COTTON CULTURE. As cotton culture has been and is it will confinue to be for years to come, the principal agricultural industry in the cotton belt of the South. There are reasons why this has been so and reasons why it will continue to be so, whether the crop as a whole pay well or not. With a few exceptional years it has not paid well as a whole, and this will doubtless be the case until there is a revolution in the system and cotton ceases to be the main dependence of the cotton grower. It isn't an easy thing to quickly revolutionize the habits and customs of generations or for a farming area of such extent as the cotton belt, varying as it does in soil and climatic conditions, to drop an almost universally cultivated crop and take to other crops. This is especially true when sticking to cotton has become to some extent a necessity with the average farmer in this area. Cotton is a crop that is always marketable, easily kept without danger of injury by the keeping, is a good collateral for borrowed money and is one of the few crops on which supplies can be secured and money advanced before the seed is put in the ground. These are some of the reasons for the large and in creased acreage of cotton, and why so many farmers grow it who cannot afford to grow it, but grow it because

While it is and is to be the principal crop of the cotton belt, its cul tivation ought to be governed by business sense and as little as possible left to chance, which is necessarily a large factor in the growing of this as it is in the growing of other crops, perhaps more so in this than in other crops, for it has to contend not only against fickle seasons, storms, ravaging insects. &c., but against the market manipu. of the sincerity of their intentions to tors and price makers after the crop is gathered and ready for the market.

they find it easier to grow than any

other crop.

There are men who make money growing cotton, and make a good deal, as there are men who make money in almost everything they undertake. But these are men who have business methods and are masters of themselves and of their crops. But the average cotton planter does not make money out of the crop when that is his main dependence, as it is of too many. Some idea of how little the crop pays as a whole may be gathered from the following statement by the U. S. Department of Agriculture showing the yield of lint per acre for the respective cotton growing States and Territories:

Virginia	176
North Carolina	142
South Carolina	141
Georgia	167
Florida	117
Alabama	156
Mississippi	
Mississippi	205
Louisiana	260
Texas	159
Arkansas	173
Tennessee	136
Missouri	196
Okiahoma	196
Indian Territory	214

There is an object lesson in these figures that the average cotton planter might study with profit. Let us take north Carolina, for instance. The yield estimated for this State is 142 pounds per acre. Sold at eight cents a pound (and that's more than it's likely to bring) it would give the grower \$11.36 from which deduct cost of picking, ginning, bagging, ties and marketing, which would be partially offset by the value of seed he might dispose of. But out of this \$11.36 an acre he has to pay the debts contracted to make the crop. Estimating the cost of production at five cents a pound, (which is rather under than over the mark for this State) the grower has left \$4.26 for his labor, time, investment and wear and tear of farm implements, stock, &c. There isn't a crop that the North Carolina farmer could raise that

wouldn't pay better than that. There are some States that do not make as good a showing as North Carolina, some that do not make a much better showing, and only few that make any better showing, none of them a showing calculated to make them enthusiastic over this industry. Yet in the aggregate it is a great and mighty factor in the commercial life and prosperity of this country, one which enriches others and out of which the grower ought to reap more profit than he

Can he reap more profit? That is the problem for him and for others whose prosperity is directly or indirectly dependent upon his, to consider. He can, but to do it there must be a change of methods, and whether the acreage of cotton be smaller or larger than it is now the planter must put himself in a position that he can control his crop and not let it control him. He can never do that while cotton is the crop upon which he must rely, upon which he must depend to meet his obligations, to pay the running expenses of his farm and support his family. If he have nothing else to fall back on he will always be on the ragged edge, always at the mercy of some one else, and always the slave of circumstances. He will live and die poor, and dying can look back only to a

unequited toil, and feel that leaves a family poorly provided for, after all his hard and patient

There are exceptions, farmers who, as we have stated, have made noney growing cotton, but these were farmers who raised something besides cotton, made the farm selfsupporting and thus did not become dependent upon the merchant to advance supplies, nor upon the noney lender for money to pay ourrent expenses. The cotton they grew they controlled, sold if it suited them to sell and held if they they thought that was the better thing to do. They were their own masters, and were not compelled to sacrifice the proceeds of their labor which was mortgaged so some one else. Cotton growing as an industry will never be profitable as whole until it becomes a "money crop," in fact as it is in name and

subordinate to other crops. It can

duced in proportions.

TO BORE FOR OIL. In view of the fact that oil h within the past year or so been found in so many unexpected localties, and is found over such a wide area in this country, it is not surprising that attempts should be nade to find it in North Carolina, and that some entertain the bedief that some of these attempts may prove successful. A few days ago we made a clipping from the Newbern Journal about a project on foot to work some wells in Craven county by parties who seemed to be confident of good results, and now the report comes that wells are to be bored in Buncombe county, near Asheville, concerning which clip the following from an Asheville special to the Raleigh Post:

"A number of Northern capitalists are here prospecting for oil and have obtained 'oil leaves' on a large tract of country almost adjoining the northern boundaries of the city. for believing that this is oil produc ing territory are not divulged by them, but they have convinced a number of the leading residents here the capital and experience necessary to do so. The company desires to secure the agreements embodied in their leases with the owners of 3,000 or 5,000 acres of land in the locality

Of this they have already secured leases or options on a considerable amount. W. T. Eidell, one of the rospectors, says that he and his assothe oil prospects here to make the venture of testing the territory. The cost of the first well would be about \$20,-000. They estimated that it would be necessary to go down 3,500 to 3,800 feet, figuring from the depth of the oil and gas bearing sands in Tennes-Before beginning operations they wish to secure agreements with the owners of about 5,000 acres of land on the one-eighth royalty basis, which was as generous an offer as had been made in other territory at the period of prospecting.

Men who are willing to put \$20, 000 or more in holes in the ground have considerable faith in their scheme. This is not the first time, however, that boring for oil in that section has been talked of, for several years ago, before oil was struck in the Beaumont field in Texas, or in any of the new fields, there was a movement in Asheville to organize a company for that purpose, but it fell through for some reason.

Whether oil be found in that section or not we have not the least doubt that it can and will be found in this State, where the prospective conditions are as favorable as they were in any section where oil has been struck. One of the principal obstacles in the way is the fact that North Carolina has principally a rock foundation, and boring, with possibly some few exceptions, will be expensive.

Some American managers of manufacturing establishments in Germany employ some American workmen, and it has been shown that these workmen, allowing for everything, turn cut 35 per cent. more work than their German fellowworkmen. They think quicker, move quicker, and handle machinery more cleverly.

A Harvard graduate recently performed the feat of eating at one sitting three large beef steaks, two mutton chops, a dish of peas, two cups of coffee, a loaf of bread, and washed it all down with two bottles of apollinaris water. Harvard may have turned out some hogs before him, but he has broken the record.

In England some of the nobles are wrangling over who shall carry the King's bow and arrows in the coronation racket. If it were put political period. Like the boy who up to the highest bidder we'd wager kept on clubbing the woodchuck, that our own W. W. Astor would the tariffites in the House propose to demonstrate to all recalcitrants that bow toter.

King Edward's coronation crown will have three thousand diamonds in it. In memory of other days when he sat up with the boys, there should be a sprinkling of hearts,

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HE IS VERY TIRED.

The Republican papers of th North are coming into line in support of the scheme to reduce Southern representation in Congress and in the electoral college. The Philadelphia Press has been one of the strongest supporters of this scheme. and as its editor in-chief is one of the cabinet, its editorial utterances ar more than ordinarily interesting and significant as foreshadowing the views of the administration leaders and representatives. In hoting the Moody resolution it says:

"There need be no opposition to the bill introduced by Congressman Fleming, of Georgia, asking for an inves-tigation of the suffrage question in Massachusetts and whether that State is violating the Fourteenth and Fif enth Amendments to the Federa Constitution. If that State or any other State is so violating the Consti tution it should be made to conform to t or pay the penalty. The bill may have been introduced in reprisal for Mr. Moody's bill calling for an investigation of the suffrage situation in the outh, but that should not militate do this without being materially re-

against it."
The opposition to investigating Southern suffrage on the ground that it may stir up bitterness in that section ought to have no consideration. Con gressman Moody answered this objection when he said: "I am very three of being told that we must never of fend the South by touching any Southern question, that the South must be allowed to work out its own problems in its own way. I say these are our blems, too, since the membershi the Presidential vote in the Electors College are so closely related thereto This is the correct ground. No more puerile argument could be advanced than that the South must be treated like a spoiled child and that even when it is perpetrating a gross wrong nothing must be done lest it may ge

'The question is a national one. As the situation now is every Northern voter is robbed of his rights in the government of the country by Southern white Democrats and the former are told they must not do anything about it for fear they may anger those who do the robbing. The vast major ity of the voters in the North believe with Congressman Moody when he says: "I do not know why forty white men in Mississippi, even if they all vote, should have the same voting power as 100 men in Massachusetts. It is a correction of this wrong that public sentiment demands.

When the Republican leaders decide that anything is to the advantage of the party they show little scruple in advocating it, in whatever light it may put them as to consistency or honesty. There was not one of these clamorers for reducing Southern representation who didn't laud the conservatism and nationality of the late President Mc-Kinley, who never let an opportunity escape to draw the sections closer together, and resolutely set his face against any revival of sectional agitation. It was one of the things that he had congratulated himself most upon, and yet so soon after his death, before they have ceased to sing his praises, they rebuke him and hasten to do the very thing he deprecated, revive sectional agitation, and all for base political purposes, while hypocritically pretending that they are inspired by a desire and determination to do justice, not to the negro but to the Northern voters, whose votes don't count for as much as the votes of Southern white men. What rot.

CURRENT CUMMENT.

- If it turns out to be true that whiskey can be made from watermelons, the real negro question will arise when Mingo is confronted with the problem whether he shall eat his melon on the spot or wait for its conversion into whiskey .- Louisville Courier - Journal,

- After expending \$150,000 apon the investigation the navy department learns that the charges against Capt. Tilley, of Guam, were unfounded. It is very gratifying news, of course, that he is innocent but it ought not to have been necessary to send a fleet so establish the fact. A local trial justice should have cleared him or convicted him in half an hour .- Charleston News and Courier, Dem.

- The Washington correspondents are calling attention to the facts that the Panama canal lobby it greatly discouraged and that as a consequence the desks of a number of Senators and Representatives have been significantly bare of the handsome bouquets with which they were wont to be adorned. It is argued from this that the Nicaragus route for the isthmian canal will be the almost unanimous favorte.—Chattanooga Times, Ind.

- Bold Babcock, the Representaive from Wisconsin who could see no sense in a \$7.84 per ton duty on steel rails while American manufacturers are exporting them by steamship loads, has been neatly bottled up in the House Ways and Means Committee, together with his kickng anti-tariff colleague, McCall, of Massachusetts, by the simple device of cutting out a Democratic member and adding instead a solid, hidebound Protectionist of the palæozoic there's punishment after death.— Philadelphia Record, Dem.

Married in Pender County.

Mr. W. K. King, of this city, and trusted employe of the Hilton Lumber Company, arrived in the city last evening, bringing with him his bride, who was Miss Rosa Humphrey, an attractive young lady, of Demmons, Pender county, N. C. They were married by the Rev. D. P. McGeachy, of Burgaw, at the home of the bride, yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Among those in attendance from Wilmington were Miss Lula King with Mr. C. O. Knox, and Miss Mary Frink and Mr. Walter Maultaby. Upon their arrival in Wilmington Mr. and Mrs. King received heartiest congratulations from hundreds of friends. They will reside at No. 415 Orange

DR. GEO. PATTERSON

His Sudden Death at Memphi Tenn., Caused Universal Regret in Wilmington.

ONCE RECTOR OF ST. JOHN'S

Was Popular and Highly Esteeme Effort Failed to Have Body Interred Here in Deference to His Oft Expressed Wish.

Yesterday morning a telegram wa eceived in the city, addressed to Ri Rev. Bishop A. A. Watson, announce ing the sudden death at 8 o'clock Tues day night of the Rev. George T. Pat terson, of Memphis, Tenn, rector of Grace Episcopal church, that city, and for many years rector of St. John's parish and assistant rector of St James', this city.

Dr. Patterson was a native of Boston, Mass., and was of Greek parent age on his father's side. He was 7 years of age and death resulted heart failure.

Dr. Patterson came to Wilmington in the year 1856, when comparatively a young man, and became assistant t the rector of St. James, who was then Dr. Watson, now Rt. Rev. Bishop A Watson. At Easter of the year 1870, Dr. Patterson became rector of St. John's parish and continued in that capacity with marked ability and popularity until the year 1880, when he resigned to assume work with the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn. Subsequently he became rector of an Episcopal parish in Dennison, Texas, where he remained only for a short while, going to Grace church, Memphis, in the year 1883, soon after the Rev. Dr. James Carmichael resigned that work to go to Maryland and later coming to St. John's church, this city.

Dr. Patterson was a most capable rector, a most earnest Christian, s most loveable man and possessed of temperament full of generosity. There was no call of sorrow or sickness but received from him prompt, ready and sympathetic succor. With a keen sense of humor and a sincere devotion to mankind, he made friends everywhere and in every denomination. His death is received here only with a sense of deepest sorrow. During the war he the Third North Carolina Regiment, having received a commission through Col. W. L. DeRosset in December, 1862. Near the close of the conflict he was transferred to Chimborazo Hospital, Richmond, where he served

until the surrender. Upon receipt of information of his death, St. John's Church, of this city, together with some of his innumerable friends here, knowing his oft ex pressed desire to be buried at a certain spot in St. John's church yard, immediately telegraphed to Memphis to have his remains sent to Wilmington by express at their expense. A special consent of the municipal authorities had to be gained, which was accomplished directly, and every arrangement made for his interment here, where he desired. Yesterday evening, however, Dr. James Carmichael, rector of S. John's parish, received the following reply from Memphis: "The vestry of Grace Church have just decided to bury Dr. Patterson here on Friday."

This conclusion of that vestry will cause a thrill of universal regret in this community, where he was so thoroughly loved and by a people who were so desirous to render the last sad homage possible on earth to his worth and to his memory.

THE COAST LINE'S TRIBUTE.

General Passenger Agent Emerson Has Issued a Special Exposition Polder. [Charleston News and Courier.]

Mr. H. M. Emerson, general passer ger agent of the Atlantic Coast Line, has issued a handsome folder advertising Charleston and the Exposition. For more then a year Mr. Emerson has seen reminding the public of the big hings being planned in Charleston and lately many unique and interest-ing booklets have been issued by this railroad. Along with the story of how Charleston fared in two wars the pasenger department of the Coast Line has sent out a circular letter calling attention to the Exposition and mentioning the fine passenger service be Charleston, Florida and the In his circular Mr. Emerson

"I would invite careful attention to the enclosed folder giving the scope of the Exposition, grounds, buildings, exhibits, etc., also the short sketch of Charleston, "How it Fared in Two Wars and an Earthquake," copy of which I take pleasure in handing you

"The Exposition will be worthy of he largest patronage and one can hardly find a city offering more to interest than Charleston, whether considered historically, socially or physically. We will very much appreciate your assistance in advertising Charles ton and the Exposition.

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Mrs. Kirkland and Mr. Lake to Marry. Fayetteville Observer 11th: The announcement is made of the approaching marriage of Mrs. M. B. Kirkland, of Lake Waccamaw and Fayetteville, and Mr. George W. Lake, formerly of this city, now of Florence, S. C. The marriage will take place in this city the latter part of this month.

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SEQUEL TO THE MULE STOR

Animal Without a Claimant at Davis' Stables Returned to Owner and Road Cart Likewise Returned

Yesterday the STAR mentioned locally the circumstance and also printed an advertisement from Mr. J. C. Blackley in reference to a mule which was left with him at Davis' stables on

The owner of the mule and the sud-

Monday morning.

den and mysterious disappearance of the man, who offered the animal for sale, were unexplained until the arrival in the city yesterday of Mr. A. W. Stallings of Wallace, who identified the property as his own and the man who brought the mule to town and suddenly disappeared. Mr. Stallings said early Sunday morning the foreman on his place loaned the mule and a road cart to a young white man, John Foy, who lives near New River. in Onslow county. He said he wanted it for only a short while to drive around in the neighborhood. Once gone the young fellow never returned and was next heard of in Wilmington. where he sold the cart and harness for \$6.00 to Mr. Wilson, who keeps a cart house in "Brooklyn." The mule was brought down to Mills' stable and offered for sale at a ridiculously low price and Mr. Mills refused to buy Next it was taken to Davis' stables, on Market street and offered to Mr Blackley at \$150. Subsequently the price was reduced to \$50 and a trade made, the man giving his name as Fisher and saving his friend Mr. How ell Horne would wait at the stables and get the money, Mr. Blackley was suspicious of the price, and inquiry of Mr. Horne developed the fact that Fisher was a stranger to him, where upon the purchaser refused payment advertised the circumstances in the newspapers and put the police on the track of Fisher, who, learning of Mr. Blackley's hesitancy in paying the noney, skipped out.

Mr. Stallings has recovered all the property and will return home to-day. Meantime, "Fisher" is at large and his whereabouts unknown.

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.

Bellamy Appointed On Largest Number Asy North Carolinian.

Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy, Congressother North Carolina Representatives, fared well at the hands of Speaker Henderson yesterday in the appointment of the more important House committees. Mr. Bellamy was favored with a place on the committees on Education, Manufactures and Irrigation of Arid Lands; Mr. Small on Merchant Marine and Fisheries; Mr. Kluttz on Census and on Manufactures; Mr. Moody on Agriculture and on Election of President; Mr. Thomas on Public Buildings and Lands; Mr. Kitchin on Claims and Naval Affairs; Mr. Blackburn Chairman of Election Committee No. 2 and on District of Columbia; Mr. Pou on Reform In Civil Service.

The committee on Rivers and Harbors in which people of the coast will be deeply interested, is composed of Messrs. Burton, Ohio; Reeves, Illinois; Dovenor, West Virginia; Bishop, Michigan; Acheson, Pennsylvania; Morris, Minnesota; Alexander, New York; Tongue, Oregon; Lawrence, Massachusetts, Davidson, Wisconsin: MacLaightan, California; Lester, Georgia; Bankhead, Alabama; Mc-Culloch, Arkansas; Sparkman, Florida; Ball, Texas; Ransdell, Louisiana,

Prof. Cameron Certain Dead.

News reached the city yesterday of the sudden death Friday night at Warsaw of Prof. Cameron Certain. the well known musician and music teacher, who often visited Wilmings on. Prof. Certain had spent the evening with friends at Warsaw and retired to his bed apparently as well as usual. About 11 o'clock members of the family with whom he boarded were aroused by groans from his room and upon reaching his bedside found him gasping for breath. He expired in a few minutes. He was buried on Sunday at Elliott's, N. C. Prof. Certain was a native of Southport, and often visited in Wilmington, where news of his death will be received with

Rafiroad Conductor Dead. News reached the city yesterday of the death at Maxton, N. C., on the evening previous at 6:15 o'clock of Capt. James Gaylor, a well known railroad conductor, who has many friends in Wilmington. He was 37 years of age and died after an illness f several weeks with typhoid fever. He is survived by a wife and seven children. His death is also mourned by his mother, Mrs. Margaret M. Gaylor, of Magnolia; three brothers and two sisters, Messrs. Walter, George and John Gaylor, and Mrs. J. A. Matthews, of Magnolia, and Mrs. Callahan, of Red Springs. The funeral will be held at Parkersburg to-day with Masonic honors, he having been s nember of Ingold Lodge of Masons.

Boy Pell Into River. Ray Hermon, a twelve-year-old stop-off at Charleston within final limit." white lad, fell overboard from the fruit schooner near Front street market house yesterday morning about of age. 11 o'clock. He was about to go down a third time when he was rescued by Jim Brinkley and another boy named Cottle, who went to him in a boat. Young Hermon was with innumer able other boys of about his own age who gathered around the vessel to "fish" for specked fruit thrown overboard. He reached too far for an orange and himself fell overboard.

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NEWS FROM RALEIGH.

Critical Condition of Gen. T. P. Toon. The South Dakota Suit.

[Special Star Telegram.] RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 9 .- The life Gen. T. F. Toon, superintendent of public instruction, was several imes despaired of Sunday night and this forenoon, but he is reported some better to-night and his physicians are hopeful. He is suffering from pneumonia, the third attack in five years, and both lungs are volved. He is constantly attended a trained nurse and two physicians. United States Marshal Dockery day served on Governor Aycock remptory summons from the United States Supreme Court, for North Caro lina to appear March 2nd and answer the complaint of South Dakota in the Western North Carolina Railroad bond suit. The first subpœna was ignored by Governor Aycock, so as no

ROBBED SMALLPOX HOSPITAL

Stove and Cooking Utensils Stolen Tues day Night -Arrest of the Depredators and Recovery of the Property.

Some time during Tuesday night the kitchen of the city's extensive smallpox hospital near the County Home, few miles from town, was broken a few miles from town, was broken Wyche, supply; Southport, A R into and a stove, with a number of Goodchild; New River, W R Royal, other cooking utensils, stolen. There have been no patients in the hospital for several months and the premises were in charge of Mr. T. A. Watson, the well known county contractor, who lives near. Mr. Watson discovered the robbery early yesterday morning and immediately reported it to the authorities in Wilmington.

Chief Quarantine Officer Robert Green and Constable Wm. Sheehan set about to recover the property and effect the arrest, if possible, of the depredators. With the assistance of Mr. Watson, the two officers soon had the robbery solved, the goods recovered and two colored men, James Armstrong and John Spicer, in jail charged with the theft.

The officers first visited the hospital and tracked the mircreants to the road leading to the city. Evidence of the use of a dray to remove the property was discovered and the first work was in the discovery of the drayman who did the work. This being accomplished and by the supposition of Capt. Green beforehand that no one would enter the place except with an acquaintance and familiarity of the surroundings, the easy arrest of Armstrong, a former inmate, and John Spicer, an accomplice, followed. The stove was recovered from the house of the former on Campbell between Fifth and Sixth street and Spicer made a confession. The preliminary trial of the negroes will be by Justice Fowler to-day.

Bad Accident Near Fayetteville. Fayetteville Observer, 11th: A. K. McDiarmid, father of our towns-man, Mr. James C. McDiarmid, met with a terrible accident at the saw mill of W. J. McDiarmid & Co., in 71st. about eleven miles from Fayetteville. resterday afternoon about 4 o'clock. The belt of the driving wheel of the mill broke and struck Mr. McDiarmid, cutting a terrible gash in his throat from ear to ear, leaving the jugular vein and windpipe exposed. Mr. Mc-Diarmid was brought to the Marsh Highsmith Sanitarium this afternoon. He is severely injured, but the chance for his recovery are good.

lisheries Down the River.

The Atlantic Fisheries Company has closed its rendering plant down the river until March 1st, the season for menhaden having about ended. Workmen have now begun to improve and enlarge the plant for next season. A dry house for the treatment of fish is being built to take the place of the acid process, which is not so desirable. The Cape Fear Fisheries is also going ahead with its work of building, about 75 hands being employed.

Death at Canetuck, N. C.

R C. Pridgen, of Canetuck, brought the sad news yesterday of the death of Mrs. Susan Bordeaux Tuesday at 5:30 o'clock P. M. of heart trouble. She leaves four children, two of the four residing at Canetuck, Pender county.

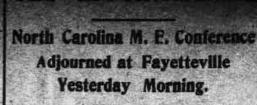
She was a member of the Baptist church. Her husband has been dead several years. Deceased was 61 years of age.

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The Best Prescription for Malaria Chills and Fevers is a bottle of Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure, no pay. Price, 50c. satuth

The President yesterday sent the following nominations to the Senate: Francis E. Baker, Indiana, to be United States circuit judge for the Seventh Judicial district. Postmasters—North Carolina, Wallace W. Rollins, Asheville; Leroy L. Brinkley, Edenton. South Carolina, Thomas E. Husbands, Dillon; Eliza Appelt, Manning.

A correspondent of the London Standard, telegraphing from Brussels says that he hears that confidentia negotiations are imminent between Great Britain and Holland which are not unlikely to result in an arrangement for bringing Boer women and children to Holland.



THANKS FOR HOSPITALITY.

Body of Ministers and Delegates Were Handsomely Entertained-Only One Change in the Pastors of Wil-

mington Churches.

The North Carolina Conference, M. E. Church South, concluded is annual session at Fayetteville yesterday, and many of the clergymen and delegates left on the afternoon trains for their homes. Several of those who attended from Wilmington reached the city last night, and all speak in glowing terms of the hospitable and cordial manner in which the city of Fayetteville enter-

tained them. Conference met at the usual hour resterday morning. The session was largely devoted to the hearing of reports from the several committees and ransacting other business of routine

nature incident to the closing. The Conference, by a rising vote, thanked Fayetteville for the very nospital way in which it had been en-

tertained. The appointments were read during he morning hour and were received with satisfaction. With the exception of Rev. J. J. Porter, of Bladen street church, who goes the ensuing year to Carver's Creek circuit, all the Wilmington pastors and Presiding Elder John are returned.

By courtesy of the Fayettteville Observer the [STAR prints the appointments as follows:

Wilmington District, R B John, Wilmington District, R B John, P. E.—Wilmington, Grace church, J N Cole; Bladen Street, G B Webster; Fifth Street, J H Hall; Market Street, J W Potter; Scott's Hill, J W Gurganus; Onslow, F S Becton, supply; Jacksonville, V A Royal, supply; Magnolia, C O Brothers; Kenansville, W D Sasser; Burgaw, J W Martin; Clinton, T E Wright; Bladen, A J Groves; Elizabeth, G T Simmons; Whiteville, A S Barnes, C W Smith, sup.; Carver's Creek, J J Porter; Waccamaw, to be supplied; Shallotte, J M Marto be supplied; Shallotte, J M Marlowe, supply; Town Creek, R

R F Bumpass: E.-Newbern, sboro, St. Paul, M Bradshaw Foldsboro circuit, H E Tripp; Mount Olive, J M Carraway; Mount Olive and Faison, T. P. Bonner; LaGrange, H B Anderson; Snow Hill, E Pope; Kinston, N E Coltrane and W E Brown; Gifton, J M Lowder; Craven. W H Townsend; Jones, D C Geddie Pamlico, W A Jenkins; Oriental, J H M Giles; Morehead City, H M North; Beaufort, J A Hornaday; Core Sound, C K Pool, supply; Straits, F E Dixon and S Leffers, Sup.

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been transferred to Haw River, N. C., and in his stead comes Rev. A. R. Goodchild. Delegates to the general conference were elected as follows: Clerical—J. C Kilgo, T. N. Ivey, J. T. Gibbs and F. D. Swindell. Al-ternates, E. A. Yates and R. F. Bum Reput day, sleet the least tains city comprae scho vote Tri fully crate ang might year may small man then then then crate two wer cobts was the

Lay-J. G. Brown, W. E Springer, J. H. Southgate and B. D. Zollicoffer Alternates, Dr. J. F. Miller and L. L.

Married Yesterday Afternoon.

Mr. James E. Marshburn and Miss Amanda Irene Benton were married yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Benton, on Second street Rev. Dr. C. S. Blackwell performed the ceremony in a pretty and impressive manner. Mr. Marshburn is a wealthy and successful farmer and merchant near Catharine Lake, Onslow county, N. C. The happy party took the afternoon train for the groom's pretty sountry home, where they will reside.

Pishermen Swept Out to Sea.

Mr. Elijah Orrell and fishing cre of three negroes, Jim Hooper, McLaurin and "Colonel" Campbel and wave" off Masonboro inlet y terday morning. They had been for the usual morning haul and co ing in their boat was upset and crew drifted off shore clinging to boat for three hours. Their crie tracted persons on shore, who res them more dead than live.

Negro With Queer Visions.

Frank Davis, Jr., a middle-ag ored man, was taken into cus Policeman B. R. King at 9 yesterday morning at a re kept by colored persons on between Market and Princess He is help for insanity though of snakes, scorpions, rats and lins complained of by the neg the police to believe he has tremens, sometimes called " "jimmies" and the like.

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