

IN THE HOTEL LOBBIES.

Capt. Jack F. Reinhardt, of Lincoln, the man who makes optimists of all with whom he meets, was at the Buford last night, incidental to his attendance on the Lee-Jackson celebration, and naturally his thoughts wandered back to war times and Lee.

"When Lee's headquarters were near Nancy's Shop," said the captain, "I had some despatches to deliver to General Lee, and, as I was riding on that mission, I caught sight of his ambulance being a fallow deer. I spurred my horse into a lively gallop and had to pull him back on his haunches to keep him from running into the ambulance.

"Why, what's the matter with you?" cried the general. "You are running your horse as if the whole army was destroyed."

"General," I answered, "I thought you had more confidence in us boys than to think we would let the army be destroyed."

"The staff all burst out laughing at this. Lee made no reply, but there was a quiet smile on his face as he put out his hand for the despatches.

"A day or two later I waked up and found my horse gone. I knew some of Lee's staff had stolen him, because every time I got a fine horse from the Yankees they cabbaged him. So I went over to Lee's headquarters and found the general sitting on the porch. I told him about the horse, and at first he noob-pooched the suggestion, but he finally called up one of his men and ordered him to 'Go and find this man's horse and bring him here.' While I was waiting, he asked me how I did. I said I did all right, except I was all-time hungry that I could almost see stars. The general threw back his head and laughed, of course, at the manner in which I had spoken and not at the fact. He had me a breakfast, which, hungry as I was, I thought fit to eat before the king.

"I never in my life had such feelings as once when General Hampton took me to Lee, just outside Richmond, and said to him, 'General, here is a man who has just come from behind Grant's army, and he can tell you what Grant is doing.'"

"Lee put his hand wearily to his forehead, and said, 'Oh, so many of them tell me different things, that I don't know what to do.'"

"I never had anything else to knock my legs from under me like this. When Lee confessed he didn't know what to do, the rest of us might scatter like birds."

Another interesting reminiscence of the captain's related to Adjutant (later Colonel) J. L. Gaines, of the First North Carolina Cavalry. The captain got on to three canteens of good rye whiskey during Gettysburg, and one of these he presented to Gaines. Gaines had it strapped to his side while making a charge, and a bullet struck and punctured it, letting escape the elixir vitae. "Captain, that canteen saved my life," said Gaines, later. "But when I found that whiskey gone, I was not enthusiastic about it. 'Recruit year,' continued the captain, "when I went to the reunion at Nashville, I saw Gaines and recognized him at once, but he did not know me. 'Don't you remember that canteen of whiskey at Gettysburg?' I asked him. 'Recruit year,' he said, 'Jack Reinhardt!' He took me to his home, and, if anybody was treated like a prince in Nashville, I am the fellow."

The reporter, in doing these lobby stunts, tries to be Sherlockian on the quiet and size up the stranger from their looks. Facing thoughtfully up and down in the Buford was a tall, slender man, with a light-brown, well-groomed beard, glasses over clear blue eyes, soft brown hair tossed byronically to one side, with a broad-collared coat, and a general air about him which made the reporter nudge himself in the ribs and exclaim mentally, "A literary man belated in these parts!" He sidled up to the man and inquired, "You seem to be meditating."

Several guests thought themselves addressed, and replied "yes," in chorus. The "literary man" said yes, too, and the reporter drove the wedge further, until he got on good enough terms with the stranger to ask what he did. It is not mental, but physical, pills which he distributes. He is a medicine man, and withal a very entertaining one. Senator McLaughlin's letter about cotton, published in a recent Observer, was on his mind.

"I have devised his letter into two parts," said Mr. A. W. Plummer, of Baltimore, for it was he. "I say first, that what is needed regarding cotton is an adjustment of distribution. He is certainly correct in that. But looking further, he proposes to secure this by an enlargement of foreign markets, especially among the 400,000,000 Chinese. Now, statistics show that there are about 4,000,000 paupers in our own country to say nothing of many millions more who live on the verge of poverty. Evidently these millions are not suffering from an over-supply of cotton or of anything else, and, until they are supplied, there is no occasion to seek foreign markets. Even among the comparatively well-to-do it is probable that foreign markets are a variety of cotton clothing. The Senator is right in saying that the trouble is with the distribution, but the medicine ought to be given first in the United States.

"Secondly, he seems to desire some form of subsidy for our merchant marine, for he states that at present our carrying trade is done by steamship and sailing lines owned by foreigners. In other words, he is a protectionist, and there I differ from him on the well-known issue."

A guest at the Central looked invitingly pleasant about something, which proved to be an incident on the train. "A cheery man got on at Newton to-night," he said, "and sat bombastically silent, until some one across the aisle ventured to address him. 'I think I know you,' said the man across the aisle. 'Aren't you the man who gave a thousand dollars at the Conference to—'

"Yes, sir, I am him!" admitted the bombastic passenger, and settled back as who should say, "What next?"

"The other man, however, kept ploughing him until he made him mellow, even to the extent of confidences. 'I have written a poem,' declared the cheery man, on the Resurrection. It is—I had just as well say it, since it's so—a great poem. Knowing this, I sent it to the bishop to let him enjoy it. What do you suppose he wrote me about it?"

"The other man couldn't guess at all."

"He wrote me, sir," thundered the cheery man, "that it was nothing but doggerel. Doggerel! The bishop either hasn't got any sense or he is jealous. No, you listen to this, and see if you don't agree with me."

"The indignant singer here proceeded to quote interminably from his Resurrection, which, believe me, is worse than doggerel, if I was not born yesterday. Of course, the other man had no choice except that it was Miltonic and all that, and the poet loomed like

Olympus at his praise, which he thought sincere."

Mr. Crawford D. Bennett, at the Buford, had directed his mind to ethical inquiries when the reporter began to eavesdrop. He was saying that the blues, the low spirits, the melancholia, the down-in-the-mouthness, is not a moral but a physical distemper. He says that a man who has indulged in riotous living—speaking from observation—steeped in gray repentance next morning, not because his conscience pricks him, but because his body is left disordered. Mr. Bennett hasn't much confidence in repentance, anyhow. He holds with Tennyson that "The world will not believe a man repents, And this old world is largely right."

He takes into count the proclamation of resolutions of reform, and the brave entrances upon a better life. But the sworn-off drunkard sooner or later reels back into slavery. Mr. Dooley put it better when he says, "It's all foolishness to say a man can't quit tobacco, for I have quit a dozen times."

All people make efforts to mount the moral slopes, but most of them stumble and roll back to the level from which they started. His conclusion is that there are not many of us who do not plod on in the direction in which we were first panted.

SOCIAL.

Miss Georgia Lowe entertained yesterday afternoon at cards in honor of her guests, Mrs. Brown Wallace, of Mt. Holly, and Miss Lucy Edmonston, of Washington, D. C. The invited guests were: Mrs. Brown Wallace, Miss Lucy Edmonston, Mrs. W. T. Jordan, Mrs. Max C. Hunter, Mrs. Caswell Tate, Mrs. C. C. Hook, Mrs. Earle Pegram, Mrs. Word H. Wood, Mrs. W. W. Watt, Mrs. Paul Chatham, Mrs. Charles Wadsworth, Mrs. Louis Schiff, Julian H. Taliferro, Mrs. J. P. Wilson, Mrs. Luke Seawell, Mrs. Ed. Smith, Mrs. J. E. Reilly, Mrs. J. W. Conway, Mrs. J. C. Abernethy, Mrs. Renwick Wilkes, Mrs. W. H. Bruns, Mrs. E. C. Dwell, Mrs. J. C. Montgomery, Mrs. Charles Evans, Mrs. M. B. Speer, Mrs. Frank Landis, Mrs. C. M. Patterson, Mrs. T. L. Craig, Mrs. T. M. Shelton, Mrs. E. W. Whistnant, Mrs. H. L. Adams, Mrs. R. J. Brevard, Mrs. Harvey Lambeth, Mrs. M. Harry, Mrs. H. A. Klappel, Mrs. H. Griffith, and Misses Margaret Thurmond, Julia Robertson, Lily Nash, Adele Hutchison, Katherine Jordan, Lily Rhyne, Edna Hirschinger, Agnes King and Miss Josephine Dillehay.

The first prize was won by Mrs. James Keenan. The consolation went to Miss Edmonston.

The Athenae Book Club will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock with Miss Julia Alexander.

Miss Lavine Evans returned yesterday from a visit to Salisbury.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Evans, of Statesville, spent last night at the Buford en route South on a bridal trip. Mr. Evans is cashier of the First National Bank of Statesville, and was married yesterday to Miss Rhylma Gregory, a popular young lady of that town.

Miss May Murphy, who is pleasantly remembered in Charlotte, spent last night at the Buford Hotel, en route to Jacksonville, Fla., where she will spend the winter.

The Misses Rankin have returned from Hartford, Conn., and are with Mrs. Rufus Barringer, on North Tryon street.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Anderson, Mrs. S. B. Tanner, and daughter, Miss Sarah Tanner, have returned from Havana, Cuba, where they spent several weeks. They were joined at Tampa, Fla., by Mr. Tanner, who returned yesterday to Henrietta.

The Bessie Dewey Club will meet with Mrs. W. C. Dowd, on South Tryon street, this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The Chelidon Book Club will meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the home of Miss Estelle Vernon, on West Trade street.

Mrs. G. M. Jones, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Ann Jones, arrived last night from Knoxville, Tenn., and are the guests of her son, Mr. Guido Jones, the well known cartoonist for The Chronicle.

Mr. C. P. Wilcox, who has been with the Mutual Life Insurance Company, has severed his connection with the company to take up work in the mission field of the Episcopal church in this city. He will probably be in charge of the Chapel of Hope at the Gingham Mills. Mr. Wilcox has long been an active layman in the work of the church, and his friends wish him all success.



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CONFERENCE ENDS.

Gathering of Episcopal Ministers and Laymen came to an End With a Business Session Yesterday Afternoon.

The conference of the ministers and laymen of the Mecklenburg district of the Convocation of Charlotte of the Episcopal Church came to an end yesterday afternoon with a business session, beginning at 9 o'clock. The meeting was presided over by Archdeacon E. A. Osborne, and reports of ministers, treasurers and other workers were heard. Rev. Harris Mallinckrodt, rector of St. Peter's, talked in his customary interesting way of "The Training of Children in Home and Sunday School." Rev. Dr. Gilbert Higgs, of Monroe, discussed "Ministerial Support."

At 11 o'clock in the morning, Archdeacon Osborne administered holy communion, followed by a sermon from Rev. Edward L. Ogilby, of Statesville, who supplied the pulpit of St. Peter's church for several months last year.

Death of Mrs. J. W. Penninger. Mrs. Elizabeth Penninger, wife of Mr. W. J. Penninger, died at her home, five miles north of the city, yesterday morning at 9 o'clock. She is survived by her husband and eight living children, these being: Mrs. Henry Bost, of Mt. Holly; Mrs. John Fisher, of Forest City, Ark.; and Messrs. Andrew, Titus, Jackson, Walter, Van and John Penninger. Mrs. Penninger was a native of Stanly county and was 67 years of age. She was a member of Millard Creek church but the funeral services will be conducted at Sugar Creek to-day at 12 o'clock. (The Concord papers are requested to copy this notice.)

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Crowell, Mrs. Ethel Moore, of Monroe, and Mrs. J. F. Whisart and two children, composed a party registered at the Buford yesterday.

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