THE TEACHERS' ASSEMBLY.

Prof. R. D. W. Connor in the City Conferring With Secretary W. T. Corwith in Regard to Holding the Convention Here Next June.

Prof. R. D. W. Connor, secretary of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly spent yesterday in the city in conference with Secretary W. T. Corwith, of the Greater Charlotte Club, in regard to holding the next convention in this city. The assembly's membership consists of between 750 and 1,000 teachers from all over the State, and some estimate of what the convention amounts to in size can be ascertained from these figures. The president of the assembly is Prof. J. A. Matheson, of the Normal College, at Greensboro, Supt. F. R. Foust, of Guilford county, is the first vice president and Prof. Connor is secretary.

The last meeting was held in Raleigh two years ago, the meeting last year being knocked up on account of the burning of the Hotel Carrolina at Durham, where the assembly was due to convene. The next meeting is in June and will witness the twenty-fifth anniversary of the association, making the sessions particularly interesting and instructive.

A suggestion has been received from the State Superintendent of Education O. B. Martin, of South Carolina, that both States come together in a joint meeting, but the proposition has not been officially acted upon by the North Carolina authorities.

The North Carolina Teachers' Assembly has always been foremost in the educational matters of the State. It was largely instrumental in establishing he North Carolina Normal College at Greensboro, in inaugurating county institutes and the local axation scheme. In many other movements along educational lines it has had a part to perform.

It is believed that the next assembly will be held here. Messrs. Connor and Corwith conferred for a long time yesterday about the matter and both were convinced that the assembly could be amply accommodated here.

ARCHITECTS IN SESSION.

Semi-Annual Meeting of North Carolina Association Being Held in the City.

The semi-annual convention of the North Carolina Architects' Association is being held in the city, the first session being called yesterday afternoon, when an address was delivered by Mr. Charles C. Hook, of this city, president of the organization. Mr. Hook dealt especially with the outlook upon the new year in comparison with the results of the work of the year just closing. The session was confined to business matters exclusively.

Last night the local architects tendered the visitors a delightful theatre party, followed by an enjoyable smoker. The session which will be held this morning will close the convention. The officers of the association are the following named: President, C. C. Hook; vice president, Charles W. Barrett, of Raleigh; secretary, Franklin Gordon, of this city. The board of trustees consists of Messrs. Charles M. McMillian, of Wilmington, and C. E. Hartage, of Raleigh, acting conjointly with the officers.

At this morning's session a $10 prize, offered by Mr. C. C. Hook, will be awarded the draftsman contesting for the best design of the official seal of the association, a second prize being offered by Mr. McMillan. This contest is open only to the draftsmen employed in the offices of the members of the organization.

The convention is being largely attended. There are about twenty out of the thirty members who are attending.

CASE OF A NEGRO.

Dismissed on Charge of Trespass and Fined For Drunkenness—Attorney Contends That the Only Evidence Against the Man is That He Was Drunk at His Home.

A most peculiar case is that of James Andrews, of Ethiopian ancestry, tried in yesterday morning's recorder's court on the charge of trespass, found not guilty; he was tried then on the charge of drunkenness, the only evidence as to his intoxication being that of a policeman, who saw the man in his own home. He was fined $5 and costs. Mr. F. M. Shannonhouse, the negro's attorney, while holding that there is no law under heaven by which a man can be arrested for intoxication under his own vine and fig tree, agreed to pay the costs, if these were assessed after the attorney's own method of calculation, which differ by a number of dollars from that employed by the court. The negro went to jail, his lawyer threatening in the meantime to swear out a writ of habeas corpus. This has not been done as yet.

The negro, it seems, had been at the house of a neighbor woman, tying up her door and performing similar tricks. Then it was that somebody else summoned the officer, but when he arrived the woman imprisoned declared it was all a joke, so that case was dismissed. Nobody would swear that the negro was drinking when the act was done and the officer had seen him only later in his home. Hence the talk of a habeas corpus.

DEATH OF MILES DURHAM.

Bright Young Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Durham Passes Into the Beyond—Funeral This Morning at 11 O'clock.

After weeks of tossing upon the bed of illness, striving bravely with all his boyish strength against disease, little Miles Wriston Durham, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Durham, yesterday morning at 3 o'clock fell into the sleep which knows no earthly awakening. For days his condition had been so serious as to remove hope of his entire recovery out of the realm of things probable, and for a time he was unconscious. The little fellow was taken ill several weeks ago, meningitis developed and the passing days brought no change for the better.

Bright, winsome, attractive and with all the charm of promising childhood, those who mourn his death are all those who ever knew him. His stricken parents and the other members of the darkened household have the sincere sympathy of many.

The funeral services fill be conducted this morning at 11 o'clock from the residence on South Tryon street, Rev. Dr Herman H. Hulten, pastor of the First Baptist church, will be in charge.

Mr. Graham a Debater.

Mr. Frank P. Graham, of Charlotte, is the junior representative of the Dialectic Society in the annual sophomore-junior debate between the Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies of the University of North Carolina, which will take place in early spring. The querry is, "Resolved, That United States Senators should be elected by a direct vote of the people." The Dialectic Society has the negative.

This is the season of decay and weakened vitality; good health is hard to retain. If you'd retain yours, fortify your system with Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, the surest way. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. H. H. Jordan & Co.

NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION.

Meeting Called for January 8th at Yarboro House, Raleigh—Some Important Topics to Be Discussed.

The Observer is requested to publish the following:

A meeting of the National Guard Association of North Carolina has been called by the executive committee. The meeting will be called to order in the City of Raleigh, on Monday, January 6th, 1908, at 2 o'clock, p. m., and will continue according to the pleasure of the association.

It is recommended that officers travel in civilian clothes. Dress uniforms, side arms and white gloves are prescribed for the meeting.

It is of the greatest importance that your organization be represented. Your presence is needed for the good of the association and the service. Resolutions and recommendations looking to the great improvement of the guard will be debated. Among others, the following questions will be considered: (1) Should staff appointments be given to outsiders, (2) Should we have the pay and allowances of the regular army while in camp, (3) Should the quartermaster department be requested to furnish suitable buildings for regimental and battalion officers' messes, (4) Should officers be examined for promotion, (5) Should promotion by seignority and examination be adopted, (6) Should the quartermaster department provide cots for use in camp, (7) Should pay be allowed for attendance at drill, (8) Should the National Guardsman be exempted from road and street tax, etc.

It is necessary that we have a speedy decision of the more important of these questions, and that the code committee be instructed to proceed at once to formulate a revision of the military laws of the State.

The executive committee will meet at the Yarboro House Monday morning, at 10 o'clock.

The minutes of the organization meeting at Jamestown, including the constitution and by-laws of the association, will be mailed you in a few days.

Now is the time for the line to assert itself, and for the guard to convince the people of the State that it means business. Please let the undersigned know as soon as possible whether or not your organization will be represented.

Very truly yours,
JNO. W. NORWOOD,
President, N. G. A. N. C.
Waynesville, Dec. 12, 1907.

A FINE CONCERT.

Miss May Penfield, of New York, Delights a Select Audience of Charlotte Music Lovers—Has a Voice of Great Range and Volume.

In spite of the unfavorable circumstances, the fact that so much of interest was going on, a fair sized and select crowd assembled last night to hear the concert of Miss May Penfield, of New York, who is the guest of Mrs. E. W. Thompson, in Dilworth. The singer is endowed with a splendid voice of great range and volume and her diction is clear. In a voice of such quality and range flexibility is generally not one of the strong points, but Miss Penfield is an exception and her coleratura is fluent and clear. The programme was a very varied and interesting one and showed to advantage Miss Penfield's versatility. Best, one might say, were the renditions of "Elsa's Dream," by Wagner, and "Nymphs and Fawns," by Bemberg, for compositions of greater dramatic requirements seem best adapted to a voice as powerful and voluminous as Miss Penfield's. Her interpretation showed careful study in every instance, and there is no doubt that she has the material to make a great singer. The audience received the singer warmly and heartily applauded the different selections, in many instances calling enthusiastically for an encore. The duet, "Passage Birds' Farewell," was truly one of the most delightful numbers on the programme, and the voices of the Misses Penfield and Oates blended well and seemed in perfect harmony. Miss May Oates was in excellent voice, which demonstrated again what it has so ofen been praised for, quality and timbre. Mr. Henry Anderson, who is a most able accompanist, lost entirely his own individuality and sustained and developed to the end the singer's intentions.

The recital was given in order to help the piano fund of the Y. W. C. A. The collections made for this good cause amounted to $35.

PLAYERS HIGHLY PLEASED.

Declare Charlotte the Best Town They Struck En Tour—"Madam Butterfly" a Great Success.

The members of the Henry W. Savage company, which presented the inimitable "opera seria" "Madam Butterfly," at the local Academy Thursday night, were highly pleased with the cordial reception which they had at the hands of Charlotte theatre-goers. The house was a good one, thoroughly representative, intelligent and appreciative. The city, the hotels and that indescribable atmosphere characteristic of the true Southern city impressed all the members of the company, who did not not hesitate to express themselves, saying that Charlotte was the most delightful city in which they had yet stopped en tour. All of which, parenthetically speaking or writing, will do the town no harm. On the contrary, it will do a vast deal of good from the theatrical standpoint, if from no other.

The Christmas Cantata at Trinity Church Last Night.

Thoroughly delightful was the Christmas cantata, "Santa's Success," presented last night at Trinity Methodist church under the direction of Prof. R. L. Keesler, the organist of the church. More than a half hundred children and young people participated, each and every one evidencing careful and painstaking study and training. The result could not have been otherwise than gratifying to audience and parents. The entertainment was pleasantly varied, being so arranged that many diverse tastes were catered to and pleased. The singing especially was in excellent time and rendered with all the sweetness and peculiar melody found in no other exactly as in children's music.

Traveling Auditors of the Southern Meet.

The annual meeting of the traveling auditors of the Southern Railway was held yesterday at the Selwyn Hotel. Matters of business strictly were discussed, all the subjects being purely technical. A similar meeting is held every year so that the auditors can keep in close touch with each other and that harmonious work can result. Among those here yesterday were: Messrs. L. A. Dill, of Birmingham, Ala.; B. D. Casey, of Anniston, Ala.; T. W. Seay, of Huntsville, Ala.; W. G. Cartrel, of Atlanta, Ga.; J. W. Greer, of Columbus, Miss.; W. A. Baughn, of Atlanta, Ga.; L. S. Foust, of Macon, Ga.; W. J. Kennedy, of Greenwood, S. C.

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LOITERING IS TRESPASS.

So Rules Recorder Smith, But Appeal is Taken to Superior Court—Mr. W. S. Dudley the Defendant.

Loitering at the police station after being asked to take his departure and declaring that there are not enough policemen in the City of Charlotte to lock him up was construed by Recorder W. M. Smith yesterday morning to be trespassing. The defendant, Mr. W. S. Dudley, was fined the costs in the case. His attorney, Mr. F. M. Shannonhouse, immediately took an appeal. The defendant's recognizance was taken for his appearance at Superior Court. The incident took place a few nights ago at the station. Mr. Dudley was locked up after his pronouncement concerning the power of the police to lock him up.

Another case in which the machinery of the law clashed with a citizen was that of Will Perry, colored. Perry was placed on trial several weeks ago for disorderly conduct. At that time he swore in court and talked insolently, for which dissipation he was sent to jail for thirty days for contempt of court. He apologized to the court yesterday and submitted through his attorney, Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick. This saved his hide and he was dismissed with the costs.

Judgment was continued in the case of Mr. C. M. Bridges, a grocer, of West Trade street, who was charged with taking up too much sidewalk with his wares. He was found guilty.

Will Doolan, colored, was charged with being drunk and disorderly, but he did not appear in court. Mr. J. D. McCall, who was for the prosecution, wanted the $15 bond ordered forfeited and the negro brought in to-day, a course of procedure to which the defendant's lawyer, Mr. F. M. Shannonhouse, objected. The court ordered that the negro be brought in to-day, but the bond was not ordered forfeited.

Trade Quiet in Most of the Stores.

"Trade is over," said a Charlotte merchant, yesterday. "It's a little curious, but as soon as Christmas is over, the slump comes. Of course, it is never entirely dead, but there is no rush." As a mater of fact, the merchants say, the next boost for the dry goods stores will come in January with the demand for white goods. The ladies have already practically finished their winter sewing. In the spring will come the next permanent upgrade pull for all branches of trade.

The stores would hardly be recognized on first glance as being the overrun places they were last week.

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Cotton Figures.

The receipts at the cotton platform amounted to 18 bales yesterday, which sold at 10:75 cents, against 10 bales on the same date last year at 10 cents. The total receipts for the week ending yesterday afternoon were 276 bales, against 41 bales for the corresponding week last year. The receipts so far indicate that the difference between this and last year is only about 100 bales, which go to this year's sales.

HERE'S GOOD ADVICE.

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