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[illegible] Coast Boiling—[illegible] Upset of a Mule Drawing the Mother-in-law—A Rather Free Fare—Bad Weather Interferes With Cotton Trade—News in Brief.

Special to The Observer.

Fayetteville, Dec. 19.—While Mrs. A. H. Maxwell and her son, Ernest, living on the east side of Cape Fear river, were riding along the road, the mule backed the cart off the old canal bridge into the creek. Mrs. Maxwell escaping unhurt, but her son getting some painful bruises.

Bob Atkins, white, was fined $5 in magistrate's court Wednesday for slapping his mother-in-law, Mrs. Knight. That is an unusual case. The mother-in-law generally does the slapping.

McLean & Coppedge, merchants of Raeford, in the western part of the county, have made an assignment to J. W. Moore.

Mr. Robert McNeill, who has been very ill of pneumonia at the University, arrived home yesterday, and is convalescent.

Walter Cogdell, a negro, charged with disturbing religious services, got himself out of the clutch of the law by going before the whole congregation and making a public apology.

Last evening Cross Creek Lodge held a meeting for the purpose of organizing Pawhatan Canon No. 5, I. O. O. F., and after the work of the order there was a social gathering of members and visitors, with a banquet, toasts and speeches. Distinguished guests present were: Hon. M. A. Raney, of Iowa, general commanding the Militant Patriarch Odd Fellows of the World; his aide, W. H. Overton, major, of Durham, and Dr. L. B. McBrayer, of Asheville, department commander of the Patriarchs.

A trial of the power of the Cape Fear Electric Power Company has been made, and all the parts of the plant will be in condition for work early in the coming year.

Mrs. Lou Williams, sister of Mrs. T. A. McNeill, of Lumberton, has been seriously ill at her home, some miles north of this city.

The stockholders' meeting of the Southern Life Insurance Company, called for Wednesday, was postponed, the executive committee meeting in its stead for the consideration of matters of interest.

Mr. R. B. Lutterloh, who has recently been quite ill at Tallahassee, Fla., has arrived here to recuperate, accompanied by his brother, Mr. Herbert Lutterloh.

Of course there is much stir and life on the streets, but the bad weather is cutting off the Christmas trade. Some of the Fayetteville merchants, too, afraid of the money stringency, have laid in only moderate holiday stocks, and their good judgment will be shown by the 1st of January.

The store of W. A. Godwin, on Person street, was robbed Wednesday night of a large quantity of goods.

Sam Allen, a negro, was before a magistrate Wednesday, charged with burglary, having entered the dwelling of J. C. Hales, in the southern suburbs, and stolen a quantity of meat. For lack of evidence, he was discharged.

Duncan B. Lindsay, a good old Confederate soldier, died at the county home Wednesday, aged 75 years. He fought well for his country, and deserved a better end.

"Moonshining" is apparently on the increase in the prohibition county of Cumberland, and the blockaders are becoming bolder and bolder in their operations. In the last case, as wired to The Observer, the still captured was set near the road, without any attempt at concealment, and the stiller was hard at work, and the officers nearly got him as well as his still.

GOES TO WILMINGTON.

Mr. J. G. McCormick, of Lumberton, Accepts Position of Secretary and Treasurer of the Acme Manufacturing Company—Dr. R. G. Rozier Victim of an Accident at a Sawmill—Negro Wanted in Georgia Arrested.

Special to The Observer.

Lumberton, Dec. 20.—Mr. J. G. McCormick, junior member of the firm of McLean, McLean & McCormick, has decided to sever his connection with that firm, and about the 1st of January he will take up his duties as secretary and treasurer of the Acme Manufacturing Company, of Wilmington. Mr. McCormick has been connected with the above firm for the past four years, having come here from Maxton where he was engaged in the practice of law for some years. He is a young man of exceptional ability as a lawyer and business man. His departure from Lumberton will be regretted much both in social and business circles.

Dr. R. G. Rozier was the victim of a painful and serious accident Tuesday at his sawmill at Roziers, about ten miles from Lumberton. He was standing by a saw, by which a board was suspended to prevent the sawdust being scattered. The board fell against the saw and was knocked by the saw against Dr. Rozier, striking him on the head and cutting a bad gash on his temple and across his cheek. His father, Dr. S. B. Rozier, and brother, Mr. S. B. Rozier, Jr., dressed his wounds at once. He is getting on very well. Dr. Rozier was for several years one of Lumberton's most prominent and well-informed physicians. He was compelled to give up active practice a few months ago on account of ill health.

George Hayes, colored, who is wanted in Colquit, Ga., for disposing of mortgaged property, was arrested here a few days ago by Deputy T. N. Higley and placed in jail to await the coming of the sheriff of Colquit county. Sheriff Collier arrived and carried him back to Georgia Wednesday.

Piece of Dynamite Cap Severs Artery in Leg.

Special to The Observer.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 20.—A man by the name of Barber, residing at Oak Ridge, picked up a piece of paper from the floor of his residence yesterday morning and threw it in the fire. To his astonishment there was a dynamite cap in the paper and it exploded, a piece of the cap striking Mr. Barber on the thigh. Dr. H. T. Bahnson, of this city, was summoned to Oak Ridge to give the wounded man medical attention. One of the arteries in the leg was severed. Dr. Bahnson reported Mr. Barber to be resting very well.

Rev. M. H. Hoyle Getting on Well.

Special to The Observer.

Chester, S. C., Dec. 20.—Rev. M. H. Hoyle, of Matthews, N. C., who was operated on at Magdalene Hospital in this city Monday for a growth in the stomach, is, so far, getting on nicely. Mrs. Hoyle is with him.

HERE'S GOOD ADVICE.

O. F. Woolever, one of the best known merchants of Le Raysville, N. Y., says: "If you are ever troubled with piles, apply Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It cured me of them for good 20 years ago." Guaranteed for sores, wounds, burns or abrasions. 25c. at all drug stores.

GOT HIS POCKET PICKED.

While at the Passenger Station Greensboro Man Loses $100—Failure of Hugh Fry Was Also Hitched by a Train—Petition Asks That a Farmington Merchant Be Adjudged Bankrupt—Other Greensboro Items.

Special to The Observer.

Greensboro, Dec. 20.—While at the depot yesterday afternoon seeing a friend off on a train, Mr. M. S. Jeffreys had his pocket picked, the wad containing over $100. A part of it was in silver, a part in bills and the rest in scrip. He did not miss it until after he left the depot. Mr. Jeffreys is a butcher and was carrying the money in a shot bag.

A large crowd attended the funeral yesterday afternoon of Mr. Hugh Fry, who met a tragic death under a train near Lynchburg, Va., Wednesday morning. The remains reached here yesterday morning and were taken to the home of the young man's mother, Mrs. H. L. Fry, on Murray street, where the funeral was held. Rev. Sanders R. Guignard, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, conducted the service, the interment following in Greene Hill Cemetery. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Thomas S. Beal, A. R. Harry, Charles Thornton, James Morehead, W. L. Anderson and William Wetmore. There was a profusion of floral tributes. The late Capt. H. L. Fry, the young man's father, died three or four years ago as a result of injuries received in trying to board a moving train.

Rev. W. M. Sykes, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Madison, came here with his family last week to visit relatives, expecting to return this week, but he suffered an attack of rheumatism and is now confined to bed at his mother's home, just north of this city.

A petition has been filed before Judge James E. Boyd, in United States Court by Jinkins Bros. Shoe Company, of Winston-Salem; Wallace Sons Company, of Salisbury; Wallace Bros., and the Wallace-Hemphill Company, of Statesville, creditors, against W. F. James, a merchant of Farmington, seeking to have him adjudged a bankrupt on the ground that being insolvent he had transferred his stock of goods and other property to defraud his creditors. An order was signed directing a subpoena to issue returnable here December 28th. William N. Horne, of East Bend, was appointed temporary receiver.

Mr. G. A. Grimsley is out again after an illness of several weeks with malarial fever.

An informal reception planned for last evening by the members of Grace M. P. church to be given to their new pastor, Rev. T. J. Ogburn, was postponed until Rev. Mr. Ogburn's family arrives in the city.

Miss Alice Carson, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Carson, is very ill with pneumonia.

Mr. Claude Robeson, of the faculty of Greensboro Female College, entertained at dinner the members of the music class of the college Wednesday evening from 5 to 8:30 o'clock at his residence on Arlington street. Mr. Robeson's guests were Misses Lola Bruton, Ethel Brinkley, Ethel Chandler, Louise Fray, Sarah Stewart, Susie Gwynn, Grace Field, Wilma Stevens, Lilliam Gwynn, Mabel Ward, Louise Morphew, Pattie Chappel, Elizabeth Stanback, Sallie Reade, Annie Carter, Sarah Condon, Margaret Gay, Annie Jones and Ethel Delaney.

LIVE TOPICS AT LEXINGTON.

A Countryman Wants to Know if Roosevelt is Going to Reduce the Value of Greenbacks to 50 Cents—Where the Town Gets Its ugs—Rev. Joseph T. Watt to Become Pastor at Lexington.

Special to The Observer.

Lexington, Dec. 20.—The so-called hard times have caused some amusing reports to get circulated in the rural sections. In one of the county offices yesterday a man from the country was talking hard times, the condition of the banks, and telling what the country people thought about scrip. Presently he inquired of the county officer if there was anything in the report he had heard about the President sending out a statement that if the banks did not stop issuing so much scrip he would reduce greenbacks to 50 cents on the dollar. "No, you need not believe that report," the officer replied, as he turned his back to keep the fellow from seeing him and had a good laugh.

Lexington is perhaps one of the few towns in the State where the aldermen, the board of county commissioners concurring, have it in their power to grant license to beer saloons without a vote of the people. It is in the charter that this can be done, but the board seems not in the least inclined to take such a step. Some years ago the Town of Lexington tried beer saloons for a short time, but when the license of the beer shops expired the board and citizens were sufficiently amused and since that time Lexington has had no saloons of any kind—only a few blind tigers.

"Have you any jugs?" asked a customer of one of the grocers of this place a few days since.

"Oh, yes," was the reply. "We generally have plenty of jugs, get our stock from Salisbury."

"How is that?" asked the customer, knowing of no place in Salisbury where jugs were manufactured.

A smile spread over the merchant's face he replied: "It is this way: The fellows go over to Salisbury after a little whiskey, Lexington being a dry town, and when they empty the jug it is brought home in they carry it to some grocery stores and sell it, not caring to go to the trouble to carry it to Salisbury on the next trip. We generally keep supplied in jugs and get them in this way."

Rev. Joseph T. Watt, at present located at Ashland, Ky., where he is pastor of the Baptist church, who recently accepted a call to the First Baptist church in Lexington expects to leave his Kentucky home the latter part of the month. He will first go to Raleigh and spend a few days with his mother and then come to Lexington. Rev. Mr. Watt will preach his first sermon here the first Sunday in the new year.

For the past five or six years Mr. Watt has lived in Kentucky, but he is a North Carolinian and he could not cast aside the desire to return to his native State.

Southern Pays Out $100,000 to Employes.

Special to The Observer.

Spencer, Dec. 20.—The employes of the Southern Railway Company at Spencer received their Christmas pay checks to-day and it is learned that the pay roll amounted in the aggregate to more than $100,000, which were paid out in this community. Many of the employes are off duty on account of the slackness in railroad work and quite a number went to their old homes in various States to-night to spend Christmas. It is expected that work will be resumed on a larger scale with the opening of the new year.

MARRIAGES.

HAS EVENT ANNOUNCED.

Mr. Benjamin S. Skinner, of Durham, to Wed Miss Mary S. Winborne, of Chowan County.

Special to The Observer.

Durham, Dec. 19.—News reaches here from the eastern part of the State, in the shape of invitations, telling of a popular social event to take place during the holidays, this being the marriage of Mr. Benjamin S. Skinner, of this city, and Miss Mary S. Winborne, who lives near Tyner, Chowan county. The ceremony will be performed Thursday morning, December 26th, at 10:30 a. m. at the bride's home. A card accompanying the invitation reads: "At home after the 1st of January, Durham, North Carolina."

This will be a very popular social event. Mr. Skinner, who has made Durham his home for about four years, is principal in the city schools. He was first connected with the city high school and since then has been principal of the North Durham, the Fuller and, at present, the Morehead school. He is a graduate of the State University in both the academic and law departments. He is the son of Mr. Joshua Skinner, of Hertford, Perquimans county, a member of the well-known Skinner family in eastern North Carolina, being related to the Skinners and Lewises, of Raleigh, and the Lassiters, of Oxford. He is a young man of great ability and since coming here has made quite an enviable reputation as an educator.

Miss Winborne, who is to become his bride, is the daughter of the late Dr. R. H. Winborne, a well-known physician of Chowan county. She is a graduate of the State Normal and a young lady who is prominent and popular in social circles throughout the State. She is a cousin of Judge B. B. Winborne, member of the Legislature, and closely related to ex-Congressmen Harry and T. G. Skinner, of the eastern district. This marriage will be a brilliant and happy social event.

A Beautiful and Unique Home Wedding.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Troy, Dec. 19.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Allen, of Troy, was the scene of a pretty home wedding yesterday at 3:30 p. m., when their daughter, Miss Hester, became the bride of Mr. Richard Hayes, of Louisville, Ky. There were only a few close friends and relatives present to witness the ceremony.

The parlors were tastefully decorated in palms, ferns and potted plants. At the appointed time the bride, on the arm of the groom, entered the parlor to the strains of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March," played by Miss Thelma Allen, sister of the bride. When Rev. J. E. M. Davenport, in a very impressive manner, spoke the words that made them "no more twain but one flesh."

The bride was attired in a handsome traveling suit of blue cloth, with hat and gloves to match, and carried a bouquet of bride's roses.

Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple left for a few weeks' stay in Florida and Cuba. A special train had been provided for their departure, and they were accompanied as far as Biscoe by almost the entire assemblage of relatives and friends present.

Mrs. Hays is one of the most beautiful, popular and accomplished young ladies that Montgomery county has ever produced and has many friends in different portions of the State.

Mr. Hays belongs to one of the best families of Louisville and has for nine years been a popular traveling salesman for the Belknap Hardware Company, of Louisville.

Mr. and Mrs. Hays will for the present reside in Raleigh and will be at home at the Yarborough House after January 15th, 1908.

Colbert-Dortch, at Taylortown, La.

Special to The Observer.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 20.—Mr. P. M. Colbert, general secretary of the local Y. M. C. A., and his bride, formerly Miss Pearl Dortch, of Taylortown, La., have arrived in the city and are at the home of Mrs. R. F. Gray, on Fifth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Colbert were married last Wednesday, the ceremony being performed in the Methodist church at Taylortown by Rev. John F. Foster, of New Orleans. The dame of honor was Mrs. Frank M. Weaver, of Asheville, and the maid of honor, Miss Olo Lee Dortch, sister of the bride.

Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party was tendered a reception at the home of the bride, on Ashe Point plantation. The wedding and reception were attended by a large circle of friends from all parts of the State. The bride is a daughter of Senator E. S. Dortch, of Louisiana. She is a most popular and attractive young lady and is very prominent in Shreveport society, and her popularity is attested the large and representative group of friends from Shreveport who attended the wedding and reception.

Matrimonial News From the City of Statesville.

Special to The Observer.

Statesville, Dec. 20.—Friends in Statesville have received cards announcing the approaching marriage of Mr. F. B. Bunch, of Clarksville, Tenn., and Miss Lizzie May Pardue, of Saddleville, Tenn. The marriage will take place in Saddleville December 26th. Mr. Bunch is a progressive young banker of Tennessee. He has been elected cashier of the new Merchants and Farmers' Bank, which expects to begin business in Statesville about February 1st, and he and his bride will come to Statesville a few weeks after their marriage.

Licenses have been issued for the marriage of Mr. W. E. Simms and Miss F. E. Collins, and Mr. Luther W. Powell and Miss Hattie B. Knight.

Dr. and Mrs. John A. Scott have issued invitations for the wedding reception of their daughter, Miss Isabel Hill Scott, and State Senator Zebulon Vance Long, Thursday evening, January 2d, at 7 o'clock, College Place. The ceremony will take place at 6 o'clock.

Lea-Watts, at Durham.

Special to The Observer.

Durham, Dec. 19.—There was a pretty marriage at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Watts, near Lakewood Park, this afternoon at 3 o'clock when Miss Beulah Carr Watts was given in marriage to Mr. John Lester Lea, Jr. The home was prettily decorated for the occasion. The maid of honor was Miss Reba Carden and the best man Mr. Howard Lea, Messrs. Gilmer Korner, of Kernersville, and Samuel Lindsey, of this city, were the ushers. Miss Annie Whitmore play-

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[illegible] Cortine Henkel to Wed Mr. Gwyn Harper.

Special to The Observer.

Lenoir, Dec. 21.—There will be a very attractive wedding Thursday evening when Mr. Gwyn Harper, son of R. T. Harper, of Patterson, will wed Miss Corinne Henkel, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Henkel, at their residence. Miss Henkel is not only a beautiful young lady but a very accomplished musician and singer. Mr. Harper is now making his home in Wilkesboro, engaged in the lumber business. They will be married just in time to take the train for a bridal trip.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. J. R. Pike, of Greensboro.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Greensboro, Dec. 19.—Mrs. J. R. Pike, who died yesterday, was buried in Greene Hill Cemetery this afternoon, following a funeral service at her late residence, 917 South Elm street, Rev. A. T. Bell, pastor of Centenary Methodist church, officiating.

Miss Pauline Speed, of Durham.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Durham, Dec. 19.—The remains of Miss Pauline Speed, who died in the western part of the city, were interred in Maplewood Cemetery this afternoon, the funeral being conducted from the home. Miss Speed was 20 years of age and typhoid fever caused her death. She left a fther and mother, three sisters and three brothers.

Mr. J. W. Ballance, of Trinity.

Special to The Observer.

High Point, Dec. 20.—Mr. J. W. Ballance, of Trinity, who was stricken with paralysis about one year ago, and who has been in feeble health since that time, died yesterday. The funeral services were held this afternoon at Hopwell church. Deceased for a number of years was engaged in the merchandise business and was well liked by all friends and acquaintances.

Died in the Philippine Islands.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Durham, Dec. 19.—Miss Lula Cassidey, of Laurinburg, who is principal of the Patrick Henry School, this county, has been called to her home on account of the death of her brother, Arthur Cassidey, who died in the Philippine Islands, where he was in business. He died last month, but the news of his death was not received until the body reached San Francisco, and started on the trip across the continent. The funeral and burial will take place at the home. The deceased was the son of Mr. James Cassidey. Since going to the Philippines seven years ago, Mr. Cassidey married a young Spanish lady in Manila. She survives him.

John C. Strayhorn, of Durham.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Durham, Dec. 19.—Mr. John C. Strayhorn, a well-known citizen, died at his home on Yancey street last night close to 10 o'clock. The funeral and burial took place to-day, the funeral service being conducted from the Second Baptist church by Rev. W. C. Barrett, the pastor, and the burial taking place in Maplewood Cemetery. Mr. Strayhorn was 56 years of age and he left a wife and two children. For several months he hda been ailing and on Monday night of this week he was taken suddenly and the physicians said that he ruptured a blood vessel in one of the lungs, this causing phneumonia to set in. This was the cause of his death.

Mr. R. G. Chaney, of Spencer.

Special to The Observer.

Spencer, Dec. 20...—Mr. R. G. Chaney, one of the first settlers of Spencer, died at his home here early this morning, of a sudden attack of pneumonia, from which he had suffered but a day or two. He had been ill but his condition was not considered serious, and his death was a great surprise.

Mr. Chaney, who for a number of years had been a foreman in the Southern Railway shops, in Spencer, was well known at Thomasville and Winston-Salem, where he formerly lived. He was about 55 years of age, and leaves one son, Mr. Robert G. Chaney, Jr., of New York, who is in the employ of the geological department of the government. He has been summoned to Spencer and upon his arrival the burial will take place at Thomasville, where Mrs. Chaney was buried a year ago. The family was much liked here by all who knew it.

Mr. Caleb Gant, of Iredell County.

Special to The Observer.

Statesville, Dec. 20.—Mr. Caleb Gant, a well-to-do farmer of the New Sterling neighborhood, Shiloh township, died quite suddenly Tuesday night. He had been ill for some time with heart disease, but was able to walk about. Tuesday night about 10 o'clock he complained of feeling sick and walked from his chair to the bed. He had hardly got on the bed when he died. The funeral services were conducted at New Bethany Baptist church yesterday afternoon and the interment was in the graveyard nearby.

Mr. Gant was one of the remaining few and rapidly decreasing number of Confederate veterans, and was about 67 years old. He joined the Confederate army at the beginning of the civil war and served loyally until the last struggles. He married a Miss Hammer, an aunt of Solicitor Hammer, and his wife and two children survive. He is also survived by a number of brothers living in neighboring counties. He was a member of the Baptist church, and was a good Christian citizen.

DURHAM SCHOOLS CLOSE.

More Than Ten Thousand Students Turned Loose Yesterday For the Christmas Vacation.

Special to The Observer.

Durham, Dec. 20.—To-day was school closing day in Durham and Durham county and in the afternoon several thousand students and pupils were given their freedom from the local school room until the holidays are over. The schools closing were Trinity College, Trinity Park School, Southern Conservatory of Music, all seven of the city schools and the forty-five or more schools in the county. More than ten thousand children and larger students were loosed for the Christmas occasion.

The city schools closed for twelve days, to open again January 2d. The county schools will open on the 30th instant, this giving ten days. In most of the county schools there were exercises that were interesting, North Carolina Day being observed. There were also many Christmas entertainments with Christmas trees and presents.

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NEW STATESVILLE CHURCH.

The Pressly Memorial Chosen as Name of New A. R. P. Church—Report of the Initial Meeting and Election of Ruling Elders—Help Needed to Erect a Suitable House of Worship.

Written for The Observer.

At the regular meeting of the First Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Synod, of the South, held at Edgemoor, S. C., October 29th and 30th, a commission consisting of the Revs. J. H. Pressly, W. Y. Love and J. Meek White, was appointed to organize a new church at what is known as the Southside Mission in Statesville. This commission, with the exception of the Rev. Mr. Love, met at the above place in due time, and after an able sermon from Isa. 27: 2-3: "A vineyard of red wine. I the Lord do keep it; I will water it every moment, lest any hurt it; I will keep it night and day," by Rev. Mr. Pressly, and prayer by Rev. Mr. White; a roll of 37 names was read and certified to by the session of the First Associate Reformed Church, followed by some tender remarks by the pastor of that church, he being the chairman of the commission, after which an election was entered into for officers of the new congregation. The following were elected ruling elders: A. D. Kestler, J. C. Morrison, A. M. Saville and J. H. White. The following were elected deacons, viz.: W. L. Cutting, Edward Dagenhart, J. E. Kestler and D. W. Woolen. Before this election was entered into, by request, Mr. J. K. Morrison led in a very earnest prayer to God for guidance. No nominations were made by any one, and it is hoped these brethren will accept, and if so, they will be ordained and inducted into office December 22d. The weather was auspicious and a large audience was present. Quite a number from the mother church, up town, were present to bid the new organization God-speed in its mission for man's good, and the glory of God.

Like a new-born babe, the new church needs right away a dress, by this we mean a suitable house of worship. The Synod can not provide for this need just now, as there are so many urgent calls for help. We, therefore, hope the friends of the new church will try to meet this need, as far as possible, right away.

Using the above figure again, the new church needs and must have a name. In view of the fact that the First church, Statesville, at one time had the services as pastor of the late Rev. William B. Pressly, who was pastor of New Sterling, this county, for many years, and as the strong Central church in the town of Statesville is at least partly the growth of his long, faithful and efficient labors, and as this church grew partly from the labors of the late Rev. John E. Pressly, in the lower part of the county, and lastly, but not least, possibly, inasmuch as this same church, the First A. R. P., has had the benefit of Brother J. H. Pressly's faithful and strenuous labors for a period of 16 years, we have suggested that the new organization be called "Pressly Memorial" church, and we hereby announce to the world that a child was born in Statesville December 8th, 1907, and that its name is "Pressly Memorial." We hope the name will be acceptable to all interested in the new church. Now allow me to ask all who are interested in the good work, because it is God's work, and therefore glorious, and who wish to honor the names of three noble men of God, come forward when the call is made and help build a suitable house of worship for this worthy people. This work and the Taylorsville field, are in the hands of Brother W. A. Kennedy, a splendid young man and an earnest, consecrated worker. We know his people are very much pleased with his work. But the new church is handicaped without a suitable church building. The building now occupied by this band of workers will not seat conveniently more than 50 or 75 people. There will be some accessions, immediately, and from time to time, so that a larger and more suitable house is a present and pressing need. We confidently expect this work to grow, flourish and prosper greatly with the fostering care of our people and the blessing of our God. The outlook is certainly very encouraging, and with a good church building, success is sure, in our judgment.

The boat has been pushed from the shore, the plucky little band has launched out into the deep, trusting God and hoping this enterprise will be properly looked after by the Synod; using the figure of a great English general when he said to his men, "England expects every man to do his duty," let us say Jesus our glorious King, expects us to do our duty. Having exceeding great and precious promises from on high, let us expect great things from God, let us attempt great things for Him, and He who watches over the sparrows and numbers the hairs of our heads, will bless us and bless us and bless us and