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THE PRESS CONVENTION AND ATTENDING MATTERS.

It is especially agreeable to note and acknowledge the uniform kindness and courtesy from all on whom the North Carolina Press Association was dependent for conveniences and comforts during our trip and our stay with inhabitants of the east.

At the beach splendid fair was furnished us at one dollar per day. This included lodging, which was the difficult part, but the citizens threw open their homes along the beach and we slept and dreamed of the placid sea of life on which we were then sailing while the restless, surging, roaring breakers moaned their eternal turbulence and quietless, ceaseless rumblings almost at our very couches. (The writer will remember the pleasant stay with Mrs. W. A. Willson and son and daughter, all of whom were courteous, genial and kind. The air without was bracing and the atmosphere within was light, cheery and refreshing.)

There are two clubs on the beach, the Sedgely Hall Club and the New Hanover Club. The former gave us the use of their hall for holding our meetings and also gave a reception and german in honor of the Press Association Thursday night, Music, dancing and refreshments were the order of the evening.

On Wednesday evening the New Hanover club honored us with an entertainment of the same nature.

The business of the Association was disposed of with a happy combination of deliberation and dispatch, but above all without a ripple or jar in mutual good will and brotherly regard.

All the deliberations had a most gratifying trend to that conservative, high toned journalism that is so desirable for the press. There was but the smallest degree of that seeking the special advantage of our own "clique" but a dignified consultation for the greater usefulness of this recognized power for moulding public thought.

The fraternity felt but one special grievance at the world and that was at the committee in the last legislature in refusing to give relief to editors when, through mistake, some one is occasionally, but quite unintentionally, misrepresented. The body spoke in no mistakable terms on this matter but we pass its further consideration till another time.

The gathering was composed of men, women and children and was a gay and jolly aggregation, but business was not neglected. It took precedence and pleasure filled up the time.

There was an invitation ex-

tended to the body to visit Ocean View on free transportation but time was lacking and few availed themselves of it, though the courtesy was recognized with thanks.

The party returning by way of Fayetteville, Sanford, etc., was pleased with that unique way of providing for feeding passengers along the line where a living seems doubly a problem.

While yet on the coast line each passenger who wished dinner gave an order. It was filled at Siler City hotel, neatly enclosed in a basket and labeled to the party. The down train took the baskets and met the up train at Gulf. The baskets were transferred and each train went its way. Our hungry party fell to and emptied those baskets in time for them to be set off at Siler City.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

President—E. J. Wichard, of the Greenville Reflector.

First Vice President—Dr. T. N. Ivey, of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, Raleigh.

Second Vice President—Benjamin Bell, of the Wilmington Messenger.

Third Vice President—H. S. Blair, of the Lenoir Topic.

Secretary and Treasurer—J. B. Sherrill, of the Concord Times.

Historian—W. F. Marshall, of the Gastonia Gazette.

Orator—E. J. Hale, of the Fayetteville Observer.

Poet—J. A. Robinson, of the Durham Sun.

Delegates to National Convention—H. A. London, Pittsboro Record; J. B. Whitaker, Winston Sentinel; R. M. Furman, Raleigh Post; J. B. Sherrill, the Concord Times; C. L. Abernethy, Beaufort Herald.

The convention accepted an invitation to meet at Hendersonville next year where the sea breezes will be substituted by the gentle zephyrs of mountain and valley in this picturesque portion of the State that is itself the centre of mountain grandeur in this broad land.

The following is the Association's expression of thanks and we copy to convey an idea of those to whom our thanks were due:

"Resolved, That the North Carolina Press Association is keenly appreciative of the many courtesies extended it during this, the twenty-seventh annual meeting, and would especially thank in this meeting the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and its obliging President, Mr. Wm. E. Worth; the Wilmington Merchants' Association and its attentive representative, Mr. P. Heinsberger; Captain J. W. Harper, of the steamer Wilmington; Captain R. A. Jenkins, proprietor of the Oceanic Hotel; the Sedgely Hall and Hanover Seaside Clubs, of Carolina Beach; our brethren of the Wilmington press, both for individual courtesies and excellent reports of our sessions; the Wilmington Street Car Co., the Seacost Railroad Co. and the several railroad companies of the State.

THE EDITOR ON A FLY.

(Editorial Correspondence.)

We wrote and started the following Wednesday night and suffered no little disappointment on arriving home that it did not appear in the Standard during our absence. But we will give our readers the benefit of what there

is in it yet, if it did arrive along with the author:

"Sedgely Hall, Carolina Beach, July 12—11 o'clock p. m.—By the courtesy of the Southern Railway we turned our back on Concord Tuesday morning (pardon the rudness rare) and with light purse made none the more so was hastened to meet the "ocean's ceaseless wave." The Southern had a train resembling in length a train of "empties" and yet it was packed almost like a street car. Many had to stand, for almost everybody seemed to be going somewhere. The work of forming acquaintances with the brethren of the quill (that which tempted us most to go) began in time and we soon found ourself talking to Brother Marshall, of the Gastonia Gazette. Brother Hacking, of the Epworth News, Asheville, with "Henglish" accent soon fell in and Brother Shipman, of the Hendersonville Hustler, added much to the fair circle of us.

At Greensboro a special car was provided and the editors were a peculiar people. We had room enough and no lack of comfort that the railroad companies could supply. It was not their fault that we had little on which to feast the eye, though we do not wonder that the C. F. and Y. V. struggled for existence and finally succumbed to the auctioneer's hammer. What is along there for a railroad to carry? A few fairly good towns with Sanford far in the lead and Siler City coming are spots in the wilderness.

Without change of car we were received by the Coast Line at Sanford. The company had sent a man up the road with tickets, even beyond the number required for the editors of every size, age, sex, various degrees of good looks and sagely bearing.

Poverty of country reached its climax after passing Sanford. There was little sign of life. The people were not there. We saw a few cows that owe their life to the fact that there is a kind of hereditary inoculation from the cow tick fatality. We saw a black pig with a nose like the cabinet makers gouge bit, hams like the cat and apparently toating a pot attached to its spinal column. Fields were rare and sparse and as some wit said you could not raise a respectable row along the line for want of men. We saw one finely developed man, however, between towns at a shed station that had a lock-up for his books. It is along the long-leaf pine region and the pines are destroyed for their turpentine and lumber. Nothing remains as a starter.

But except where there is no clay within plowing reach of the surface we could fancy that at some future day this land, too, will be bearing rich rewards to the capital that will be required to reclaim it.

It was but a very unsatisfactory view of quaint, historic old Fayetteville that we got but we fell in with Editor Hale, of the Observer, and found him interesting and genial. He confirmed our faith, that some one had ruthlessly shaken, that Cross Creeks was a reality and not only a former name. It seems little less than a desecration of a grand distinction that nature bestowed on our good old State that this unique phenomenon was

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The Racket.

Have you got everything you need for Conference? If not this list will aid you to get it

Window Curtains 68c. to \$1.48.
Shades 25c.
Poles 10 and 22 1-2c.
Swiss Curtain Goods, White, with white figures 11c. With red, blue or yellow dots, 10c. per yard.
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Counterpanes 75c. up.
Table Linen 47 1-2 to 95c.
Towels, Napkins and Doilies, assorted.
Painted Tin Toilet Sets, \$1.15.
Slop Buckets 25c.
Galvanized do. 38c.
Bread Boxes 35 to 65c.
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Syrup and Saucers 45c.
Mustards 8 and 10c.
Sauce or Ice Cream Dishes 38 to 65c.
Ind. Butters 25 to 60c. per set.
Cracker Jars 45 to \$1.00
Ind. Cream and Sugars 25 to 98c.
Tea Pots 15 to 95c.
3 piece Oat Meal Set 95c.
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Pitcher and Bowls 78 and 98c.

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Figures 48c to \$2.25 per pair.
Taper and Flower Holders 25 to 35c.
Cigar Stands with Figures 58c.
Watch holders 25c.

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Rose Bowls and Vases 10 to 75c. each.
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Umbrella Stands 98c.
Vases 20c to \$1.98 each.
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Respectfully,

D. J. Bostian.

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District Agent,