

PROF. W. L. POTEAU MADE PRESIDENT

Historical Association Meeting Last Night.

PRES. CONNOR'S ADDRESS

Erection of Statue to Sir Walter Raleigh and Celebration of Settlement of Roanoke Island Two Undertakings of the Association.

The third annual meeting of the State Literary and Historical Association was held last night at the Olivia Raney Library, President H. G. Connor presiding. The meeting proved not only interesting and instructive, but served to stimulate the association to greater activity. It has been determined to ask aid of the General Assembly in the effort to properly celebrate the ter-centennial of the landing of Sir Walter Raleigh on Roanoke Island.



Hon. Henry Groves Connor.

After this "America" was sung, the entire audience joining in the patriotic air. Judge Connor, as president of the association, delivered his annual address in his usual interesting and impressive manner. Throughout was filled with words of wisdom relative to the work which should be conducted by the association. Reviewing the work of the association during the past year he paid tribute to the earnest efforts of Secretary Field and the executive committee. He said that two undertakings had received the special attention of the members. First, at the suggestion of the patriotic General Julian S. Carr, a successful movement to erect a statue in this city in memory of Sir Walter Raleigh, the money to be realized by penny contributions from the people, especially the children of the State. He recommends the increase of activities on the part of members of the association and pleads for the construction of this statue of this soldier, scholar and patriot.

pleasure to attend the last pilgrimage of the Society of Colonial Dames to St. Philip's church at Old Brunswick, where he witnessed the placing of a tablet in memory of the heroes of the lower Cape Fear. Charles Francis Adams, in his address to the American Historical Society, said that unless a society had an object it had better disband. Judge Connor used this as an introduction to that portion of his address treating on organization. He recommended the republication, from time to time, of such rare and scarce books as pertain to the State's history. He said it is general supposed that we are poor in this respect, but after personal research he had made rich findings. Prof. Hart has said that the aim of this work is to open a highway to visit our forefathers and such work as is being done today will be of the greatest value to future students of our State's history. He paid high tribute to Alderman's "Life and Times of William Hooper," McGee's "Gov. Graham," Battle's "Gov. Vance," Avery's "General Hill," Cox's "General Ransom," London's "Bryan Crimes" and others. He thanked the North Carolina Booklet Company for the valuable publications which they are issuing and paid compliment to the Dixon Letters being published by Dr. J. O. Carr, of Wilmington. No field of letters is so inviting, candid, honest criticism is necessary and the matter published should be held up to a high standard. He made reference to Dr. Bassett's Quarterly as of great value. In conclusion Judge Connor said: "May we not indulge the hope that in the near future the efforts of all the patriotic writers and gleaners in this field may find a rich reward in the forthcoming history of our State."

"That some son's devotion and patience may gather the fragments and weave into history the settlement, organization, growth and development of this grand old Commonwealth. There are those who have labored and waited with patience

and hope for this consummation of their work. If this association should be able in any way to contribute to this end it would indicate its right to exist and to ask the aid and encouragement of all who love the Old North State." Col. F. A. Olds then made his report of the Hall of History, a department of the State Museum, which has been made the most interesting feature of that valuable depository of valuables. The collection of antiquities, the Revolutionary, Civil and Spanish-American War relics related to North Carolina being of wonderful value. This report was given in full in a recent issue of the News and Observer. Superintendent of Public Instruction Joyner read a valuable paper on "Rural Libraries in Our State," pointing out the benefit derived from these institutions. He brought to the attention of the association the extent of this work and its progress during the past year. Mrs. Charles McKimmon rendered a vocal solo, "O Fair, O Sweet and Holy," by Otto Cantos. Mrs. McKimmon was the recipient of an encore, to which she responded with "Doris," De Koven, rendered in her customary graceful and charming manner. Prof. D. H. Hill read an interesting paper on Historical Publications in North Carolina during 1902. Prof. Hill made reference to the work of Chief Justice Walter Clark, Dr. Bassett, of Trinity College; President J. H. Clewell, of Salem Female Academy; Choate W. Harris of Washington; Rev. John W. Stagg, of Charlotte; Dr. R. B. Creesey, of Elizabeth City; W. C. Allen, of Wayneville; D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotte; J. O. Carr, of Wilmington; Prof. C. L. Huber, of the State University; Mrs. Hubert Haywood and Miss Margaret Haywood in publication of the North Carolina Booklet; Jas Sprunt, of Wilmington; Dr. Kemp P. Battle, of the State University; Moses N. Amis, of Raleigh; W. E. Dodd, of Randolph-Macon College; Marshall DeLancey Haywood, of Raleigh; Dr. Stephen D. Weeks, of Washington; Mrs. W. E. McCorkle, of Savannah, Ga.; Maj. W. A. Graham, Dr. J. P. Alexander, S. A. Ashe, and A. M. Waddell, besides the publishers of various pamphlets. Prof. Hill said two things are necessary to foster this literature—buy and pay cash for worthy publications, read and commend them to others. Prof. Henry Jerome Stockard read an interesting article on "Some North Carolina Verses During the Past Year." He made allusion to the work of the lamented Theo. H. Hill, of this city. Reference to the work of John Henry Boner, Miss Armfield, J. C. McNeill,

Rev. Baylus Cade, Miss Dickson and Mrs. Townsend. He says there are three volumes of North Carolina verse ready for the press, from the pens of Mr. Frank Armfield, Mr. C. L. VanNoppen and Mr. J. H. Boner. Prof. Stockard says there has been great improvement in the poetry published from pens of North Carolinians during the past year and the standard magazines are recognizing the ability of some of the State's songsters. Following Mr. Stockard, Mrs. Ashley Lee Baker sang "Doris," by Nevlin, with violin obligato by Miss Martin. Mrs. Baker was heartily cheered and her rendition of "A Little Maid of Japan," was winning. Mr. J. W. Bailey read a paper on the "Claims of State Literature and History on Our Schools," taking a more decided view and urging that a broader scope be given this work in our educational institutions. For some while the general trend of affairs, particularly with reference to the association's work, was discussed generally. Miss Charlotte Kendall Hull rendered a violin solo, "Andante Scherzo," by David Miss Hull has rare talent and her rendition of her number on the program was one of the most delightful features of the evening. The election of officers resulted in the selection of the following: President—W. L. Poteat, Wake Forest. First Vice-President—Ray, Joseph Blount, Cheshire, of Raleigh. Second Vice-President—Mrs. Nettie F. Townsend, of Mt. Airy. Third Vice-President—Dr. Theodore Bryant Kingsbury, of Wilmington. The other officers of the association are to be filled by the president and executive committee. A resolution passed asking the Legislature to secure certain publications and records and a committee was appointed to draft a bill for this purpose. The committee was authorized to request an appropriation of \$500. The following resolutions were adopted: "Resolved, That this association, through a special committee to be appointed by the president, request the General Assembly to provide for six rural libraries in each county in addition to the number now prescribed by the Rural Library Act of the last General Assembly." In addition to this, a movement to interest other kindred societies was continued by this resolution: "Resolved, That the Colonial Dames and the Daughters of the Confederacy, who have undertaken such creditable literary work, be invited co-operate with the association in the publication of pamphlets and monographs on local history." "That to this end a committee of five be appointed to confer with a like committee from each of the other organizations."

TOBACCO TRUST FILES CHARTER British-American Company, With About \$80,000,000 Capital Stock. The great combined tobacco trust of America and England yesterday filed a copy of its charter with the Secretary of State, in accordance with the law for outside corporations doing business in this State. The correct name of the company is the British-American Tobacco Company, Limited, of London, England. The capital is £6,000,000, divided into 1,500,000 preferred shares and 4,500,000 common, all shares being £1 each. The principal place of business in North Carolina is at Durham and the purpose is the manufacture and distribution of tobacco and products of tobacco in all forms. C. W. Toms is named as agent. The copy of the charter is filed by J. B. Duke, chairman. This is the combination of the American Tobacco Company, The Imperial Tobacco Company, Ogden's Limited, Continental Tobacco Company, American Cigar Company and Consolidated Tobacco Company and the £5,000,000 capital is about \$30,000,000 in American money. The consolidation agreement was perfected by Williamson Whitehead Fuller and James Inskip. The rights of the company as stated in the charter are: "To carry on the business of growers of tobacco, manufacturers of and dealers in tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, and snuff and any business arising out of or in connection with either or any of such commodities." Other broad powers for transacting various business are given. The Thornton Light and Power Company, of Hickory, was a new company incorporated yesterday with \$12,000 paid capital and \$50,000 authorized. The incorporators are M. E. Thornton, A. A. Shuford, J. A. Martin and E. B. Cline, all of Hickory. TO THE ROOTS. A School Boy Digs Down to Find Food to Build Him Right. A good, straightforward letter was recently sent by a bright clever youth which shows his ability to go to the bottom of a trouble and rectify it. He says, "I attended High School for three years but made little progress. I did not enjoy good health; my food was not properly digested; this caused headache and hence I could not study. I tried taking exercise in the foot-ball field but was unable to stand it as it always increased my headache. During the summer holidays I began eating Grape-Nuts and the benefit was immediate, the headache stopped, my food digested properly so that I had no more stomach trouble, my general health improved, my weight increased and my brain was clear and bright. The result was that this summer I procured Junior League and Junior Maticulation Standing. I also took my place on the foot-ball team as half-back and played in all the games of 1901. This wonderful increase in mental and physical health I attribute to no other cause than the nourishment I got from Grape-Nuts. I recommend them to everybody who desires health. I am only a boy of 17 years, but my weight is 118 pounds and this weight was procured solely by the use of Grape-Nuts." Name given by Postum Cereal Co., Battle Creek, Mich. There is a reason why Grape-Nuts should correct a delicate, physical, or a sluggish mental condition. The food is highly nutritious and is predigested so that it helps the digestive organs to assimilate other food. It is also rich in the phosphates that go directly to make up the delicate gray matter of brain and nerve centres.

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