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Yours anxiously to please,  
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CALL ON ME BEFORE PURCHASING!

Our "Meet Up" at Richmond, May 29, 1890.

(After twenty-five years.)  
Halleluoy! Jim, I've found you!  
Howdy! Howdy! Yes, it's Jack.  
'Scuse my arm, they will go 'round you.  
An' ther blam'd tears wont stay back.

I've this whole town hunted over,  
'Fraid that you might be so chang'd,  
That we'd meet, an' pass 'bout knowin',  
'Fore they got our camp errand'd.

I'd no fear of being mistak'n.  
Efi'd hear yer dear old voice;  
I used ter set ther leaves er shakin',  
When we'd over the yanks rejoice.

Folks all well? Now that's real harty,  
Grand-son! You don't tell meso.  
Prosperin' sim? Well, that's good for you,  
An' I hope you'll wealthy grow.

Me? O, our old town is boom'n,  
They've found 'em on all thro' my lan',  
An' er great big furnace's boom'n,  
What my cotton use ter stan'.

Fall in Jim! Prosessin's movin',  
Left! Right! Left! It takes her back  
To ther days of fusi and funin',  
Frolie, fun, selt meat, hard-tack.

Five an' twenty years, it's been, Jim,  
Since we tramp'd these streets before,  
Appermattux left behind, Jim,  
Home before us, not more.

In this style, we didn't step then,  
Bleedin' feet could scarcely drag.  
No sich music for us kep' time,  
An' they only showed one flag.

An' we couldn't say that day, Jim,  
As terday we gladly do,  
That our foes are all forgiv'n  
An' we love ther old flag too.

Broken-hearted, starv'd, despairin',  
Hope, ambition, all laid low,  
To look forward, hardly durin',  
Lookin' backwads, only woe.

O, ther woe of Appermattux!  
Was ther ever thing to try  
Souls of men, like that deed anguish,  
When we told old Lee "good-bye?"

First time ever I hung back, Jim,  
You know I'd neck shot and shell,  
But I weaken'd, trembled, cried, Jim,  
When I went to say "far well."

E'en ther yankees seem'd to fell it,  
Feel the pain the s'rander cost,  
For no yell, no cheer, nor murmur,  
Hail'd ther cause they knew we'd lost.

Grand, Jim, as Lee seem'd at that time,  
Grand and loyal to our trust,  
Grander still, at Appermattux,  
Grander still, tho' in the dust.

"Twas ther last time that I saw him,  
Saw him thro' a soldier's tears,  
An' ther sight I can't forget, Jim,  
Efi I live er hundred years.

For at home we'd sca'ce got settled,  
An' we try'n hard to be  
Reconciled ter life, when news came  
Washington had summud Lee!

Yes, Jim, 'tis er handsome statue,  
Pow'ful likeness, I must say.  
An' ther horse so natural, that you'd  
Almost think he'd walk away.

Well, I'm proud I've liv'd to see it,  
If it were all pure gold,  
It could not outshine the image,  
Which our loving hearts all hold.

'Dout religion, I wa'n't carin',  
But how, Jim, since he's up thar,  
I'm try'n hard to stop off swearin',  
And I'm gainin' some in pray'r.

So when Gab'r'le last reveille  
Wakes us for the dawn parade,  
Comrades still, I pray we may be  
Found among old Lee's brigade.

Birmingham, Ala. —M. L. M.

#### N. C. Press Association.

THE ASSOCIATION AND THE MEN WHO  
FOUNDED IT.  
Durham Globe.

It should be the subject of gratulation to members of the North Carolina Press Association that their body has lived so long as to be entitled to historical consideration. It yet flourishes while its records reach back into a past that, in the ordinary career of the journalist, is a remote one, including several successive generations of editors, and unhappily including a lapse of time sufficiently great to have carried off in the sweeping tide of mortality some of the most active and distinguished members of the Association.

Measured by years only, the life of the Association has not been a long one. Measured by the experience period of existence achieved by most voluntary organizations, it has lived, grown and flourished to a very hopeful degree of longevity, with the prospect that, as it adheres to its principles and renews its youth by the steady accretion of new and fresh material, it may never know the decrepitude of age, but always live in perennial vigor and vivacity.

The present organization of the North Carolina Press Association is not the first one attempted in the State. As far back as 1857, W. W. Holden, Dennis, Heartt and other leading editors formed themselves into the State Press Association. An organization in the editorial profession was as essential to success and influence as it had proved to be in order crafts or vocations. But from many causes, chief of which was the absence of the facilities for convenient meetings, and largely also to the distrust and hostilities by very embittered party feeling, the organization died, as it were still born. There was never healthy vitality in it; and it so completely passed from memory as to have been practically forgotten; to such extent, indeed, as to have no part in the suggestion of the steps leading to the foundation of the existing organization.

During the winter and spring of 1873, new impulses began to animate

the blood of the North Carolina Press. The heated political atmosphere which inflamed both patriotic and partisan feeling during the stormy political times that succeeded the period of inter-state hostilities, had naturally and unavoidably drawn the press of the state into the vortex of the agitated current. It had, in fact, forced the press to the head to direct, or to give impetuosity to, that current. The result was that many men of cultivation and vigorous minds, and often of warm impulsive temperaments, had taken post at the editorial helm. The influence achieved by or ascribed to, the press, reacted upon its leaders; and they naturally left the elation and consequences that such influence had brought to them. They were brought to feel and recognize the fact, too oft through modesty or deficiency in self-respect disclaimed that the press was an order; that it was the peer of all other Estates; and that time had come when it should signalize its power and importance by presenting itself to the world as an organized embodiment, capable of asserting and defending its own rights, while at the time giving guarantee, by its unity of purpose, of greater capacity for usefulness to the state through the operation of all the agencies of intelligence and patriotism the press was so well fitted to employ.

The suggestion, therefore, for the call of a convention of the press to form a State Press Association, met with large and enthusiastic response; and on the 14th of May, 1873, a meeting was had at Goldsboro, in the court house of that city. The press of this state of that time was composed of seventy-four journals, of which three were dailies. At this first meeting thirty-three papers were represented. It is a melancholy retrospect to refer to the names of those who responded to the first roll call. Many of them have gone to their final account. Among the dead are J. A. Engelhard, brilliant editor of Wilmington Journal, the first president of the Association, afterwards the able secretary of the State; John Spelman, then representing the Raleigh Sentinel, afterwards the industrious editor of various campaign papers; R. T. Fulghum, of the Agricultural Journal, and secretary of this Association; William Briggs, then of the Tarboro Southern; W. S. McDiarmid, of the Robesonian, an active and able participant in the proceedings of that only meeting of the Association he ever attended, for, not long after its adjournment, he came to his death by drowning near his home in Lumberton; C. N. B. Evans, the oldest editor at the time in the state, of the Milton Chronicle, once editor of the Hillsboro Recorder, and as the last scene in the drama of a life somewhat prolonged, state senator from Caswell, dying during his term, and dying in harness; Charles V. Harris, of the Concord Sun, able and brilliant, whose death was an episode during the Association held in Wilmington in May, 1875; W. J. Avery, of the Piedmont Press, Hickory; C. R. Jones, then of the Statesville Intelligencer, afterwards the active, erratic editor of the Charlotte Observer; E. C. Woodson, the bright "local" of the Raleigh News; and perhaps others of whose fate I am not informed; enough, in the brief career of the Association, to emphasize with melancholy record the uncertainties of human life.

The first meeting formed the groundwork of the future life of the Association. The foundations were laid deep and well; and the work then done stands the test of time, though there may have been found necessary some changes in the superstructure. I recall one incident, the result of which had marked influence in securing that harmony of action and that amiable generous feeling which has characterized the professional and personal intercourse of the members of the Association. A thoughtless, impulsive member, a democrat, introduced a resolution of a strictly party nature. There were present several members of the republican party, estimable gentlemen, and known to be active and useful members of the Association. The writer of this article rose and begged that the introducer of the resolution would at once withdraw it, for the reason that the Association was strictly non-partisan; that its halls were neutral ground, upon entering which party weapons were left outside the door; that it was more than neutral ground; it was an altar consecrated to peace, and the sacrifice of all animosities. The resolution was promptly withdrawn. It was the first, as it was also the last, occasion on which politics was obtruded upon the consideration of the Association. The good influence of this action is felt to this day, for even between controversialists of opposite parties, the gentlemanly amenities engendered on the common ground of the Association are not forgotten.

One very gratifying outcome of the Association was the cordial approval extended by all parts of the state. The striking proof of this was in the eager competition of the towns in every section for the honor of entertaining the Association as its annual meetings have been held in Goldsboro, in Raleigh, in Wilmington, in New Bern, in Charlotte, in Asheville, in Winston, in Elizabeth City, in Waynesville, at Catawba Springs, in Shelby, in Hen-

dersonville, in Lenoir. I think it was in 1877 that the meeting was appointed to meet at Beaufort, to be entertained at the Atlantic Hotel. Quite a number of the members of the Association had already reached Goldsboro, when the terrific storm of August 17th brought terrible disaster upon the town which was the destination of the Association; and among the structures involved in ruin was the Atlantic Hotel, the guest place of the members. Amid such wreck and ruin, the annual business was transacted at Goldsboro; and in the meantime invitations by telegraph poured in from different quarters to soothe the disappointment caused by the disaster at Beaufort. One from Glen Alpine, among the South Mountains, in Burke county, was accepted; and this proved one of the most enjoyable of all the excursions in which the Association participated. This was the first one in which ladies formed a component part of the press parties; an innovation so delightful as speedily to become popular to the extent subsequently of compelling a stringent system of exclusion.

In all the excursions, railroad companies as well as the communities who lavished their profuse hospitalities, extended most generous facilities, combining with each to make the area of travel as wide as possible, and absolutely void of let or hindrance. To the liberality of these companies, and to the hospitality of the many communities, is due the knowledge that has been acquired, or might have been acquired, by the members of our state press of the people, climate, soil, productions and capabilities of North Carolina. For, in the course of their visits, all the various and opposite features of the state have been investigated. 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