

THE RECORD begins today the thirty-seventh year of its existence, and during all that time it has been edited and published by its present editor and proprietor.

THE RECORD has no new promises to make for the future but will strive to continue to deserve the good opinion of its readers, and to do its utmost for the upbuilding of the state of North Carolina and especially of Chatham county.

AN ENJOYABLE TRIP.

(Continued from last week.)

After leaving Gettysburg about 5 o'clock in the afternoon our party followed the route taken by Gen. Lee's army when returning to Virginia and our first stop was at a small town, named Fairfield, about eight miles southwest of Gettysburg, where a halt of half an hour was made in order to have a new spring put in the automobile.

After leaving Fairfield we went up the western side of the Blue Ridge mountains and spent the night at Blue Ridge Summit, where there is a fine hotel that is quite a resort in the summer for persons from Washington, being situated on the top of the mountain at an elevation of 2,000 feet, and from which there is a most magnificent view, surpassing that from the Battery Park Hotel at Asheville.

Our next objective point was the battlefield of Sharpsburg or Antietam (as it is called at the North), and in going there we passed through Waynsboro, Hagerstown and other smaller towns. As our readers are aware, the battle of Sharpsburg was fought on the 17th of September, 1862, and was one of the bloodiest and most hotly contested of any during the war between the states.

After leaving Strasburg we proceeded up the valley a few miles to New Market and visited the battlefield, where on the 15th of May, 1864, the young cadets of the Virginia Military Institute so distinguished themselves in aiding in the defeat of the Union army. On the 15th of last May there was quite a celebration in honor of the semi-centennial anniversary of that notable event, and some of the survivors of the battle together with the present corps of cadets at the Institute made a charge over the same ground.

Lee, and both were "drawn" battles, for at each the Confederate army remained in their position for a day and night, before retiring, and the Union army was so weakened that its commander was not willing to resume the battle and allowed the Confederate army to return to Virginia without serious opposition.

THE war in Europe is the absorbing object of interest now throughout the civilized world and is the chief topic of conversation and all the newspapers are filled with exciting accounts of it. Both by sea and land and even in the air is there desperate fighting. For the first time in any war airships are used for fighting, and aerial battles are becoming quite common.

Mexico does not now attract much attention, since the war in Europe began, and yet that unhappy country is not yet at peace, and the contending factions are still fighting. The constitutionalists seem not to be willing to stop shedding blood and may yet capture the city of Mexico by force and butcher many of its inhabitants.

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THE sympathy of the civilized world, and not merely of the United States, is extended to President Wilson in his sad bereavement, his wife having died last week. Oppressed as he has been with the many difficulties and cares of his high office it would seem that his life has indeed fallen on hard lines, and yet he occupies the highest and most honorable position to which any man in this country can aspire.

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How Long Will the War Last?

From the New York World. The two most recent "central European" wars were settled in an amazingly short time. In 1866 Prussia and Austria went at each other's throats over the juicy Schleswig-Holstein bone...

France and Sardinia also gave Austria a crushing defeat in 1859—in a war in which the general fighting lasted less than a month. This list does not include Italy's earlier and feebler struggles for liberty against Austria, as in 1848-9, etc.

All but one of the foregoing were duels between two nations. The last general European war was the Crimean, when England, France, Turkey and Sardinia combined against Russia, from 1854 to 1856. That war continued for about two years, and resulted in a sound thrashing for Russia.

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