

BRIEF NEWS NOTES FOR THE BUSY MAN

MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS OF
THE PAST WEEK TOLD IN
CONDENSED FORM.

WORLD'S NEWS EPITOMIZED

Complete Review of Happenings of
Greatest Interest From All
Parts of World.

Southern.

Predicated upon the expression of President Wilson that "you cannot rationally increase the prosperity of this country without increasing the road facilities of this country," representative citizens of the two leading producing states in the South at the Georgia-Carolina Good Roads Congress, in session at Augusta, Ga., adopted resolutions voicing their request to the president and congress to take up the question of proper provision for the construction and maintenance of public highways.

Enraged because his wife would not agree to a reconciliation with him after a brief separation of two weeks, M. L. Cribb, a Turner county, Georgia, farmer living about two miles from Rebecca, shot and instantly killed his mother-in-law, Mrs. J. G. R. Hancock, fired two bullets into the body of his wife, probably fatally wounding her, and then turning the pistol on his sister-in-law, Miss Sallie Hancock, fired the remaining bullets, inflicting a wound from which she will probably die.

Hon. Miller S. Bell, mayor of Milledgeville, Ga., had a narrow escape from death early when a would-be assassin fired three shots through a window into the mayor's bedroom. Three bullets from a pistol were fired through a window into the room where Mr. Bell usually sleeps, and two of them lodged in the bed, one penetrating the very pillow usually used by Mr. Bell. It so happened that he retired in the room adjoining the one generally occupied by him. His usual bed was occupied by his young son, who, however, slept on the side farthest from the window.

Officers of the Seventeenth infantry of the United States regular army, stationed at Fort McPherson, near Atlanta, Ga., received by special messenger from Washington information that has set the post in a furor of excitement. The messenger, it is understood, placed in the hands of the commanding officers almost one hundred different maps. These maps and charts, it is said, are the most modern and the latest compiled by government agents. They show the exact contour of all Mexican territory, together with every fortification on the Mexican coast and border.

The cost of living in the region of Kansas City, Mo., has increased 59 per cent in ten years, while the wages of skilled laborers have been augmented a fraction more than 26 per cent. The supply being greater than the demand, wages have not been increased. The common school has proved a factor in increasing the cost of living by teaching higher ideals.

In an accident at the fair grounds race track at Valdosta, Ga., Carroll Varnado suffered a broken leg; Richard Parramore had one of his ankles knocked out of joint and his cousin, Redden Parramore, sustained severe bruises on one of his legs when a wild motorcycle left the track and dashed into the crowds at the fence. William Riley lost control of his machine and was slightly hurt as the motorcycle plunged through the fence. Riley and his partner, Harold Kelly of Indianapolis, two of the riders, were racing on the half-mile track, and Riley lost control of his machine.

General.

The probable loss of their captain, Vincent Nelson, and three of their mates and the death of one, form part of a tale of the sea brought to Portland, Maine, by the survivors of the crew of the Gloucester fishing schooner Annie N. Parker. The fact that their abandonment of the stranded schooner near Nantucket and the loss of life was unnecessary was not known to the crew until word reached them that the schooner was in port at New Bedford virtually undamaged. Nine survivors of the Parker's crew reached Portland aboard the lumber schooner Tifton, from Jacksonville, which had picked them up.

Orie McManigal, the star witness for the prosecution at the trials of the McNamara brothers in Los Angeles, Cal., and one of the 30 officials of the Structural Iron Workers' Union at Indianapolis, has disappeared. He was removed from the Los Angeles county jail, but District Attorney Fredericks refused to affirm or deny he had been released. "McManigal has tuberculosis," said Fredericks. "He would have died if he had been left in jail."

Governor Hayes of Arkansas has received notification from Assistant Secretary of War Breckinridge that the United States government will render no aid to the Arkansas militia. As the last legislature refused to make an appropriation for the militia, this ends practically all hope of preserving its organization. The war department's action is due to the report of Captain Sloan, militia inspector for Arkansas. A year ago Captain Sloan reported that \$54,000 worth of equipment loaned to the National Guard of the state of Arkansas was missing.

Four stores, one bank and the A. B. and A. railroad station at Gay, Ga., were broken into by a bold band of thieves and several thousand dollars' worth of jewelry and several pistols were secured. No clew to the robbers has yet been discovered by the authorities. The work of the thieves was not discovered until the morning, when the cashier of the bank and owners of the stores found the doors of the respective buildings ajar. The locks had been forced with jimnies. Safes in each case were left unmoistened, which gives rise to the opinion that the burglars were novices and did not understand how to crack the strong boxes.

Fusion carried New York City by electing John Purroy Mitchel mayor by approximately 75,000 plurality and retaining control of the important board of estimate by a safe margin. Tammany Hall saw its nominee for the mayoralty, Edward E. McCall, go down to defeat by one of the biggest pluralities ever given against a candidate of that organization and it looked as if Tammany might not even save the New York county offices out of the wreckage. The big vote for Mitchel pulled through the Fusion candidates for president of the board of aldermen and comptroller.

Returns indicate that James F. Fiedler (Dem.) for governor of New Jersey, has a plurality over Stokes (Rep.) of twenty thousand, and it may go above that figure.

Sylvia Pankhurst, the English Suffragist, announces that a volunteer army to defend the Suffragette movement is to be raised in the east end of London.

Based on returns from Baltimore, but which are regarded as a sure indication of the final result, state Senator Blair Lee (Dem.) has been elected to the United States senate from Maryland to fill the unexpired term of the late Isidor Rayner by an estimated plurality of thirty-five thousand votes.

The Marseilles-Paris (France) express was in collision with another train and seven coaches, filled with passengers were practically reduced to splinters. The number of dead is estimated at fifty. In addition to the dead, many injured have been taken from the wreck, which caught fire.

When the Beaver river was at flood height last March, at Rochester, Pa., Clarence Mitchell wrote and signed his name and address, sealing it in a bottle and tossed the bottle into the flood. Recently he received a letter from Frank Worthing in Glasgow, Scotland, saying he had picked up the bottle on the Scotch coast.

The French cabinet has formally approved the budget for 1914. The loan which will be necessary is now estimated at \$260,000,000. The budget shows the expense of restoring order in Morocco in 1914 will be \$40,400,000.

David I. Walsh (Dem.) was elected governor of Massachusetts by a plurality estimated at fifty thousand. The remainder of the state ticket was in doubt when three-fourths of the election districts had reported. The Democratic leaders claimed a complete victory for state offices, and the returns so far as tabulated support this claim.

A firing squad executed Capt. Manuel Sanchez, a Spanish officer, found guilty of the murder of Don Garcia Jullia, a wealthy land owner, last May. Captain Sanchez was tried and condemned for the crime at Madrid as a sequel to the confession of a woman, Luisa Sanchez, said to be his daughter, who was sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment.

The budget committee of the board of estimate of the city of New York has announced that a budget has been drawn calling for only \$192,995,511 for New York's housekeeping expense next year. Although this is an increase of \$284,110 over the budget for 1913, it shows the smallest increase of any budget for many years. As a rule the yearly increase has been about \$10,000.

Washington.

Cotton and woolen mills in Georgia and Alabama will take notice of certain changes in freight rates on commodities used in these textile industries coming from the east. The interstate commerce commission has approved a new schedule of rates on chemicals, acids, dyes, stuffs and bleaching materials from the east, except acids, alum and salts rated six class or lower. A rate of 49 cents per 100 pounds from Boston, New York and Philadelphia and of 46 cents per 100 pounds from Baltimore is established to Birmingham, Eufaula, Sylacauga, Barnesville and Grantville, without regard to the long and short haul clause.

White house messengers were busy distributing invitations to the wedding on November 25 of Miss Jessie Wilson and Francis B. Sayre. About four hundred invitations were sent out, approximately two hundred and fifty of them being directed to residents of Washington.

President Wilson has commuted to expire at once the sentence of life imprisonment for robbing the mail and jeopardizing the life of a mail carrier imposed in 1898 on Fayettef Salter of Mobile, Ala.

President Huerta has been told he must resign the presidency of Mexico without loss of time, and that he must not leave as his successor Gen. Aureliano Blanquet, his minister of war, or any other member of his official family, or of the unofficial coteries whom he might be expected to control. This ultimatum from Washington was conveyed to Huerta by his private secretary. Huerta has returned no answer, and, as far as can be learned, has guarded its contents. Those who are acquainted with the note say Huerta will have to give one of two answers, refusal or compliance.

PROTEST AGAINST INTRASTATE RATES

NINE N. C. RAILROADS ALLEGE
PROPOSED TARIFFS TO BE
CONFISCATORY.

ASK FOR AN INVESTIGATION

Call on Governor to Appoint Special
Rate Commission Provided For in
the Act to Adjust Rates—Will Make
Appointments Soon.

Raleigh.—Formal protests were filed with Governor Craig recently by nine of the railroad companies doing interstate freight business in North Carolina against the application of the Justice intrastate rate act of the recent extra session of the Legislature. The protests ask that the special rate commission provided for in the act be appointed to investigate and adjust the rates on a basis fair to the carriers.

The Southern Railway, the Atlantic Coast Line and the Seaboard Air Line, more especially, file exhibits along with their protests that show differences between the rates in this state and a number of other states, and the effect that the application of the proposed rates will have on their earnings. All the railroads assert that the rates are low to a degree that they are confiscatory and disastrous to the railroads in North Carolina.

The Atlantic Coast Line submits an exhibit to show that the present rates in North Carolina are considerably lower than the rates in effect in a number of the other states in this section, and that the application of the Justice act rates would put them so far below rates in other states as to indicate on their face that they are confiscatory and disastrous to the railroads.

The Southern Railway gives a special exhibit that compares Minnesota rates with the North Carolina rates and asserts that Minnesota rates are 18 to 50 per cent higher on lumber, lathes and shingles than those proposed under the Justice act.

Another exhibit sets out a large variety of commodities with comparison of rates in North Carolina with those in Minnesota, and is designed to show that the application of the Justice act rates would give North Carolina cuts in large percentage under the Minnesota rates.

There are also comparisons of Virginia, South Carolina, Alabama and North Carolina rates. The Seaboard Air Line protest also carries exhibits that compare the rates in North Carolina, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Alabama, all being to the same end.

The roads that filed protests are the Southern, Atlantic Coast Line, Seaboard Air Line, Norfolk Southern, Rockingham, Norfolk & Western, Carolina & North-Western, Washington & Vandremer and the Winston-Salem Southbound.

Until Successors Are Appointed.

The seven special employes and deputy collectors of the Republican faith who are employed in the Asheville division of the Internal Revenue Service and who were instructed recently to report at their home stations were instructed that the officers be kept in the service until their successors are appointed.

For Home For Wives and Widows.

The building commission of the North Carolina Home for Wives and Widows of Confederates and Governor Craig and Council of State held a conference recently relative to the possibility of raising the \$10,000 state appropriation for erecting the main building of the Home at Fayetteville.

Two Charters Issued.

The Williams Brothers Company of Yadkinville received a charter with \$10,000 capital authorized, and \$5,000 subscribed by S. C. Williams and others for real estate and mercantile business. There is also a charter for the Aurora Telephone Company of Aurora, Beaufort county, capital \$3,000.

Agricultural Employment Agency.

E. H. Anderson, agricultural agent for Guilford county, a position recently established by the county and Chamber of Commerce, has decided to conduct an employment bureau for the benefit of Guilford farmers. It will be the purpose of this bureau to keep in touch with farmers who want laborers and with men who want work and to bring the two classes together. It is believed that a vast deal of good work can be done in this way and it will be mutually advantageous to employer and employee.

Contest For Collectorship.

Collector of Internal Revenue J. W. Bailey is inaugurating along with all other internal revenue collectors of the country just now, the work of collecting the Federal income tax that became operative November 1 and he says the closest attention will be given to the collection of this tax, which is expected to raise something like \$80,000,000 in the United States from something like five per cent of the citizenship. The tax applies to personal incomes of \$3,000, for unmarried, and \$4,000 for married persons.

CHANCE FOR FOUR TAR HEELS

Competition Strong For Position of
Collector of Revenue at
Panama.

North Carolina is in the fight for the position of Collector of Revenue at Panama. There are four candidates for the position: Charles N. Vance of Black Mountain, A. C. Avery of Morganton, William Wilson of Henderson and D. H. McCollough of Charlotte.

Colonel Goethals, who is chief of everything at Panama, wants a man who is familiar with the Canal Zone to have the place. He has indicated as much to the War Department.

Other states have candidates, who are at Panama, and if North Carolina expects to win, a united effort will have to be made for Mr. McCollough or some other Tar Heel familiar with the Isthmus.

Representative Webb, supported by a number of Charlotte citizens, has taken up the fight for McCollough, who is said to be satisfactory to Goethals.

Secretary Garrison of the Department of War makes the appointment. John W. Thompson of Raleigh has already been appointed a deputy collector for the Canal Zone.

President Wilson made an important statement concerning the Interstate Commerce Commission recently. When asked about a successor to Commissioner Charles A. Prouty, whose resignation has been tendered, the President said that he had not accepted Mr. Prouty's resignation and would not do so until he found a man for the place. He stated that he had not found the man.

Two weeks ago it seemed certain that ex-Gov. Robert B. Glenn of North Carolina would get a place on the commission. Since, a very determined fight has been made to put a New England man in Judge Prouty's place. At the same time, friends of Commissioner Clements, whose term expires next year, have urged the President to retain him. The matter is far from settled.

D. A. R. Unveil Sun-Dial.

The formal presentation by Liberty Hall Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, of the elegant sundial with granite slab beneath bearing the names of the first trustees of Liberty Hall College, the first institution of the kind in the colony, to the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg county was one of the interesting features of the State Conference in session in the city. The marker was erected on the site of the first college, on ground donated for the purpose, and is one of the handsomest monuments of the kind ever placed in this section of the state. Liberty Hall Chapter raised the necessary funds, procured the design and made all the necessary arrangements and the presentation marked the consummation of a long-cherished dream. The sundial stands on the northwestern corner of court house square, at the entrance to the grounds and therefore in a most advantageous place.

Edgecombe Farm Land Increases.

As an index of the rapid increase in Edgecombe farm land two sales made here during the past week tell the story. Three years ago Mr. J. H. Evans purchased from Mrs. John Best 276 acres, four miles from Tarboro. He recently sold this land to W. W. Eagles for \$12,000, and the Atlantic Coast Realty Company, subdividing the tract and sold it at auction, bringing an aggregate amount of \$14,000. Another big sale was that of the Winfield Ruffian farm near Whitakers, which was purchased by L. E. Everett for \$16,500 and three days later sold to C. M. London for \$19,000. During the week real estate and farm lands to the amount of \$51,000 was transferred.

Charlotte May Get Parcel Post Depot.

Special from Washington says: Charlotte will have one of the parcel post terminals if proper quarters can be secured at a nominal price. Representative Webb saw the postoffice authorities, and got the promise of the terminal. This means that Charlotte will be in the class with New Orleans, Atlanta and other large Southern cities. The establishment of the headquarters will take to Charlotte 8 or 10 more mail experts.

Extirminating Mosquitoes.

As the result of a two-weeks' campaign to eliminate the mosquito from the town's back lots and streets, Morehead City school children have collected tin cans and bottles enough, if placed end-to-end, would reach a distance of five miles. Fifty thousand cans and bottles were piled up by the children to be counted. A girl, Miss Alice Willis, led the children in the number collected, with 4,627 to her credit. Harold Willis, second, turned in 2,796. Many others made good reports.

Perseverance Secures Patent.

The announcement from Washington that the Southern Railway Company has decided to use the Wright Saffy Air-Brake means that at last the patience, perseverance and persistence of Mr. John E. Wright of Greensboro, the inventor, will be rewarded. Mr. Wright invented the appliance nearly eight years ago, after working on it for several years. A number of tests have been given it. A company was organized to take up the matter and push the patented appliance.

D. A. R. ADJOURNS

AFTER INTERESTING SESSION

STATE GATHERING ADJOURNS
NEXT YEAR AT DURHAM.

THE REPORTS ARE MADE

Delegates Bring Messages Which
Tell of Intensified Effort and Much
Valuable Work Done in the Various
Realms.

Charlotte.—The Thirteenth Annual State Convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution after being in session in this city two days adjourned a few days ago to meet next year in Durham with the General Davis Chapter. The conference here in interest, enthusiasm and attendance was one of the most notable in the history of the organization in this state.

The committee on nominating officers consisted of Mrs. L. W. Faison, Mrs. Francis I. Osborne, Miss Nannie McElwaine of Statesville, Mrs. J. M. Gudgeon, Jr., Asheville and Miss Violet Alexander.

The committee reported as follows: For recording secretary, Mrs. John Fleming Willy, of Durham; historian, Miss Cordie Phifer, of Charlotte; chaplain, Mrs. George Phifer Erwin, of Morganton, and registrar, Miss Jessie Rogers of Waynesville. They were all unanimously elected and escorted to the stage by Misses Laura Reiley and May Beverly Alexander, pages and presented by the regent to the conference. They were applauded.

Gratifying reports from the various chapters were read. Each was interesting and showed marked enthusiasm in the year's work.

They were as follows: Battle of Charlotte Chapter, Mrs. L. W. Faison; Council Oak Chapter, Morganton, Mrs. George Phifer Erwin; Craighead Dunlap Chapter, Wadesboro, Miss Bessie Dunlap; Dorcas Belle Love Chapter of Waynesville, in the absence of Mrs. J. H. Way, report was given by Miss Jessie Rogers; Edward Buncombe Chapter, Asheville, in the absence of Mrs. T. S. Morrison, was made by Mrs. Hull; Elizabeth Maxwell Steele Chapter of Salisbury, Mrs. George Fisher; Elizabeth Montford Ashe Chapter, Halifax, Miss Ursula Daniels; Fort Dobbs Chapter, Statesville, in the absence of Mrs. C. V. Henkel, report read by Miss Nannie McElwaine; General Joseph Winston Chapter, Winston-Salem, Miss Edna G. Mashin; General William Davidson Chapter, Lexington, Mrs. S. W. Finch, Halifax; Convention Chapter, Charlotte, Miss Mary Oates; Liberty Hall Chapter, Charlotte, Mrs. Charles W. Thickett; Mary Stocum Chapter, Mooresville, by Miss Kate C. Templeton; Mecklenburg Chapter, Mrs. B. D. Heath; Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence Chapter, in the absence of Miss Janie Alexander report given by Miss Hazelle Thomas; Miles Harvey Chapter, Tarboro, Miss Powell; Thomas Polk Chapter in the absence of Mrs. W. W. Watt, Mrs. E. L. Shuford of Hickory read the report; Whitmel Blount Chapter, Henderson, Mrs. W. O. Shannon; Anson-Staley Chapter, Mrs. James Dunlap; William Gaston Chapter, Gastonia, Mrs. Rufus M. Johnston, regent. The last three chapters have recently been reported.

Contests Starts For Solicitor.

Forest City.—Owing to the resignation of A. Hall Johnson solicitor of this district things are warming up for a hot contest. Senator James Carson, of Rutherfordton, who opposed Johnson three years ago, is reported to be receptive candidate, but will not make a fight. It is understood that H. Craig Richardson of this place will make the race. Friends of Mr. Richardson are urging him to enter the contest.

R. & A. Files Protest.

Raleigh.—U. L. Spence was here recently to add the Rockfish & Aberdeen to the number of intrastate carriers who have filed formal protests against the application of the freight rates fixed in the Justice rate bill.

Novel Scheme for Clean-Up.

Asheville.—The members of the Civic Betterment League have decided upon a novel scheme for securing the co-operation of local tenants and property owners in their efforts to make Asheville a "city beautiful." They announced recently that for the past several weeks they have had a corps of photographers busy taking pictures of the lawns and back lots, which are in need of attention and it is stated that unless the rubbish and trash is removed within a short time the pictures will be published.

Editor to Leave Express Co.

Lenoir.—Mr. Harry C. Martin, who has been local agent for the Southern Express Company here for the past 10 or 12 years, recently sent in his resignation. For the last several years, Mr. Martin has been a hard-worked man, having in addition to the express business, other interests to look after here, among them being The Lenoir News, of which he is editor and proprietor. His health for the last few months has not been of the best, and for this reason he has given up the express work.

FROM ALL OVER THE STATE

Latest News of General Interest That
Has Been Collected From Many
Towns and Counties.

Durham.—The Edgemont Baptist church, located on East Main street, was burned to the ground recently.

Raleigh.—A case of smallpox developed recently at St. Mary's School in a most unaccountable manner.

Washington.—Joe A. Brown, of Chadbourn, told a friend here that he would be a candidate for congress against Representative Godwin next year.

Salisbury.—Salisbury streets presented an interesting scene recently with Mayor W. H. Woodson clad in overalls, leading a crowd of ragged workers.

Raleigh.—Wake county is to join the increasingly large number of counties of North Carolina that hold county commencements for the public schools next spring.

Hickory.—Work was begun on the new postoffice building by the George C. Stiles Construction Company, of Chicago, who have the contract for the erection of the building.

Greensboro.—Considerably improved arrangements for providing Greensboro and surrounding towns with weather reports have been made by the weather bureau.

Greenville.—The market sold 3,581,473 pounds of tobacco in October. This runs the sales for the season over 10,000,000 pounds. Prices remain good.

Southport.—The barn of Mr. C. F. Drow, located a mile from town, was burned to the ground recently. A mule, two cows and a lot of feedstuff are included in the loss. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Mt. Holly.—At Rhyne & Holland's ginney Mr. John T. West, the victim, was horribly mangled by being caught in the beginning recently. One leg, one arm and one hand were broken and his skull crushed.

Washington.—Representative Webb got the postoffice department to promise recently to establish a rural mail route from Bakersville February 1. This will be the first rural route for Mitchell county.

Washington.—Senator Overman said one day recently that he had told the postoffice committee of the senate that he would no longer oppose the confirmation of E. L. Auman as postmaster at Asheboro.

Wilmington.—Adopting the recommendation of the board of directors the stockholders of the Murchison National bank have increased the capital stock from \$225,000 to \$1,000,000. The stock has been issued and is ready for delivery.

Elizabeth City.—W. T. Davenport of Washington county was arrested here charged with wife murder, upon instructions wired here to arrest and hold him. Davenport was located at the home of his brother and was taken in charge by the police and locked up.

Salisbury.—A report made by R. W. Freeman, farm demonstrator for Rowan county to the county board of commissioners shows that there has been an increase of 1,200 acres in this county of cover crops as compared with the preceding years.

Duke.—The growth in attendance at the graded school here this year has been marvelous. In spite of the fact that the school opened up with a larger attendance than ever, the little folks have continued to enter from time to time and at present the attendance is more than 100 above the average for the preceding years.

Tarboro.—Lieutenant Governor Daughtridge of Rocky Mount, who was here for the Edgecombe fair, announces that if nothing unforeseen happens he will be a candidate for governor in the next campaign. For some time his friends in this section of the state have been urging his candidacy.

Greensboro.—Dr. J. R. L. Morris, a book salesman of Norfolk, Va., was found dead in his room in the McCadoo Hotel recently. Whether he committed suicide or took too much of a drug accidentally is a matter of conjecture but circumstances seem to confirm the former theory. He is said to have a wife in Sanford, Fla.

Durham.—Raymond Hall was arrested recently on a charge of assaulting N. A. Gee, Saturday afternoon in the police station.

Mooresville.—The Mooresville Steam Laundry, which has been running here for a little more than two years, closed down recently for an indefinite period.

Washington.—Mecklenburg county will have a deputy collector and a deputy marshal when the patronage is parceled out. Every county in the Ninth district will have at least one deputy, under either Collector Watts or the marshal.

Kinston.—James S. Smith, one of the foremost merchants of this part of North Carolina, died recently, at his home at Hugo, near here. He was about 40 years of age.

Asheville.—Petitions were placed in circulation recently asking for the pardon of Joseph E. Dickerson, now serving a term in the federal prison at Atlanta.

Lexington.—One day recently at Boone's Cabin, in Boone township, was unveiled a marker showing the beginning of Daniel Boone's famous trail leading up the Yadkin river across the Blue Ridge and into Kentucky.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. SELLERS, Director of Evening
Department, The Moody Bible Institute,
Chicago.)

LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 16

THE DEATH OF MOSES.

LESSON TEXT.—Deut. 34:1-12.
GOLDEN TEXT.—"Precious in the sight of Jehovah was the death of his saints." Ps. 116:15.

I. The Old Leader, vv. 1-8. We have now come to the last of our lessons which have to do with Moses. Following his lamented failure at the time of the second arrival at Kadesh-Barnea, Miriam dies; at Mt. Hor, Aaron departed and his office is bestowed upon his son, Eleazar. Then quickly followed the plague of serpents, the defeat of the king of the Amorites, Balaam's folly, the apostasy of Israel which was cleansed by blood through the zeal of Phinehas, and finally the arrival upon the plains of Moab.

Law Confirmed. Here Moses repeats and confirms the law to this new generation of Israel, delivers his last charge, sings his last song, ascends Mt. Nebo to view Canaan, and is "forever with the Lord." In the passage marked out for this lesson we have the account of the passing of this wonderful servant of God. Returning to ch. 31:1-8 and 32:44-52 we see this journey in prospect, after that we read Moses' parting blessing and in this section we read of the fulfillment of that prospect. Moses anticipated his departure by a quiet dignity, absolutely divorced from haste or fret, that was characteristic of his life of submission and was the essence of his life of faith.

Before departure Moses solemnly charged this newer generation to observe the law, declaring that it is not a vain nor empty thing, but in deed and in truth to them the way of life. Then comes the simple dignified account of this last act of obedience, simple, yet sublime. Yonder we see him, viewed by the hosts of Israel, as he ascends the mountain alone—yet not alone—prepared to spend his last hours upon earth with Jehovah, who doubtless appeared as the angel—Jehovah and pointed out to him the land he so much longed to enter, but could not because he failed to sanctify God in the sight of the people at a critical moment. Taking the glory to himself on that occasion demanded an act of punishment as a warning to the people, hence, "it went ill with Moses for their sakes," Ps. 102:32. There upon the mount God's covenant with Abraham is confirmed and with undimmed eyes and undiminished vigor (v. 7), Moses was shown the fulfillment of that promise, his body was laid at rest by God himself, in an unknown and unmarked sepulchre, "over against Beth-Peor," v. 6.

II. The New Leader, v. 9. God never leaves his people without a leader and hence Joshua is exalted to compensate Israel for the loss of Moses. "The king is dead—long live the king." The worker dies, the work goes on and many times the victories of the new leader are fully as great and far reaching as any won by the former leader. Joshua was not Moses, he was Joshua and as such called to face new problems.

III. A Great Character, vv. 10-12. The description of Moses is of one who saw Jehovah face to face, a peculiar dignity, and the secret of his greatness. When Aaron and Miriam murmured God declared that Moses was different from all other prophets in that, "with him will I speak mouth to mouth, even manifestly, and not in dark speeches, and the form of Jehovah shall be seen to him." Num. 12:6-8. Moses himself declared to Israel that when God spoke to them out of the midst of the fire, "I stood between the Lord and you," Deut. 5:4, 5. The supreme teaching of this lesson is the fact that great as Moses was, he was nevertheless excluded from the promised land as a warning to Israel.

On the other hand this story is a wonderful illustration of the tender compassion and watchful care of Jehovah even to the end. Even the discipline of Jehovah is accompanied by gentleness. If he must needs be excluded yet he is not excluded from communion with Jehovah. Thus this saint who was separated to the will of God passes out of life. In the hour of the consummation of his life work his spirit passes into yet closer fellowship with God. The Psalmist in the words of the golden text most beautifully suggests that such an hour is a delight to God, and suggests the welcome which must be awaiting his saints. Do not forget the last glorious appearing of Moses after the lapse of the centuries when: "On the hills he never trod Spoke of the first that won our life With the Incarnate Son of God."

"Death and judgment were a constant source of fear to me until I realized that neither shall have any hold on the child