arisen. He said also that he readily detected marks on Hattie's hands when she was dragged from her hiding place. Whether these marks were powder stains, he could not say, but they looked like it. He further said that she had a scar on her finger. The defense laid much stress on the fact that in the searching of the Glover house for the girl, a lamp was used and it might have been held close to this hand.

CALHOUN HEIRS LOSE.

Supreme Court Decides Against Them in South Carolina.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Descendants of the Calhouns', former owners of the "Calhoun lands" in Greenwod county, South Carolina, today lost the chance of coming into possession of the old plantation, when the Supreme Court of the United States declared it was without jurisdiction to review a decision of the South Carolina courts, adverse to them.

When Downs Calhoun died in 1850 he left a will, which provided that the land should go to his two sons, Willis Boyd and William Downs, and after their death to their legitimate children. After the sons died their heirs brought action to get possession of the lands, but the lower court held that under the then existing law of South Carolina the lands had been sold by equity court just after the death of Downs Calhoun in 1850 to satisfy his debts, and that the land had not passed under the will.

The descendants who brought the suit were Mary R. Trimble and Emma R. Stolenweck, of Alabama, Dora A. Royall, of Virginia, and William A. Calhoun, Edwin Calhoun, Jamie Lock and John C. Calhoun, of Georgia.

HARRY LOEB DEAD.

Many Years Broken in Raleigh—Native of Wilmington.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 5.—Harry Loeb, a highly esteemed citizen of Raleigh, a long while a merchandise broker and extensive property owner here, died this forenoon after a protracted illness with Brights Disease and compications. He was a native of Wilmington and was quite a while extensively interested in cotton milling in Georgia. He was about 59 years od. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Bessie Batchelor, daughter of Hon. J. B. Batchelor, former Attorney General of North Carolina. The remains wil be carried to Warrenton for interment Wednesday.

N. C. CONFERENCE SESSIONS ENDED

Appointments For All Districts Read at Elizabeth City.

MANY REPORTS ARE ADOPTED

Rev. J. C. Wooten Assigned to Grace, Rev. G. T. Adams to Fifth Street and Rev. E. C. Sell to Trinity—The Other Changes.

(By Miss Mamie Bays.)

Elizabeth City, N. C. Dec. 5.—The closing session of the 74th annual session of the North Carolina Conference was held this morning. Conference adjourned at 1:10. Bishop Hendrix did not deliver the devotional address this morning due to lack of time. He conducted a brief devotional service instead.

Had time permitted, he would have spoken at this noon. The subject. "Solomon the Wise Fool." Minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved. Report of the committee on Conference Relations answering minute Question 17 and 18 show that R. W. Townsend, W. H. Townsend and J. O. Guthrie have been granted the supernumerary relation; that W. T. Thomas, J. E. Bristowe, J. E. Thompson, T. P. Boomer, W. H. Kenton, A. D. Betts, C. C. Brothers, J J. Porter, T. J. Browning, W. H. Puckett, G. D. Langston J. Y. Old and W.A. Forbes have been granted the superannuated relations.

Reports of the Epworth League Board and Committee on District Conference Records were adopted. Report of the committee on Home for superannuated Preachers was submitted and adopted. It recommended the appointment of L. L. Nash as agent.

Report of the Joint Board of Finance was read and adopted. The report showed during the coming year $3,540 assessed for Bishops' fund and $8,500 for conference claimants. Report of the Board of Education was read and adopted. It expressed thanks of the conference to B. N. Duke for liberal contributions to Trinity College. It recommended the confirmation of Bishop Kilgo as a member of the Board of Trustees. The report also included recommendation that the conference take steps to raise $100,000 endowment of Trinity College. A collection was taken for the sexton of the Conference church. Certificate of Orders were granted L. N. Snow, local preacher, his credentials having been burned. The report of the Board of Church Extension was read and adopted.

Resolutions of thanks were adopted Report of the Board of Missions was read and adopted. N. H. D. Wilson was appointed president of the board. R. H. Willis, Sec. Conference assessed $19.700 for foreign missions. $16,427 for domestic. R. H. Willis was named Conference Missionary Secretary. L. L. Nash, Missionary evangelist. Resolutions of appreciation of the presidency of Bishop Hendrix were adopted. Rev. A. McCullen was appointed to preach the Conference sermon next year. J. H. Shore, alternate. Bishop Hendrix made a few remarks before reading the appointments. It is believed the appointments this year have given more general satisfaction than is usually the case. The Conference adjourned in the best of spirit possible and gave very decided evidence of pleasure at the presidency of Bishop Hendrix over the session, during the 24 years he has been in the Episcopacy, very few after conference change in appointments are necessary. The law of the church since the last session of the general conference requires the bishops to make no appointments without the knowledge of the presiding elders. After reading the appointments Bishop Hendrix pronounced the benediction the conference adjourned.

The appointments are as follows:

Durham District:—R. C. Beaman, Presiding Elder. North Alamance Circuit, M. M. McFarland. South Alamance Circuit, G. W. Vick. Burlington Station, J. A. Hornaday. Burlington Circuit, C. O. Durant. Chapel Hill Station, W. A. Stanbury. Durham, Branson B. Thurley; Mangum Street, T. M. Grant; Memorial, M. Bradshaw; Lakewood Mission, L. D. Hayman; Trinity, R. C. Craven; Carr Church, A. L. Ormond. West Durham, A. J. Parker, G. M. Daniels. Durham Circuit; W. P. Constable; Graham, T. G. Vickers. Hillsboro Circuit, C. R. Ross. Leasburg Circuit, J. M. Ormond. Milton Circuit, T. C. Ellers. Mount Tirzah Circuit, N. C. Yearby. Pelham and Shady Grove, S. F. Nicks. Pearl Mill and Bethany, H. C. Smith. Roxboro Circuit, E. M. Snipes. Yancey ville Circuit, J. E. Blalock. Secretary Y. M. C. A. in China, E. E. Barnette. H. E. Spence, professor Trinity College.

Elizabeth City District—M. T. Plyler, presiding elder. Camden Circuit, C. P. Jerome. Chowan Circuit, J. A. Martin. Columbia, K. F. Duvall. Currituck Circuit, F. B. Noh-