WE present in another column a picture of the old North State of today drawn by one of the closest observers and best portrayers of the age. Col. A. K. McClure, the editor of the Philadelphia Times. Our readers will recognize in it a representation by no means flattered, yet one in which we can take the highest pride. Col. McClure viewed the land without bias or favor, and his description is in words of simple truth. His compliment to ex-Gov. Jarvis is deserved if ever compliment was.

Ws learn with pleasure that Hon. Jas. S. Battle has been promoted to the position of Revenue Agent. He has been in the service several months already under Col. Geo. B. Clark, a prominent Missouri democrat, who has charge of the division comprising the States of Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina but he is now advanced to a place equal in dignity and responsibility to that of Col. Clark. What his division is to be, however, has not been announced. The people are to be congratulated on this news. Mr. Battle is a man of the highest character and of fine business capacity. He has long been a leading citizen of the State by reason of Hare's Hill. his upright walk in life, and he will faithfully and intelligently perform the | the Record in a recent issue says: duties of any office he may accept.

THE resolutions of practical value adopted by the convention of South Carolina farmers as summarized by the Charleston News and Courier, were as follows: "1. The general depression of the farming interests throughout the Southern States is not the result of bad State legislation or unwise administration, but is directly traceable to our unwise system of raising all cotton and buying everything we use in foreign markets. "2. The present impoverished condition of the farmers of the State is attributable to the following causes: First, a false idea of the profits of cotton crops; second, a ruinous system of tenantry; third, a ruinous system of farmearned money for worthless commercial fertilizers; fifth, the shameful neglect to raise the necessary supplies for home consumption; sixth, the careless and financiering, and of contracting debts; seventh, the great want of practical fellowship among farmers; eighth, the neglect to raise stock sufficient to supply the farm."

These resolutions it will be well for the farmers of North Carolina to ponder and act upon. They are the deliberate conclusions of practical agriculturists, not of theorists. They are the views of farmers of the day, familiar with all existing difficulties and embarrassments, and they are valuable accordingly.

THE RETHODIST GENERAL CONFER-

This highest eclesiastical body of the Methodist Episcopal church South is now in session at Richmond and will probably remain in session some three weeks longer. It is composed of an equal number of clerical and lay delegates from the several annual conferences of the church and many of these rank below none as pulpit orators and as jurists and statesmen. The body convenes quadrennially only and as it brings together the great lights of a church so large and influential as the Methodist it is of interest not only to the people it represents but to Christians of all denominations, and whatever action it may take will be important to all. It is the great law-making power of the Methodist church South. It considers all the subjects of church work-education, missions, Sunday schools, religious literature, &c., and, in short, reviews the whole regime of the church (save, of course, the fundamental doctrines, which remain fixed) making such changes and amendments as experience and observation suggest.

The great body of Methodism outside

the South is represented by fraternal delegates, clerical and lay and these are heard upon a day set apart for fraternal greetings.

The bishops of the church preside over the conference in turn and the proceedings are carefully reported and published under the auspices of the confer-

THE SOUTHERN BAPIESTS. The Southern Baptist convention, which is now in session at Montgomery, Ala., contains some of the most eminent men in the South, and most of the great Baptist preachers. There are now in the United States 2,572,298 Baptists, and of this number about 2,000,000 are within the jurisdiction of the Southern convention. The body does its work through the foreign mission board, located at Richmond, Va., the receipts of which last year were \$81,289,59, and which sustains missions in Mexico, Brazil, Africa, China and Italy, and through the home mission board located . Nor wreck, nor change, nor winter's blight, be entirely out of a supply at any time of at Atlanta. The receipts of the latter last year were \$71,431.68, and there were reported as results of its operations. were reported as results of its operations 2,931 baptisms, 4,664 additions in all and three new churches organized. It sustains 185 missionaries and has been holding theological institutes among the colored people at which 179 preachers and deacons have been taught. Its

lanta, is to preach the convention sermon, and the Rev. P. H. Mell, LL. D. of Athens, Ga., has been elected president, an honor which has been paid him by almost every convention for the last twenty years.

THE BATTLE OF HARE'S HILL.

Some weeks ago, as our readers will remember, we reprinted an article from the Chatham Record on the battle of Hare's Hill, or Fort Steadman, as the Federals call it, to the effect that the troops that led the attack and bore the brunt of that battle constituted Grimes' division, which was composed of Cox's and Grimes' old brigade of North Carolinians, Battle's brigade of Alabamians, and Cook's brigade of Georgians, all influx of immigration and wealth; but commanded by Major-Gen. Bryan Grimes. This drew a communication from Gen. W. G. Lewis, in which it was alleged that the Record had "fallen into an error" and was asserted that Walker's division (in which was Gen. Lewis' brigade) "led the attack", and that eighty picked men were selected from Lewis' brigade as the 'forlorn hope'', and that these men were the first to enter the enemy's works, &c. Gen. Lewis was followed by Judge Gudger, who wrote that he was adju-

tant of the 25th regiment in Ransom's brigade, and that a detachment from that brigade 'formed the advance of the movement upon the enemy's lines, and this advance guard crossed the field between the two lines and surprised and took the fort." In reply to this Gen. Lewis wroze again, saying: "Captain Gudger is in error. The fort he refers to was not Fort Steadman, but a fort on the south bank of the Appomattox river.' Later still there was a communication from Mr. J. P. Leach corroborating the original statement of the Record, the writer saying that he was a member of Co. C, 53d regiment, Grimes' division. and that he was one of the men of that | constitution, has brought the State to division detailed to lead the assault at the largest measure of prosperity ever

"Now here are three honorable and faithful gentlemen, Messrs. Lewis, Gudger and Leach, making contradictory statements—each asserting that a different body of troops led the advance and captured Fort Steadman. Is it any wonder then that history is so full of errors? This was the last battle of the war, immediately preceding the evacuation of Petersburg; and yet the chief participants in it on the same side cannot agree on so material a fact as what troops led the attack !

We are pleased that the Record's article has elicited this discussion, and we hope other participants in the battle of Hare's Hill will write their recollections and thus the movements of all the troops engaged in it may be explained and the exact truth be ascertained. While the stateing without care for the preservation of ments above quoted appear to be conthe fertility of the soil; fourth, a care-tradictory, yet we think that less and wilful giving away of hard- they can all be reconciled. It is most probable that the enemy's breastworks were assaulted simultaneously by Grimes' division, Walker's division and consumption; sixth, the careless and Ransom's brigade, but at different unbusiness-like manner of managing, of points, Lewis' brigade attacking at one place, as described by Gen. Lewis, Ransom's brigade at another place, as described by Judge Gudger, and Grimes' division at still another place, as described by the Record and corroborated by Mr. Leach."

We bring up the matter again today not only as interesting and appropriate to this memorial season, but in order to point a moral. It is by such contributions as those of which we have been speaking that the truth of history is to be arrived at. Human testimony even of the highest order is defective. No two men, however intelligent and however truthful, can give exactly the same account of an occurrence witnessed by both. The fact is due to the imper-fection of our nature. It is only by taking all the most reliable accounts. comparing and reconciling them that an approximation to the actual facts of what has happened can be obtained. It is a duty the living participants in the late war owe their country therefore to put their recollections into print and so to aid in the work of correctly representing the struggle which gave imperishable glory to Southern arms.

We learn that Gen. Lewis, in a recent letter to the editor of the Record, concludes that the Record's original statement is, after all, probably correct.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Tomorrow we shall gather again at the bidding of the women of the Statethose noble spirits always first with the bay, the laurel and the cypress-about the graves of the men and alas! the boys who laid their lives freely on the altar of their country's hopes. The cause for which they fought is lost forever, but the sacrifice they made will remain fresh always in our recollection. and the glorious deeds they did will be themes for our poets and orators until we as a people shall have passed into oblivion. We can say nothing new of the bright anticipations with which our gray coats went to battle, or the bitterness of the defeat they suffered. The story is an old one now, and the healing hand of time has enabled us to take up again the burden of life with cheerfulness, but the memory of those we love never fades away, and we cannot but remember with peculiar tenderness those who were torn from us by the cruel hand of war. We cannot fail either to recall the valor and devotion of our patriot dead. Their fame is the brightest page in the history of this country, and we would be less than hu man did we not take pride in it. Let us, then, once more strew their graves with the wreaths that typify immortality and hope. It is meet that we should do so, and that we should never weary of doing so, even though

The Rev. Dr. J. B. Hawtherne, of At- all, what else has it amounted to?

NEW NORTH CAROLINA.

AS SEEN BY AN INTELLIGENT NORTHERNER. (From "The South: Its Industrial, Financial

and Political Condition." By A. K. Mc-Clure, editor of the Philadelphia Times.) North Carolina is now single from the ther reconstructed States in having attained, solely by the efforts of her own people, a higher degree of general prosperity than was ever before attained in her history. She has a more prosperous and thrifty people to-day than at any period of the past, and there is more capital employed and less debt, State and individual, than at any time in the last half-century. Texas has surpassed the old North State because of her large North Carolina has fewer foreigners and more completely homogeneous population than any other State of the Union. Since the rescue of the State from the tempest of profligacy that swept over it after the war under the Holden government, the taxes have steadily diminished until they are only nominal, and the schools have increased until they proffer education to every child in the common-wealth, revardless of color. Her le-gitimate debt is steadily reduced; her treasury has a large surplus; her hu-mane institutions, conducted with equal care and outlay for both races, are mon-uments of gredit; her public improveuments of credit; her public improvements have kept pace with the growing wants of her people; her authority reflects the pride of the State in its stainless integrity, and thrift and content are the common blessings of her people. For this exceptional record there are many able and true men to whom North Carolina is indebted; but it is no injusice to any to say that to no one is she so much indebted as to Thomas J. Jarvis,

the late Governor. His term of six years, ended only by the mandate of the known in all her past, and there is not Referring to all these communications a son of North Carolina who does not share in the general pride of a more than rehabilitated commonwealth. When it is considered that North Carolina has every important mineral within her borders, from gold to iron; that she has every variety of soil for every variety of crops, from wheat to cotton; that she has every variety of climate, from the sunny southern coast to the chills of the highest peak of the Appalachian range; that she has water-power enough in a single river to spin and weave the whole cotton of the South, and that her lands are nearly as cheap and her climate better than the West, -when these facts are weighed in the scale of intelligence, the mementous meaning of a New South, with sectional tranquility assured, may be understood in the North as it is now

> The Fruit Industry and the Fruit Belt. Industrial South.

understood in the Carolinas.

The true fruit zone of the country is that which is covered by Virginia and North Carolina and the States lying back of them, but as yet their product is scarcely felt in the market The raising of fruit as of other things for which this latitude is better adapted than the North is nevertheless left for commercial purposes almost entirely to the North. What is done there, but might be better done here, may be seen from the following reports made this year from a few counties in western New York to the horticultural society of that section of the State:

Orleans county reported the sales, including those of 395,000 barrels of apples, \$449,300

at - -From Niagara county there were put up 700.000 barrels of good apples, besides as many more manufactured (this does not include 80,000 barrels of pears and 50,000 bushels of plums), estimated at

From Chantauqua county, mostly for apples and grapes, - - - From Genesee county,

mostly all for apples, \$2,166,300 Total,

Here are four counties producing over an average of half a million dollars, each, worth of fruit-counties which, we venture to say, possess no advantage, except probably in the number of their inhabitants, over a score or more of counties that might be named in any one of the States that lie between the latitudes that include Virginia and North Carolina. And yet none of these States, we suppose, produces fruit enough for domestic consumption. Certain it is that Virginia draws very largely on the North for its apples, whereas it should be sending its own apples by ship-loads to the North.

Spirits of aurpouting. This is one of the most valuable articles in a family, and when it has once obtained a foothold in the house it is really a necessity and could ill be dispensed with. Its medicinal qualities are very numerous; for burns it is a quick application and gives immediate relief; for blisters on the hands it is of priceless value, searing down the skin and preventing soreness; for corns on the toes it is useful, and good for rheumatism and sore throat, and it is the quickest remedy for convulsions or fits. Then it is a sure preventive against moths; by just dropping a trifle in the bottom of drawers, chests and cupboards it will render the garments secure from injury during the summer. It will keep ants and bugs from closets and storerooms, by putting a few drops in the corners and upon the shelves; it is sure lestruction to bed-bugs, and will effectaally drive them away from their haunts if thoroughly applied to the joints of the bedstead in the spring-cleaning time, and injures neither furniture nor clothing. Its pungent odor is retained

and deacons have been taught. Its order. Well, he acted like that sort of mission fields are in Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas; among the Cubans in as an advertisement for Martin Irons fammations, Hemorrages, Catarrh &c. Algorithm and Texas and Texas are that the most scientific chemists; for all Pain, in the most scientific chemists; for all pain and t Key West and in the Indian Territory. seems a trifle disproportionate, but, after ways ask for and see that you get Pend's Ex-

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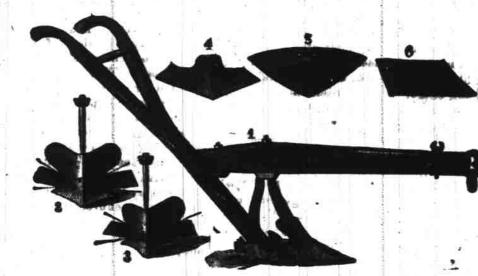
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