ed men. It was a strange

e people of Raleigh were played baseball with the ople of the place and everyon a friendly footing, and eparture and cheered it as it ed at the old passenger station. here what were known as I remember that one of the des in the South on Decora-May 30th, was in 1875, where patallon of artillery and inraded with the United States a very handsome procesrendered all the honors to dead who lie there. The capne company was Basil C. Manidid Confederate soldler, who ed the company at the great on, May 20, 1875, at Char-

ain J. W. Lee, another commanded the local arwas complete fraterniand that was 31 years ago. garrison moved out ell," for that was the ofof the post under its army etaker, until 1877, when the Vance, prepared it for occufour regiments of troops and ltion year, 1884. In 1879 the of War gave permission for and in November of that id a most charming fellow paraded in large

sick and wounded sold- blade, rather like a rapier. My officer 1863. When Raleigh was northwest (though his parentage was the Federals took charge North Carolinian) sighed and said: "Do you see that straight sword? Well, the wounded having been momentous events of my life, I have that of Bentonsville, Dr. E. course, and in plenty of Indian fights od, the most noted Con- afterwards, but I have always thought General Hoke asked Captain Cooke surgeon in this part of the that one evening in Santa Fe, New if the vessel was in any condition for Mexico, was the particular occasion on Mexico, was the particular occasion on fighting, to which the old sea-dog re-Federal authorities were which death came nearest to me. You and considerate to him and know I sing and play on the guitar safes of the hospital, and he and the madelin and can speak Sp als who were sick, both officers that I am a lady's man. I acquired the picturesque Spanish custom of going g of the blue and the gray. Not about in the evening and entertaining was the burial-ground, the most beautiful senoritas I had Federal cemetery discovered by daylight or by lampstands, and along by this ran the light, with my music. Out there they nament, which formed a great call it "Playing the Bear." You know the city, and which the lady stands within the room, with a history. Before laving Richmond uilt in 1863, at a time when her face at the grille of iron-work, ught General Foster, in while you are outside. Her mother, dent Davis and had told him all his and of the United States forces you may be very sure, is near at hand. wbern, intended to march upon If she gives you a smile you have won th and take the capital. The and maybe if still more luck comes to navy in those waters, so as not only of the Confederate soldiers you a not may fall from her hand or be to be certain to capture the town of removed to what is now the Con- slyly sent by some love's messenger. Plymouth, but also to capture or decemetery and the bodies of But/that is a country where every erals, quite largely brought sense must be on the alert against vis immediately sent an orderly for the Bentonsville, where many fell in danger. In that land of love blows Secretary of the Navy and as soon as attle, were brought to the are secret and quick and I knew this the latter appeared told him to write and there buried. The cemetery so well that I was always prepared and a letter and to make no copy of entry ten made very attractive, it being no matter how warm the night wore of it, so as to keep the matter an aband indeed for many years past, my military cloak, under which was solute secret, placing all the Confedthe sights of this city. That was that very sword you see. I had been erate vessels in that part of North priod and all sorts of jests several times to this same house and I Carolina under the direct command at. One of these was that con- remember on the particular evening in and control of General Hoke. The secrs who had made the contract for question I was improvising and flat- retary then and there wrote the letter ting dead United States soldiers tered myself I had made an impressible himself, addressed it to General Hoke. iging their bodies to this cem- sion. For the admiration of so beauti- it was read by the President and aped together all sorts of ful a girl as the one at the window I proved and handed to General Hoke, nd palmed these off as those of was all too sure there were rivals, who put it in his pocket, the next peren. In that day people laughed and these were the ones always to son to see it being Capt. Cooke, as horrible things as this, but guard against and to reckon with, I stated. The next thing Cooke did after inspectors fancied that I was doing my best and reading it was to turn to Hoke, alnot have permitted any con- was really making an impression, and most out of breath from excitement to have done such a trick so the event proved, for that very im- and interest, and ask what it meant. a there were contractors mean pression saved my life. The place was and grafting enough to have at a corner, in a quaint old house of stant. Cook was a different man. The this or anything eles for that stone, with the window grilles deeply battle-fever flushed in his face and After the Confederates had bent out, in shape like a harp, and shone in his eyes and when Hoke away from the hospital there stood my inamorata, her face as asked him what he could do, and told derais occupied it as the perwhite as that of my clown. him he must go to Plymouth, no matThen Hoke knew that Cooke had won the jints good with this intment. sear section of Raleigh and so it with powder, and her great ter what the condition of his vessel, and that the Federal vessel was runing the Centennial year, 1876, hind that mask which the women the remarkable agreement by the remarkable agreement the condition of his vessel, and that the Federal vessel was runing, with the Albemarle after her, hind that mask which the women to get there no other way, and to go into action at the peril of the vessel moment had arrived, that the Federal vessel was runing, with the Albemarle after her. Then he knew, too, that the crucial moment had arrived, that the Federal vessel was runing, with the Albemarle after her. Then he knew, too, that the crucial moment had arrived, that the Federal vessel was runing, with the Albemarle after her. Then he knew, too, that the comdition of his vessel, and that the Federal vessel was runing, with the Albemarle after her. Then he knew, too, that the crucial moment had arrived, that the Federal vessel was runing, with the Albemarle after her. Then he knew, too, that the crucial moment had arrived, that the Federal vessel was runing, with the Albemarle after her. Then he knew that Cooke nad won the jints good with this intiment. layes the Federal troops were the hand made a motion to me and the utmost heartiness that he would Albemarle and he immediately stormawn from garrisons in the eyes changed like a lightning flash cities It was one of the for- in their expression. They gave warnfate that within a score of ing at the very instant that what I may call a sixth sense told me something was impending. My guitar was ison here. The presence of the at the same moment that I dropped it slung by a broad band of ribbon and and moved it to the right my hand Saveral of the officers married flashed under my cloak to the hilt of my sword. To pull the blade from the scabbard, to be on guard, to thrust swift and sure and to feel the blade go through flesh and blood to the very guard all happened nearly like a lightning stroke. The jealous Mexican lover had seen me from a distance, had gone to the corner to creep around it and leap upon me, but his hand fell nerveless and his keen dagger clattered upon the narrow sidewalk. To draw out my sword as he was falling, to wipe its slender blade upon the inside of his serape or shawl, to wave my hand at the senorita and to depart were all as speedy as the death of the intending assassin. With steady but swift step I fled down the sidewalk teries, took it by an infantry assault and turning through ways I knew and at 3 o'clock one morning was on made my way to my horse and so rode to the garrison in the suburbs. The paper the next day told of the mysterious death of but they never knew the name of his slayer. It was

> bear' as usual." I have never forgotten this story and when I met, next after his departure from Raleigh, the actor in this tragedy, this being at President Gar-field's inaugural ball, his sister being then present with him, one of the first things I spoke about was my recolections of our evenings together and of this story at Santa Fe, which to be sure his sister knew very well indeed.

a case of losing life or taking one. The

senorita never betrayed me and in or-

der to show my appreciation of this

and also as proof of my innocence, if

proof were needed, the very next even-

ing I went to her home and 'played the

One afternoon this week I dropped into the office of that fine old soldier, Col. Thomas S. Kenan, who commands Weekly, Mr. Becker, ed the Forty-third Regiment North Carolina troops, during the civil war, nt a week together and and found there, of all men in the world, that grand old soldier, Major dled smoke-stack or funnel of the the same time was caught by her and which is marked. There is a headstone ram Albemarle, General Hoke was in so pulled down by the head that his and a footstone of white marble, on ram Albemarle, General Hoke was in a very happy mood and went on to taken to raise money for a Home and the writer was livered and a man who loved action and courageous deeds and an action and courageous deeds and an approximately for the late William C. Strongersted a military festival went on, being in a reminiscent very station now is. This lastings and over \$1,600 was raishis money a house was rentaking money a house was rentaking money and over \$1,600 was raishis money a house was rentaking money and the few and a footstone of white marble, on own ship took water into her gunt backed and so escaped; at great the commander of the right hand Federal iron-clad, who went on, being in a reminiscent very last formulation of the right hand Federal iron-clad, who went on, being in a reminiscent very last formulation of the ramming, had hoisted or partially was a pretty story and the ramming, had hoisted or partially was a pretty story and the ramming, had hoisted or partially was a pretty story and the ramming, had hoisted or partially was a pretty story and the ramming, had hoisted or partially was a pretty story and the ramming, had hoisted or partially was a pretty story and the ramming, had hoisted or partially was a pretty story and the ramming, had hoisted or partially was a pretty story and the ramming, had hoisted or partially was a pretty story and the ramming, had hoisted or partially was a pretty story and the ramming, had hoisted or partially was a pretty story and the ramming, had hoisted or partially was a pretty story and the ramming, had hoisted or partially hoisted a white flag, as a sign of surplied down this flag, ran up his ensured. Caswell and that nature has erected to the old spelling. It is the partial that had the fore the right had been the late the commander of the right had both vessels would be sunk by the Albemarle, after of Richard C. Gatling, who was in the Confederate and a footstone of white mark the leadstone and a footstone of white mark the leadstone that his own ship took wate

work, and never was there a gree spect of unreadiness than this fighting craft exhibited then, for she was by no means ready for any sort of all over her he took Captain Cooke with him and they went on land and up on the bluff, there looking down on the vessel, which sat squat and ugly upon the water, like a dirty black b ople coming and going on her decks and fixing all sorts of things. Then plied that she was in no sort of fix for any work of the kind and that as General Hoke had seen she was not even armored entirely, not a gun was mounted and there was no fuel. Then General Hoke produced from an inner pocket of his coat a letter which he handed to Captain Cooke, who was so startled that he read it twice and then handed it back to the general, who stood silently by him. That letter had plans and had stated expressly that he desired the full co-operation of all the

General Hoke told him and that inbattle and ready to do or dare anything, no matter what the odds or how small the means of preparation, so had those orders. General Hoke told goodbye, rode back to his troops and the march was continued. On reaching Plymouth, Hoke, after shelling an outer work or fort with his bat-

the shore, between the fort and the town, listening, watching and hoping for tidings of Cooke. Presently he heard the Albemarle coming. He had a day or two before sent Col. John Taylor Wood, naval aide to President Davis, who was with Hoke on this expedition, to a point 18 miles above Plymouth, where Cooke had stopped to make his final preparations. Wood had been sent there, escorted by some cavalry, and had given Hoke's specific instructions to Cooke, telling him he intended to carry the outer works at Plymouth and then await his coming, Cooke sending word by Wood that he tainly be placed near the funnel of the would be there. The Federal forces at Albemarle, which will be, of all others, Plymouth had prepared for the coming of the Albemarle, which was expected, as they knew she was being built up the river, and they had mounted a 100 pounder Parrot rifled cannon, especially to sink her, and had

avowed their purpose to do so. As soon, therefore, as the Albemarle appeared, this heavy gun began firing, but the gunners were careless or too certain and fired high every time. The Federals had prepared yet another device to destroy the Albemarle and had lashed together two iron-clads with There are four graves, the first being General Robert F. Hoke. The talk heavy chains, intending to get her be- that of Caswell's wife; the second that tory. At that time there turned upon the historical collection tween these and so bear her down and of Caswell himself, this being under a here and more particularly upon the sink her, but the redoubtable Cooke gum tree which is eight feet in cir-Confederate section thereof, which was on to this scheme and decided cumference one foot above the now contains some 2,000 objects, all promptly to ram one of the vessels, ground; third the grave of Susan State made claim to the of high value. General Hoke took oc- that on the left, thus presenting to wife, and fourth the grave of Susan that it was not Confede casion to say that he very much wish- the other his armored side, and be in Gatlin, daughter of Richard Caswell ed a good picture of Captain Cooke, such a position that he could use his and mother of Richard Gatling, the of the Confederate Navy, could be ob-tained and placed near the shot-rid-med and sank the left vessel, but at ling gun. Her grave is the only one

watch springs it goes into the thous-nds, thereby making a more con-ncing appeal for education. Our foror mountains are repositories of min-eral wealth, our mountain streams have latent power that intelligence will harness, but we are just crossing he threshold of development.

He paid a high tribute to homeike, tasty appearance of Cliffside environment. Instead of squallid, disontented surroundings, he noted peole who looked like first-class rural or ity folks, and were well dressed, as

though prosperous and happy.

The address occupied something ver one hour and the people heard t gladly. The school building will mfortably seat nearly 400 people and about 500 were in it, packing every foot of available floor space. To be so densely packed, the crowd was remarkably orderly and good-natured. Hundreds could not get in at all, but no real disorder occurred.

At close of Professor Joyner's address the programme was pulled off. Rev. J. D. Richardson having conducted devotional exercises. He is the big preacher of Cliffside. He has great mental endowment, and his 325 ounds, corporosity, shows breadth of beam.

The exercises were pantomimes, recitations, concert recitations, flag drill, dialogues, burlesque dramas, vocal and instrumental music. The latter covered the whole range of State and national patriotic airs, except "Star Spangled Banner." This was eliminated, out of respect for the feelings of Dr. Joyner. He has no objection to it per se, but five years ago, at Shelby, its alleged rendition caused him to hunt tall timber. But against the stirring measures of the "Old North State" and "Ho, for Carolina," the stately diapason "America." the nimble notes of "Dixie," the rollicking rnythm of 'Yankee Doodle" and the wonderful cadence of "Old Kentucky Home." Swannee River" and "Old Lang Syne, he entered no audible protest or disclaimer. But he is not used to burntcork minstrels. Hence, when "Uncle

Remus," "Uncle Pete," and "Uncle

Ison," pulled off their dialect sermons,

his proud Anglo Saxon blood surged

tumultuously through his veins, and

could not tell. Presently the firing be gan to be heard further down the river, the Federal vessel having cut which had sunk, and she and the Aland her crew, the old sailor said with fleet was cleared out of the way by the do it and would sink or capture every ed the town, affecting the capture in vessel he could reach, adding that he the most thorough manner and receivwould tear down any houses in the ing the surrender of General Wessels town which would furnish fat pine and several thousand officers and men, for fuel and that he had a good supply the garrison flag being formally haulof lard on board which he would use ed down and the Confederate flag run at the critical moment of battle, so as up in its place and saluted and Gener-to give plenty of steam and that he al Wessels surrendering his sword. would mount a heavy gun and would both his flag and sword being now in so manage things as to present the ar- the museum here, among the collecmored side of the ram to the enemy, tion of relics illustrating General Never was there such a change in a Hoke's war service. Cooke, after hav-man. Cooke the apparently unready, ing very neatly disposed of the opthe hopeless, the despondent, despair- posing vessels, came back to the town ing of doing anything with his unpre- and was most heartly congratulated and was most heartly congratulated pared vessel, became like a flash by Hoke for his gallantry. He had no Cooke the joyous, full of the fire of coal but he had made his fires out of fat pine, rosin and lard and he had given the enemy as "lively a quarter of an hour," as the French say, as long as there was a fight ahead and he they had during the entire war."

The capture of Plymouth was rewarded by the thanks of Congress and by special letters of congratulation from President Davis, General Lee and other officers high in rank and by letters from prominent men all over the Confederacy. As a matter of fact it was one of the most gallant and clever things done during the war and General Hoke made good his promise and the statements which he had laid as to the matter. This is the first time he has ever told the story and to be sure it will be read with keen interest not only by North Carolinians, but by people all over the country and notably by veterans who were on either side during the great four years struggle. It would be a delight to secure a good picture of Captain Cooke and if one can be found it shall cer-

the most fitting position for it. Miss Sibul Hyatt, of Goldsboro, has sent to the Hall of History, through Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes, Note the beautiful description "In an excellent photograph, taken this year, showing the graves of North Carolina's first Governor under the constitution, that great patriot and fine soldier, Richard Caswell. It is two from the Atlantic & North Carolina Railway, and is in an original forest.

nunication that a brass band, skating set of instruments have been order-ed, and Prof. Weaver is here to train, class. He is a popular competent trainer, and the ook is promising for a and. In addition to features, a free reading room, beats for mill pond, propelled by gasoline, are also to be expected by are also to be expected in hear fu-

spindles and 850 looms, will likely be doubled in less than twelve months. This will require over 1,000 operatives and hence the population of the place will be doubled. So confident is the gement of these conditions being ealized, that the school house is to be enlarged before another term begins. For a mill five years old, this is not a bad showing.

It was my pleasure to visit staid but classic Rutherfordton this week. The friction between "Ruth." who wanted to swarm out, and Rutherfordion, who wanted her wayward daughter to remain in family, has een adjusted. Rutherfordton poorly located, but is filled with intelligent, courteous and hospitable

It was also my pleasure to visit Clienboro, also of Rutherford county. In former articles people of this little village have been placed in a rather udicrous light.

In all candor, these are clever, honest and industrious people. But they are certainly not progressive, nor are they alive to interests of education. A rather witty citizen of Rutherford county says the popular curricu-lum is to read, write, "figger," and know how to master the almanac. By mastery, we mean to get weather prognostications, and tell when moon changes. As to weather forecasts, any body can write them, and my predictions would do as well as those in any almanac. Faith in weather predictions made out for a year ahead, belongs to days of alchemy, astrology, telling fortunes by coffee grounds and other traditions of barborous ages. The same applies to any foolishness about killing hogs, cutting timber, planting corn and melons "in the noon." To give an idea of the dense gnorance of this section, the section in which I live, and others, I'll give a verbal prescription for "roomatiz:" the chains which fastened to the one in a gallon of hog fat. Put 'em in "Git a pint of yelt worms, put 'em

> Some people reverently believe this to be an infalible cure, and it may be. But why should water flowing



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