

Synod Closes its Session.

STATESVILLE, Oct. 22.—The reception at the Statesville College last evening was a pleasant incident in the synod's session, and all who attended speak in the heartiest terms of their enjoyment of the few hours of recreation taken from the busy routine of work.

This morning at 9 o'clock synod met for its final session. The exercises were opened with devotional services, after which the regular morning call was taken up.

The committee on bills and overtures, through their chairman, reported on an overture from Fayetteville Presbytery asking that Johnston county be transferred from Albemarle to Fayetteville Presbytery, sanctioning the transfer; but refuses to act until Albemarle Presbytery can be heard from at the next meeting of synod. This was received and adopted.

Rev. W. M. Etheridge presented the report of the agent of Sabbath schools, which presented the following interesting figures:

Number of Sunday schools—Albemarle 17, Concord 35, Fayetteville 60, Mecklenburg 70, Orange 29, Wilmington 27.

Number of teachers—Albemarle 175, Concord 420, Fayetteville 359, Mecklenburg 536, Orange 285, Wilmington 215.

Number of pupils—Albemarle 1,282, Concord 3,349, Fayetteville 5,153, Mecklenburg 4,181, Orange 2,407, Wilmington 1,058.

Number received into the church from the Sunday school—Albemarle 73, Concord 152, Fayetteville 87, Mecklenburg no report, Orange 51, Wilmington 103.

Amount contributed by the Sunday school—Albemarle \$1010, Concord \$1321, Fayetteville \$1315, Mecklenburg \$1,000, Orange \$1,404, Wilmington \$774.

A single reading of these figures tells their own tale; but still there are 37 Presbyterian churches in North Carolina with Sabbath schools.

Synod then, at 1:15 p. m., adjourned with prayer and the apostolic benediction by the moderator, to meet in Tarboro, Oct. 31, 1893.

The meeting of the synod has been, in the words of one of its most distinguished members, one of the best ever held. There were many matters of weighty importance discussed; but the reports on mission work show the most marked advance and especially was gratifying the report of Rev. R. P. Pell's work in the mountainous counties of Watauga and Mitchell. In these counties, where there were fifteen months ago no Presbyterian churches and no Presbyterian except one or two scattered families there are now two churches, one at Elk Park with seventeen members and one at Cove Creek with nine members with three or four at other points that will be ready for organization the coming year.

Force Bill Tactics in Delaware.

WILMINGTON, Del., Oct. 22.—Local Democrats are indignant over what they term the force-bill tactics of the republican chief supervisor of elections, Samuel A. McAllister. Besides ordering the supervisors to go from house to house and verify all the registration lists, he ordered them to keep a record of the number on the tax receipt of each man registered. Today registration officers Henry Ahrens, of the first ward, William H. Quinn, of the second ward, and Clayton Harrison, of the Tenth ward, all democrats, refused to allow the supervisors to make such record and were arrested by the chief supervisor and held in \$3,000 bail each charged with interfering with government officers in the discharge of their duties.

Manuscript left by Victor Hugo, and recently come to light, indicates that he believed in spiritualism.

Still the Force Bill.

Said Mott, the son of Mott, in the courthouse Saturday night to an audience made up mainly of negroes:

"This so called force bill? I call it an election bill. Yes I'm for it. I'm for anything that will make an honest man out of an infernal chief. You can't get a democrat to say that a republican is rascal enough to steal a vote. The bill simply provides that every man shall cast a fair ballot and a democratic or republican judge must count it, whether he wants to or not. I am for a free ballot and fair count if it takes ten thousand heads in North Carolina—every head in the democratic party."

This then is republican doctrine. And yet they tell us the force bill is a dead issue! To enforce it this man Mott would willingly see ten thousand democratic voters' heads roll in the dust. And remember that this remark was made in the presence of negroes to inflame their passions and to convince them that the republican party is their friend because it is willing to make into law a bill that was described by one decent republican as the "most infamous measure that ever passed the doors of the senate."

Which party will you vote with—Mott and the force bill party, or with the democratic party, the enemy of both?—[Asheville Citizen.]

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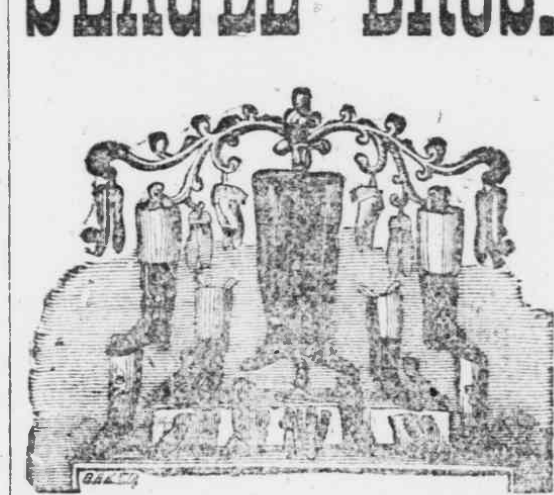
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