bestor of the First Baptist Church Decides to Decideo Call to the Largest and Most Influential Church in the Southern Baptist Convention—Salary About Double That Received in Charlotte—Congregational Meeting Follows Morning Service and Paster is Urged to Remain—Had Pructically Decided to Accept.

Like thunderbolt from unclouded sky, stirring hundreds to an intensity of feeling not often exhibited, and coming as the chmax of a quarter hour of concentrated feeling and prayer, was the decision of Rev. Dr. H. H. Huiten, who, standing in the pulpit of the First Baptist church, esterday at 12:30 closed the door of expectant opportunity, and promised decline the overtures from a church which he declared is throne of the Baptist Convention."

round of applause, hesitant at first lest the proprieties be violated, yet not repressible and growing in volume swept over the building. The pastor's sudden decision swept away the uncertainties and the overshadowing fear of threatened disintegration to which a church made shepherdless at a critical stage of its career would be inevitably exposed. There were few dry eyes in the audience as the significance of the preacher's few simple words were compre-

Announcement of the call to the pastorate of a distinguished Southern church was made by Dr. Hulten Friday night first to a meeting of dea-Publication was given it Saturday morning and since that time only expressions of regret at the possibility of a severance of the pastoral relations were heard by the members of that and other congregations. During his three years of service Baptist pastor has accomplished much for the growth of his church and has won a reputation as a pulpit erator of the first rank.

Mr. W. C. Dowd called to order a congregational meeting yesterday immediately at the conclusion of the can trade is at this time almost morning service. Mr. J. A. Durham tirely at home, no stone should profound regret that the possibility of a change had come upon the congreation and indulging the earnest hope that Dr. Hulten would decide to remain in his present field of labor. For him to leave, just now, it seemed to him, would be little short calamitous to the church. He called on several others of the congregation, each responding with a few remarks. Through all ran the same note of regret, of conviction that the pastor's duty lay here in Charlotte.

A HARD QUESTION. "But I don't feel like saying much one way or the other," said Capt. T. S. Franklin, superintendent of the the Baptist Sunday school. "For the reason that the opportunities in the church from which the call has come are so great, the field is so large, and considerations tempting that the problem becomes a serious one for Dr. Hulten. I mention these things in order that the congregation may view the matter ly, may see the position in which ilulten is placed and may be able, if he decides to stay here, to realize the sacrifice which he is mak-

'i am proud," said Mr. C. E. Ma-"to be a member of a church which has for a pastor a man who can receive a call from the congregation which has called our minister."

When a minister receives a call to another church, he continued, there important of these are the opportunities for efficient service. These at the prospective church are admittedly great, but, considering the status of affairs of the First Baptist church of this city, which is in the work of erecting a splendid new each. Three men went hverboard, structure of worship, he believed it One was lost. One man died on the the field is ripe unto harvest.

Mr. Dowd then led the congregation miles prayer that, the right dision might be made and that if it were best, the congregation should not be left without a leader.

RENOUNCES LAUDABLE AMBI-

Dr. Hulten, who had been silent, seated to the right of the pulpit during these declarations of a congregapulpit. His face was set and determined. "For three years I have been the

pastor of this church." he said. "Dur-ing this time four prominent churches of the Southern Baptist Convention have sought my services. None of them impressed me at all and gave them no consideration. I would not even allow negotiations to proceed. The other day there came, absolutely unexpected, and unsolicited, an everture from what is in reality the throne of our Southern Conven-

rect him there.

with this church."

had almost, if not completely, made sibility. Judge W. J. Adams, of up his mind to accept the call and it Carthage, who succeeds Judge Neal, was only the situation as present-ed in the solicitations of his congregation and its representation duty called him here which induced him to his change of plans.

The meeting was turned into an informal reception, scores of those ent congratulating Dr. Hulten on his decision to bide yet awhile with them. It is said that the position dedined carried with it a salary more than double that now received.

"Why I Am a Presbyterian." congregation yesterday morning on affair took place about the corner of the theme, "Why I Am a Presby-terian," outlining brilliantly and very terian," outlining brilliantly and very terian, and the corner of the ractively the cardinal doctrines of Presbyterian Church. He touched on the several distinguishing fea-

ompared with other evangelical Churches. The discourse was enjoy-ed by the fine crowd that heard him. s Cotton Yarn and Cotton Cloth

Department,

e American Commission Comof Atlanta, Ga., one of the
progressive and substantial conof the kind in the South, has
opened a cotton yarn and cotton
department with Mr. Charles J.
is in charge. Mr. Turple is an
it is his line, conservative and
a same time aggressive, and untis direction this feature of trade
the American Commission should

TARIFF ON COTTON GOODS.

threes' Association Urge Members to Bear in Mind the Importance of Present Tariff Agitation.

That the officers of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association are alive to the importance of the present agitation looking to a maintenance if not an increase of the present tariff schedules on all cotton goods yarns of finer counts, 50s and above, which should certainly be advanced in accord with the request of the committee which appeared before the ways and means committee of the House two weeks ago, is evidenced by the following letter which has just been sent out from the Association offices in this city to all members: To the Members of the American

Cotton Manufacturers' Association: The importance to cotton manufacturers of the United States of the question, particularly on cotton goods, cannot be overestimated, and for the best interest of all manufacturers, the greatest attention should be paid to the matter while it is pending before the committee and during the time it is before Congress.

The committees from different cotton manufacturing organizations, which appeared before the ways and means committee on December 1st. pleaded for a continuance of the present tariff on all characters of cotton goods, except fine yarns. They asked that the class be changed on certain numbers of fine yarns, which would mean a slight increase in the present duties.

It is of prime importance that the duties on cloth be maintained in cordance with the present schedule, if not increased. Foreign countries have much advantage of us in exporting cotton cloth, and on account export trade being particularly dull at this time, foreign countries would naturally ship their goods to America in event the duties were dereased, and such goods would come n competition with American manufactured cloth at the expense of the American mill. Insomuch as American trade is at this time almost enwas called to the chair. Mr. Dowd left unturned that this trade should spoke several minutes, expressing be maintained at it's present standard.

It is of greatest importance that each of you keep in constant communication with your Congressmen and Senators with the end in view of maintaining the present tariff on cot-ton cloth and on coarse numbers of auditorium yesterday afternoon, had cotton yarn and on the slight change a delightful foretaste of the approach-proposed by the different organiza-ing holiday season. Mr. H. F. Anderons on fine yarns.

This office will be glad to be whatever service possible in securing information that you may want. Yours very truly, T. H. RENNIE,

President. C B BRYANT Secretary and Treasurer.

FROM THE BATTLESHIP FLEET.

Mr. Phifer Quinn Writes Entertainingly of the Trip of the Big Fleet fleet was making for Japanese waters. His letter is dated Yokahoma, Japan, Oct. 17th. He says: "We dropped anchor this morning after a run of six days of the roughest weather any "We dropped sailor, eld or young, ever had. One he chose rather to speak more earn-day from the Philippines a typhoon estly, more seriously. And he told another church, he continued, there are always a name of things to stop and take it down. We lost the and very witty and was listened to stop and take it down. We lost the and very witty and was listened to important of these are the opportunity of t knots. We rocked to an angle of 12 degrees. The old Kearsage was tosswas toss-third day son, rendered delightfully u The Kentucky we lost our gig. affairs of the First Baptist church of one of her life boats, the Rhode this city, which is in the midst of Island, Wisconsin and Virginia two was his duty to remain here, where Missouri of heart disease. We had, as you see, an exciting run of 1,700

"We dropped anchor here this morning at 7:50. A fleet of twelve large steamers came out and escorted us in. Big mines were touched off. fire works were set off and other dem-onstrations in the way of welcome, given. The Japs gave each of us a map of Yokahema and Tokio; postals with stamps on them, and a sliver medal, In Australia we were each given a gold medal as a watch charm.

EX-JUDGE NEAL'S WORK.

Prominent Jurist Understood to Be Slated For Associate General Counsel of Scaboard.

It is currently reported and general-

ly credited that ex-Judge Walter H. Neal, of Laurinburg, who resigned the judgeship last week to enter "the service of a large corporation" will become an associate of Major John D. Shaw, of Rockingham, general tion—the only church in all our or-ganization which really touches and Railway Company, in the near future, impresses not merely its local field, his office doubtless being that of as-but the world." sociate general counsel. Judge Neal This invitation had given the is admittedly one of the first lawyers preacher pause. The opportunities of the State, a gentleman of fine lefor good in a field so large, the position of eminence in the Master's servexperience and possessed of rare tion of eminence in the Master's servexperience and possessed of rare ice had seemed to him perhaps to di-judgment in the handling of important matters of legal business, Ma-"But this morning in response to jor Shaw has been one of the leaders your wishes expressed I close the at the bar for many years and door of opportunity and will remain should such an arrangement as that ith this church."

Suggested be perfected, it would reThere is no doubt that Dr. Hulten lieve him of much worry and respon-

that ed parts and pre-eminent ability. Negro Whacks Companion With Knife In a personal embroilment following a heated discussion of athletics or some subject equally inflammable, Jack Starnes, of color, flashed a knife yesterday afternoon and badly slashed Tom Moore, also colored, with the implement of steel. A number of cuts were inflicted on the man's back, Hev. Dr. A. A. McGeachy, the which had to be sewed up by sur-ewly installed paster of the Second geons, the work being done in the resbyterian church, preached to his police station. Starnes escaped. The

is quite well known in Charlotte, He is recognized as a jurist of undoubt-

worse alightly for imbibation. Decorations For Christmas Services, The decoration of St. Peter's Episcopal church for Christmas serv-ices will begin at St. John's Chapel, North Poplar street, Tuesday, ber 18th, and on every day and even-ing until completed. Every member of the congregation is asked to as-

sist in the work. MEDICINE THAT IS MEDICINE.
"I have suffered a good deal with ma-laria and stomach complaints, but I have CHECK FLASHER ARRESTED.

Inn Who Swindled Charlotte Hotel Men Out of More Than \$200 Captured in Washington. A check-flasher who registered in

Charlotte at various times under various names, the most frequent being Doyle, and who swindled the local hotels out of at least \$200, has been arrested in Washington. of the local hotel managers stated to an Observer man, last night that this fellow Doyle, under his fifty-odd aliases, had relieved Southern hotel men of at least \$8,000, to say nothing of hotels in other sections of the country. Charlotte's contribution of over \$200 is rather small, considering the relative importance and size of the town. The following is from The Hotel Register:

"Some time ago the Hotel Patten, Chattanooga, requested The Hotel Register to publish a portrait of a hotel swindler, which was done. People everywhere will be gratified to learn that the result has been that the swindler, Doyle, Brandt, Jones, Oliver and about fifty other aliases, is held by Major Sylvester, superintendent of police at Washington, where he was arrested after passing three checks on three dif-

to be commended for its constant chase after this fellow and a correspondent to The Hotel Register says: 'A little more helpful publicity from the hotel cierks and cashiers of the country at large in all cases pertaining to bad checks would be of great benefit to all and prevent a great deal of this promiscuous cashing of checks, which in some cases foots up to quite a large sum at the end of the year when the balance

CHRISTMAS EXERCISE HELD. Delightful Service at the Presbyterian

College esterday Afternoon-dress By Rev. Dr. McGeachy. The many friends of the Presbyterian College who attended the Christ son opened the exercises with an ex quisite organ composition by Saint Saens, entitled "The Swan," and this was followed by Dudley Buck's "My Redeemer and My God," sung by Miss May Penfield, whose beautiful voice

was at its best. Miss Penfield looked very handsome, wearing a becoming gown of black volle with net yoke and The college musurgia sang three bright and inspiring songs, and also a very lovely Christmas anthem. with a soprano obligate by Miss Penfield. Rev. Dr. A. A. McGeachy, pas-tor of the Second Presbyterian mr. Phifer Quinn, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Quinn, of Salisbury, who for a year or more has been in the conventional thing he would probably navy, writes relatives in Charlotte of give the young ladies a talk upo the Kearsage's experience while the some such text as "Awake My Love, from Solomon's Song, or "The Voice of the Turtle is Heard in the Land." He said he might be expected to devote the time to scattering religious bon bons and scriptural confetti, but struck us. We kept up with the fleet for a day, but our gallant-masts was slmost carried away and we had to principles. The talk was very wise The programme was brought to a

> organ by Mr. Anderson. Rev. Mr. Knox to Begin Meeting. Rev. John P. Knox, of the A. R. P. church at Columbia, S. C., will begin a week's preaching at the Villa Heights church to-night. Mr. Knox is a native of this county and one of the atrongest ministers in the First Presbytery of the denomination. The Villa Heights church is under the

ministerial care of Rev. John A.

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Mitch Sharpe, For a Rarity, Will Before Recorder This Morning Along With S. C. Kincaid and W. H. Kennington.

A three-cornered fight between W. Kennington, Mitch Sharpe and B. Kincald, all white, resulted in the arrest of the three combatants, all of shom are charged with an affray. In addition, the two latter are charged with intoxication. Plain drunkenness is the allegation against J. M. Mercer and C. J. Houston. Profanity is the breach of good taste charged against S. C. Dulin.

The case of Robert Wilson, colored, will come up for trial this morning before the recorder, who will bind the defendant over to court to answer the charge of robbery and larceny. This is the case of the man found possess-ed of knife and pistol stolen from the home of Mr. S. C. Caldwell, in the county. The negro will claim, by way of defense, that he got the articles from some one cise. The spe-cial agent from Monroe, who re-lieved him of the pistol, has been to the city and sworn that it is the one he took off the negro. Consequently will not be here for the hearing.

As to East Avenue Bitulithic. It is understood that the petition for bitulithic paving, which some of the residents on East avenue have started, is being largely signed and passing three checks on three dif-ferent hotels there. He will receive the limit of the law in Washington, after which the Washington jailer will turn him over to the sheriff at Chattanooga.

"The Hotel Patten management is to be commended for its constant to the holders of property abutting on this avenue sign the petition saking that such be done.

> Veterans Invited to Academy, Manager John L. Crovo, of the local Academy of Music, has extended an invitation to all the old soldiers of the county to attend the perform-ance of the Hutton and Balley Stock Company Wednesday afternoon. It is desired by Mr. Crovo that as many of the veterans as can possibly attend will witness the play of the after-

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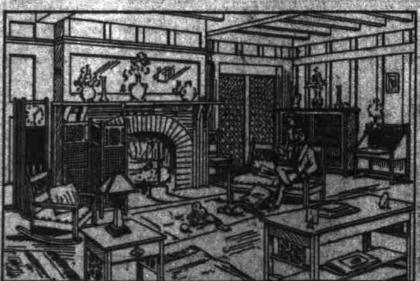
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