### TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

THE STATE.

In the Presbyterian general assembly yesterday the questions of women in the pulpit and prohibition were discussed-The commencement exercises at Salem Female college yesterday were the senior class exercises and the baccalaureate ser-

DOMESTIC.

The administration has determined to go slow as to Cuban matters-Friday's occurrences in Madrid seem to have frightened the powers that be at Washington-Consul General Lee cables the state department that the destitute Americans in Cuba will probably number 1.200-The war department instructs General Miles to be in London June 15th, to represent our army in the queen's diamond jubilee-Tommy Ryan deposits \$500 for a fight with any 145 pound man in the world-Idle workmen attack the quarters of Italian laborers at Homestead; the latter are under contract to work for 75 cents a day-The delegates to the inter-Norfolk, Newport News and Old Point-The monument given by given by Charles Broadaway Rouss to the confederate camp in New York was dedicated yesterday-The senate committee on the pooling bill holds a session but transacts no business except looking to several amendnegro memorial school at Montgomery, Ala., is burned; the loss is about \$45,000. -The international chess game between clubs of the house of commons and the house of representatives begins May 31st. -Indianapolis people are negotiating State National bank, of Logansport, Ind. is in the clutches of the law for forging \$200,000 worth of notes-Christ church, Savannah, Ga., was burned last night.

fessor Thompson makes report on the sea-Something of a political sensation is likely to be caused in London over the loss in a theatre of a valuable bracelet.

----American residents in Mexico City give a banquet to Minister Clayton .- The Crown Prince Constantine makes com- a point of importance. plaint that the Turks are not observing the agreement of the armistice-Spain is making new efforts to raise revenue -The new tunnel under the Thames river is formally opened by the prince of

#### Salem Female College Commencement. (Special to The Messenger.)

Winston, N. C., May 22.-Tonight was seniors' first evening in the ninty-first annual commencement exercises of Salem Normal college. The class, composed of thirty-nine young ladies, attired in their pretty white Oxford caps and gowns, presented a handsome and attractive ap-

Principal Clewell, says this year's class is unusually able and intellectual and its general record is very high. Twenty members read essays on modern and up to date topics. Each subject was interspersed with vocal and instrumental music. Tomorrow the old Moravian Home church will be filled with a great audience to hear the baccalaureate sermon by that popular and talentel divine, Rev. Robert E. Caldwell, pastor of the First Presbyterian church this city.

#### Hawaii Coquetting With England. Boston, Mass., May 22.-Private adivces

received in Boston from Honolulu say: It has leaked out that the proposed visit of Hon. S. M. Damon and Major Iaukea, to London, has a deeper significance than the bearing of the congratulations of the Hawaii government on the occasion of the Queen's jubilee, and it is stated, on what is considered excellent authority, that if the movement at Washington in connection with the sugar schedule of the tariff bill to abrogate the Hawaiian reciprocity treaty are successful. Minister Damon and Major Iaukea, will, it is asserted proceed at once to the negotiation of a treaty of cession of the Hawaiian islands to Great Britain.

# Five Boys Drowned.

Chicago, May 22.-Five small boys were drowned in that portion of the south branch of the Chicago river as "Mud Lake" this afternoon while trying to cross the stream on an improvised raft. There were six on board, but the lad who was the cause of the disaster from his having started a panic among his companions, saved himself by jumping into the water before the craft had drifted into deeper water.

# Tony Ryan Wants to Fight.

Syracuse, N. Y., May 22.-"Tommy" Ryan today deposited \$500 for a bout with "Kid" McCoy, at 154 pounds, Tommy West at any weight, or any other Empire Athletic Club, of this city, the principals to agree on a referee.



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### DEMOCRATS AND THE TARIFF

SENATORIAL CAUCUS AS TO THE COURSE TO BE PURSUED.

Agreement to Move to Strike out the Internal Revenue Clause-Opposed to Increase of Tax on Beer and Tobacco-To Make no Unnecessary Delay in Passage of the Bill-Opposition to Substitute for the Entire Bill.

Washington, May 22.-The democratic senators held a caucus today and decided to inaugurate their fight upon the tariff bill as soon as the bill is taken up in the senate, by a motion to strike out the internal revenue features of the bill relating to beer and tobacco. The result was reached after a discussion in which practically all the senators present participated. The conclusion was unanimous that this was the wise and politic course to pursue. national postal congress take a trip to The talk was based largely upon the proposition to increase the tax upon beer, which was generally criticised as an effort to increase the price of "the poor man's beverage," which was pronounced wholly unjustifiable in time of peace with \$120,000,000 of idle money in ments in the present law-The Barber the treasury. The proposed beer tax was condemned as a war tax.

The discussion on other features of the tariff bill was only desultory and no conclusion beyond that stated was reached. The sugar schedule was the subject of frequent remark, and there for purchase of the Cleveland base ball was discussion of the advisability of club-There was great discord in the offering a substitute for it, but no consession yesterday of the general assem- clusion to that effect was arrived at. It bly of the Northern Presbyterian assem- | was made apparent hat every demobly-John F. Johnson, president of the cratic senator present would probably vote against it.

Senator Gorman urged the advisability of the introduction of a substitute for the entire bill, and made a speech in support of the proposition, but it was soon made apparent that the sen-Hawaii is making pretense of desiring timent of the caucus was almost unanannexation with England if the United | imous in opposition to this course, and States abrogates the sugar treaty-Pro- the proposition was not pressed to a vote. Senator Gorman gave only a condition of the seal fisheries in Bering brief outline of a substitute. He said he thought a bill could be prepared which would levy a revenue duty on tea and coffee and other articles which would increase the government customs receipts sufficiently to make the Wilson bill satisfactory and thus score

> The general sentiment of the caucus was opposed to any policy of delay. No set speeches will be made in opening the debate, and there will probably be no effort from the democratic side of the chamber to prevent the taking up of the schedule immediately after Senator Aldrich's statement is con-

cluded. The democrats expect that disagreements will develop among the republicans, and for this reason no general opinion was expressed in the caucus as to the time that will be consumed by

the debate. At the conclusion of the caucus Senator Gorman, chairman, gave out the

following statement concerning it: ators was held today, and it was unan. imously agreed by them that, notwithstanding the delay in furnishing the comparative statements which would enable them intelligently to consider the bill, there would be no opposition to immediately proceeding with the consideration of the same on Tuesday, as they recognized the business interests of the country require as speedy a disposition of the question as is consistent with an intelligent consideration of the measure. They were further unanimously of the opinion that the excessive increases in rates on imported articles, provided for both in the Ding- | for our respective lines. ley bill, as reported to the senate, should be antagonized only to the ex- Imported Laborers at Homestead Attacked tent of exposing their enormities. Recognizing, however, that the republican party is committed to these increases, the democrats will be content with only a fair discussion upon these proposi-

tions. The democrats were further unanimously of the opinion that they would oppose the increased tax on beer, tobacco, cigars and other items embraced in the internal revenue schedules. Neither party was committed to such increases, and there is no governmental necessity for such increased burdens upon these articles.'

Senato Aldrich, of the republican side of the senate finance committee, expressed the opinion, when informed of the decision of the democrats to move to strike out the internal revenue part of the bill, that the motion would fail. He said it was "most unusual, not to say unprecedented," to attack the last part of the bill first. He said he had heard no criticism from any source of the provision to increase the beer tax.

# General Miles Ordered to London.

Washington, May 22.-By direction 145 pound man in the world, before the of the president, Secretary Alger today sent a cable message to Major General Miles, commanding the army, who is now at Constantinople, instructing him to arrange his affairs so as to enable him to be in London not later than June 15th to represent the United States army at the ceremonies in honor of the sixtieth anniversary of Queen Victoria's accession to the British throne. General Miles went to the Levant to make personal observations | Point where the afternoon was spent, of the conditions and operations of the armies of Turkey and Greece and it is understood at the war department that he started from Constantinople this morning to join the Turkish army near the southern border of Thessaly. It is expected that he will be able to complete his researches at the respective military headquarters in time to enable him to comply with his amended instructions. As has been stated already, the United States navy will be represented at the queen's jubilee by Admiral Miller on the armored cruiser Brooklyn.

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### THE PRESBYTERIANS

The General Assembly Discusses Women in the Pulpit and Prohibition.

Charlotte, N. C., May 22.-In the assembly this morning the committee on bills and overtures made a partial report. They recommended that women be forbidden the use of pulpits for public addresses to mixed audiences and that it be pronounced improper to giv notices of such meetings. This precipitated a lively debate. Dr. Pitzer took the position that while the Bible absolutely forbade female ordination it did not forbid all kinds of public testimony by women. Dr. Walden and Dr. Smoot strongly advocated the adoption

of the report. At 3:30 o'clock the discussion of the morning as to women was resumed. Dr. Smoot made a strong and witty address in opposition. He regards women lecturing from the pulpit as unscriptural and degrading. He regards as a wedge toward the church sloughing off, not a question of courtesy, refinement or culture, but a scriptural question; "thus saith the Lord." It is a departure from the Bible. Such women Christ does not need in His work. Dr. Smoot was vigorous and intense, Drs. Walden, Malloy, Shearer, and others, following in the same line. Dr. Petzer, of Washington, could see no impropriety in female missionaries testifying on their return from foreign lands.

The discussion included a number of lengthy speeches and occupied a great part of the day. Dr. Beatty, from whose presbytery (West Lexington, Ky.,) the question came up, offered a substitute "that the assembly refer overtures to former clear deliverances which settle the principles and which should guide us in all our churches, sessions and in our procedure."

The vote being called for, the substitute was carried by a vote of 71 to 62. The communication from the prohibition party of North Carolina in reference to some utterances of the assembly along this line provoked heated argument. The committee on bills and overtunres, to which it had been referred, reported as follows: "That this assembly is forbidden to intermeddle with political parties or questions and the constant and scriptural attitude of our beloved church, on temperance and intemperance is shown in past deliverances on record." (Alexander Di-

The report of the committee was, after much debate and discussion adopted. Dr. Dabney addressed the assembly this afternoon on ministerial education. The assembly then adjourned until Monday morning.

### Mr. Finley Denies the Charges.

Atlanta, Ga., May 22.-Vice President W. W. Finley, of the Southern railway. denies the statement that the Pennsylvania road forced the Southern and the South Carolina and Georgia railroads to withdraw rates on vegetables from South Carolina to eastern cities by the Baltimore and Ohio. Mr. Finley states that there has not been enough business to handle it successfully and economically by two routes. When there "The conference of democratic sen- is only one car load at a shipping point for a common destination it doubles the expense to load the vegetables into two cars and haul them when one would serve every purpose. He says that the shippers generally preferred the Pennsylvania connection, and in choosing between the two roads the Southern and South Carolina selected the most frequently designated by the shippers. He denies that there is any friction or any hostility between the Southern and the Baltimore and Ohio, and in withdrawing rates, we believe that we are doing that which is best for the interests of the shippers and

> Pittsburg, Pa., May 22.-Enraged that work which they believed should have been given to them instead of imported labor, a half hundred idle men at Homestead last night laid siege to two large shanties in which were sleeping an equal number of Italians, brought here from Virginia to work on the extension of the Homestead and Highland street railway. The attacking party was armed with sticks and stones and the foreigners, frightened almost to death, fled precipitately from the houses. A hand-to-hand scrimmage followed, during which a number of the Italians were seriously injured. A second attack was made on the shanties and an attempt to burn them, but this time the foreigners drove their assailants off. This morning the Italians went to work under the protection of officers, but the feeling against them is so strong that more trouble is exing under contract at 75 cents a day.

# Delegates of Postal Cougress on an Excur-

Old Point Comfort, Va., May 22.-The delegates to the universal postal congress, who came down here this morning on the steamer Charlotte from Baltimore spent the day cruising about the waters here. There are 130 in the party and all were enthusiastic over the trip. A stop was made in the forenoon at Newport News, where the shipbuilding yards were inspected and after a trip up the river, to give a view of Norfolk and Portsmouth navy yard, without stopping, the boat proceeded to Old the entertainment including a special dress parade at the fort. The party left at 5:30 o'clock on their return trip and will reach Washington early tomorrow morning.

# Turks Disregard the Armistice.

Athens, May 22.—A telegram received from the crown prince confirms the news that the reported advance of the fication of strategic points half an hour distant from Lamia, giving a great adthe renewal of hostilities. These facts have been communicated to the ministers of the powers and the governward movement of the Turks.

# DIPLOMATS NOW AT WORK.

THE GRAECO-TURKISH CONTRO-VERSY REACHES THIS STAGE.

to the Czar's Request for Armistice. Greece's Reason for Opposing an Indemnity-Strong Feeling Against the Greek Royal Family -Serious Epidemic of Disease Threatened.

(Copyright by the Associated Press.) trouble has now fairly entered upon its diplomatic bargaining stage and the negotiations are expected to last for some time. Many important differences have to be settled and the sultan of Turkey may be counted upon to drag the affair along as much as possible, with the view of bringing out the latent jealousies of the powers. His prompt compliance with the czar's request to arrange for an armistice is not attributed entirely to the desire to please the czar, but it is looked upon as a stroke of diplomacy intended to excite the resentment of other power and thus weaken

concert. Thus far, everything tends to show that the powers remain in entire agreement on the question. An European conference is discussed but it is not thought likely to take place until the preliminaries of peace are arranged. Then the ambassadors at Constantinople, with the delegates of Turkey and Greece, may meet to settle upon the treaty of peace. There is a strong feeling in favor of international control of the Greek finances, without which the pay ment of the indemnity to Turkey and the interest on the Greek debt is declared to be impossible.

The Greeks insist that if an indemnity is imposed upon them there will be a general collapse and serious internal troubles will occur. They estimate the damage done to Thessaly at 25,000,000 deachms and they say another 10,000,000 drachmas will be needed to supply the peasants with food and tools. Mo they add, the revenue will be greatly reduced, owing to the immediate damage done to cultivation throughout the country, due to the absence of thousands of workers. This year's budget will probably leave a deficit of 60,000,000 drachmas. The Greek statements, however, are now received with a certain scepticism. It is pointed out that by the admissions of the Greeks themselves 70 per cent. of the interest of the debt, which they have not paid, has been set aside in order to have money for the war and that consequently Greece is certainly in a position to continue paying 30 per cent. interest and probably considerably more if her finances are placed under international

control. Advices from the scenes of the recent fighting mention the possibility of a serious epidemic of disease when the heat increases, owing to the putrifying carcases and horses left rotting in every ditch. The popular feeling at Athens against the royal family of Greece does not diminish. The stories of the "excessive prudence" of Crown Prince Constantine at the front have done much to weaken

The correspondent of the Eclair, of Paris, at Athens says: "The people are intensely violent, utterances are heard against the royalties and groups loudly discuss them in the streets. Upon the boat from Stilida to Athens I heard a popular poet disclaim insulting verses against the king and not one of the 300 passengers, including officers, lifted a voice in defense of him

Much interest has been aroused by the publication of an advertisement offering 500 pounds (\$2,500) reward for the return of an emerald and diamond bracelet with a Spanish coat of arms and a medallion of Don Carlos, inscribed on the obverse side. It is supposed to have been lost in Daly's theatre and great secrecy was at first displayed about the matter. It now transpires that a party of distinguished Spaniards arrived in London to witness the jubilee celebration. One member of the party is a handsome lady, 27 years of age, who from girlhood, has been a favorite and constant visitor at the home of Don Carlos. She missed the bracelet after a visit to Daly's theatre on Monday. A great hubbub was raised and the theatre was searched. The lady was reluctant to call in the services of the police, as she was afraid of the scandal which might follow, as the bracelet was given her by a would be king, and if it were known that she had brought it to England, several eminent persons would get into serious trouble. The name of the lady is still concealed, but it is evident she is on terms of close intimacy with Don Carlos. Sir Robert Peel is to be married to a

daughter of Baron Graffenried, of Switzerland on June 8th.

# The Pooling Bill Before the Senate Com-

Washington, May 22.-The senate committee on inter-state commerce was in session for almost three hours today considering the pooling bill. Owing to the fact that several members of the committee were absent no final conclusions were reached. All sections of the bill received attention, however, and it is believed that the measure has been pected. The imported men are work- made acceptable to a majority of the members of the committee.

> The Fourier bill was used as the basis of the proceedings of the committee, ed and several informally agreed upon. The bill will practicably be a substitute for all existing laws regulating commerce between the states, and will legalize pooling under certain restrictions. One of the amendments agreed upon today limits all pooling contracts to four years' duration and requires that they shall be submitted to the commission for approval. Another gives the inter-state commerce commission to maintain supervision of rate schedules during their continuance and to demand that reasonable charges be made by railroad companies upon the written complaint of any community. The committee will meet again next Wednesday, when it is hoped that a report will be authorized.

# A Negro School Burned.

Montgomery, Ala., May 22.-Barher memorial school for negro girls, located at Anniston, Ala., the gift of a woman from the north as a memorial Turks after the arrangement of the to her dead husband, was destroyed by armistice and the occupation and forti- fire early this morning. There was but a limited water supply and the building was at the mercy of the flames. But vantage to the Turks in the event of little of the furniture was saved, and the loss is about \$45,000, with insurance of \$4,500. The origin of the fire is a mystery. The school had been estabment has protested against this for- lished about eight months and had fifty pupils.

#### A MINISTERIAL CRISIS.

Political Affairs in Germany-The Emperor Again Startles the People of Eu

(Copyrighted by the Associated Press.) Berlin, May 22.-Another ministerial Negotiations Expected to Last for Some crisis has grown out of the curious Time-The Saltan's Policy in Acceding | manner in which the imperial chancellor, Prince Hohenlohe, nominally fulfilled his solemn promise in introducing a bill for the abolition of the most illiberal paragraph of the old law of associations. The bill introduced in the London, May 22 .- The Graeco-Turk diet is purely reactionary, its provisions placing all political meetings and associations wholly and exclusively under police control.

The two days debate in the reichstag were the most exciting and interesting of this session. The speakers expressed themselves with energy and fearlessness on the emperor's reactionary tendencies which created a sensation throughout Germany.

Emperor William and his family stayed nearly a week at Weisbaden, where a series of elaborately prepared and magnificently mounted performances at the theatre have been given. On Monday the imperial family had with them in the imperial box the grand duke and grand duchesse of Hesse. The public appearance of the young couple was evidently brought about in order to silence the scandal about their reported separation and the emperor

wife. At a banquit in the castle of Weisbaden on Tuesday Emperor William, in toasting the czar, created astonishment by referring to the latter as "My dearest friend," a term hitherto only used by his majesty when speaking of Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria.

took pains to publicly show his affec-

tion for both the grand duke and his

The present of the sultan of Turkey to Emperor William, a large collection of costly, ancient Turkish weapons, has been placed on view in the royal arsenal of Berlin.

The Munich Frie Presse issue of yesan editorial satirizing the emperor and its editor was arrested in bed at midnight.

Paul Potter, representing the heirs of the late George Du Maurier has arrived in Berlin to take the proceeds of the unauthorized use of his play and other versions of "Trilby" now being performed, four of them in Berlin and many at the provincial theatres.

#### The Concert of the Powers.

Paris, May 22.-In the chamber of depu ties today M. Hanotaux dwelt upon the good results the concert of the powers had already effected and said: "We have now arrived at the moment when it has become more necessary to use moderation and reason in order that the voice of hu manity should prevail. The supreme ob ject of the powers was to maintain general peace. Although they had been unable to prevent the war between Turkey and Greece, they succeeded in localizing it, and now, as is the duty of the concert, they are striving to soften the de feat of the vanquished. The maintenance of general peace and the status quo in the east, a pacific and unanimous mediation in behalf of moderation and autonomy for Crete, is the outcome which Eu rope seeks to promote by pacific means The basis of the mediation of the powers has already been submitted and we have no doubt that, in view of their unanimity, Turkey will bow to the will of Europe and renounce excessive claims. In any case, the governments of the powers are solicitious, above all, to maintain their agreement and to spare no effort to attain this result. To this the government of France proposes to devote itself, conjointly with the concert. We must, however, be on our guard against illusions. Difficulties beset every step. Neverthe less, we must hope the counsels of rea son will prevail. The powers are unani mous; the Balkan states have always yielded to advice given on all sides and the sultan has hearkened to the appeal addressed to him. These early indices ought to inspire confidence in the future and we ask you to help in the task of the government to which the concert is devoting its best energies, the work of concluding peace, which is at once so comolex and delicate."

The subi t was then dropped.

Determined to Go Slow as to Cuban Matters Washington, May 22.-To set at rest the common expectation that a more or less sensational report upon situation in Cuba is looked for any day by the president, it may be stated that it is not a part of the understanding under which Mr. Calhoun went to Havana that he is to make a report by mail, or, indeed, at all, until he returns to Washington, and then his observations may be communicated to the president verbally and not in an official form, for it is a fact that Mr. Calhoun's only official duty is an investigation of the Ruiz case.

Speaker Reed was at the state department today and conferred for some time with Secretary Sherman, presumably touching the legislative prospects of the Morgan resolution. An interview between the president and Senator Burrows, who has taken a strong position in resistance to the resolution at this time, gives evidence that the Cuban situation is still occupying a large share of the attention of the administration. The stormy events at Madrid yesterday have not escaped observation, and there is some apprehension of reflex action in Cuba.

# The Behring Sea Seal Fisheries.

London, May 22.-The report of Professor Darcy Thompson upon his mission to Bering sea in 1896 to inquire, in behalf of the British foreign office "whether the present restrictions of the Bering sea fishing are sufficient for the protection and well being of seal life," has been issued as a parliamentary paper. Professor Thompson believes that the alarming statement in recent years, giving accounts of immense decrease of the herds and prophesying their approaching extinction, are overdrawn and untenable, but there is still abundant need of care and prudent measures of conservation. It is easy to believe that the margin of safety is narrow, if not already to some extent over stepped. "We may hope for the per-petuation of the present numbers," says Professor Thompson, "but cannot count upon an increase." It is his earnest hope that recognition of mutual interests and regard for common advantage will suggest measures of prudence which wil keep the pursuit and slaughter within definite bounds.

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# AN IMPORTANT MEETING.

A COTTON GROWER'S CONVEN-TION TO BE HELD IN TEXAS.

Invitation From Governor Culberson to Governors of Cotton States to Appoint Delegates To Try to Prevent Gamblers in Futures Controlling the Market-Additions to the State Museum-To Dedicate the Reade Memorial Chapel-Programme of the Teachers' Assembly.

Messenger Bureau, Park Hotel, Raleigh, N. C., May 21.

Governor Russell received a letter from Governor Culberson, of Texas, enclosing a copy of a resolution adopted by the Texas legislature empowering him to call a cotton growers' convention at Galveston August 2nd. He has issued a proclamation and asks the governor of each of the cotton growing states to appoint two agents at large and one for each congressional district. He asks that, in view of the great importance of the convention, the selection be of gentlemen sure to attend. Aside from the vast interests involved and the benefits accruing from the gathering, Governor Culberson says delegates may be assured that they will be heartily welcomed and cordially entertained during their stay in Galveston—a city noted for its hospitality.

The resolution is a stirring one. It. says over 65 per cent. of the world's cotton is grown in the south; that the industry is being depressed by speculators, who control the product in their own interest. By offering for sale fictitious cotton called futures at prices uniformly less than the current spot cotton market, cotton which they do not intend and are not compelled to deliver, they force the mill men to withdraw from the market and thus de away with competition, leaving cotton at the mercy of dictated prices. Raw cotton, which should sell for not less than 50 per cent. of the prices of the manufactured article, is sold at 400 to 1,400 per cent. more. There is no overproduction. The purpose of the convention is to devise and regulate concurrent legislation in the cotton growing states, to relieve cotton from speculation and gambling in futures and to suppress unlawful interference with the cotton trade.

The state treasurer says the state convention of sheriffs will be held at the Atlantic hotel, Morehead City, about August 1st.

At the state museum there were redeived today from Beaufort five specimens of the hammer-headed shark, bonnet-headed shark, several species of sting rays, the butterfly ray, etc.

Some of the republicans seek in various ways to make it appear that the penitentiary was not self-supporting ast year, but they cannot disprove the

Governor Russell expects to go to the Tennssee exposition June 1st. In that case he will not attend the state university commencement.

The Woman's Exposition of the Carolinas, at Charlotte, now in progress, is certainly in all respects admirable. Really, it is the work mainly of the women o fCharlotte. No other place in the state could have equaled it. It has the merit and dimensions of a state exposition.

The dispensaries at Rutherfordton and Louisburg go into effect week after next.

The white marble headstones to be placed at the graves of the North Carolina soldiers at Winchester, Va., Are being cut and lettered here. They are nearly completed.

The programme of the North Carolina teachers' assembly, for its fourteenth annual session, was finished today. It will be held at Morehead City, June 15th to 25th. There are this year two programmes. The department programme was prepared to furnish teachers with something practical and of real professional value something which they can carry home with them and use in their school rooms, as well as the inspiration that may be gained by general discussions. Half of each daily session is to be devoted to professional work. These morning hours are intended to give plans for the future thought and study as well as practical instruction on the various subjects. These departments are in charge of teachers of distinguished ability and experience, who are authority on the subjects entrusted to them. They are not vague theorists of the ultra-professional type, but they are men and women who have successfully worked out in their own school rooms. the methods they will present.

The general programme is probably the most comprehensive ever prepared. The speakers are all well known to the teachers of our state. They represent every department of our educational system. The subjects to be discussed will interest all teachers and intelligent citizens.

The department programme is as follows: Primary department, Mrs. M. O. Humphrey, Goldsboro graded schools; primary reading, Professor Edward P. Moses, Winthrop normal college, South Carolina; essentials in vocal reading, J. H. Synnott, principal high school. Reidsville; outline work in vertical writing, Miss Minnie Slocumb, Goldsboro graded schools; essentials in arithmetic, President James Dinwiddie. Peace Institute, Raleigh; the rational teaching of grammar, Superintendent E. S. Sheppe, Reidsville public schools; geography, Professor E. B. Lewis, Fellow American Geographical Society, New York city; Superintendent E. P. Mangum, Wilson graded schools: nature studies, Professor Massey, North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts: Professor Poteat, Wake Forest college; English literature and composition, Professor B. F. Sledd, Wake Forest college; nine lectures onthe colonial history of North Carolina, Dr. J. S. Bassett, professor of history. Trinity college; civics and school law, Professor N. Y. Gulley, law and political science, Wake Forest college; vocal music by Professor Charles J. Brockman, manager Greensboro music. school.