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And the years in their sheaves, as they come and go,
On the river's breast, with its ebb and flow,
Ere they glide in the shadows and sheen.

There's a magical isle up the River of Time,
Where the softest of airs are playing;
There's a cloudless sky and a tropical climate,
And songs as sweet as a vesper's chime,
And the Junos with the roses are straying.

The name of that isle is The Long Ago;
We bury our treasures there,
There are brows of beauty and bosoms of snow,
There are heaps of dust; but we love them so;
There are trinkets and tresses of hair;
There's a fragment of song that nobody sings,
-And part of an infant prayer;
There's a lute unsweet and a harp without strings—
There are broken vows and pieces of rings,
There the garment she used to wear.

There are hands that we waded, as the fairy shore
By the mirage is lifted in air;
And sometimes we hear, through the turbulent roar,
Sweet voices we heard, in the days gone before,
When the wind down the river is fair.
Oh, remember, for aye, be that fairy isle,
All day of life till night
When evening comes on, with its beautiful smiles,
And we are closing our eyes to slumber awhile,
May that Greenwood of souls be in sight.

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OUR RALEIGH LETTER.

Raleigh, N. C., May 21.—The recent death of Mrs. Fannie Holland, a respectable and well connected white insane woman, in the county jail of Johnston county (where she was confined because there was no room in the asylums for the insane, and the sentencing during the past week at Cabarrus court of a twelve year old white girl to the state penitentiary for five years for killing a man who had designs on her virtue (there being no reformatory in this state have served as additional pressing and heart-rending arguments to accentuate the need of more room in our asylums and the building of a reformatory for youthful criminals, the continued lack of which has for years been a disgrace to the state of North Carolina and to every man who has served in the General Assembly of late years and has not exercised himself in the efforts that have been made by others to provide these needed things.

It is to be hoped that in selecting candidates for the legislature this summer the good people of all the counties will not lose sight of this matter and will choose men who are sound on the proposition to appropriate the funds necessary to care for the many insane wards of the state in the hospitals for the insane who are now languishing in the common jails or poor-houses of the counties without medical treatment or care of any sort, and to provide an institution where mere children found guilty of an infraction of the statutory laws may be sent and given a chance to reform and be taught to lead upright lives, instead of being sentenced to serve terms in the penitentiary as the associates of hardened criminals, to be damned for all time. It is certainly high time the law makers upon whom these matters are dependent were giving them the favorable attention they demand and deserve.

The North Carolina delegation to the General Conference of the Southern Methodist Episcopal church, which has been in session at Birmingham, Ala., during the last three weeks, are returning home this week.

This is "Commencement Week" in Raleigh, the graded schools and all of the three splendid colleges for women here having their closing exercises—the Baptist University, Peace Institute and St. Mary's—and consequently many visitors are here to witness these events. The summer course at that fine institution, King's Business College, began last week and will continue till August 15th. This college gives during these three months an unlimited scholarship in either or both the commercial and short-hand departments at a reduced rate that is important to young men and women who desire to economize and which carries with it the written guarantee of the college to place each student who takes the course in a good position paying not less than \$50 a month to begin with, in addition to paying the railroad fare of the students who come from a distance, in or out of the State.

The entire State is interested in the celebration at Charlotte this week of the 131st anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, which begins today and ends Thursday night. For the first time official recognition by the United States government is given the event and the occasion this year has been planned on a much more extensive scale than usual. By command of President Roosevelt the Marine Band and a company of marines from the Washington navy-yard, a company of cavalry and several companies of regular infantry are on the scene and will take active part in the parades and participate generally in the celebration. Raleigh has sent a delegation and people from all over the State will make up a big crowd of visitors. The South Carolina Sally is now about the only disputant left to deny the authenticity and genuineness of the Mecklenburg Declaration and its attendant features that have been so amply proved to the average unprejudiced mind. Long may she wave!

The politicians of both parties are interested in the meeting of the Republican State Committee in Greensboro next Saturday, according to the call of Chairman Rollins, after he had been spurred up by Blackburn. There seems to have been a systematic attempt made to stamper the rank and file of the Republicans of the State with the story that Blackburn's acquittal at his recent trial means that he is to be exalted over the heads of all the organization (whatever "organization" means in this connection) Republicans by a popular uprising in

the State Convention when it meets; that Rollins and the others are to be dethroned and kicked out and a political halo is to encircle the 87-8 cranium of E. Spencer, who shall be made State Chairman and any and everything else that he thinks would suit his style of beauty.

Today it is rumored that Rollins may voluntarily retire from the chairmanship next Saturday without waiting for the convention to select a new committee and that the program has been arranged to anticipate the plans of the Blackburnites who are after his scalp; that some strong man satisfactory to the "organization" folks and not particularly objectionable to the insurgents will be chosen by the present committee to succeed Rollins and that it will be the purpose of the fellows already at the Federal pie-counter to try and get a committee at the State Convention that will continue the new chairman in that position. But the brigade that has not yet had even a snack from the patronage dispenser is mighty hungry and cussin' louder and with an increasing number of blue streaks every time a third term is settled for another four years. Unless the new chairman makes room in the cases of the few third termers who have not yet been re-appointed there will be plenty of scalping knives after him in the convention.

The question of foreign immigration has taken an increasing interest in North Carolina since the meeting last week of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association at Asheville. Some of the manufacturers are very much in earnest in the efforts that are to be made to amend the existing alien labor contract law, so as to enable the manufacturers to import foreign operatives into the country by employing them before they arrive in America, and probably paying their traveling expenses to this country. The growing scarcity of the labor of the kind the mills can utilize makes it very necessary that some provision shall be made to get additional hands, or close down some of the mills of the South. Llewaxam.

THE SEMINARY MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

An interesting announcement to the music loving public generally, and especially to the patrons of the Seminary, is that of the engagement of Miss Caroline M. Letherman, of Valparaiso, Ind., as Principal of the Seminary Music Department. Miss Letherman is a musician of rare accomplishments and a teacher of highly successful experience. She comes of musical ancestry and has inherited superior talent. She began the study of music at six years of age. After graduating from the Northern Indiana Conservatory of Music in her native town she spent several years studying piano and voice culture under the most distinguished teachers in Chicago and New York City.

Miss Letherman taught for two years with marked success in Hedding College Conservatory of Music. She then accepted a position in the Vocal Department of the Hinschaw Conservatory of Music and Dramatic Art in Chicago. While in this position her work as a teacher and her public appearance in musical and dramatic roles excited much favorable comment. The Musical Critic said: "Miss Caroline M. Letherman possesses a rarely beautiful dramatic soprano voice of excellent quality and range. She has studied for several years under some of the best teachers of Chicago. She sang the 'Queen' in 'Bohemian Girl' during the past year with splendid success. She is preparing for an operatic career and ought to be a success, as she has every necessary endowment."

The truth is that Miss Letherman had most flattering inducements to enter upon an "operatic career," but she is a good Presbyterian and she declined public honors for the really more noble work of teaching her beautiful art in the seclusion of a college. She accepted a position in Synodical College, at Fulton, Mo. This institution being about to be consolidated with another college Miss Letherman was open for an engagement for the coming year, and Prof. Hayes manifested his usual enterprise in securing the very best talent for the Seminary.

Miss Letherman comes with the highest endorsements from the pastor of her home church, from the institutions where she has been educated and where she has been taught and from a number of distinguished musicians. The whole Reidsville public as well as the Seminary patrons are to be congratulated on this acquisition to our social and musical circles.

A CHAPTER IN THE DUKE DIVORCE CASE.

Reidsville is not the biggest town in America, but when there is anything doing she is generally in evidence. An observant citizen remarked not long ago that one could not travel anywhere without meeting up with somebody from Reidsville. The earthquake in far off San Francisco found two Reidsville people on the spot, and a third who had drank from our town well in boyhood.

Last spring J. B. Duke and bride were hastening to the bedside of the former's father in Durham, who was in extremis, but they took the wrong train in Greensboro and landed in Reidsville. They spent several hours in our bustling town, waiting for the next train. Both seem to have been impressed with the place, for they returned, but not together.

Later on the porter of Hotel Rockingham had the pleasure of conducting a lady and gentleman who arrived one night on No. 40 to the Scales street hostelry. The lady gave her name as Mrs. Oglesby and said the gentleman accompanying her was her brother, Mr. Frank. They asked to be assigned adjoining rooms, connected by inner door, which request was granted. The landlady was suspicious, however, as the lady and gentleman appeared to be rather spooney, "softer" than brother and sister are supposed to be. She kept her eyes open. Before they left the lady dropped her handkerchief on the floor and it was found to bear the name of a married lady—Mrs. J. B. Duke!

The landlady had heard of the divorce proceedings instituted by J. B. Duke, the tobacco king, against his wife of a few months, in which Huntoon, New York club man, was named as co-respondent. She decided that silence would be golden, as she did not want to be a witness in the case. But Duke was on the trail. Detectives were sent to Reidsville, who shadowed the landlady and worked ingeniously to draw her out. One night she awoke at 3 o'clock to find it raining, and remembering that the windows in the third story were open, hastily put on a wrap and went to close them. Upon reaching the third floor she looked behind her and there was one of the detectives. She asked him what he was doing so far away from his room at that late hour, to which he replied that he heard it raining and had gotten up to look after the windows, remembering they were open, which explanation she accepted.

The landlady received letters from W. W. Fuller telling her that it was known Huntoon and Mrs. Duke had been to Reidsville, and urging her to tell what she knew. Junius Parker, another attorney in the case, came to investigate for himself. J. B. Duke, the wronged husband, also came. The landlady gave them the benefit of her knowledge of "Mrs. Oglesby" and her "brother," and agreed to appear as a witness in the case. However, upon mature reflection she decided that it was not incumbent upon her to go to New Jersey and be subjected to the fire of the defendants' lawyers in the case and so remained away from the trial. It was announced in the papers that Duke did not put on half his witness-

It is an interesting chapter. The first visit of the tobacco king and his bride to Reidsville an accidental one. Outside appearances indicated that they were happy, but the woman had married Duke for his money, and he was jealous. The next scene presents the woman back in Reidsville with her real love, Huntoon, traveling as brother and sister. Then comes the detectives, and the lawyer, and the husband hunting evidence. Truth is indeed stranger than fiction.

We know Greensboro claims to be the "Gate City" and all that, with unsurpassed hotel facilities, and boasts of having a hand in all that's "diddling," as she had the honor of contributing a chapter to Buck Duke's romance, Col. Fairbrother has been very quiet about it. The Colonel submitted his reflections on the case in the last issue of Everything.

CASES OF ANGLE AND YOUNG.

Asheville, N. C., May 23.—The United States Circuit Court of Appeals convened today and immediately entered upon the case of T. N. Angle and William Young, plaintiffs in error from the district court. Angle and Young were each sentenced to pay a fine of \$1,000 and were respectively sentenced to serve one year and six months in the penitentiary. The sentence of the district court was affirmed by the Circuit Court of Appeals at the November term and comes up on petition for rehearing. The entire day was consumed in argument of counsel.

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PROGRAM OF GRADED SCHOOL NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY MORNING.

Class Day Exercises—
Processional, Miss Hunt.
Invocation, Rev. R. W. Bradshaw.
Class History, Joe McKinney.
Old Schoolmates, Dear, Quartet.
Class Poem, Mamie Hightower.
Jubilee Polonaise, op. 7, Kramer,
Misses L. Blackwell, B. Lambeth
and M. Crafton.
Class Prophecy, Lucy Wray.
Aufforderung Zum Tanz, op. 65, Weber.
Miss Ione Ellington, Miss Ida Womack,
" Agnes Martin, " Mary Womack
Class Oration, Carl Craig.
Benediction, Rev. W. L. Mellichamp.

MONDAY EVENING.

Competitive Debate.
A May Day, Rathburn,
Misses B. Allen, A. Barber and
B. Bradshaw.
Hungarian Song, Behr,
Misses L. Craig and B. Hooper.
Tea Party, shottische, Read,
Misses R. Overman and M. Sapp.
Query—Resolved, that our tariff should be for revenue only.

Affirmative, John Bennette.
Negative, Carl Craig.
Christ Kindl' Gavotte, op. 142, Andre,
Misses T. Foy, K. Ware, N. Pettigrew.
Through Field and Forest, op. 47, No. 3,
Vogel,
Misses L. Brown and W. Morphis.

Affirmative, Ben Trotter.
Negative, George Bennette.
Tea Party Yorke, Read,
Misses A. and A. D. Neal.
Minuet in E Flat, Mozart,
Misses C. Blackwell, M. Hubbard
and L. Craig.

Affirmative, Paul Fetzer.
Negative, Daniel Webster.

Intermission.

A Wee Story Op. 10, No. 1 Orth,
Miss Francis Hitchcock.

Musical Bon Bon No. 9, Krogman,
Miss Lucile Brown.

Aufforderungzum Tany, Op. 65 Weber
Miss Ione Ellington Miss Ida Womack
Miss Agnes Martin Miss Mary Womack
Harfners Natchgesang, (night song),
No. 2, Behr,

Master T. Hancock.
Pizzicati from Sylvia, Delebes.
Misses M. Womack and S. Ware.
Decision.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Literary Address by Dr. William
Louis Poteat, President Wake Forest
College.

Husarenritt Op. 140, No. 3: [Spindel-
ler—Misses Ida and Mary Womack.
Invocation—Rev. R. W. Bradshaw.
Erwachen des Lowen (Bevil du
Lion) Op. 115, de Kantski.—Miss Ida
Womack, Miss Mary Womack, Miss
Agnes Martin, Miss Eva Martin.

Introduction of Speaker.—
Address.—
Benediction—Rev. F. H. Jones.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Graduating Exercises.
Wedding March: Mendelssohn—
Misses B. Lambeth, T. Foy and Master
T. Hancock.

March Op. 29, No. 1: Hollander—
Miss Agnes Martin, Miss Eva Martin,
Miss Ione Ellington, Miss Ida Womack
Invocation—Rev. D. I. Craig.

Essay: Compensation—John Bennet.

Jagerlied (Hunting Song): Mendelssohn—
Miss Lucile Womack.

Husarenritt Op. 140, No. 3: Spindel-
ler—Misses I. and M. Womack.

Essay: The Ante-Bellum Negro—
Elizabeth Blackwell.

Tea Party Nocturna: Read—Misses
A. Barber and B. Allen.

Kamenoi Ostrow. Op. 10, No. 22:
Rubenstein—Miss Agnes Martin.

Essay: The Passing of the Old Field
School—Daniel Webster.

Platterroschen, Op. 24: Voge—Misses

D. Hall, M. Anderson and R. Overman.
Sonata, A Flat Major, Op. 26.
Beethoven (andante con variazioni)—
allegro molto, Marcia Funebre—Miss
Ida Womack.

Essay: The Fine Art of Fishing—
Mamie Hightower.

Jubellier Polonaise Op. 7: Kramer—
Misses L. Blackwell, B. Lambeth and
M. Crafton.

Eswachen des Lower (Reveil du
Lion) Op. 115: de Kortske—Miss Ida
Womack, Miss Mary Womack, Miss
Agnes Martin, Miss Eva Martin.

Presentation of Diplomas.—
Awarding of Medals, etc.

Benediction—Rev. Seymour Taylor.

GRAUATING CLASS.

John Bennett—"Compensation."
Carl Craig—"Problem of Poor."
Joe McKinney—"Penology."
Daniel Webster—"Old Field
School."

Lizzie Blackwell—"The Ante-Bellum
Negro."

THREE BISHOPS ELECTED.

Birmingham, Ala., May 17.—Dr.

John J. Tigert, secretary of the General
Conference of the Methodist
Episcopal Church, South, was today
elected a bishop on the first ballot
taken by the Conference. No other
bishop was elected on the first ballot.

The count of tellers showed the vote
on the first ballot to be: J. J. Tigert,
160; J. C. Kilgo, 100; Seth Ward, 85;
Collins Denny, 84; W. E. McMurray,
74; James Atkins, 70; W. F. Tillett,
58; W. R. Murray, 50; E. W. Anderson,
24.

These were the leaders, with scattering
votes for 48 others. Dr. Tigert at
once resigned as secretary of the Conference,
and Assistant Secretary A.
F. Watkins was elected secretary.
There was no election of a bishop on
the second ballot.

Seth Ward, of Texas, was elected a
bishop on the third ballot.

At the afternoon session of the Conference,
ballots, numbered four, five
and six, were taken for the third
bishop to be elected by the present
Conference, but no result following,
a recess was taken until evening, when
the contest was renewed. One hundred
and thirty-seven votes being necessary
to a choice, no one was chosen during
the afternoon. The strength of 116
votes for Rev. Dr. J. C. Kilgo on the
fifth ballot was the nearest approach
to a decision that was reached.

Dr. Jas. Atkins was elected on the
12th ballot tonight.

Dr. James Atkins, one of the three
bishops elected, is a member of the
Western North Carolina Conference
and has been Sunday-school editor of
the Church since 1896. He was born
at Knoxville, Tennessee, April 18,
1850, being a son of Rev. James Atkins,
for many years a member of the
Holston Conference. He was educated
at Emory and Henry College, Emory,
Va. of which institution he was president
for four years, 1880-'88.

He entered the Methodist ministry
in 1872 as a member of the Holston
Conference, holding pastorates from
1872 to 1879, when he became president
of Emory and Henry College Va.
He resumed the presidency of the
Asheville Female College in 1893 and
remained there until 1896, when he
was elected Sunday-school editor. His
home is at Waynesville, N. C.

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