NEW BUSINESS STRUCTURE.

Progressive Fayetteville Merchants—Aberdeen & Rockfish Railroad Might be Extended from Hope Mills.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Fayetteville, Nov. 25.—Messrs. Ledbetter Bros. are having built a handsome three-story business structure on the corner of Hay and Maxwell streets, with two stores on the front, while the rear will be taken up with their steam laundry. A few weeks ago they paid $2,000 for the lot from Mrs. T. M. Hunter, and it is said that just before beginning the work of building the other day, they were offered $2,500 for the lot.

Workmen are putting in handsome tesselated tile flooring in the lobby and operating rooms of the Highsmith Hospital, on Green street. It is a very high class of work, and will add much to the architectural beauty of the building.

Col. J. B. Starr and Capt. J. J. Crosswell left on yesterday for Montague's, on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, between this city and Wilmington, where they will be the guests today and Friday of Mr. B. R. Bullard Their holiday will include the sports of deer, squirrel and quail shooting and trout fishing.

It is belived, that, should the proper inducements be held out, the Aberdeen & Rockfish Railroad, of which Mr. John Blue is president, and which now makes connection at Hope Mills with the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, will be extended to Fayetteville. It runs through one of the best sections of the upper Cape Fear, taking in a thickly populated part of Cumberland county, and it has already developed large lumber milling interests.

There is general complaint among bird hunters of the scarcity of quail. The same thing has been noted here that was spoken of recently in The Observer's Raleigh correspondence that, while the young birds were plentiful in early fall, they have since disappeared. Heavy rains in September and October are thought to have been the cause of their decimation.

Interesting exercises took place yesterday at the East Fayetteville division of the city graded schools, of which Mrs. Kate Bruce is superintendent.

Capt. J. A. McPherson, register of deeds, has been carried to the Highsmith Hospital for treatment.

A beautiful home marriage took place last evening at 217 Moore street, in this city, the residence of Mrs. L. A. Borden, uniting her lovely daughter, Miss Lennie Borden, to Mr. R. G. Jones, one of the popular clerical staff of the Hay street J. L. Kennedy dry goods store.

An interesting Thanksgiving service takes place at 7:30 o'clock this evening at the First Baptist church, by the children of the Sunday school, the proceeds for the benefit of the orphans. The collections at the service in St. John's church this morning were for the Charlotte Orphanage. The services were unusually impressive, and the music by the vested choir was very beautiful.

A case, and the only case, of more than local interest in the Superior Court was that of Charles Harper, sentenced to five years in the penitentiary for incest.

BUYING MOVEMENT IN STOCKS.

Publication of the Bank Statement Had a Favorable Effect—Southern Railway Among the Issues in Active Demand.

New York, Nov. 26.—Initial transactions in to-day's stock market were made up largely of United States Steel issues, but before the end of the brief session business increased in volume, and the market broadened until it embraced a great number of the standard stocks. At the outset, large blocks of Steel, common and preferred, came out at fractional advances, and the bonds also gained. There were slight advances in such specialties as Colorado Fuel, Pressed Steel Car and American Locomotive. Amalgamated Copper responded to buying by houses supposed to represent Boston interests. The list fluctuated narrowly for a brief period, but shortly before the publication of the bank statement, a heavy buying movement set in. There was a lively demand for Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Missouri Pacific, Erie, Southern Railway, Rock Island, Louisville & Nashville, and Pennsylvania, and others in the same group. London bought Union Pacific and Southern Pacific, and the extensive purchases of Erie were probably for account of the professional short interest. The market remained active to the close, and prices of many issues were then the best of the day. The bank statement was regarded as favorable in the sense that the loan decreases, as well as the cash loss, showed better than had been expected. New high prices were registered by the Steel issues. Atchison made a slight gain in spite of its poor weekly report. Great Northern, preferred, made 7 points, making a 17-point gain in two days.

Total bond sales to-day, par value, $5,020,000.

Total sales of stocks to-day, 886,700 shares, including: Atchison, 14,800; Canadian Pacific, 5,700; Great Western, 20,800; St. Paul, 6,100; Southern Pacific, 42,000; Southern Railway, 23,300; preferred, 600; Union Pacific, 46,900; General Electric, 19,700; Pressed Steel, 5,000; United States Steel, 91,500; preferred, 22,200.

CHARLOTTE MAN IN TROUBLE.

Submits to a Charge of Larceny, is Bailed and Then Skips.

Morganton Herald.

One John Smith, a picture-frame maker by trade, whose home is in Charlotte, was arrested in Marion last Friday on a warrant issued by the mayor of Morganton on a charge of larceny. Smith disappeared Thursday night from Mrs. J. N. Payne's boarding house simultaneously with a suit of clothes belonging to C. S. Smith, a fellow-boarder. The missing suit was found between the mattresses in the room where the picture-frame man was lodging in Marion. He was brought to Morganton Saturday morning by Policeman Clark, acknowledged having stolen the clothes and was committed to jail in default of bond. Monday, however, his wife, who lives in Charlotte, furnished a cash bond of $100 and he was released till court.

Since Smith's trouble in Morganton we have learned that he has "skipped" his board bill in several towns and tried to play "smart" in many ways. Not until after he was placed in jail here did he settle his board bill at Mrs. Payne's.

TRIED TO KILL HIS WIFE.

Rockingham Man Fails in His Effort and Lands in Danville Jail—Geo. C. Hooper, of Spray, Defendant.

Special to The Observer.

Reidsville, Nov. 26.—A message from Danville states that Geo. C. Cooper, of Spray, this county, attempted to kill his wife this afternoon. He fired five times at the woman, but fortunately none of the bullets took effect. Cooper was drinking and it is stated that he fired at the woman after she had refused an interview with him. He was lodged in jail at Danville. The couple separated some time ago, the wife going to her people in Danville, while Cooper remained in Spray as a book agent.

MINSTRELS AT OAK RIDGE.

One of the Features of the Thanksgiving Day Observance—Personals and News Notes.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Oak Ridge, Nov. 25.—Notwithstanding the fact that Professor Earle Holt and several other athletic lovers hied away to Richmond to see the Virginia-Carolina football game, and Prof. H. Trantham visited in Greensboro, and Prof. J. K. Doughton ate his Thanksgiving turkey by invitation in Mt. Airy, while a number of the students took dinner at their own homes yesterday, Thanksgiving was unusually lively at Oak Ridge.

Among the visitors may be mentioned Mr. Harvey Holt, who was home from the University to spend Thanksgiving; Mr. Roy Hammond, of Laurinburg; Miss Sadie Rollins, of Asheville; Miss Bessie Baines, of Winston, who are visiting Miss Blanche Holt, who returned from Salem Female Seminary for Thanksgiving; Miss Lavine Forbis, of Greensboro; Miss Clem Rhodes, of Summerfield; Miss Annie Whitaker, of Kinston; Miss Helen Schenck, of Greensboro; Miss Mary Merrimon, of Greensboro, Miss Lake Stafford, of Greensboro; Miss Louise Willis, of Kernersville; Miss Ina Davis and Miss Carrie Davis, of Kernersville; Miss Bessie Benbow, Guilford College; Miss Pearl Benbow, Greensboro; Miss Hallie Winchester, Hillsdale, and Mrs. F. K. Trogden, Gibsonville.

On Wednesday night the Oak Ridge Minstrel gave a most excellent performance, consisting of the usual minstrel show of songs and dances followed by a very fine gymnasium exhibition. Finely rendered songs were rendered by Prof. J. T. Bennett, Bynum Merritt, Jas. Guthrie, Whitaker Ham and Herbert Ogburn. Those who distinguished themselves in the gymnasium exhibitions were Harry Osborne, of Charlotte, on the horizontal bars; Russell Harrelson, of Atlanta, Ga., and Samuel S. Irvin, of Mt. Airy, ground tumbling; L. Irvin, of Mt. Airy, airsprings, and E. W. Lasley, of Burlington, on the trapeze. Mr. Rudolph Carlyle, of Lumberton, gave a very artistic exhibition of slack wire balancing. Mr. Lonnie Hammond, of Laurinburg, and Edward Whitaker, of Oak Ridge, delighted the audience with their work as clowns.

There were no regular Thanksgiving services, the local ministers were away at conferences and on vacations, but exercises were held in the chapel and speeches were made by Prof. H. A. Holt on some reasons why we should be thankful as a nation, and Professor T. E. Whitaker made a ringing speech on the prosperity of the Old North State.

Somewhat after the middle of the day, it was decided that in addition to Hawaii, Porto Rico and the Philippines it was the duty of America to take possession of "Turkey." The vote was unanimous and the expansion idea prevailed.

At night there was a public debate between the two literary societies on the following question: "Resolved, That Labor Unions are Conducive to the Progress and Welfare of this Country." The affirmative was defended by Mr. Grover C. Brookband, of Oak Ridge, and Mr. J. K. Kelley DePriest, of Shelby, for the Athenian Society. The negative was represented by Mr. A. R. Hester, of Oak Ridge, and Mr. J. M. Watford, of Windsor, for the Philomathean Society. The query was decided in favor of the affirmative. Declamations were rendered by Mr. S. S. Irvin, of Mt. Airy, and Mr. Robert Walker, of Greensboro. A large and appreciative audience was present. Fine music was rendered by the Oak Ridge orchestra.

Following the debate the young people enjoyed a hop in the gymnasium for two hours. During the day the Oak Ridge Cornet Band gave an open air concert.

This morning Mr. Headache and Mr. Heartache are visitors and the latter is apt to remain after the young ladies take their departure.

AN IDIOT HANGS HIMSELF.

Detained in Davidson County Jail Because There Was Not Room in an Asylum, Coy Cameron Takes His Own Life.

Special to The Observer.

Lexington, Nov. 26.—Coy Cameron, aged 25 and an idiot, yesterday about noon hanged himself to a beam of an out-house in the yard of Davidson county jail. The deceased was idiotic from birth, and had been for the last six months detained in jail, because there was no room for him in the county home, and he could not be admitted to the insane asylum. When discovered by Jailor Linesay, the unfortunate man had been dead about an hour. Some ingenuity was shown in the manner the deed was done. Two pieces of rope, each with a hook in one end, were used. One hook was thrown over a beam, the ropes tied together, and with the other hook the self-murdered made a loop, which he placed about his neck. He then stepped from the top of a barrel and died of strangulation. County Coroner, Dr. C. A. Julian, of Thomasville, being notified, came here last night and held an inquest, the jury returning a verdict of suicide. The mother of the deceased is insane and has been with her son since his detention.

STATESVILLE NEWS NOTES.

Petition to Allow Pierce Carnival Company to Exhibit—Death of Mr. Keener Connelly.

Special to The Observer.

Statesville, Nov. 26.—A petition is being circulated to allow the Pierce Carnival Company, that exhibited here last spring on the streets adjoining the square, to exhibit again, this time on private property and side streets. The members of the company are here.

A son-in-law of Mrs. Ellen Morrison, of Statesville, Mr. J. D. Stocker, of Jermyn, Pa., in company with other Pennsylvanians, has entered into a contract to put in a system of waterworks and sewerage for the city of Monterey, Mexico. Mr. Stocker is quite well known here. It is stated that the enterprise will involve the expenditure of millions of dollars and the erection of one of the largest dams on the continent.

Keener Connelly died here last night at 10 o'clock at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Connelly, on Front street. Deceased was about 20 years of age and had been in poor health for about a year. The remains will be interred in Oakwood Cemetery to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

DISASTROUS WRECKS.

Carelessness is responsible for many a railway wreck and the same causes are making human wrecks of the sufferers from Throat and Lung troubles. But since the advent of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, even the worst cases, can be cured, and hopeless resignation is no longer necessary. Mrs. Lois Craig, of Dorchester, Mass., is one of many whose life was saved by Dr. King's New Discovery. This great remedy is guaranteed for all Throat and Lung Diseases by Burwell & Dunn Co., druggists. Price 50c. and $1.00. Trial bottles free.

HIGH POINT AMUSEMENTS.

The Harvard Musical Club Delights an Auditorium Audience—A Sunday School Convention Called—Personal.

Special to The Observer.

High Point, Nov. 26.—The Harvard Musical Club, which appeared at the auditorium Thursday night, was one of the best attractions that has come to High Point up to this time. Tuesday night, November 29th, another one of the season's attractions will be here—the Mozart Symphony Club.

Mrs. J. F. Hoffman sustained painful injuries yesterday by falling over an obstruction on South Main street.

Word received here from New York city says that Ed Burns, who was shot in the face by George Gould, is getting along as well as could be expected. The treatment has not advanced far enough to ascertain definitely about the sight of the injured eye. It will take several weeks to make the test.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that the people of High Point and especially those of that denomination, learn that the next session of the Methodist Protestant Conference will be held at this place.

The Thanksgiving exercises at the graded school resulted in much good. Each child was requested to bring an offering and almost every one responded. The donations consisted of various things and as a whole amounted to about $50. There were exercises appropriate to the occasion after which special committees took charge of the distribution of the offering and as a consequence a dozen or more needy families were helped.

The superintendent of the Sunday schools of the city have called a convention of Sunday schools of High Point township to meet December 9th, at the time Mr. Pearce, teacher International Sunday School Association, will be here. This is one of the five places in the State in which Mr. Pearce will speak and his coming gives the Sunday school workers a rare chance to attend such a convention.

December 18th will be Young Men's Sunday here, a mass meeting will be held in the afternoon and at night one of the speakers will be Rev. Mr. Michener, of New York city.

High Point Metallic Bed Company, which was only recently destroyed by fire will start to work Monday morning on a small scale pending the completion of its buildings. The foundry building is about completed and the mammoth main building is going up rapidly.

WADESBORO NEWS NOTES.

The Atlantic Coast Line Depot Narrowly Escapes Destruction—A Cutting Scrape—Personal.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Wadesboro, Nov. 25.—The Thanksgiving services in the different churches were well attended yesterday. Offerings were taken up at each church to help the Orphan asylum.

The Atlantic Coast Line depot at this place came very near being destroyed by fire last Saturday morning. There was a car-load of hay belonging to Parson & Herdison, wholesale grocers, which was piled up in corner of the warehouse and in some unaccountable way this caught on fire and when first discovered the blaze reached almost to the roof of the building inside. Fortunately there were a number of men around and several barrels of water on the platform and by prompt action the flames were soon extinguished without causing much damage.

Last night while under the influence of liquor, Will Howell approached Rufus Honeycutt with an open knife and cut several severe gashes before they could be parted. A week ago Honeycutt tried to get Howell to pay a bill which he had been owing him for some time. This made Howell mad so he resorted on vengeance last night. Both men are white. Howell is in jail awaiting trial.

Rev. M. A. Smith, pastor of the Wadesboro M. E. church, was tendered a pound party by the members of his congregation last Tuesday night. Rev. C. D. Graves, pastor of the Baptist church spokesman for the party welcomed Mr. Smith back to Wadesboro and Mr. Smith expressed his delight at being returned and for the substantial greeting which he received.

Dr. J. M. Covington, Jr., and Mr. J. M. Madra attended the annual football contest between the University of North Carolina and Virginia in Richmond yesterday.—Messrs. J. C. Marshall and J. M. Wall spent Thanksgiving in Monroe.—Mrs. W. P. Parson and Miss Annie Moss are visiting relatives in Salisbury.—Misses Hilda Gherstin, of Augusta, Ga., Annie Bell Devane, of Red Springs, and Lottie Gray, of Charlotte, and Mr. Martin McKinnon, of Red Springs, attended the christening of little Laura Virginia Via, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Via, which took place yesterday at the residence of Mrs. W. A. Ingram.

CUPID BUSY IN CABARRUS.

The Register of Deeds Issues Eight Licenses—Rev. L. C. Vass to Lecture To-Day.

Special to The Observer.

Concord, Nov. 26.—Register of Deeds W. Reece Johnson was kept busy on Wednesday of this week issuing marriage licenses. In sort order, he wrote eight, and before 24 hours, seven of these couples were made man and wife. The eighth couple who plight their troth some day next week, the news-gatherer having as yet failed to get the exact date of this pair. Another wedding is to take place in the near future, on or about the 21st of December, when one of Cabarrus' most popular young men will go to Mecklenburg for a bride, a beautiful woman, who is near to many in Cabarrus, as well as Mecklenburg.

Rev. L. C. Vass, a promising young missionary of the Southern Presbyterian Church in Africa, is here, and will make a talk at the First Presbyterian church to-morrow morning. Mr. Vass is a North Carolinian, and a graduate of Davidson College, but has been spending some years in Africa, along the Congo river. It was this enterprising young minister who put together and floated the "Lapsley," a missionary boat, built by the Southern Church, and which met such a tragic end on that river soon after being put into active service. There are many of the friends and college-mates of Mr. Vass in this State who read with interest the account of the "Lapsley," and the part played in the disaster by this young Carolinian.

Revs. George H. Cornelson ad John Wakefield went to Salisbury to-night to act under instructions of Concord Presbytery in installing Rev. John Gray as assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian church there.

The street has been full of cotton to-day. To-day has been the largest day of this season. The dropping off of the market always brings in the cotton, and this has been the second day of a rush of the staple to market.

Thanksgiving Day passed very quietly in Concord.

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THE BABBLINGS OF BAB.

Written for The Observer.

I thought that Bab received me rather cooly that morning. Finally I ventured on a complaint:

"By Jove, Bab, you're loking well these days! Your complexion is——"

"Paint!" she interrupted laconically, tapping her tiny shoe on the fender.

"The d—deuce! I beg pardon, Bab, but it's rather staggering to have a girl acknowledge—. I say, what is the matter with you this morning?"

"Nothing the matter with me, Bobby, but there are some young men in this town who make-me-tired."

"But"——I began, meekly.

"Oh, I'll make an 'exception' of you, Bobby. You don't count and, besides, you are 'present company.' But now you're here, you might as well make yourself a 'willing sacrifice,' for I'm going to say my say."

"All right," I sighed, resigning myself to the inevitable. "Fire away!" I settled myself as comfortably as possible in my easy chair and prepared to be audience to Bab's monologue. I knew "The Imp" of old.

"They do make me tired," she insisted, frowning upon my unoffending head. "They call on you about an average of three evenings a week, thereby causing the fuel and gas bills to rise perceptibly, to say nothing of the amount of breath expended in trying to entertain some of the boring ones like———"

I waited, eagerly.

"Oh, it isn't nice to 'tell names and tales, too,' but if you had pumped a man for an hour with your sharpest questions, and dosed him for the same length of time witth your most brilliant ideas, only to elicit at last a feeble 'Y-yes'm, I think so, too'—you'd know how it is! And to think that one might have been reading a good book or practicing a grand song in all those precious moments!"

The Imp sighed regretfully.

"Then there are others who talk enough," she flashed. "They begin by complimenting your singing, or your hair, or your eyes. Next thing, their calls at your house are as 'oasis in the desert of time.' Suddenly, you have grown 'very dear' to them: you are loved 'as few women can be loved'—as they 'never loved before'—as they, until they met you, did not dream themselves capable of loving. They think that we (poor little fools!) are believing it, every bit! And soon, if you don't stop them, they'll be holding your lilly white hand and wanting to support your golden head on their manly shoulders! They are evidently laboring under the erroneous impression that we girls feel highly honored—that we are only too delighted—to have them come at all, for with their calls, their favors cease. Never a drive, nor a bouquet, nor even a box of candy do some of them offer as slight compensation for our wasted (Yes, Bobby, I said 'wasted') time and fuel and-ergas.

"They wouldn't take you to a 'popular-priced' show because it 'is not fit for your dear little self to look upon.' Home-talent performances are emphatically dubbed 'amateurish.' The Star Course concerts, 'no good.' And when along comes some really high-class performanceJa good play or opera—nothing the matter with it—Just the thing you have been dying to see (or hear) for ever so long—where is your young man who called so often and who 'loved' you so devotedly?

"He is nowhere to be found. His visits are dicontinued for a time and you see him no more until after the performance in question. Then he will call again; ask if you went; express the greatest surprise that you did not; tell you that 'you don't know what you missed!' 'swellest show of the season?' etc. etc.—and then wonder that you are were not so cordial as usual!

"But 'the most unkindest cut of all' comes when Miss C——, a girl friend of yours, rushes in and, after kissing you on both cheeks (which prepares you for anything!) she asks if you went to hear So-and-So in "Red Feather" on Monday night. If you are truthful, you acknowledge that you did not, though, in such a case, a fib is admissible. Anyway she exclaims, "Why, I thought I didn't see you! But Mr. B. and I sat sat so near the front. Do you know, I was so surprised when he asked to take me?—I thought surely he would have taken you!" Whereupon you tell her calmly (though you are inwardly boiling) that you and Mr. B—had just quarreled, so of course he felt constrained to take some one else for spite! She is nettled at this and soon takes her departure, leaving you to weep very salty weeps (or to cuss many and sulphurous cusses, as the case may be) over unaccountable actions of your 'steady,'—one whom you thought——"

"Bab!" I cried, unable to be dumb any longer. "It is horrid of me to say anything, but as long as she acted this way I will tell you. That girl as good as asked me to———"

But Bab was gently, though surely, dragging me from the room.

"Now, sir, not a word I have said has been personal," she laughed, panting. "Not a single word. Don't you believe it! Now, be a good boy. Go home—come again—and maybe you will find me in a better humor next time." And I found myself on the other side of the door. "Bab!" I cried as best I could through the keyhole. "Will you go with me to 'Faust' Friday evening?"

"Awfully sorry, Old Boy, but I have a date for that!" And I could hear "The Imp" laughing as I went away.

SPENCER GORDON.

PURSE FOR MISSIONARY.

Trinity Students Will Send $50 to a Jap, Now in His Native Land, as a Christmas Present.

Special to The Observer.

Trinity College, Nov. 26.—At a mass meeting of the student body of Trinity College last night, it was decided, after an enthusiastic address by Mr. L. P. Howard, to make up a purse for a Christmas present for Rev. Tokio Kugimiya, a Japanese who was graduated from Trinity with the class of '03, and who is now in his native land. Kugimiya was a very popular student here and is said to have been one of the brainiest men who has ever been graduated from Trinity. He is now located in Hiroshimah, Japan, a city of 130,000 inhabitants, where he is pastor of a church and editor of Glad Tidings, a monthly religious paper. His expenses far exceed his income, and the purse, which will amount to about $50, will be welcomed by him, that amount being equal in value to $100, or 100 yen, in Japan. Kugimiya knows nothing of the proposed present, and it will no doubt come as a pleasant surprise to him. Mr. Zensky Hinohara, a Japanese who is now at Trinity, tells your correspondent that the congregation of Kugimiya's church has outgrown its place of worship, and that he will soon begin the erection of a handsome new church, at a cost of 12,000 yen. The Trinity students are interested in this earnest foreigner, especially on account of his strong and loving college spirit, and they wish him well in his native land.

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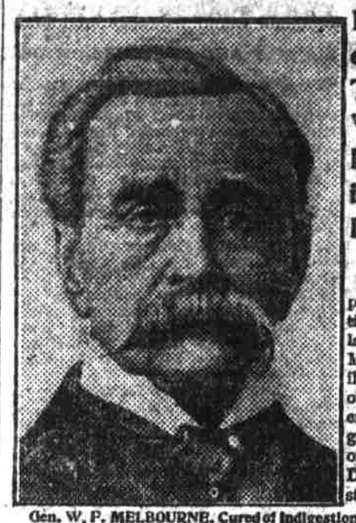

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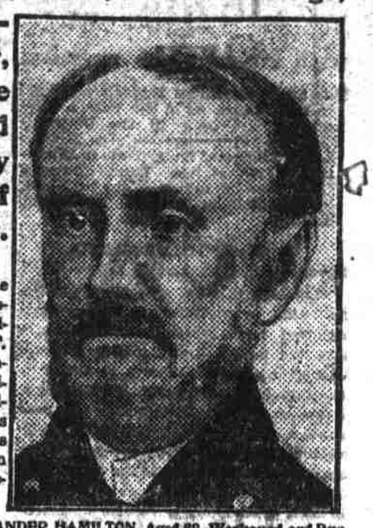

Among survivors of the great war for the preservation of the Union, none are more distinguished for conspicuous courage and gallantry on the field of battle than Gen. W. F. Melbourne and Major-Gen. Alexander Hamilton, grandson of the great American patriot and signer of the Declaration of Independence. Like thousands who find themselves growing weak and infirm through sickness or old age they sought vigor and health in Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey, the great tonic-stimulant and health builder.

"I am a veteran of the war with Mexico, the expedition for the suppression of the Free State in Kansas in 1856, and the Mormon rebellion in 1857. I have fought the Indians for years, served through the Civil War, and was in the war with Spain. Despite it all, I am thankful to say I have enjoyed health until a few months ago, when I suffered a severe attack of stomach trouble, dyspepsia and indigestion. I went all to pieces. I tried many 'cures,' but without relief. Finally I commenced on Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey. It quickly cured me, and my health is splendid in every way. I find 'Duffy's' one of the most invigorating and rejuvenating tonic-stimulants, and cordially recommend it, especially to those getting along in years."—W. F. MELBOURNE, Sec. Nat. Ass'n Mexican War Veterans, New York, Aug. 10, 1904.

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DAVIDSON'S FOOTBALL TEAM.

It Retires After a Very Successful Season—Farewell to Dr. A. A. McFayden.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Davidson, Nov. 25.—The football team has broken training, and the members thereof, may enjoy, with a sense of duty well performed, the period of relaxation that is now theirs. The team was not as promising in the early part of the season as others that Davidson has sent out, yet the score book shows a record that has not been surpassed by any previous team since the college first entered inter-collegiate athletics. The athletic spirit will now slumber for a time, until awakened in the early spring by the baseball enthusiasts. An excellent schedule has been arranged already for the baseball team, and the players have a deal of training ahead, if the team is to be the winner that it was last year.

The Thanksgiving services yesterday were in the nature of a farewell to Dr. A. A. McFayden, who goes to China as a medical missionary, under the especial care of the Davidson church. After the service a congregational meeting was held, Dr. Graham presiding. Dr. McFayden was present, and hard many words of encouragement spoken by those who have watched his course here with interest. At the meeting, the young missionary was elected a Presbyterian elder and was forthwith ordained by the laying on of hands. In the evening a reception was given Dr. McFayden by the two missionary societies of the church in the medical college, which had been decorated for the occasion. The ladies wro received in behalf of the societies were: Mesdames W. H. Wooten, F. J. Knox, J. J. Dupuy and J. H. Reid, and Misses Essie Jetton, Annie Belle Munroe, and Julia Holt. Delicious refreshments were served by a committee, of which Mrs. H. M. Sloan was at the head.

A party composed of Drs. J. M. Douglas and G. M. Maxwell, and Messrs. Hugh Torrance, A. Currie and R. H. Lafferty, enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. Percival Hah, at "Ingleside," his ancestral home, in Lincoln county, Wednesday and Thursday. Mr. Hall, though keeping bachelor's hall, entertained as only one to the manor born can. The party spent Thursday shooting birds in Catawba county, returning to Davidson last night with a heavy bag.

Miss Katie Blue, of Aberdeen, is visiting her aunt, Mrs Campbell.—Miss Woodfin Chambers, of Charlotte, spent Thanksgiving here with friends.—Miss Marie Sloan, Coline Munroe and Lucy Harris, of the Presbyterian College, are here for the holiday.

Slight Improvement in Condition of Mr. J. F. Watlington.

Special to The Observer.

Reidsville, Nov. 26.—Reidsville people think they see a ray of hope in the news from the bedside of John F. Watlington, cashier of the Bank of Reidsville, who has been at death's door in a sanitarium in Salisbury since Sunday, as a result of an operation for appendicitis and peritonitis. He has been more comfortable for the past eight hours and his pulse and temperature are holding up remarkably well.

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COTTON

New York, Nov. 26.—In pursuance of that candid policy which it is my aim to follow in dealing with the cotton trade I feel that I should state that I yesterday covered the cotton of which I was short, advising all inquiring friends of my action.

I now anticipate a substantial rally, and perhaps a considerable, although it may be a temporary advance, in the market for the following reasons:

(1.) The general acceptance of the 12,000,000 crop idea which the ginners' report has fostered has induced overselling.

(2.) I regard it as improbable, in the light of past history, that the agricultural departments estimate of the crop to be issued on the 3rd of December will be as large as many anticipate. The record shows that in the case of unprecedented crops the department has always erred upon the side of conservatism in making its figures. The crop of 1880 was 6,606,000 bales, being the first crop of over 6,000,000. The department estimated at 5,719,000 bales. The crop of 1897-'8 was 11,216,000. The department estimated it at 9,600,000. The crop of 1898-'9 was 11,256,000. The department estimated it at 10,000,000.

Thus it will be seen that in the case of each record breaking crop, the underestimate ranged from 10 per cent. to 15 per cent. It is undeniable, however, that this year's figures from the department, whatever they may be, will govern the policy of both consumers and producers until they shall be indisputably disproved. If therefore, the forthcoming figures of the agricultural department shall not be over 11,000,000, which, as I have shown is quite within the limits of possibility, even though the crop may be 12,000,000 or over, I doubt if any further decline will develop for some little time and a sharp advance is quite possible. It would therefore seem to be a wise policy on the part of spinners to supply their prospective requirements for the next two or three months at about present prices. It is well to bear in mind that in the past four years the total resources of the national banks in the cotton States have increased from $273,000,000 to $484,000,000, or about $210,000,000, and if the forthcoming estimate of the agricultural department should re-inforce the confidence of Southern holders in an ultimate realization of 10 cents per pound for their cotton, a falling off in the movement and a substantial revival in speculation might ensue.

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