#### ALLEN G. HALL MODERATOR (Continued from First Page.)

rainst the critics, than with the ities against Christ,
But what is the effect of this itieism upon the Word? If the consion of the "Destructive Critics be fusion of the "Destructive Critics be true, the Bible is true only in part. It is an admixtupe of error; it is not God breathed; it is not the best book; it is worthless as an infallible rule of faith and practice. What, of necessiry, then is the effect of this criticism upon the preacher? How can his confidence remain unshaken? Preachers should be, of all men, men of deepest conviction. It is a notof deepest conviction. It is a not-able fact that the great men of our day who have been honored of God in leading multitudes into His Kingdom, have held most firmly by the views of the Bible which have been

handed down to us. There is a posttiveness and an unction about their preaching which we should earnestly covet as among the best gifts.

What is the effect of such criticism

upon the people? It is agreed that our age is becoming more and more materialistic. Reports of the special manifestation of the Spirit's work come from but few of our churches. The spiritual experience of those joinur communions is generally superficial. The number of candidates gospel ministry is inadequate; and is there not a manifest lowering of reverence on the part of the people for the Bible and its teachings Is not the cry going up everywhere throughout the church, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation" as the brode of our absent Lord sits weeping beside His unattended garden, we hear the plaintive prayer, visit thy plantation; grant will us. Lord, a precious rain; all come to desolation, unless Thou return again." I am not of those who believe the ark of God will be taken; but I do very sadly fear the destroy-ing influence of this critical spirit upon the ministry and upon the peo-I shall not presume to forecast the action of this Assembly upon any question; but I do pray the Holy Ghost may deeply impress us every one with the paramount importance of these things I have been saying. and to-day by the altars of our ancestral faith, we will renew our vows of subscription to the gospel of our forefathers, in every book and chap-ter and sentence and word, the inspired oracles of God, "The pillar and fount of truth." Dr. Plunkett led the congregation in prayer at the close of the sermon.

A NEW PRESBYTERY. Stated Clerk Rev. W. A. Alexe commissioners constituting the As-sembly. He announced, in this connection, that a new presbytery had been formed in the Texas Synod, and will be known as the El Paso Presby-

ELECTING A MODERATOR. session of the Assembly was taken up and much interest was shown in the nominations and election. Mr. G. W. Bull made the first nomination, his nominee being Hon. Allen G. Hall, cations. of Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Hall is dean of the law department of Vanderbilt University, and Mr. Bull made a strong plea in favor of the election of a ruling elder instead of a minister as moderator of this Assembly. He ferred to the fact that only once in the history of the Southern Presbyterian Church has a layman occupied the moderator's chair. He referred also to the important questions to be considered and settled at this session, and orged the election of Mr. Hall upon this ground also.

Rev. J. W. Stagg nominated Rev. J. W. Bachman, Rev. T. H. Rice nominated Rev. Josephus Johnston. Rev. A. J. McKelway nominated Rev. J. W. Stagg. Rev. J. H. Thornwell nominated Hon. B. H. Young, and Rev. E. M. Green nominated Rev. W. E. Boggs.

NAME OF MR. JOHNSTON WITH-DRAWN.

The name of Rev. Josephus Johnston was withdrawn in compliance with his request, his reason being that he was on the committee of investigation in the case of Rev. William Caid-

The bailot was taken by single vote in answer to the calling of the roll. use. On the first ballot no election was efthe names of the two candidates re-ceiving the lowest number of votes, the place. provided the aggregate was equal to the number of votes received by the candidate receiving the next highest

The aggregate was not reached upon the first ballot, and only the name of Rev. J. W. Stagg was dropped, The motion further recommended that the name receiving the fewest votes be dropped after each ballot, and this motion was carried until some candidate received sufficient votes to declare an election.

HON. ALLEN G. HALL CHOSEN. Five ballots were cast before the moderator was elected, and the one elected was Hon. Allen G. Hall, Mr. Hail was conducted to the modera-tor's chair by Mr. G. W. Bull and Rev. G. B. Strickler and Dr. Piunkett congratulated him and the Assembly upon his election to this position, after which he delivered to him the

Mr. Hall expressed his appreciation at the confidence shown in him by the Assembly, and asked that the Assembly give him the support of pray-

The Assembly adjourned at 2:46 o'clock to meet again at 4 o'clock.

The afternoon session of the Assembly was occupied entirely with the reading of the reports on foreign missions, home missions and publi-cations. These reports were as fol-

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS. The report of the executive committee of home missions was in part "Owing to a large general increase and several legacies for special work, our receipts remain about the same as the two remarkable years preceding the last year. The financial prosperity is even exceeded by the spiritual. In some of our prisons

ual. In some of our mission fields there have been large ingatherings and a hopeful spirit characterizes the laborers in the vineyard.

'The total in the hands of the treasurer during the year was \$122,-227. The disbursements were \$49,-221 the batance on hand March 31. 221, the balance on hand March 31,

being \$73,016.
The expenditures were as follows Support of four missionaries and 15 churches among the Mexicans: 61 ministers and 163 churches in Texts. 17 ministers and 52 churches in Ar-kansas; 16 ministers and 45 churches in Florida, 21 ministers and 52 churches in Indian Territory; 5 min-isters and 12 churches in Georgia; 4 ministers and 19 churches in Missis-sippi; one ministers and 19 ninisters and 19 churches in Missisippi; one minister and four churches in North Carolins: 1 evangelist and 8 churces in Tennessee; 6 minisers and 6 churches in Louisisma; 8 chools and 17 teachers in the Indian ferritory, and 19 schools and 14 sachers in the mountains. The enirs number of ministers and teachers in the mountains of the mountains of the mountains of the enirs number of ministers and teachers in the mountains of the mounta

could respond only to the needlest, attempting to scatter our appropriations over every part of the whole Church.

"The sphere of our operations extends now largely over the whole Southern tearliory, as we assist in some form or other, almost all of the various Synods. No request has been declined during the past year. The weaker Synods are making rapid strides. The progress of our Charch is limited only by the scarcity of men and means to prosecute the work.

"The Church has never used as extensively as it might have done the evangelistic arm. The possibilities in this direction are practically unlimited. The committee has assisted in

ed. The committee has assisted the support of about 20 evangelists in more than a dozen different Presbyteries. They have enlarged our bounds, and given us new churches to

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS. The annual report of the executive committee of foreign missions contained

The annual report of the executive committee of foreign missions contained the following:

"Our work during the year has been carried on under unusual difficulties. For several months, beginning with October, the committee was in serious financial embarrassment and was compelled to withhold, temporarily, from the mission some of the funds that had been appropriated for their work. There has been considerable unrest in China and Japan, growing out of circumstances that were connected with the recent war and its effect upon both of those countries. The results of the work in both countries, however, have been encouraging.

"We have felt some anxiety for the safety of our missionaries in the interior of China but the State Department replied that, while the condition of affairs in China was giving the government some anxiety it was not deemed to be of such a character as rendered the recall of our missionaries from their interior stations at the present time necessary.

of our missionaries from their interests. Accumulated excess for the month. Accumulated for the month. Letters from all our interior stations accumulated deficiency for the year 3.2 Extra that there have been no local district that the local district that th of our missionaries from their interior

turbances, but on the contrary as much apparent friendliness as ever.

"The work in Corea has been very encouraging, and that in Cuba has been as prosperous as it could be with a small force.

force.

"In spiritual results the year has been one of progress in all our fields.

"The number of missionaries now on the roll is 26. The total cash receipts were \$250.617, and the total disbursements \$274.344. The balance in the treasury at the close of the year was \$31.29.

"The work of the Forward Movement has been virgorously prosecuted. Many pastors have presented the movement in their churches with encouraging results."

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In order that the work alread under-taken may be properly cared for and that some advance might be made toward the fuller and more effective occupation of the fields, the board asked the Assembly appeal to the Church for a contribuion of not less than \$300,000.

Rev. E. W. Munroe presided over he afternoon session in the absence of the moderator, whose time was taken up with the appointment of committees. A telegram of greeting vas received from the General Conference of the Methodist Church in session at Birmingham and it was The election of a moderator for this referred to the committee on foreign correspondence.

The reports read were referred to the standing committees on foreign missions, home missions, and publi Asembly adjourned at 6

o'clock to meet again to-morrow morning A reception was tendered the Assembly to-night by the ladies of the First Presbyterian church.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Daniel J. Glavin Dead and E. C. Glavin Seriously Wounded by Ex-plosion of Piston Head in Shops at Wilmington.

Special to The Observer. Wilmington, May 17 .- Daniel J. instantly killed and his brother, Ed-ward C. Glavin, the other proprietor of Glavin Bros. Machine Shops, at Front and Hanover street, was seriously injured by the explosion of a piston head which they were heating in the forge of the works to be repaired for he Angola Lumber Company to-day, a few minutes before noon. The explosion was either caused by the generation of steam from water inadvertently left in the hollow of the piston head an accumulation of oil that had trick led into the opening during continue use. The explosion was of considerable violence, the head of the pisfected, and on motion of Rev. J. R. ton being torn asunder and sent fly-Howerton the Assembly voted to drop ing in every direction, the fire from the forge being also scattered over

Mr. Dan Glavin, who was killed, was bending over the forge turning the piece of iron to obtain a white when the explosition came. A half piece of the heavy iron from the piston head struck him on the chin and, tearing off the entire, left side of the face and ear, threw him across an anvil nearby, breaking his neck, right arm and left collar bone. Another fragment of the Iron struck him immediately in the forehead, breaking the skull and leaving an

ugly wound, which in itself would have killed him instantly. The brother, Mr. Ed Glavin, was standing three or four feet away and was blinded and severely burned about the face and breast by the hot embers, ashes and steam from the forge. It is doubtful if his eyesight can be restored, though the hope is express-ed that he will recover from the He is now in the hospital and is being given the best of attention. The flying embers set fire to the shop, a part of the wreckage from the forge tearing through the roof, but the flames were soon extinguished by the fire department, which responded

to an alarm. The young men were hard-working machinists of the best class and had established their shops here out of savings accumulated during years of service at their trade. The accident widespread sorrow among friends of the young men, who were very popular.

TO IMPROVE ROADBED

Southern Will Probably Lay Heavier Rails Between Spartanburg and Columbia.

Special to The Observer.

Spartanburg, S. C., May 17.—It is rumored that the Southern Railway will, in the near future, make extensive improvements on the roadbed be-tween Spartanburg and Columbia. New and heavier steel rails, such as are now in use on the main line, will be laid, and crosstles and ballast placed at various points on the road. Some time ago the State railroad commission complained to the officials about the poor condition of the track and urged that improvements be inand urged that improvements be insugurated. As a result General Manager H. B. Spencer, of the road, and
several other officials recently visited
Spartsnburg, coming here over the
line on which the reported improvements are to be made. Careful inspection of the roadbed was made
and it is likely that much better service will be the result of the tour of
inspection.

Atlantic Christian College Closes Special to The Observer.

sumber of ministers and teachers orted in whole or in part was 197 of churches and schools aided or a number of years the companies has regretted its meager applications for the erection of new as of worship. The demand for about were urgent and continual. It is inadequate funds we portunity it affords.

Special to The Observer.

Wilson, May 17.—The commencement exercises of the Atlantic Christian College here took place to-day. Mr. Josephus Daniels, of Raleigh, delievered the literary address. His subject was, "The Bane of Immigration." The speaker made a strong plea for North Carolinians to stay in the State, referring to the great opportunity it affords.

ACUITTED OF MURDER CHARGE. rison From Charge of Killing Eph-

special to The Observer. Greenville, S. C., May

W. P. T. Rowley and Thomas Harrison, well-known young white men of this city, were icquitted this afternoon of the charge of killing Ephriam Hall, of Travellers Rest, this county. In a difficulty in a cafe in Greenville March 3rd, young Hall was shot and killed and Rowley and Harrison were held on the charge of muster. The case was begun yes-terday morning and concluded this aftermoon. The jury was out less than two hours. Rowley was sentenced to a term in the penitentiary several years ago for manslaughter, but was pardond after serving a small part of

### THE WEATHER.

Forecast for Friday and Saturday: Fair Friday and Saturday; light variable

LOCAL OFFICE U. S. WEATHER
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Charlotte, May 17, 8 p. m.—Sunrise 5:1
m.; sunset 7:21 p. m. (Standard time)
LOCAL WEATHER REPORT.

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ENTIRE DOCKET CONTINUED. ge Bryan Adjourns Civil Term of abarrus Superior Court — Many chools Close. Special to The Observer.

Concord, May 17.-Judge Bryan continued the civil docket of Superior Court this morning. The first case set for a hearing at this morning's session was what is known locally as the "automobile case," one in which there was a good deal of public interest. When court convened it was found that Mr. T. C. Guthrie of Charlotte, one of the attorneys for the defense, was ill and not able to attend. The case was continued. Following his the entire docket was continued. The commencement of the Laura Sunderland School began to-day and will continue through to-morrow. The commencement exercises at the Colle-giate Institute at Mt. Pleasant also began to-day and will continue through next Tuesday. The local schools are ending the year's work. The Morris High School closed Monday and Mrs. Ervin's private school loses to-morrow with a picnic for the pupils.

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