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THE SOUTH LEADS IN FOREIGN TRADE.

FRIDAY.

Not so very many years ago cotton was almost the only article of export from the United States to foreign countries. The great Southern product consequently brought over here more wealth from Europe than all other articles of export and for that reason it was known throughout the world as "King Cotton." Gradually the United States became the granary of the world, and bread stuffs, steel and iron products, manufactured cotton goods and numerous other articles were exported to such an extent that the balance of trade with foreign countries was turned in favor of the United States. That meant that every year instead of trading with foreign countries and at the end of the year forwarding millions of dollars to Europe to settle the ballance in favor of the nations with which we traded, we turned the tables and had Europe pouring its millions over here to settle the balance which our foreign customers owed us. Instead of depleting ourselves of wealth, our great resources enabled us to accumulate wealth from abroad, so that no longer did we have to live off each other but we had European countries contributing largely to our support, thus keeping life in our agricultural and manufacturing industries and making America the most prosperous country in the world.

As long as we sell more to foreign countries than we buy from them, we will continue to prosper, and it does not take a seer or prophet to foretell that the immense resources of the United States will keep us in the lead. All that we need is safe and wise government at home and cordial relations and peace with all foreign countries in order to maintain supremacy in the peaceable pursuits of our home life and in maintaining our foreign trade relations. Any policy of our national government that has a tennency to depart from the traditions of this country to attend to its own business and let the affairs of others alone imperils the interests of our people and will result disastrously, hence the American people should be on guard and see to it that we do not run wild as a world power. We did not intend to drift into politics, however, but "we will return to our mutton"-that is to say cotton. We started out to say that a report just issued by the Department of Commerce and Labor, at Washington, sets forth that cotton and its products will bring more than \$400,000,000 into the United States from other parts of the world in the fiscal year which ends June 1st. Last year the total exports of cotton and its products amounted to \$376,000,000, and the report for this year will show an increase of \$50,000,000 over that, or in other words, a foreign cotton trade exceeding \$400,000,000 in value. This puts cotton far in the lead of other American exports as a bringer in of foreign money to our country. This means that the South, leaving out the other articles of exports from this section of the United States, has the big end of the foreign trade of America. That means a big thing for us, and when we consider that we are only on the eve of developing our unlimited Southern resources in many other directions, homeseekers and capitalists should head for the South, where there is to-day a broader field for development than in any other quarter of the globe. Going back to that report of the Department of Commerce and Labor, we find that next to cotton exports comes breadstuffs, including corn, wheat, wheat flour, rye, and other grains, which foot up an export value of \$200,000,000 this year. Iron, steel, petroleum and some other products, though less in value than breadstuffs, amount to a large volume in our exports, but as large as is the value of all other exports, cotton overtops them all. This immense business has been done alone by Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son, which is the largest single cotton exporting firm in the United States,

\$14,000,000, and ir 1908 it was \$14,250, 000. In tra years our es aris of sotton seed oil have more than doubled. Cotton seed meal is another article of comparatively recent development n our export trade. Prior to 1894 the mount export d was not considered of ufficient importance to justify its separate statement in the list of articles - - MAY 27, 1904 exported from the United States. In 1896 the total was about \$4,000,000; in 1898 it was \$8,000,000, in 1900 \$11,000,-000, and in 1903 it had grown to \$12,-750,000.

The European countries are the chief consumers of both of these newly developed classes of products from cotton seed. Of the \$14,000,000 worth of cotton seed oil exported in the fiscal year 1908, over \$2,500,000 went to France, over \$3,750,000 lo Netherlands, nearly \$1,500,000 to Austria Hungary, more than \$1,250,-000 to Germany, and about \$1,500,000 worth to other European countries, principally the United Kingdom. Mexico, Brazil and other tropical countries also take considerable quanities of cotton seed oil, which is a substitute in many cases for olive oil, formerly imported largely into those countries. To Mexico the exports of cotton seed oil in 1908 were over \$1,000,000 in value, and have ranged at about that figure for several years. Cotton seed meal, the other recently developed product from what was forconsidered waste material, is merly also chiefly exported to Europe after supplying the demands of the home market Of oil cake and oil cake meal export

ed from the United States last year, amounting to nearly \$30,000,000. (of which \$12,750,000 was from cotton seed), \$4,500,000 worth went to Ger many, \$4,000,000 to Belgium, \$3,500, 000 to Netherlands, and a little less \$3,500,000 to the United Kingdom. Cotton manufactures form another mportant class in this general group of cotton and its products exported. The total value of cotton manufactures exported during the present year will fall materially below that of last year, partly by reason of the high price of cotton and partly by reason of conditions in the Orient, to which a large proportion of the cotton cloths export

ed from the United States in recent years has been sent. Our total exports of cotton manufactures had never reached as much as \$10,000,000 prior to 1877. By 1887 the total amounted to practically \$15,000,000; by 1897, to \$21,000,000, and in 1903 to \$32,000,000. In the present fiseal year the total, on account of the war in the Far East, a destination to which large quantities

of our coarse cotton goods have hitherto been sent, will probably not exceed 32,000,000 in value. The South produces the cotton,

Southern mills now consume more of its own raw cotton than do the mills of the North, Southern mills monopolize the manufacture of cotton oil, cotton seed cake, etc., and yet we are just on the eve of the great industrial activity which is to make the South the wealthiest and choicest quarter of the globe.

THE A. & N. C. REPORT MAJ. CHARLES M. STEDMAN, Synopsis of Committee's Findings Made Public in Raleigh by Governor Yesterday.

STATE CONTROL CONDEMNED.

Some Charges of Receiver Advocatos Supported; Others Refuted -- Its Net Earslogs, Expenditures, Etc. - Grude Method of Accounting.

[Special Star Correspondence.]

RALEIGH, N. C., May 23 -The report of the special committee to the Governor on the condition of the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad and the affairs of the company was made public to day and is altogether a right severe arraignment of the management, the committee concluding the report with the observation that "it is clear that the best and most economical management of the property cannot be attained under State control. It is equally clear that it is a very valuable property and that its condition and earning capacity have been greatly improved in the past four

vears. The committee criticises severely the purchase and operation of the Atlantic Hotel at Morehead by the railroad company, declaring that it should have been clear to the directors that they were buying "trouble" and that there are many charges and counter charges of mis-management and corruption made as to the management of the hotel, and the books show a loss of \$6,486 during the season, and it is clear that it was very poorly managed. Regarding charges that freight has been hauled without being billed the committee finds that the hauling complained of was chiefly brick and other material for buildings that J. A. Bryan, president of the road, erected for himself in Newbern and in logs hauled for numerous parties, settle ments on estimated carloads being made "irregularly" through the superintendent, and that this and similar practices give the superintendent opportunity to do as he likes with money coming into his hands since there is no check against him and no bond for

> Free passes, the committee says, ave been distributed generously ave where it was thought they would proluce business, contrary to the bylaws of the company and the laws of the State. The committee defends President Bryan against the charge of paying excessive prices to the National Oil Co., of Goldsboro, when the Standard Oil Co. offered the same grade at a much less figure, saying that in dealing with the Standard or other oil people it is well to "fear the Greeks bearing gifts." The report

the protection of the company. They

disclaim making such a charge against

Who Now Has a Strong Lead in the Race for

Governor of North Carolina.



THE VOTE FOR STEDMAN AND GLENN.

The following is the aggregate vote which Stedman and Glenn will receive, respectively, in the State convention from those counties that have already held conventions or primaries, or both. Any variation from these figures will be so slight as not to affect their value, and is as likely to favor one candidate as the other:

For Stedman 156 105 For Glenn Hon. W. D. Turner is third and Col. T. F. Davidson fourth in the race. STATE PHYSICIANS IN RALEIGH. **HIS DEATH SUMMONS.** Annual Election of Officers-At the

> & M. College. [Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C.; May 25.-The State Medical Society has selected Greensboro as place of next meeting and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Dr. D. T.

avice, Washington: Vice Presidents.

COUNCIL. DIOCESAN Twenty-first Annual Meeting of Protestant Episcopal Church of East Carolina.

BISHOP-COADJUTOR ELECT

Dr. Robert Strange Said to Be in Mos Popular Pavor-Rt. Rev. A. A. Watson's Annual Address-Reorganization,, &c.

The twenty-first annual Council o the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of East Carolina was convened in Saint James' church, this city, yesterday morning at 10 o'clock by the Rt. Rev. Alfred A. Watson, D. D., Bishop and ex-officio chairman of the Council. The presence of the beloved Bishop Watson added inspiration and enthusiasm to the meeting and the clergy and laity alike noted with pleasure that, though feeble, the may be present. But this power is not Bishop appeared to be in good health and enjoying the fruition of a prolonged and most consecrated life. The Bishop opened the sessions with prayer. The roll call of delegates showed a much larger attendance than usual on the opening day, 24 out of 26 of the clergy having answered to their names, the two absent ones having been physically unable to be present. Forty-three lay delegates from 28 of

the 39 parishes in the Diogese also responded to roll call and it is confidently expected that a large number of others will be present at the ses. sions to-day.

The morning hour was devoted principally to organization, the Rev. Nathaniel Harding, of Washington, N. C., and the Rev. Frederick Nash Skinner, of Olinton, having been unanimously re elected president and

secretary and registrar of the Council, respectively. The Rev. Louis Llewellyn Williams, of Elizabeth City, was re-appointed assistant secretary, and upon tendering his report at the afternoon session, Col. William L. DeRosset was unanimously reelected treasurer. Col. A. M. Waddell, the Chancellor of the Diocese, was invited to a seat in the Council and to take part in the deliberations of the same. Visiting clergymen, candidates for holy orders, vestrymen of local parishes and lay-readers present were invited to honorary seats in the Council. Business sessions of the Council were appointed to be held from 10 A. M. to 1 P. M., and from 8:30 to 6 P. M. Those ; reliminaria

that I could no longer conduct unaided the Episcopal work of the Dio cese and availing myself of the canonical provision made for the case in concert with the Standing Committee, I summoned a special council of the Diocese to take order for the election o! a Bishop co adjutor. I need not here peat the transactions of that counc.i. It met as you will remember at Goldsboro October 7th, but after balloing unsuccessfully for two days, adjourned sine die without reference any business as unfinished or any formal postponement of any business to another council. I regarded the special council as functum officio and the Diocese as having no longer possession of the call for a co-adjutor, but foring that a question as to this might ex st in the minds of some and be ground for embarrassment, I publicly and positively withdrew my request for a co-adjutor, promising to renew i at a later day. This I do now in the

llowing terms: "I hereby consent to the election of co-adjutor for the Diocese of East Carolina and assign to him when duly elected and consecrated all the duties which pertain to the Bishop of the Diocese with the exception of the The speaker conceived that mission right to preside at any Diocesan council when I may be able to do so and to be understood as vacating my office or preventing me from confirm

g or other executive action when able to be present and officiate. "This action is taken under the pro visions of Title 1, Canon XIX, Sec . of the Digest.

"Brethren beloved, I need scarcely add that I have you and the Diocese in my heart and whomsoever you select will be in my heart also. Let me pray you to do what you are about to do in the love of God and of Christ and of each other.

"Your Loving Bishop, "A. A. WATSON."

REMEDY FOR DIVORCE LAWS. Incorporated in the Bishop's annual address was the following letter from the Rt. Rev. Joseph Blount Cheshire, D. D., Bishop of the North Carolina Diocese, in relation to the subject of divorce, which will be read with gen-

RALEIGH, N. C., May 21, 1904. My Dear Bishop Watson:

eral interest:

May I ask you, and through you, your Diocesan Council, to aid me in a most important matter and one which must command your interest and that of every intelligent Christian man in North Carolina.

There are many evidences of an wakening of the public conscience to the evils of divorce and much discussion as to what should be done to check the increasing evil. I wish to give some practical effect to this growng sentiment, and to this end I purpose in my annual address to my Diocesan Convention next month to uggest the adoption of an address to the representative religious bodies of the State, asking their co-operation in arousing public sentiment in favor of repealing the several amendments of our divorce laws passed during the last 25 years and the restoration of the Was old condition of our laws, which allowed absolute divorce from the bonds of marriage only for adultery. I shall ask also for the appointment of a committee of correspondence, which may be authorized to represent this Diocese with the Presbyterian Synod. the Methodist Conferences and other religious bodies, thus to second the address, which I hope may be adopted by the convention. The several amendments and changes in the law of divorce which have been adopted of late years, have not been based upon any general principles of morals and o social science-but have notoriousbeen for the purpose of relieving particular persons. We may well demand the repeal of such legis ation, and such an appeal, supported by the representative religious bodies of the State, can hardly be disregarded by the General Assembly. May I ask you to bring this matter before your Council in such form as you may think most proper, and to ask from them an expression of their seutiments and the appointment of a committee to co-operate with any simllar committee which may be appointed by the Diocese of North Carolius, or by any representative reli gious body in the State. I remain most affectionately and aithfully, your servant in Ohrist. JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE, gramme. Bishop of North Carolina. The Council appeared highly favorable to the suggestions of Bishop Cheshire and appointed the following committee to co-operate and assist in every way posible toward carrying out the spirit of the reform suggested, viz: Rev. James Carmichael, D D., Rev. Dr. R. B. Drane, Messrs. T. W. Blount, Geo. C. Royal and Wilson G. Lamb. The Bishop's address having been referred, with the suggestion of Bishop Cheshire, a great mass of routine work was taken up. The following committees were appointed: Elections-Rev. Luther Eborn, R. R. Cotton and J. T. Worthington.

Small Potatoes result from a lack of Potash in the soil. Potash produces size and quality. We have



work was largely the duty of nation and church at large, whose common purpose should be to evangelize the heathen. He used statistics to show the permanent influence of missions on the character of the intellect, instancing the little men of Japar. Major Huske spoke with especial reference to the work of lay readers being an essential part of the work and gave an interesting account of the educational and moral effect of such work under the care of St. John's parish, Fayetteville. Mr. Boyle spoke very earnestly of the personal side of the question and stated that every mar, woman and child way either a missionary for good or bad. It was not a question of whether one believed in missions, but it was a question which forced itself, for every one by nature was a missionary and exerted an influence. He spoke also with reference to the spirit of missions in the Sunday schools.

Rev. Mr. Hogue closed with a short address, speaking of how grateful it a congregation should be for the fire addresses and making a brief applics. tion of the remarks to the work being done in Wilmington.

GHATHAM AND NORTHAMPTON.

Four-fifths in Ose and Over. Three-fourths

for Stedman in the Other.

RICH EQUARE, N. C., May 23 .- The Democratic primaries held in Northampton Saturday resulted in a big victory for Stedman and Winston, Stedmay receiving four fifths of the total vote taken, the other being for Glenn and Winston PITTSBORO, N. C., May 24 -As the result of the primaries in this county. Saturday, Chatham in the State convention will give Major Stedman, for Governor, eight and one half votes and Glenn three and ene half.

Here are some interesting statistles:

The products of cotton other than the raw cotton fiber, which go to form the enormous total of \$400,000,000 in value, far exceeding in value that of any other single crop exported, are cotton seed oil, cotton seed meal, cot-ton waste, cotton seed in the natural

In one of his books Roosevelt severely criticised some of the Presroad idents. He called Franklin Plerce "a truckling, time-serving Northern politician." As an example of political morality, Roosevelt can discount Pierce in not being worthy to be rated as virtuous. He is run-

ning his own campaign, writing and dictating State platforms, trafficing in appointments to get rid of leaders who are giving trouble, co quetting with the negro vote, etc., etc. Roosevelt's book may put a stigma upon his predecessors, but his own record will make them shining lights beside him.

> The old United States monitor Nantucket, a relic of the civil war, so long stationed in Wilmington for the use of the North Carolina naval reserves, was one of the Ericsson class of warships. Mr. Theodore R. Timby, who has just celebrated his 83rd year in Brooklyn, N. Y., claims that he was the inventor of

It is published that there are 400 women in New York who have salaries bigger that United States Senators. Mr. Rockefeller's lady secretary's annual income is \$14,000. Some of these money making women are young and some of them are not, but most any old thing that can bring home money like that will suit the average man.

monitors.

At the physological moment moment when Eve gave Adam the apple which brought on all our trou-

theory is that when Adam was asked who gave him the fruit, he pointed to her and said, "Dis Eve." Now, therefore, till this day we have in use the misspelled word "deceive."

> An editorial in the "woman's edition" of the Charlotte Chronicle leads us to infer that a preacher can have a "seal skin wife" if he can afford it. As long as preachers are liable to get pinkskin wives, just like other men, they will save their

preacherskin by consenting to the

records of the Canadian govern-

Robert Henderson claims that he was the discoverer and he has been summoned to Ottawa to be given a

condems the wood contracts made by the company and insists that coal should be substituted as fuel on the

In regard to lawyers holding free passes as local counsel, the committee found that only 13 out of 84 rendered the road any service and one had appeared against the railroad in practically every suit against the road in Craven county during the past four years. They insist that all not rendericg legal service to the company should be dropped. The proxy com-mittee is criticised as too large and having fourteen members not stockholders, being put on to afford them trans portation free. The committee found only one and not eleven agents of the company to be short in accounts with the company. As to charges that the road is run as a political machine and a dumping

ground for broken down politicians, he committee reports that they find i has been treated like other State institutions, officers changing with the changes of administration, but they could not see that the present adminis tration has contributed more largely to this result than any other. They found that only one map, an age Confederate veteran, had been retain ed in the service at \$60 per month. when he was clearly unable to render the company service; but the committee declined to criticise this action. and state that it was shown that no broken down politicians were dumped the revolving turrets on the Ericsson on the road, although, the report states, President Bryan frankly ad-

mitted on the stand that preference, al things being equal, were given to De mocrats when men were employed. The committee finds that the road has earned during the past four years, above operating expenses, the sum of \$251,727.56; has borrowed \$55,000, of which \$27,000 has been repaid from sarnings and \$28,000 is still unpaid. Adding on additional net earnings for nine months past to the four years, the committee finds that the total net earnings are \$324,499-all expended on improvements. They find that the service has been greatly improved that some of this money has been

need of new stations.

travagance. Instances of both classes of expenditures are recited in detail. bles, Adam had no education. Our on roadbed but say the replacing of

stock.

proposition without any conditions. George Carmack appears on the

ment as the discover of the rich gold fields in the Klondike. Now

of the property, "but we do think," says the committee, "that a modern system of accounting should be adopted and other faults to which attention has been directed remedied." chance to prove the fact.

Resting Quietly and Alone in an Easy Chair in President's Office, He Was

Galled from Life Unto Death. Was Teller for 17 Years.

Mr. W. P. Price, Well Known

Bank Teller, Died Suddenly

Yesterday Morning.

A CITIZEN OF HIGH ESTEEM.

Sealed in an easy chair in the private office of President John S. Armstrong, an open newspaper before him, Mr. William Patchal Price, teller at the Atlantic National Bank, died suddenly yesterday morning a few minutes after he had come down to the bank as usual for his day's work. Death was probably due to an aneurism of the heart, as Mr. Price had been under treatment for an affection of that vital organ for some time, though he rarely complained. The news of the death spread quickly over the city and it brought sorrow and sadness to many hearts, for Mr. Price was widely known by reason of his daily contact with the public and it is entirely within the bounds of truth to say that no man in Wilmington was held in more popular or higher esteem. Always; courteous, genial, polite, a kindly greeting for everyone, he was a man essentially beloved and respected. His place in the bank and in the

community will be hard to fill.

Mr. Price arose as usual yesterday morning, ate his breakfast, bade his wife and children good-bye at the house as he alwys did, and came to the bank. He arranged his deak, exchanged greetings with Cashier Yates, Mesars. Fred Banck, Mitchell Allen, Harry Croswell and other office mates and went to the door for a copy of the morning paper. While doing so he put his hand to his breast and expanded it as he had been for some time accustomed to do, when complaining of slight pains there, but was otherwise wisely spent and some injudiciously in his usual health and his conduct oc used, in some cases bordering on excasioned no surprise. He took the paper into President Armstrong's office They approve the new shops at and sat down to read. He had been Newbern and such of the work there not exceeding fifteen minutes when Mr. Armstrong opened the door rotten cross-lies has been sadly neg and was alarmed at an unusual exlected and that the idea that a road bed may be made safer by laying pression on his face. Mr. Price's heavier rails on rotten ties is a fallacy. head was slightly thrown back and his They contend the road has no need features were relaxed, but in other re for heavier rails or for heavier rolling spects his position was perfectly natural. Mr. Armstrong came into the The committee defends the management of the road for purchasing the banking rooms and asked Cashsite at \$10,000 for and providing the ier Yates what was the matter new warehouse in Newbern. The with Mr. Price. Mr. Yates replied that new freight warehouse at Goldsboro. they declare to have been an extravahe knew of nothing unusual and the gant expenditure, \$9,345 having been two went back to the private office and spent when the old building could have been remodelled at a cost of \$1,200 upon opening the door they at once saw that a physician was needed and and the money saved would have paid hurriedly went to summons assistance. for suitable stations at LaGrange, Dover, Newport and Morehead City, all In the meantime, Mr. Croswell went of which are declared to be badly in to Mr. Price and found that his pulse was gone and a few minutes later Dr. The methods of book-keeping are W. J. H. Bellamy arrived and condeclared to be crude and in conclusion the committee say they see nothing in firmed the suspicion that the man was the situation to call for great haste on dead. the one hand or extreme action on the

Mr. Price was 51 years old the daybeother in the control or the operation fore he died and had lived in Wilmington all his life, with the exception of a short time spent in Sumter county, S. C. When a young man he was on the road as an express messenger and

Drs. C. A. Julian, Thomasville; Jno. T. Burrus, High Point; I. W. Faison, Charlotte; Secretary, Dr. J. Howell Way, Asheville; Treasurer, Dr. S. T. Sikes, Grissom; Counciliors, (one for each of ten districts in State) Drs. Mc-Mullan, Elm City; S. S. Daniels, Winston; Frank H. Bussell, Wil mington; Albert Anderson, Wilson; J. F. Highamith, Fayetteville; H. A. Royster, Baleigh; E. O. Register, Charlotte; N. S. Lott, Winston; T. E. Anderson, Statesville; J. A. Bur-Asheville, Orator, Dr. roughs, Ambler, Asheville; Essay Dr. John Tucker, H.

Henderson; Leader of Debate, Dr. T. E. Dickinson, Wilson; Representalives to the American Medical Association, in Atlantic City in June, Drr. H. A. Royster, Raleigh, and J. Howell Way, Waynesville. There are now eighty of ninety-six counties organized and the membership of the society is about 1,000, while the attendance on the present session is more than 400. To-night there was an annual oration on "Asculapian Dreams" by Dr. C. A. Julian, of Thomasville, and an illustrated address, "Radium and Radio-Activity in the Realm of Medicine," by Dr. Baskerville, of the University, followed by the most elaborate reception of the year, given by the Capital Olub in honor of the visiting doctors. The work of the society will be concluded to-morrow.

Diplomas were awarded 36 graduates at the A. & M. College to-day, four in agriculture, three civil engineering, nine electrical engineering, twelve mechanical engineering, five textile industry, one in industrial chemistry and one master of agriculture.

SO SOOTHING. its Influence Has Been Feit by so Many Wilmington

Readers. The soothing influence of relief After suffering from Itching Piles.

From Eczema or any itchiness of the skin, Makes one feel grateful to the remedy. Doan's Ointment has soothed undreds.

Here's what one Wilmington cititen says:

H. Cronenberg, photographer, of 191 Market street, says: "I used Doan's Ointment and it did its work promptly and permanently.] had a rash all over me and no one knows how I suffered. It was like being in the infernal region and I could get no relief. I did not dare scratch because that made it worse. tried everything but only to be disappointed. Some one told me about Doan's Ointment and I procured a box at R. R. Bellamy's drug store. I went home and applied some of the ointment and can say it brought the first relief had for a long time. I can only add that it is a preparation of great

merit." For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo. N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name-Doan's-

and take no other.

having been disposed of, a recess taken until 11 o'clock, when the holy communion was celebrated and the opening sermon was preached by Rev. A. W. Seabrease, rector of St. Paul's parisb, Wilmington. The discourse of Rev. Mr. Scabrease is spoken of as very able, eloquent and appropriate to the sessions of the Council.

The Afternoon Session,

The afternoon business session of the Council convened at 4 o'clock and was the most important of the day, continuing until 6 o'clock, the Rev. Nathaniel Harding, the president, in the chair. The Bishop's annual address was read after devotional exercises and acting upon request therein, the elestion of a co-adjutor was made the special order for this morning at 11 o'clock, the session to continue without interruption until the order is completed. That will be really the matter of most general interest to be transacted by the Council at its meeting this year. Both the clergy and laity are very reticent in speaking of the probable result of the session, but it seems a foregone conclusion that an election will be made and it also ap-

pears reasonably certain that Rev. Robert Strange, D. D., of Richmond, will be the choice. In this connection a synopsis of the annual address of the Bishop will be read with interest:

THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS The venerable Bishop Watson began his annual address to the Council by saying that it has pleased God to spare him to meet once more in annual council and he returns thanks to Him for the opportunity thus prolonged to serve the Diocese in His name, however inefficiently, and with whatever errors of judgment, "I can at least assure you," the Bishop says, "that my service has been conscientious and with such pureness of intention as love for my people has been able to secure. May He pardon its errors and turn into blessings its good intentions. In reporting his work during the past Diocesan year the Bishop says he must first of all acknowledge with heartlest thanks his great indebtedness to his brethren in the Episcopates of North and South Carolina, Virginia and the missionary jurisdiction of Asheville for the aid they have so promptly and lovingly rendered him in the visitation of the Diocese. "They have indeed aided me as loving brethren, for which may God remember them on his Great Day," concludes the Bishop's reference to that kindly

assistance. Summarizing his work in the Diocese during the year the Bishop reports 93 confirmations by himself, one" funeral, one ordination to the Deaconate, at the Bishop's request, by Bishop Randolph; five public celebrations, administering to about 55; thirty-one services; sermons, confirmations and other addresses and one; lay readers licensed, 50. To ed to the spiritual side of missions. LAMY'S drug store. these figures should be added 79 per-

New Parishes-Rev. B. I. Lassiler, . P. Haskett and Thos. W. Blount.

Unfinished Business-Rev. J. S. Moody, Geo. C. Royal and W. G. Gaither. There was a long and animated dis-

cussion of the question of transferring the permacent Clergy Relief Fund of the Diocese to the General Olergy Relief Fund. Many resolutions and substitutes were offered but the matter was finally referred to the Committee on Canons, composed of Rev. Nathaniel Harding, chairman, Rev. Isaac W. Hughes, Rov. F. H. T. Horsefield, Col. W. L. DeRosset and Maj. B. R. Huske.

A Mission Service.

Beginning at 8:15 o'clock last hight a very interesting mission service was conducted by Rev. Luther Eborn, Rev. T. M. N. George, Rev. N. C. Hughes and Rev. R. W. Hogue Special addresses were made by Rev. F. H. T. Horsfield, Maj. B. R. Huske and Mr. F. A. Boyle. The addresses were of an unusually high order, that instructions, 25; vestry meetings, of Rev. Mr. Horsfield baving pertain and kills Pain. On 25c, at R. R. BEL-

Chapel of the Good Shepherd,

The school taught by Misses Susia Price and Mary Cantwell in connection with the Chapel of the Good Shepherd had most -creditable com mencement exercises last night in the hall of the chapel, presenting a pretty little spectacular play, "The Awaken ing of Spring,"the leading role, having been taken by Miss Marian Newton. The stage was beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreeos and the costumes were beautiful. The marches, with colored lights, the solos and cho ruses, and, in fact, every part of the exercises was perfectly rendered. Miss May Landen played the accompaniments. Rev. J. W. Burch, in charge of the Chapel work, made a neat ad dress to the pupils and prizes were awarded at the conclusion of the pro

Tuesday's Berry Crop. Tuesday's shipments of strawberries through South Rocky Mount amounted to only 20 cars and 493 crates by express, distributed to the several markets as follows: Pittsburg and Scranton, three cars each; New York, Newark, Worcester and Erie, two cars each, and one each to Utics, Montreal, Keene, North Adams and Onento, N. Y. Washington received 184 crates by express; Wilmington, Del., 143; Richmond, 71; North Carolina points, 27; New York, 26; Phila delphia, 18; Worcester, one. New York quoted 7 to 10c. and Buffa o, 9 to 10c.

Mojor Stedman Here.

Major Charles M. Stedman arrived here last evening and was warmly greeted by his numerous friends and admirers. He leaves for Whiteville this afternoon. The Major is not making any boasts; but his campaign man agers confidently claim that he will be the next Governor of North Carolina.

- Mr. G. E. Shepard, of Topsail Sound, was here yesterday and related to the STAR a thrilling story of the killing of a 400-pound bear by Mrs. Olair, an old lady 76 years of age, and Mrs. Peter Batson, who discovered Bruin in the act of eating a fine porker belonging to Mr. Batson, who lives at Sandy Run, on Topsail Sound,

Quick Arrest.

J. A. Gulledge, of Verbens, Als., was twice in the hospital from a severe case of piles, causing twenty-four tumors. After doctors and all remedies failed, Bucklen's Arnica Salve quickly arrested further inflammation nd cured him. It conquers Aches

