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Preachers Appointed to Their Charges for Next Year

Action Taken Looking to the Consolidation of the Two Christian Advocates. Three Thousand Dollars for G. F. C.

BY A. S. PHILLIPS. Goldsboro, N. C., Nov. 30.—Special. The North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church, South, came to a close this afternoon with the reading of the appointments for the coming year as follows: RALEIGH DISTRICT. Presiding Elder—W. H. Moore. Raleigh, Edenton Street—R. F. Bumpas. Raleigh, Central—F. A. Bishop. Raleigh, Brooklyn and Macedonia—N. L. Seabolt. Raleigh, Epworth—J. M. Culbreth. Cary—G. B. Starling. Clayton—G. W. Fisher. Smithfield—N. E. Coltrane. Selma circuit—J. O. Guthrie. Wakefield Mission—to be supplied by F. F. Eure. Kenly—to be supplied by R. H. Whitaker. Millbrook—G. H. Hood. Youngsville—G. T. Simmons. Franklinton—J. H. Shore. Louisburg—L. S. Massey. Tar River—A. L. Ormond. Granville—J. D. Pegrum. Oxford—F. M. Shamburger. Oxford Circuit—W. H. Puckett. Editor Raleigh Christian Advocate—T. N. Ivey. Superintendent Methodist Orphanage—J. W. Jenkins. DURHAM DISTRICT. Presiding Elder—J. T. Gibbs. Durham, Trinity—R. C. Beaman. Durham, Main Street—W. L. Cuninggim. Durham, Carr Church and Branson—F. S. McCall. Durham, Mangum Street—to be supplied by E. M. Hoyle. West Durham and Cuninggim—C. P. Jerome. Durham Circuit—J. D. Thompson. Chapel Hill—M. P. Tyler. Elizabeth—N. C. Yearby. Mount Tirzah—M. D. Giles. Eastburg—Rufus Bradley. York—K. D. Holmes. Winton—J. A. Dalley. Yanceyville—J. H. McCracken. Burlington—D. N. Caviness. East Burlington—C. M. Lince. Alamance—M. M. McFarland. President Trinity College—J. C. Kilgo. Lectureship Trinity College—E. A. Yates. Head Master Trinity Park High School—J. F. Bivins. FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT. Presiding Elder—J. B. Hurley. Fayetteville, Hay Street—T. A. Smoot. Fayetteville Circuit—C. A. Jones. Hope Mills—E. R. Welch. Cokesbury—L. H. Joyner. Sampson—B. H. Holder. Buckhorn—G. W. Starling. Dunn—E. M. Snipes. Dukes—W. A. Forbes. Newton Grove—R. A. Bruton. Pittsboro—J. H. Frizzelle. Haw River—R. W. Zalley. Goldston—J. C. Humble. Siler City—J. Sandford. Carthage—R. H. Broom. Elise—J. W. Hoyle. Sanford—S. T. Moyle. Jonesboro—E. Pope. Lillington—A. D. Betts. ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT. Presiding Elder—J. N. Cole. Rockingham Station—J. H. Hall. Rockwell circuit—T. T. Harrison. Richmond Circuit—C. O. Durant. Mount Gilead—M. D. Hix. Pekin—W. F. Stanford. Montgomery—H. G. Stamey. Aberdeen—G. A. Oglesby. Hamlet—to be supplied by W. T. Usry. St. John's and Gibson—G. B. Perry. Lumberton—R. A. Willis. Maxton and Caledonia—N. H. D. Wilson. Red Springs—S. E. Mencer. Rowland—J. W. Bradley. Lumberton—W. Paris. Robeson—J. M. Ashby, R. W. Townsend, supernumerary. WILMINGTON DISTRICT. Presiding Elder—R. B. John. Wilmington, Grace Church—N. M. Watson. Wilmington, Fifth Street—A. McCullen. Wilmington, Bladen Street—G. B. Webster. Wilmington, Market Street—A. B. Halton. Delgado and Wrightsville—to be supplied. Scott's Hill—Y. E. Wright. Onslow—W. A. Jenkins. Jacksonville and Richlands—V. A. Royall. Magnolia—J. W. Martin. Kenansville—W. D. Sasser. Burgaw—C. C. Brothers. Clinton—A. S. Barnes. Bladen—A. J. Groves. Elizabeth—W. E. Brown. Whiteville—J. T. Draper, C. W. Smith, supernumerary. Carvers Creek—J. J. Porter. Waccamaw—T. J. Browning. Shallotte—N. H. Gurton.

Town Creek—W. R. Royall. Southport—E. McWhorter. New River—to be supplied by J. M. Marlowe. NEW BERN DISTRICT. Presiding Elder—F. D. Swindler. New Bern, Centenary—G. T. Adams. Goldsboro, St. Paul—M. Brashaw. Goldsboro, St. John—H. B. Anderson. Goldsboro Circuit—H. E. Triple. Mt. Olive Circuit—F. E. Dixie. Mount Olive and Faison—J. V. Potter. La Grange—J. A. Saunders. Snow Hill—E. C. Sell. Hookerton—J. P. Fate. Kinston—E. H. Davis. Dover Circuit—to be supplied by J. M. Carroway. Grifton—Philip Greening. Craven—W. H. Townsend. Jones—D. C. Geddie. Pamlico—L. S. Etheridge. Oriental—to be supplied by F. S. Bection. Carteret—J. H. M. Giles. Morehead City—R. H. Will. Beaufort—H. M. Eure. Atlantic—to be supplied by T. W. Mansfield. Straits—to be supplied by E. K. Creel, F. Leffers, supernumerary. WASHINGTON DISTRICT. Presiding Elder—J. D. Budy. Washington—L. L. Thompson. Bath Circuit—D. A. Fures. Aurora—J. M. Lowder. Swan Quarter—W. Y. Evston. Mattamuskeet—B. H. Black. Fairfield—P. P. Bonner. Greenville—J. A. Hornady. Farmville—L. E. Sawyer. Limesland and Vanceboro—to be supplied by B. F. Staniel. Bethel—W. H. Kirton. Tarboro—R. C. Craven. Robesonville—J. L. Rummy. South Edgecombe—J. H. Buffalo. Rocky Mount—W. S. Roe. Rocky Mount and Mevin—R. E. Hunt. Nashville—J. M. Benson. Spring Hope—D. A. Watkins. Wilson—A. P. Tyler. Fremont Circuit—D. L. Earnhardt. Wilson Circuit—to be supplied by T. H. Bain. Ocracoke and Portsmouth—R. W. Grant. WARRENTON DISTRICT. Presiding Elder—G. F. Smith. Warrenton—C. W. Robinson. Warren—B. C. Allred. Ridgeway—L. M. Chren. Henderson—L. L. Nair and one to be supplied. Littleton—E. A. Hume, W. E. Nicholson. Weldon—W. W. Rose. Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary—G. D. Langston. Roanoke—to be supplied by W. B. Humble. Enfield and Halifax—S. A. Cotton. Battleboro and Watakers—R. F. Taylor. Scotland Neck—J. F. Holden. Hobbgood—D. B. Baxer. Williamson and Sumlton—T. H. Sutton. Garysburg—N. G. Johnson. Northampton—E. B. Rose. Rich Square—J. T. Stanford. Conway—W. C. Merritt. Murreeshboro—P. C. Woodall. Harrellsville—E. C. Thompson. Bertie—R. L. Davis. President Littleton Female College—J. M. Rhodes. ELIZABETH CITY. Presiding Elder—E. Underwood. Elizabeth City, Post Church—D. H. Tuttle. Elizabeth City, City Road—H. M. North. Pasquotank—W. E. Hocutt. Moyock—J. Y. Old. Currituck—W. A. Piliand. North Gates—W. H. Brown. Gates—T. J. Daley. Perquimans—F. L. Church. Hertford—M. H. Tuttle. Edenton—C. I. Read. Plymouth—to be supplied by L. B. Jones. Roper—W. F. Iven. Pantego and Haven—H. M. Jackson. Dare—William Iwe. Roanoke Island—A. J. Parker, C. R. Taylor, supernumerary. Kitty Hawk—O. Davis. Kennebec—to be supplied by A. W. Price. Hatteras—to be supplied by W. F. Galloway. Columbia—W. F. Constable. Missionary to Cuba—R. E. Porter. Secretary Vermont Correspondence School—J. L. Cuninggim. Transferred to W. N. C. Conference—E. W. Fox. THE BISHOP'S PROCEEDINGS. Goldsboro, N. C., Nov. 30.—Special. The fifth day conference was opened at 9:30 a. m. Bishop Candler in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. H. Tuttle. Hymns were sung and a fervent prayer was offered by Mr. Tuttle. After the prayer Bishop Candler led in singing "My Fall Looks Up to Thee." Secretary Cuninggim read the journal of Saturday afternoon session and the Sunday afternoon memorial services. Rev. W. S. Rone announced the death of E. B. Gibson, who died this morning at four o'clock at his home at Gibson station. His name was referred to the committee on memoirs. The transfer of Rev. Z. Parig from the W. N. C. conference. Rev. F. A. Bishop moved the restor-

ation of the credentials of Rev. D. A. Futrell. Adopted. Bishop Candler announced the classes ordained deacons and elders as follows. Deacons—James Marvin Culbreth, William Edward Brown, William Towe, Enoch M. Hoyle, Leslie P. Norwood, William B. Green, William R. Royal, John W. Bryan and Robert B. Clarke. Elders—Preston D. Woodall, Rufus R. Grant, James T. Stanford, Edward R. Welch, Harry M. North, Joseph E. Bivins, Jesse L. Cuninggim and James A. Dalley. REPORTS OF PREACHERS. The call of question 20 was resumed: "Are all the preachers blameless in their lives and official administration?" The following were called, reports submitted and their characters passed: Rev. R. C. Beaman, Trinity church, Durham, everything in full financially; about a dozen conversions. Rev. W. L. Cuninggim, Main Street, satisfactory gains; 37 increase in membership; collections in full. Rev. F. B. McCall, Carr church and Branson, made progress, but no increase in members; church more liberal; Sunday school better. Rev. C. P. Jerome, West Durham, a fair year; new missionary society; good Sunday school; finances in full; 11 conversions; slight decrease in membership. Rev. J. B. Thompson, Durham circuit, twenty accessions; collections in full. Rev. N. M. Watson, chapel Hill, collections in full; four accessions. Rev. Rufus Bradley, Hillsboro, 53 accessions on profession; advance in collections. Rev. M. D. Giles, Mt. Tirzah, reported good revivals; gain twenty-three; collections nearly in full. Rev. R. F. Taylor, Leasburg, good report in all departments. Rev. K. D. Holmes, Roxboro, good revivals; finances all in full. Rev. B. E. Stanfield, Wooddale, 36 increase; three times as much collected as last year. Rev. J. H. McCracken, Yanceyville, revival all year; all collections increased and in full. Rev. D. N. Caviness, Burlington, large (Continued on seventh page.)

Fell in Boiling Water

Winston-Salem, N. C., Nov. 30.—Special.—William, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Smith of Abbott's Creek township, fell in a tub of boiling water Saturday afternoon and died last night. The tub was sitting in front of the fireplace and the boy was standing near when he stumbled and fell in.

Assassin's Four Bullets

Mumfordsville, Ky., Nov. 20.—Four rifle shots, fired by an assassin last night, killed two men, mortally wounded a third and seriously injured a fourth. The dead are: Magistrate James Osborne and his son David. William Gardner was shot in the stomach. Custer Gardner, a young farmer, is in jail here, charged with the crime, having been captured at Elizabethtown after a struggle. The sole arbiter when the case is heard again, Justice Day will be all purposes, the sole arbiter when the case is heard again. Justice Day was in jail when the case was heard last April, having been stricken with a violent attack of pneumonia, and he only served a few days after being sworn in last February. His restoration to health makes it possible for a full court to sit on the case when it is reached for reargument next January. Chief Justice Fuller, in announcing the fact today that there must be another hearing, made no comment to indicate the cause that prompted the court to take this course. Briefs and arguments submitted by counsel were most elaborate, and it is not for a moment thought that further information is desired for the enlightenment of the justices. Had this been the case a rehearing would have been requested months ago. Besides it was generally understood when the court adjourned last June without rendering a decision that the justices were badly divided in their views as to this case, which was only one of eleven argued that was undecided.

Tobacco in Henderson

Henderson, N. C., Nov. 30.—Special. The advance in prices of tobacco has been the means of bringing large quantities to market. For the past two weeks the floors of warehouses have been well covered, bidding lively and prices satisfactory. If prices hold as they are at present, there will be much brought to market before the Christmas holidays.

Old Play House Burned

Brooklyn, Nov. 30.—The Brooklyn Academy of Music, which shared with the Plymouth church the distinction of being one of the oldest and most historic structures in the borough, was destroyed by fire today. The building was gutted, nothing but part of the front wall remaining of the famous old play house. When the rear wall of the stage fell shortly before 11 o'clock it fell on the roof on McGroarty's cafe, almost as famous in its way as the academy. Everybody fortunately had left the saloon, fearing just what happened, before the crash, but there was a story this afternoon that a man buried in the cellar ruins. A search was made but no body was discovered.

SUNDAY TRAGEDY

Disgraceful Affair in a Disreputable District of Asheville Asheville, N. C., Nov. 30.—Special. Ida Smathers and "Bunk" Finley, who were injured yesterday in a shooting scrape in Mountain street, the "red light" district of this city, are still alive, but little hope is entertained for their recovery. Yesterday afternoon Bud Lee, son of ex-Sheriff Lee, and Bunk Finley of Marion became involved in a row at the corner of Mountain and Pine streets, about fifty yards from the disorderly house kept by the Smathers woman. Previous to the meeting of the two men they had exchanged words and the Smathers woman had been in the crowd. When they met Finley drew a knife and Lee a revolver. Lee fired five shots, two of which took effect in Finley's body, he being shot through and through. Just before the shooting commenced the Smathers woman went to a window in her house and was watching the men when one of the stray shots from Lee's pistol struck her in the breast. Finley was taken to the Mission Hospital and his family at Marion was notified of the tragedy. Lee surrendered. The case of Ida Jay, indicted for the murder of her three children, was given to the jury this afternoon. At 10 o'clock tonight the jury had not returned a verdict. The court officials have retired to their homes, so no verdict will be received until tomorrow morning.

DIXON'S DAY TO DIE

A Statement He Made Yesterday Foreshadows a Sensational Confession New Bern, N. C., Nov. 30.—Special. Cyrus Dixon, the young white man who is to be hanged in Trenton tomorrow for the murder of Godfrey Weber, was taken from Craven jail this morning where he has been confined for safe keeping by Sheriff Taylor, assisted by three deputies. Before leaving the jail the condemned man talked rather freely about the crime for which he is to be executed. He said that he did not commit the crime outright, but furnished the gun and shells to do the shooting with. He said his heart failed him when it was time to act and handed the gun to a person whose name he refused to reveal. It is thought that tomorrow he will tell the whole tale of the affair and sensational developments are expected, as the man has friends whom he is depending on for assistance.

COTTON ESTIMATES

Figures on This Year's Crop and Forecasts of the Next New York, Nov. 30.—One of the influences in bringing about the sharp advance in cotton today was the publication by Kate M. Giles of an estimate of only 10,370,000 bales for the year's crop. This is the second estimate by Miss Giles which has had a marked effect. She has 1,800 or 2,000 correspondents and compiles for clients monthly cotton estimates. Dick Bros. & Co. of the New York stock exchange have made up estimates for the cotton crop, in which they point out that the price will have the effect of bringing into the market a larger or smaller yield, as the case may be. Should the price be low a considerable part of the

South Dakota Bond Suit Is to Be Argued Again

Circumstances Indicate Hopeless Division in Supreme Court—Republicans Do Not Want a Congressional Inquiry Into Postal Frauds

BY THOMAS J. PENCE

Washington, Nov. 30.—Special.—The supreme court of the United States has been unable to reach a decision in the South Dakota bond suit, and today announcement was made by Chief Justice Fuller that a rehearing will take place January 4, 1904. This information occasioned no great surprise, as the court has had the case under consideration since April, and the fact that no agreement was reached when the court adjourned for the summer vacation led to the belief that the justices were hopelessly divided, as was stated in this correspondence at the time. Only eight members of the court heard the original argument, which gives color to the belief that the justices are equally divided as to the merits of the contentions advanced by attorneys for the two states. If this surmise is correct then Justice Wm. R. Day will be, to all purposes, the sole arbiter when the case is heard again. Justice Day was in jail when the case was heard last April, having been stricken with a violent attack of pneumonia, and he only served a few days after being sworn in last February. His restoration to health makes it possible for a full court to sit on the case when it is reached for reargument next January. Chief Justice Fuller, in announcing the fact today that there must be another hearing, made no comment to indicate the cause that prompted the court to take this course. Briefs and arguments submitted by counsel were most elaborate, and it is not for a moment thought that further information is desired for the enlightenment of the justices. Had this been the case a rehearing would have been requested months ago. Besides it was generally understood when the court adjourned last June without rendering a decision that the justices were badly divided in their views as to this case, which was only one of eleven argued that was undecided.

The same attorneys who appeared in the case last spring will probably submit argument again. For North Carolina George Rountree, ex-Judge Shepherd and ex-Judge James H. Merrimon, specially employed by the governor, submitted argument. Attorney General R. D. Gilmer also appears in the case. Ex-Governor Russell and ex-Senator Butler appear for the state of South Dakota, while Wheeler H. Peckham appears for the other bondholders. The suit was considered a novel one, as it was regarded as evading the disability of a private citizen suing a state by the gift of bonds to another state in order to make it the principal. Schaffer Brothers of New York, the holders of \$250,000 of second mortgage bonds of the Western North Carolina Railroad Company, guaranteed by the state of North Carolina, donated \$10,000 of these securities to the state of South Dakota for the use of its university, and the suit was brought as an original action in the supreme court. The bonds were issued in 1887 and paid-off in 1897, the principal and interest being guaranteed by the state of North Carolina. With interest due since 1895, the total claim foots up about half a million dollars. About four million of the bonds were issued, but under the readjustment in 1873 the state compromised at 25 per cent, with the holders of all except those now owned by the Schaffers. South Dakota asks the supreme court to order an accounting of the first and second mortgage bonds, that payment of principal and interest on the \$10,000 be made the state of North Dakota, and that the 30,000 shares of North Carolina railroad stock owned by the state be sold to satisfy the claim, and for an injunction restraining the state from collecting the dividends on the stock while the suit is pending.

This country is responsible for the result so far. Democrats who are in the city are not looking for investigation by disinterested parties. Speaking along this line, Senator Carmack said today: "The president makes the best out of a bad situation. He deals very gingerly with Perry Heath, who was evidently very deep in the mire. He seems to give Mr. Payne credit for the investigation, when as a matter of fact the postmaster general did nothing but pook-hoob the charges by declaring they were nothing but hot air and instructed newspaper men, when asked for information, to say that the postmaster general simply laughed at the whole business." At the time of his appointment as postmaster general, Mr. Payne was known to be a political wire-puller and spokesman of the lowest type. The president's attempt to shield him, therefore, emphasizes the importance of an investigation not absolutely controlled by the administration. Whether such an investigation will be permitted remains to be seen. The present indications are that it will not be permitted.

The House committee will not be announced tomorrow as has been generally anticipated, and if Congress adjourns for three days, which is the present program announcement of the committee will not be made until Friday. Speaker Cannon is responsible for the delay, desiring further time for conference with Minority Leader Williams as to representation of Democrats on the committee. Mr. Andrew C. Rawlings of the patent office, has gone to Southern Pines, N. C., for his health. Representative Poy arrived in the city today, accompanied by Mrs. Poy and their four children. They are stopping at the Elmore temporarily. Other arrivals are Charles Ragan of High Point, I. M. Meekins of Elizabeth City and W. P. and Mrs. Buchanan of Charlotte.

The appropriation for the Goldsboro public building was \$50,000, but the site and the structure will not cost that sum. Eight thousand dollars was paid for the location, while the building is to cost \$24,800, leaving an available excess of about \$7,000 which, in the opinion of Representative Chas. R. Thomas, will be spent in ornaments and betterments. The president has denied the application for pardon of A. H. Baker of Franklinton, who was convicted of libel and sentenced to eighteen months imprisonment. The petitioner has served fourteen months of his term. His application for pardon was endorsed by Judge Purnell and District Attorney Skinner. Ex-Judge Timberlake presented the case to attorney General Knox, who was of the opinion that the term of sentence was none too severe. Mrs. Emily W. Fagan, the postmaster at Plymouth, N. C., is an applicant for reappointment. Her term of office expires December 14th. Representative Thomas has introduced bills for pensions in behalf of the following: Elizabeth French, Mary J. Smith, Emily Kinsaul, Susan B. Walker, Abraham J. Yeamans, John W. Hill.

The opinion was expressed in one quarter today that the court was even more divided than I have indicated. Instead of standing 4 to 4, this authority said: "I venture to say that the members could hold the view," he continued, "that South Dakota was entitled to its \$10,000 of bonds. Three could be of the opinion that both South Dakota and the New York bondholders are entitled to recover, while two might side wholly with the argument advanced by North Carolina, that none of the parties is entitled to recover. This is a possible situation in the

Facts About the Internal Revenue

Collections in North Carolina. The State Ranks Second in Production of Manufactured Tobacco—Extent of Distilling Operations

BY THOMAS J. PENCE

Washington, Nov. 30.—Special.—The report just made public by Commissioner of Internal Revenue Yerkes contains some facts of special interest to North Carolina. Those interested should preserve the figures given, as they will be valuable for purposes of comparison when the next annual report is made, in determining the effect of the provisions of the Watts bill. The report now being published is for the fiscal year, which ended June 30th last. The aggregate collections reported to the commissioner by the collectors of the two internal revenue districts of North Carolina were as follows: Fourth district, E. C. Duncan, collector, \$2,035,424.03. Fifth district, H. S. Harkins, collector, \$2,212,918.04. The work done by Revenue Agent Patterson follows: Expenditures from fraud fund, \$8,205.78; registered distilleries reported for seizure, 59; illicit distilleries, seized and destroyed, 277; gallons of spirits reported for seizure, 18,814; value of property reported for seizure, \$24,399.24; taxes and penalties reported for assessment, \$3,448.02. The number of illicit distilleries seized and removed, persons arrested, in

the fourth district of North Carolina, were as follows: Seized and destroyed, 176; fifth district, 112; arrests, fourth district, 16; fifth district, 28. Amount expended through Revenue Agent Patterson for the fiscal year was \$9,405.03. TOBACCO DIVISION. The total amount of claims presented for rebate of tax on tobacco, under Act of April 12, 1902, from North Carolina, was as follows: Fourth district, claims presented, 1,987, amounting to \$82,927.21. The number of claims allowed from the fourth district, 1,986 amounting to \$82,929.11. Fifth district—amount of claims presented, 1,112, amounting to \$41,257.54. The number of claims allowed, 1,110, amounting to \$41,270.10. It will be noted that only three claims reported from North Carolina, and endorsed by the collectors, were disallowed by the department. North Carolina is put down as the second largest producer of both chewing and smoking tobacco, Missouri being the first state on the list, Kentucky the third, while Virginia ranks fourth. The total production in North Carolina for the fiscal year was as follows: 52,269,893 pounds. This is the total production of manufactured tobacco. The report shows, from the fourth district of North Carolina, 25 cigar factories, which used 173,256 pounds of tobacco in the manufacture of cigars, and the number of cigars manufactured was 8,766,934. In the fifth the figures are fourteen factories, using 12,998 pounds of tobacco, while the number of cigars manufactured was 656,125. The number of cigarette factories: For the fourth district of North Carolina, 2; manufactured 113,409,560 cigarettes, using 539,322 pounds of tobacco. The detailed statement of the number of tobacco factories in the two

North Carolina districts, the aggregate quantity of leaf tobacco and other materials used during the calendar year ending December 31, 1902, as follows: Fourth district, number of factories 26; pounds of leaf tobacco manufactured 36,830,919; scraps 5,200; stems 6,752; licorice 284,158; sugar 128,584; other materials, 982,565; in process 690,740; total pounds manufactured 39,108,549. Fifth district, number of factories 67; leaf tobacco, 23,234,327; scraps 48,919; stems 17,663; licorice 2,022,125; sugar 1,549,985; other materials 704,513; in process 786,934; total pounds 30,464,566. The aggregate quantities of the different kinds of manufactured tobacco produced in North Carolina during the last calendar year, together with the total sales reported and the amount of taxes paid were as follows: Plug 24,584,669; smoking 25,624,934; snuff 44,470; total manufactured 50,254,063; sales reported 52,132,582; stamps required for sale \$4,189,199.84. The commissioner's report gives the following abstract of seizures of property for violation of internal revenue laws in the state of North Carolina for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903: Gallons of distilled spirits 25,678, valued at \$15,999.17; breweries, distilleries and other miscellaneous properties, 21,438, valued at \$35,437.17. The report includes the following statement of the amounts paid to the North Carolina collectors from fines and penalties, proceeds of in rem cases, costs, and in settlement of cases by compromise, during the fiscal year as reported by clerks of courts and the collectors: Fourth district, fines etc., \$3,779.86; costs \$2,416.74; compromised cases 45,394.44; total \$11,590.44. Fifth district, fines etc., \$36,055.01; compromised cases 57,105.61; total \$93,160.62. The following is the list of the registered grain and fruit distilleries operated in North Carolina as scheduled in the commissioner's report: Grain, registered, 426, operated 392; fruit registered 444, operated 442; total registered 896, operated 834, these figures being for the fiscal year.