WILMINGTON.

dence of The Observer, ington, Jan. 8.—It is not a mere of blarney" to say that within the year Wilmington has experienced an industrial awakening as she never known before in history. is apparent to even the most caserver. The record of the busiof her banks, the testimony of her hants and business men, the mulicity of new and important enternes, an unprecedented era of homeimports and exports, the very rked appreciation of real estate valthe improvements of a municipal ture, the record of freight shipits, postoffice receipts, custom house ata and a hundred and one other dices all point to a year of substantial progress and prosperity. It is not m, for beneath the surface are foundations of this material growth and these foundations are en-Capitalists and business men recognize this for they are investing eir money here and are in no way ewhere, somehow imbibed some of shape than they were ever before, Banking circles have witnessed the

hosiness man, at its head; the Carolina and Baltimore. nstitution, has entered the field under the auspices of the Atlantic National, and the Peoples' Savings Bank, of h Mr. H. C. McQueen is president and Mr. F. W. Dick is cashier, has taken a forward step by organizing branch in Brooklyn, where many of working people five. In addition to these, the Wilmington Savings and st Company and the Atlantic Trust and Banking Company have moved handsome new homes of most ern conveniences and with every facility for carrying on the larger ositors in all of the banks have inin proportion. At the annual meetings

went competition.

brief sketch to speak individually of the many handsome residences that ing the past year. It has been an era of home-building. While much of the has been as a renting inment, the bulletin boards of the edl estate officers show not a single sing for more desirable and larger wood Manufacturing first floor and club rooms for the Fra- provements are the Princess streets, a \$25,000 fertilizer fac- \$100,000. Piver; the warehouse capacity of the Armour Fertilizer Works in the southern part of the city, has been doubled; an additional capacity plant Universal Fertilizer Works, using a delinting process for cotton seed hulls; the Hardwood Manufacturing Company has been established for the turning of all kind of wagon timbers, etc.; a big rendering plant has been established here by the Weed Distilling Company, of New York; the yards of the Acme Tea Chest Co. across the river have been equipped eypress, gum and other venecring timber for export; the docks of Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Company will be year aggregates \$250,000. enlarged and extended so as to permit of the larger cotton steamers arriving showing, the increase of taxable propand departing from the compresses of the firm; an excelsior factory for making all kinds of packing material from uninerchantable lumber has been in-stalled by the Creveling-Van Dyck Company, on Point Peter, in the harbor; a new shingle and stave mill has been put in successful operation on the west side of the Cape Fear, the Interstate Machinery Company to deal in all kinds of mill supplies has located on the wharf; a wholesale drug house by the Messrs. Ahrens will be started early in the new year on Market street, while many smaller industries, too numerous to mention, have been the

record for the year.
The records at the custom house compare way above any year in the recent history of the city. More and larger vessels have visited the port during the twelve-month than ever before, the importations of fertilizer conetituents having been an important factor in this increase. Cotton and naval stores have kept well up with the pace, the receipts of these products, according to the official records

well ahead of the past decade.
The development in trucking has en marvelous. Stories of remarkabeen marvelous. Stories of remarka-ble yields and fabulous prices received for the excellent quality of truck produced within a radius of three miles of Wilmington would read like a story from the oil fields of the west. This, too, in spite of the fact that the grow-before. The Statesville oil mill has before. The Statesville oil mill has before. proceeding along the false theory that "more the merrier but the fewer eiter share." An impetus to this the organization of the Carolina

ning on full time and finding a ready market and good prices for their pro-duct. There has been some falling off is not deployed. Millions of feet of valuable timber have been cut and shipped in this way, whereas if the timber had remained here, it would have been manufactured into a more finished product and would have brought to the territory all that was

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in the natural resource.

A review of the progress of a year would be incomplete without a reference to the large cotton exporting ng, the substantial increase in business of Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Company. It is to them that Wilmington is due the honor of being the fourth cotton port in the United States. When the season shall have been completed within a few weeks now, the record will be the dispatch of more than 50 ships to foreign shores with an average of from 12,000 to 17,000 the winter months this vast enterprise gives employment to more than 500 Alike, a review would be incomplete without a reference to the great inmanifesting that timidity which was terests of the Coast Line here, which the hane of the industrial growth of have increased from year to year the place five years ago. Then people since the consolidation of the Plant ad forthwith begban to excuse System a few years ago. It is now themselves when asked ebout their conservatively estimated that more own. Now the reverse is true and a than 1,000 men and boys are employed Wilmington man abroad in speaking in the company's offices and shope his home town is accused of having here, the demand in all departments being for more room. The latest the "Charlotte spirit." It has all had triumph in the railroad world was the its effect and the close of the old year election of Mr. T. M. Emerson, a Wiland couditions here in much better mington man, to the office of president of the road and the removal of that office to Wilmington. Heretofore all organization of the Southern National, the large affairs of the company have with Mr. Matt J. Heyer, a progressive been directed from offices in New York

GREENSBORO.

Correspondence of The Observer. Greensboro, Jan. 8 .- The year which has just closed has been one of pros-perity and wonderful development along every line, notable in point of industrial activities and advancement, as well as in the remarkable increase in the taxable valuation

The year witnessed the erection of five new churches, namely, First Reformed, Centenary Methodist, Presbyterian, Holiness and a colored church, ness which each has enjoyed. De- the total valuation of the new edifices being placed at \$45,400; one new creased more than 25 per cent. and the college, the Lutheran, located near earnings for stockholders have been Greensboro, and costing \$440,000. There were improvements and additions to of the National banks this week, the the Greensboro Female College, State tements made to the stockholders Normal and Industrial, and A. & M. were perhaps more creditable than ever College to the amount of \$68,000. Two heard before, despite the increuse in new libraries were built, both being nber of these institutions and con- the gifts of Mr. Carnegie, one located at the Normal and Industrial College In the building line, it would require valued at \$15,000, and one given to the space than is alloted in this city of Greensboro, costing \$30,000 St.

sketch to speak individually of Leo Hospital, which may be counted in the many handsome residences that the year's progress, is practically completed. The splendid new institutions will cost \$125,000 and is one of the finiest hospitals in the State.

Especially gratifying are ures showing the private and corporate developments of Greensboro in the past 12 months. The Proximity Mandesirable house for rent or sale. Practically the same is true of the busitically the same is true of the b res and offices. During the year doubled their capital stock, while chinery. Their capacity has been inthe five-story bank and office building other manufacturing interests have of Mr. Matt J. Heyer has been completed; the I. Shrier building, on North Front street, with three stores on the ternal Order of Eagles on the second ing the Southern Bell Telephone Comand third floors, has been completed; pany, erected at a cost of \$200.000; the handsome building block for Mr. new building of the Greensboro Elec-John F. Garrell is being constructed tric Company, which cost \$125,000, and at the northeast corner of Second and the Pomona Cotton Mills, valued at

tory for the Swift Fertilizer Works As an evidence of the growth of in-Pittsburg Lumber Company, on the tonnage and postoffice receipts speak Northeast branch of the Cape Fear volumes. The freight receipts in 1905 lbs. over the previous year, while the fright shipments show a proportionate increase. The postoffice receipts, which has been added to the works of the were \$32,200 in 1900, in 1905 had increased to \$6, 000. The bank deposits of the local institution show an increase of nearly \$2,000,000 since 1903.

During the year 29 new business houses were erected at a total cost of \$330,000 and 307 private residences at cost of \$378,000. In the matter of municiani improvenents the city spent over \$88,000, which embraces the paving of 12 miles of sidewalk. In addition to this sum \$133,000 was spent on with the latest machinery for handling the sewerage and water works system. The total amount spent on permanent municipal improvements during the Guilford county makes a splendid

erty over 1904 being \$3,026,014. Under the direction of the highway commission the proceeds of the only bonded indebtedness the county has, \$300,000, is being expended in grading and maendamizing all the country roads Four independent outfits of machinery and men are working all the time. Besides this there is the county convict force work on road improvements. the general fund over \$50,000 each year and an additional \$12,000 annually has been voted by special tax. The total tax assessed value of the property in the county is about \$14,000,000

STATESVILLE.

Correspondence of The Observer. Statesville, Jan. 8.—Statesville, a thriving city, situated in sight of the Bue Ridge and Brushy mountains, where the foyal limbertwigs grow, and the crystal fountains flow; a city with an abundance of laudable ambition, where the inhabitants take a at the chamber of commerce, being pride in the accomplishments of each other, and peace and harmony prevall. Our people are noted for doing do. Hence all of our furniture factories, wood-working factories, flouring mills, machine shops, cotton gins, been so successful in its business that it is now installing a new ice great industry was given the past year spring trade. A new hosiery mill has both will be in operation for the the interests of Hugh MacRae & Co. and is doing splendid work. The

aggregating \$550,000 of deposits and \$25,324 undivided profits. This will show the prosperous condition of the

urrounding country.
The city has paid off its floating debt the past year and has voted for a bond issue for an additional school building, for the enlargement of the electric light plant and for the ex-tension of water and sewer lines. The growth of the city has created a demand for these improvements. Strict economy will be used and the bonded indebtedness will not be allowed to become burdensome. More dwelling houses have been constructed and are under way than ever before.

The city has an abundance of pure Statesville Female College has been enlarged with new dormitories, is supplied with pure water, steam heat and other modern improvements. A proposition has been made by a friend of the institution to build a com-modious auditorium and music hall and no doubt this will be done.

There are other enterprises Statesville worthy of mention. The Henkel Live Stock Company has done an immense business; has sold 1,500 horses and mules and about 1,200 wagons and buggles during the past We have two large herba-The Wallace Brothers Combotanical herb house is a mammoth concern, being the largest in the world, and R. V. Brawley's is only a short way behind it. About 700 persons are attending school in Statesville. Surely the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places.

LAURINBURG.

Correspondence of The Observer Laurinsburg, Jan. 8.-The industria development of the town of Laurinburg and the territory adjacent there to during the year just closed has been entirely satisfactory. This is expressing the situation in general terms. Specifically may be mentioned the following:

The Dickson Cotton Mill, James P McRae, president; James L. McNair, vice psesident, and W. L. Myrick, secretary and treasurer, manufacturers of cotton yarns, averaging about 20s, has increased its plant 33 1-3 per cent, and is now turning out about 40,000 pounds of yarn per week, and is in fine financial condition. The annual statement in June will show a handsome profit for the year. The stock is worth considerably more than par. The directors of this mill are John F. McNair, K. A. Blue, James P. McRae, James A. Jones and Walter

Leitch. the past year, has kept in the even tenor of its way, making handsome profits for its owners. This mill putting out 35,000 pounds of yarn week, and running on full time. Stock in this plant is well worth 150. Its directors are A. L. James, R. E. Lee, K. A. Blue, J. F. McNair, J. F.

Nair. The Laurinburg Oil Company, manmidst of the largest business of their existence. The officers are James A. Jones, president and treasurer; Mrs. M. McN. Evans, secretary, with the following as directors; John F. McNair, J. L. McNair, A. L. James, James L. Jones and L. D. McKinnon, This enterprise has been successful since the beginning some five years ago. The last figure at which any of its stock was sold was 175, but now none of it can be had even at this

The First National Bank of this place has the largest deposits in its history, which is an index to the general prosperity of this county. The Scotland County Savings Bank, organized during the year 1904, in its first deposits, and is now having a greatly incretsed business, which also speaks officers are A. L. James, president, and Mr. Hinton James, cashier.

was organized in July last, with a capital stock of \$15,000 fully paid in, and a contract has just been let lor a \$12,000 building which will be the Green Pond Brick Company, of Gibson. This building will be the Green Pond Brick Company, of Gibson. This building will be the Green Pond Brick Company, of Gibson. This building will be the Green Pond Brick Company, of Granville Blake, Miss Nelle Company, Mrs. Joseph Gregory, Mrs. Page 1988. ences. Most of the physicians of this section are interested in it, and it will

probably succeed from the start. There have been a large number of new dwellings built during the year and many of the old ones remodeled, the investments along these lines being in the neighborhood, of \$50,000. Property has generally increased in value from 25 to 33 1-3 per cent.

Our people are thoroughly alive to the opportunities being presented and are accumulating a reasonable amount of this world's goods.

At a recent election our citizens vot ed the issuance of \$35,000 in bonds for municipal improvements, such as modern sewerage, fire protection and gen eral waterworks. Work on this will begin early in the spring. When these improvements are installed Laurinburg will be one of the best equip-ped little towns in this section of the Carolinas, forging ahead at the very front of the progressive movement that is now under way in municipal affairs.

There are other enterprises that will oon be under way that will mean more to the development of the town than anything that has hitherto been undertaken, but of these your corres pondent is not at liberty to speak as yet, but will chronicle them from time

DUNN.

Correspondence of The Observer, Dunn, Jan. 8.—The year 1905 was, perhaps, the most prosperous since the town was located in 1886. Situated in u fine farming section, Dunn draws trade from the counties of Harnett, the organization of the Carolina neking Development Company, affled interests of Hugh MacRae & Co. s company has purchased vast areas and in haif a dozen counties common to Wilmington and will develop by bringing large parties of colorist from foreign shores and intelliging fore

combined with minor enterprises and busy merchants. She stands the equaof any North Carolina town and there is something doing all the time. The people are social and clever and welcome good gitizens and like enterpises t all times.
The railroad facilities are all that

can be asked for. This makes it a fine location for manufacturing plants.

ELKIN.

Correspondence of The Observer. Elkin, Jan. 8.—The year just closed has been one of prosperity for Elkin. Many new business houses have been crected, many new enterporses launched, and scores of new residences appear that were not here a year ago. The Methodist congregation has commenced the erection of a \$10,000 church and by the early spring the handsome new building will be ready for occupance. Rev. H. C. Sprinkle is the young and energetic paster of this church. The committee having in composed of some of the leading citizens; H. G. Chatham, chairman; E. F. McNeer, W. S. Reich and J. F.

The postal receipts for the Eikin postoffice have increase in the neigh-borhood of 20 per cent and the postmaster's salary was increased \$100 durern Railway depot at Elkin indicate an increase of 25 to 50 per cent in the year's business. The population of the town has increased 20 per cent.

Among the new corporation that have been chartered during the year

are the Reich-Walsh Furniture Company, which does an immense furniture business; the Cook Furniture Company which also handles a line of home product furniture; the Eikin Bottling Company, which does a general botsiness. Another new enterprise which bids fair to be one of the lead-ing enterprises is the Carolina Casket Company. This concern has erected a large and commodious building and is fully prepared to turn out a beautiful in of caskets. The Elkin Shoe Company has increased its plant to \$75,000 and has put in machinery for making horse collars. The company will also put in machinery for making collar pads this year. This makes two making shoe factories for Elkin, both of them doing a thriving business. srs. Frank Thary & Son have

erected a handsome three-story pressed brick, plate glass front building on Main street for their hardware store and now have one of the prettiest hardware stores in this section of A number of other business house

have made additions to their buildings and others are in prospect.

Taken as a whole, the outlook for the future of Elkin is exceedinly bright and no town in the State offers betmanufacturer or the home seeker.

SOUTHERN PINES.

Correspondence of The Observer. Southern Pines, Jan. 1.-Southern provement in the past year. Unmovement is felt, here. The unique condition of the community, that the resort for Northern people, has been the sole influence. The advance-ment is substantial. The water supply has been enlarged by the addition of new mains and new reservoirs, and is now sufficient for a city of 20,000 souls. Over three miles of new sew-ers have been laid. The streets have been improved, a good road constructed to Aberdeen, and a survey made for an improved road to Pinehurst. The telephone exchange has put in a new switchboard and central outfit, extending connections to ten outside towns, rebuilt considerable of its lines. added 15 per cent more telephones in town and extended the metallic circuit by several miles. The Piney Woods Inn has added a score of new rooms and increased the number of Pines House has built an addition and Inn has added a three-story wing tem. The postoffice receipts show an increase of considerable proportions, the October income being 100 per cent. over last year, and November keeping In close range.

A score of new houses have been

worth, Joseph Gregory, Mrs. Daniel Howe, Mrs. Wheeler, G. S. Burleigh, J. M. Tyson, G. S Nevins, M B. Clarke, Dr. Blair, Leon St. John, Miss M C. Crotty. Dr. Gladmon has had a large addition built to his sanitarium; A. M. Clarke is putting up a two-story office building. The Citizens' Bank and Trust Company has commenced business, and the floating debt of the town is wiped out.

WADESBORO.

Correspondence of The Observer. Wadesboro, Jan. 1.-With a stride that is steady and sure, Wadesboro is aking her place in the front ranks of the progressive towns of the State ments that are milestones in the past year's progress are the following: The Presbyterian church building, designed by Mr. McMichael, of Char lotte, which has four handsome stained glass memorial windows and which cost \$3,500; the Wadesboro L4-brary Association, of which Col. R. T. Bennett is president, Mrs. L. D. Robinson, secretary, and Mr. W L Steele, treasurer. It has atractive quarters on the second floor of the old Bank of New Hanover building and has a large membership and more than 1,500 books. The association was formed in January of last year; the Wadeslotte, which has four handsome stainin January of last year; the Wades-boro silk mill, Mr. George Singleton. Patterson, N. J., president, Mr. Robert Singleton, general manager, has erect-ed and equipped at a cost of \$20,000, a new mill which will employ from 75 to 100 negroes as operatives. Both this 100 negroes as operatives. Both this mall and the one employing white labor only spin the slik, they do not weave it; a store building with pressed brick front, on Rutherford street, erected by Mr. S. S. Shepherd and to be used by him as an undertaking and cabinet maker's establishmet; a store buildig, joining that of Mr. Shepherd and built like it, owned by Mr. R. L. Bowman and to be used by him as a jewelry store; a store building on Rutherford street, owned by Mr. I. H. Hörton and ocupied by Mr W. N. Jeans as a grocery store. Cost of these buildings \$7,000.

NORTH CAROLINA TOWNS IN 1905.

exchequer.

One of the chief causes of Wadesboro's prosperity is to be found in the
roads which have been built in the
township. Seven have been completed and the work will go steadily on
until every road out of town shall
have been graded and macadamized
to the township line.

Real estate brings excellent prices.
Lots in the business part of town sell
at figures that would not disgrace
city lots.

WINSTON SALEM.

Correspondence of The Observer. Winston-Salem, Jan 1.—The year 1905 has been a good one for Winston-Salem. In some respects the Twin-City's growth and progress have been industry has increased its output while the mercantile interests have been most successful. While tobacco is the town's leading industry, several new and varied manufacturing enter-pries have been launched during the year and the promoters of the same have meh with encouragement. The records show that the tobacco manufacturers of this city, during the past twelve months, have shipped more than 30,000,000 pounds of the weed. which means the payment to the Uni ted States Government of more than \$1,800,000 in taxes for stamps. This is a handsome increase over the year

The year 1905 has witnesed the formation of a strong company, which has already begun the erection of a modern hotel to cost over \$100,000. is to be completed early next fall. In addition the Masons of this city have organized a company and purchased a handsome lot on which they propose to begin the erection about next May of a large and beautiful Masonic Tem ple to cost something like \$75,000 An other handsome building which ha some time is the Salem Acadamy Me morial Hall. It will be completed during the year 1906. The handsome Carnegie Library was completed this year at a cost of about \$25,000. can be truthfuly said that 1905 has been the banner year in the erec-tion of handsome homes, cotages and ousiness houses.

MORGANTON.

Correspondence of The Observer. Morganton, Jan. 8 .- During 1905 Moranton was by no means behind in the march of progress. The town made greater advancements along all lines than in any year in its history, and the new year finds her citizens making preparations for a still greater achieve ments.

One of the most important improvements during the year was the installation of an up-to-date sewerage system. Bonds for this purpose to the amount of \$12,000 were voted in May, 1905, and the contract for the con struction of the system was awarded to Guild and Company, of Chattanooga, Tenn. The work was completed in the early fall and now Morganton has both water and sewerage, the water system having been installed in 1904 by a private company, represented here by Mr.

H. L. Milliner. At the election in May, 1905, \$20,000 of bonds for the erection of a graded school building was also voted. building is now in course of consruction, and when completed will be one of the handsomest and best equiped of its kind in the State. One of the features of this building will be the auditorium. with a seating capacity of nearly 1,000
That Morganton has grown rapidly
during the last year is forcibly shown
by the number of new residences erect-Nearly all of the many residences on Avery Avenue were built during the year 1905. Among these are the handsome homes of Mayor Avery, Postmaster Mull, Dr. I. P., Jeter, Mr J., B. Holloway, Mr. W. L. Kirksey and Mr. J. B. Swindell, all ornaments to the town Mr. H. G. Haney and Mrs. Gordon also erected beautiful residences in other parts of the town and Mr. D. C. Pearson is having the old Chum the old colonial style. Among other new residences are Mr .Mumford's, Miss Laura Avery's, Mr. John Sisk's

Mr. Fred Turner's.

Buildnigs for a \$35,000 furniture factory are now being constructed on the Southern Railway just west of the Tanning Company's plant and they will be equiped with the very latest machi-nery for the manufacture of medium cheap furniture. Messers Naughton and Hall, formerly of Marion are the principal stockholders. About \$10,000 of the stock was taken by Morganton parties, The business will be konwn as the Morganton Furniture Co. Work on the plant of a \$3,000 steam laundry was begun in December and within a few weeks it will be in full operation. The owners are Messers. B. F. Davis, M. B. Kibber and Leith dry purposes that can be obtained is

A new electric plant with an ex-penditure of \$8,300 in an addition to the original investment, was constructed during the latter part of 1905 and is now in operation. New wires and first class poles were installed, and now Morganton has as fine a light system as any town in the State.

Work on a new mission hospital and a mission school building, being erect-

ald of northern contributions, was bepleted. The hospital will cost about \$3,000 and will be quite an addition to

the town.
Several new business houses have been built during the year, and old ones have been remodelled, giving them new fronts show windows, etc. Two handsome two-story buildings were ere ted by Mr. Clayton Potent on Sterling

The Blue Ridge Wagon Company's plant has been enlarged and is now better prepared for the manufacture of high-grade wagons carriages, etc., than ever before. The Morganton Manufacturing and Trading Company has also enlarged its plant and ships its products to all parts of the country. The Burke Tanning Company's plant has been improved and various additions made to it.

Among other things done during the

Among other things done during the past year that add greatly to the appearance of the town are the improvements to the court house square. Trees have been set the

have greatly increased deposits as their published statement shows.

The increase in the population of the town during the year has been approximately, two to three hundred. Hotel Morgan, Morganion's leading hotel has been enlarged by the addition of a sample room and extra guest rooms. The old Piedmont hotel, near the depot, has also been remodelled and improved by its present owner, Mr. J. W. Garrison.

Among other improvements are the addition to Dr. Taylor's private sanitorium. A new dinnig room and a new wing with additional rooms were built during the year. Improvements have also been made to the grounds and now it is one of the best institutions of its kind in the State.

Numerous new cottages have been built in various parts of the city, many houses have been remodelled and streets and sidewalks improved.

While Morganion has been growing other parts of the country have been keeping pace with her progress. Drexally and the same on the keeping pace with her progress. Drex-el six miles east of here on the Southern Railway, has built perhaps twenty new houses and made addi-tions to its furniture and wood-working factories, and a new depot is one of the additions to the village. Connelly Springs, Rutherford College, Hildebrand and Valdese have enjoyed a steady growth and at Glen Alpine, six miles west, the wood-working plants of J. D. Pitts and Pitts and Giles have enlarged and improved and a been enlarged and improved and a number of new houses built.

During the year 1905 the county com-missioners erected new buildings and othrewise improved the county home.

fortably quatered. We are proud of the record of 1905

and the spirit of our people seems to be to do even better in 1906.

CAROLEEN.

Correspondence of The Observer.
Coraleen, Jan, 8.—The history of Henrietta and Caroleen, when written in detail, will read like a romance and reveal facts stranger than fiction. But our present purposes will be served by a bird's eye view of changes and progress that have been made during the year of 1965.

These towns are twin plants of a luxuriant growth. linked together by a small village known as the Midway. They are not merely little factory towns but large manufacturing places, located, and equiped and operated by a high standard of intelligence, tasts nd business skill.

The population now reaches 5,000 of and business skill.

the best type of Anglo-Saxon familles, and 75,000 spindles are kept whirling, together with the running of 1867 looms turning out millions of sheeting and print cloths. During the old year an electri as been instal'ed at Henrietta Mill No 1, and the transmission of sufficient power to all the wheels of both mills

is complete, supplementing the water power. The cost of the new plant, with other necessary improved machinery put into the two mills this year is The Seaboard Air Line has extended its coal chute so as to convey coal to the boller house and thus keep pace

with the management of the mills. The affairs of these immense plants ave been so wisely administered as to number 1905 as one of the most prosperous and profit-making years in the history of the mills. More cotton has been used than ever before in any one year, and the sales from the two big department stores have greatly increased and the business done would be a credit to any city.

The Observer will be glad, no doubt just here, to put on record the names of the very effecient citizens at the head of the departments; Mr. S. B. Tanner, president and treasurer, with J. R. Moore, stenographer and clerk in his office: J. B. Boyd, superintendent, Coroleen Mill, known as mill No.2. H. L. Tower, clerk and time-keeper; W. L. Packard, superintendent of the W. L. Packard, superintendent of the Henrietta Mill, known as mill No. 1. W. B. Moore clerk and time-keeper; J. O. Bell, head book-keeper, assisted by B. D. Johnson at Henrietta and W. W. Poole, at the Caroleen; Harrison Ferguson, manager of the dry goods department both stores; P. E. Rollins may seeper of the spaceary deartment at manager of the grocery department at the Henrietta, and James H. Steedham manager of grocery department at

Caroleen.

Mention must not be omitted of the forward movement of our two high schools, five churches and Sunday-schools, since the good year 1905 has been our guest—our teachers, pastors and leaders are eminently capable.

The Caroleen Suday school (Baptist) now has an enrollment of 500 pupils with Bob Moore, the noble superintend-ent, still leading the host onwards and upwards. These good people are pre-paring to add several large rooms to the now commodious church building in order to accommodate the growing Sunday-school. At Henrietta the Methodist have erected a spacious and an elegant school room. And the half has not been told of our march during 1905.

STANLEY.

Stanley, Jan. 8 .- Stanley has grown and prospered more in the past year than over before. The following con-cerns have been built: The Carpenter Manufacturing Company plant, the officers being John G. Carpenter, president; Dr. T. C. Quickle, vice president; R. E. Carpenter, secretary and treasurer; the Stanley Spoke and Handle Factory, which is owned by Handle Factory, which is owned by E. L. Pegram; an elegant brick store, built and owned by B. F. Carpenter; an addition to the store building occupled by the Thompson-Pegram Company; a new firm, of Abernethy, Lineberger & Derr, has been organized to do a mercantile business another new firm is that of Moore, Fox & Wallace.

DALLAS

Correspondence of the Observer.
Dallas, Jan. 1.—The energy and new life of the citizens of the town of Dallas have made the past year a year of progress and then improvements have been substantial, which means a permanent growth for the

GAVE TREVIAGE

itol at Richmond, for the erection of a \$10,000 operating room to be used in connection with the Highsmith Hospital and Cochran annex, the later a charitable institution for both white and colored worthy patients. This room will be superb in surgical and medical equipment, containing a sterilizing apparatus, parior for visiting physicians, etc. It will be wholly separate from the main buildings and the annex, access being had by hydrawlio arate from the main buildings and the annex, access being had by hydraulic elevators, installed by the New York Otts Elevator Company. A contract has also been let for the enlargement of the main building, doubling its capacity for patients, having beds for 42 sick and afflicted. Under its present proprietor and superintendent, Dr. J. F. Highsmith, the hospital has increased in value and means for doing good work. There is a training school good work.

creased in value and means for doing good work. There is a training school for nurses attached, giving every advantage for high grade instruction and graduation by medal, surgical and dietectic lectures.

A charter has been granted the Fiora Cotton Mill Company, authorized capital \$400,000, and a valuable site has been purchased. A charter has been granted and stock taken for a cotton factory at Reeferd, tributary to Fayetteville.

A large new freight depot has been

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The Kelley Suspender Company has a large force of skilled hands at

Waterworks and sewerage bonds of the city in the sum of \$100,000 were sold at a premium of \$6,425 and ac-crued interest. Bonds in the sum of \$30,000 were issued for the enlargement of the electric light plant. Franchises and rights of way have been granted the Raleigh and Southport Railway, with the certainty of its

completion to Fayetteville by A new Baptist church, valued \$25,000, is new being erected.

A handsome brick building is now being constructed by the Huske Wholesale Hardware Company for occupancy by the Pepsi-Cola Company. A new plant is being erected by the Fayetteville Steam Laundry Company on Maxton street.

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The Cross Creek Building and Loan
Association has been organized; the
second series has been closed, nearly \$200,000 worth of stock has alrea been taken and \$15,000 or \$20,000 worth of stock has been loaned on real es-tate. The Southern Life Insurance nearly \$700,000 worth of insurance has

hearly \$700,000 worth of insurance has already been written.

The contract has been let for the remodeling of the Kyle building for occupancy by the National Bank of Fayetteville. A contract has also been let for the remodeling of the building of the Bank of Fayetteville. The Southern Real Estate Company has been organized with handsome building. The Novelty Wooden Works Company has established a plant on Franklin street.

Extensive improvements have been made on the plant of the Fayetteville Ice and Manufacturing Company. A large cotton ginnery, operated by machinery, has been added to Cupt. J. D. McNeill's merchant mills on Old street. A fertilizer plant has been established in commection with the Southern Cotton Oil Company. Contracts have been let for remodel-ing the Klye building for the Bank of Fayetteville and for the remodeling

the building of the State Bank of Fay-etteville. A cement block plant has been added to Poe's extensive brick yards. LAGRANGE.

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La Grange, Jan, 1.—The Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad reached the town '- Feburary, 1885, in honor of the event the citizens gave a barbicue. Gov. Morehead gave the principal address. The place was then called Mosely Hall after Gov. W. D. Mosely who owned the land where the town is and lived about half a mile from the town. He went to Florida and was the first Gov. of that State after she was admitted to the Union about 1845 or 1846. The name of the town was changed to La Grange in 1868.

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There are now over 1,000 inhabitants in the town, there are six white churches in the town and three colored. There are 18 dry goods and grocery stores, one hardware and one furniture store and one drug store. Four new stores were erected last year. Six two-story dwelling houses and several small houses were erected during last year. There are two tobacco warehouses and 2,500,000 ponnes vill be sold this season between 4,900 and 5,000 hales of cotton will be sold. There is a buggy factory, one newspaper, and three sale stables for horses and mules. There are three doctors and one dentist. There is a graded school of over 300 pupils. There are four saloons and one whiskey distillery. There are no factories. It is nicely located, being half way between Kinston and Goldsboro. There are no street cars, no electric lights, and water works: The main street is paved with oyster shells. With her advantageous position, with a large extent of territory to draw from, it she had some factories, La Grange ought to be a prosperous town.

WINDSOR

Windsor, Jan. 8.—This has been a uccessful year with our town. Our