

General Rojas called upon the gov-

memory of the past, so that in the review you may be encouraged and humbled and urged to pray.

Among the greatest advantages of your past life were an early home and its surroundings. The bad men of the day, for the most part, dip their heated passions out of the boiling spring of an unhappy We are not surprised to find that Byron's heart was a concentration of sin when we hear his mother was abandoned and that she made sport of his infirmity and often galled him "the lame brat." He who has vicious parents has to fight every inch of his way if he would maintain his integrity and at last reach the home of the good in heaven. Perhaps your early home was in a city. It may have beer, when Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, was residential as now it is commercial, and Canal street, New York, was far up town. That old house in the city may have been demolished or changed into stores, and it seemed like sacrilege to you -- for there was more meaning in that small house than there is in a granite mansion or a turreted cathedral. Looking back, you see it as though it were yesterday-the sitting room, where the loved one sat by the plain lamp light, the mother at the evening stand, the brothers and sisters perhape long ago gathered into the skies, then plotting mischief on the floor or under the table; your father with firm voice commanding a silence that lasted half a minute. Perhaps you were brought up in the You stand now to-day in mencountry. cry under the old tree. You clubbed it for fruit that was not quite ripe, because you couldn't wait any longer. You hear the brook rumbling along over the pebbles. You step again into the furrow where your father in his shirt sleeves shouted to the lazy oxen. You frighten the swallows from the rafters of the barn and take just one egg and silence your conscience by saying they will not miss it. You take a drink again out of the very bucket that the old well fetched up. You go for the cows at night and flud them pushing their heads through the bars. Ofttimes in the dusty and busy streets you wish you were home again on that cool grass, or in the rag carpeted hall of the farmhouse, through which there came the breath of new mown hay or the blossom of buckwheat. You may have in your windows now beautiful plants and flowers brought from

across theseas, but not one of them stirs in your soul so much charm and memory as the old ivy and the yellow sunflower that stood sentinel along the garden walk and the forget-me-nots playing hide and seek mid the long grass. The father who used to come in sunburned from the field seek mid the long grass. and sit down on the doorsill and wipe the sweat from his brow may have gone to his everlasting rest. The mother who used to sit at the door a little bent over, cap and spectacles on her face mellowing with the vicissitudes of many years, may have put down her gray head on the pillow in the valley, but forget that home you never Have you thanked God for it? Have will. you rehearsed all these blessed reminissences? Oh, thank God for a Christian father! Thank God for a Christian mother! Thank God for an early Christian altar at which you were taught to kneel! Thank God for an early Christian home!

I bring to mind another passage in the history of your life. The day came when you set up your own household. The days passed along in quiet blessedness. You twain sat at the table morning and night and talked over your plans for the future. The most insignificant affair la your life became the subject of mutual consultation and advertisement. You were so happy you felt you never could be any happier. One day a dark cloud hovered over your dwelling, and it got darker and darker, but out of that cloud the shining messenger of God descended to incarnate an immortal sp rit. Two little feet started on an eternal journey, and you were to lead them, a gem to flash in heaven's coronet. and you to polish it; cternal ages of light and darkness watching the starting out of

gladly you would have done it! If you could let your property go, your houses go, how gladly you would have let them depart if you could only have kept that one treasure he adopted. The committee to which the resolu-tion was referred spent several hours Thursday discussing the matter, and one treasure

looked at your broken heart, and you

have been a better man ever since. You

of Heaven, and you felt an irresistible

drawing heavenward. You have been

spiritually better ever since that night

when the little one for the last time put

its arms around your neck and said:

"Good night, papa! Good night, mamma!

Perhaps your last sorrow was a financial

embarrassment. I congratulate some of

you on your lucrative profession or occu-

pation, on ornate apparel, on a commodi

ous residence-everything you put your hands on seems to turn to gold. But there

are others of you who are like the ship on which Paul sailed where two seas met, and you are broken by the violence of the

waves. By an unadvised indorsement, or

by a conjunction of unforeseen events, or

by fire or storm, or a senseless panic, you have been flung headlong and where you once dispensed great charities now you

have bard work to win your daily bread.

Have you forgotten to thank God for your

days of prosperity, and that through your

aud discouragements, forgot that there was

bread on your table this morning, and that

there shall be a shelter for your head from

the storm, and there is air for your lungs, and blood for your heart, and light for

your eye, and a glad and glorious and

triumphant religion for your soul? Perhaps your last trouble was a bereave

ment. That heart which in childhood way

has been a source of the quickest sympathy

ever since, has suddenly become silent for

ever. And now sometimes, whenever in

sudden annoyance and without deliberation

you say, "I will go and tell mother," the

thought flashes on you, "I have no

mother." Or the father, with voice les

tender, but with heart as loving, watchful

of all your ways, exultant over your success

without saying much, although the old peo-

ple do talk it over by themselves, his trem-bling hand on that staff which you now keep as a family relic, his memory embalmed in

grateful hearts-is taken away forever. On

there was your campanion in life, sharer o

your joys and sorrows, taken, leaving the

heart an old ruin, where the ill winds blow

over a wide wilderness of desolation, the

sands of desert driving across the place

which once bloomed like the garden of

God. And Abraham mourns for Sarah at the cave of Machpelah. As you were mov-ing along your path in life, suddenly, right

before you, was an open grave. People looked down, and they saw it was only a

you it was a cavern down which went all

cheet up in the name oi the Lord Jesus

your hopes and all your expectations. But

few feet deep and a few feet wide, but t

your refuge, the parental heart, and which

some of you have made investments will continue after the last bank of

rid has exploded, and the silver and

s molten in the fires of a burning

Have you, amid all your losse

Meet me in Heaven!'

the same be adopted. "The United Confederate veterans But one day there came up a chill blast that swept through the bedroom, and in-stantly all the lights went out, and there in this annual reunion assembled desire to place upon record their was darkness-thick, murky, impenetrable, shuddering darkness. But God did not sincere appreciation of the utterances of the president of the leave you there. Mercy spoke. As you took up the bitter cup to put it to your lips God said, "Let it pass," and forthwith, as by the hand of angels, another cup was put into your hands. It was the cup of God's consolation. And as you have some-times lifted the head of a wounded soldier and poured wine into his lips, so God puts United States in Atlanta in December last, concerning the assumption of the care of the graves of our confederate dead by the national government. "We appreciate every kindly sentiment expressed and we shall welcome His left arm under your head and with His right hand He pours into your lips the wine of His comfort and His consolation, and you looked at the empty cradie and

in the northern states by our government. "In regard to our dead whose re-

looked at the Lord's chastisement, and you said, "Even so, Father, for so it seemeth good in Thy sight." mains are resting in the states which Ah, it was your first trouble. How did were represented in the confederacy, you get over it? God confronted you. You and Maryland, the care of their final have been a botter woman ever since. In resting places in a sacred trust, dear the jar of the closing gate of the sepulcher to the hearts of southern women, and you heard the clanging of the opening gate we believe that we can safely let it there remain." Several very vigorous speeches were

made in opposition to the whole principle involved in the matter, but the final vote upon the resolution was practically unanimous and the annonncement of its passage was cheered. Another incident was the mention f the southern lynching question by Dr. J. L. M. Curry, one of the surviving members of the confederate congress who, while denouncing mob law, defended the south and declared her people should see to it that the record of her future should be as unstained as that of her past.

General Stephen D. Lee presented the report of the committee cn history, which was unanimously adopted. The report, which was one of the most important matters before the convention, alluded to the war with Spain as a factor in obliberating the shadows of the war between the states, ond refers to the prompt response of the southern states to the call for troops as showing the whole country the depth of southern patriotism. Continuing the re-

port says: "President McKinley displayed the spirit of the American soldier when he chose from his former foes the gal-

lant Wheeler, the steadfast Fitzhugh Lee, the chivalrous Butler and many others of our brave comrades to marshal the hosts of the union. We are glad that General Wheeler had another opportunity to exhibit the fighting qualities of the confederate soldier, and that Lieutenant Hobson, Victor Blue and Worth Bagley in the navy showed the country of what stuff our young men are made.

"Once more the blood of north and south has been poured out togetherno longer beneath contending standards in the bitterness of war between the states, but now beneath one flag to the glory of one country. These dead, at least, belong to all. The last hateful memory that could divide our country is buried with them. About

Christ, the Comforter.

Thursday discussing the matter, and The very idea of liberty nerves the finally a compromise resolution was

framed, to be offered as a substitute. The resolution is to the effect that if the national government desires to care for the graves, the Confederate veterans do not object to its taking charge of those in the north and in the neighborhood of the old war prisons. The resolution further states that the south has voluntarily undertaken to decorate and properly preserve the graves in the sonth, and the associaany legislation which shall result in | tion does not feel warranted in taking the care of the graves of our comrades from them what they have grown to regard as a duty.

## BOOK COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Backs Up Col. Stahlman and In Part De fends the Book Agents.

A special from Nashville, Tenn., says: The book committee of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, regarding the collection of the claim held by the church against the United States government as a result of injury to the publishing house during the war, has been made public.

The document is an elaborate one and goes into the defense of the acts of the committee and the book agents. The paper asserts that the committee has no power to return the money, even if it were so disposed. Neither has the committee the right to resign. The fee of over \$100,000 paid to duty." Major E. B. Stahlman for securing the collection of the claim is held not to

be an excessive charge, precedents of congressional acts being cited in substantiation.

The report finds that the book agents had not intended to mislead or deceive United States senators, and the demand of several conferences for their resignations were passed on as not presenting a case within the powers of the committee, the point having been virtually decided by four high church tribunals as not coming under the rule which permits the suspension of the book agents for misconduct or ineffi-

ciency in office. The report, which is signed by all the committee with the exception of entertained an opposite view from the 1899. majority, concludes as follows:

Having submitted to our church and the public the foregoing statement, the book committee respectfully and earnestly suggests to all persons interested | completion of the monument which it in these matters and in the welfare of our church that until the next session of the general conference when, if deemed desirable, these affairs may be Jefferson Davis Monument association passed under review by legislative body of our church, the chief source of power and influence among us, all agitation of the subject, especially in raised by the Daughters of the Conan acrimonious and bitter spirit, shall federacy and be disbursed under their come to an end.

PRAYED AGAINST BUGS.

Demonstration Takes

of men and the noblest type of soldiers. soul and fires the heart. Defeat but during their natural lives. Persons the commissioners on Monday. Rojas exasperates, adding desperation to vig- of sixty years to receive \$300 and then called upon General Gomez, and or and energy to determined resolve. \$12 per month. Persons fifty years to an hour later wrote a note to General "It was the teaching of fathers and others who fled from the oppression sons less than fifty years to receive \$4 staff, declining to serve, but giving no mothers who fied from the oppression and caste of class, braved the unfatha omed ocean and landed upon these shores, confronted by wild beasts and savage Indians, that the highest honor association 25 cents as a registration and privilege was to fight for country, fee. It is claimed that over 600,000 not visit the American headquarters. ex-slaves have been so registered. its safety and its honor.

ilization has produced the highest class | mer slaves as follows:

General Wheeler declared that the military history of the southern peocountry. He cited Washington and No. 708 Gay street, Nashville, Tenn. the other southern commanders of the I. H. Dickerson is general manager. revolution, Winfield Scott and Andrew The circular is headed "Onward to Jackson and the other heroes of the war of 1812, the southern generals of General Manager Dickerson. It is who won fame in the war with Mexico. addressed: and then passing to the war between the states, he said: .

truthfully assert, the most sanguinary of the movement, which has had so recorded in history, it was also the most remarkable, as in it there was no its own circles than any other organielement of personal hostility, and the zation of the present day." soldiers as individuals, could not in the nature of things, have entertained not from ambition, but simply because vices of Attorney W. C. Lawson. they felt that there lay the path of

Memorial to Winnie Davis. The memorial to Winnie Davis was appeals to every local association to one of the features of Thursday's seesion. The exercises were introduced with prayer led by Bishop Capers. 5 cents to aid in the movement. These General Gordon introduced Colonel H. Bennett, of Louisville, who paid a of the national delegate, given above tribute to the memory of the Daughter of the Confederacy.

Resolutions were unanimously adopted extending the thanks of every veteran to the people of the north who tenderly administered to Winnie Davis at the time of her illness.

Davis Monument Committee Reports.

The Jefferson Davis monument committee submitted the following report of the Jefferson Davis Monument asthe member who resigned because he sociation for the year ending April 30,

> "We most cordially endorse the recommendations of that association that the Daughters of the Confederacy be requested to undertake the task of is proposed to erect to the memory of President Jefferson Davis, and we further endorse the suggestion of the that the amount already collected by them for the monument fund shall be consolidated with the fund to be direction."

## RESIGNATION WAS ACCEPTED.

De Whitelds

All persons seventy years of age, to ernor general and in the course of receive \$500 and also \$15 per month pleasant interview promised to meet per month, etc. It is necessary for all reason for his action. General Francisco Carrillo, one of of the supposed beneficiaries of the the commissioners of the Fifth army proposed legislation to pay into the

The commissioners did not make their According to the circular sent out by appearance and General Brooks sent the association, a copy of which is now | Captain Page to inquire of Gomez why ple has been a prominent feature in | in the hands of the senator referred to, none of the generals were on hand. history from the first settlement of this the headquarters or main office is at In the interview with the governor general's representative the Cuban commander appeared indifferent, and seemed not to care whether the com-missioners came or not. He made no Victory." It also contains a picture suggestions.

corps, arrived directly Friday, but did

As the United States authorities are unable to begin the disbursement of "To All Local Ex-Slave Associations in the United States. We come greet- the money without the assistance of "While our civil war was, I may ing as general manager and promoter the Cubans, General Brooke is astonished at the indifference shown by much opposition and more combats in Gomez.

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The evening papers assert that Gomez is dissatisfied with the terms of the governor general's order for Then follows special mention of the payment, and did not consent to have membership fee, 25 cents. Also the feeling of hatred for each other. They information that the national delegate the arms of the disbanded troops fought not from revenge, not from in Washington is located at 475 Mis- placed in the custody of the military malice, not from desire to shed blood, souri avenue, and has secured the ser- authorities. Saturday evening General Brooke sent Major Kennon, of his The circular further appeals to every staff, to see Gomez regarding the sitex-slave to send his name, with the uation. Gomez declared that he was registration fee of 25 cents. It also unable to explain why the generals would not serve, and expressed the belief that their action was due to the send \$2.50 for a charter at once, and every ex-slave to send in an additional influence of his enemies.

## GREENE SUCCEEDS WHITSITT.

Friend of Deposed Seminary President Selected By Convention.

The Southern Baptist convention in Louisville unanimously elected Dr. J. P. Greene, president of William

Dr. Greene's unanimous election is due in a great measure to the withdrawal of Dr. F. H. Kerfoot, who, in a letter to the board of trustees, requested that his name should not appear as a candidate for the office.

This election is very clearly a success for the Whitsitt faction, Dr. Greene having been a candidate friendly to both sides in the controversy, but supported especially by the Whiteittites in their effort to defeat Dr. Kerfoot. Dr. Greene, Dr. Kerfoot and "Force the fighting. Penetrate far Professor J. R. Sampo were the only

strong candidates for the place. Dr. Kerfoot's letter was received with evident approval by the members of the board, and his action in deelining to permit his name to appear as a candidate was highly commended.

A HOME FOR DEWEY.

Is Approved By Secretary

Second Experiment of Professor Langley Proves Unsatisfactory. Professor S. P. Langley, secretary of the Smithsonian institution, the inventor of the aeriodome, who was presidency of the Southern Baptist seminary, of Louisville. given \$25,000 by the board of ordnance to experiment with his flying machine for war purposes, made his first test at Quantico, Va., Thursday. The result was not so successful as

assessments are to be sent to the office

FLYING MACHINE FAILS.

MESSAGE TO OTIS.

President Advises Him to Force the Fight

into the interior and capture or de

That is the pith of a long cipher

cablegram President McKinley has

sent to General Otis in Manila. It was

prompted by several dispatches from

General Otis; transmitted by Secretary

Alger, which greatly encouraged the

from Hot Springs, Va., says:

stroy every warring Filipino."

president.

ing In Philippines.

A special to The New York Worl

were Professor Langley's former experiments with the smaller machine.

<ul> <li>and you trembled at the responsibility that</li> <li>In your possession an immortal treassure</li> <li>was placed. You prayed and rejoleed and</li> <li>wopt and wondered; you were examet in</li> <li>supplication that you might lead it through</li> <li>life into the kingdom of God. There was a</li> <li>double interest about that home. There</li> <li>was an additional interest why you should</li> <li>stay there and be faithful, and when in a</li> <li>few months your house was filled with the</li> <li>music of the child's laughter you were</li> <li>struck through with the fact that you had</li> <li>a stupendous mission.</li> <li>Have you kept that vow? Have you</li> <li>meglected any of these duties? Is you</li> <li>bome as much to you as it used to be</li> <li>Have you kept this merey on the</li> <li>mother who, in addition to her other</li> <li>pags, has the pang of a child's laugutry</li> <li>of a child's sin! God have merey on the</li> <li>mother who, in addition to her other</li> <li>pags, has the pang of a child's laugutry</li> <li>of a child's sin! God have merey on the</li> <li>mother who, in addition to her other</li> <li>pags, has the pang of a child's laugutry</li> <li>of a child's sin! God have merey on the</li> <li>mother who, in addition to her other</li> <li>pags, has the pang of a child's laugutry</li> <li>of a child's sin! God have merey on the</li> <li>mother who, in addition to her other</li> <li>pags, has the braaking of a mother</li> <li>this sad world, but the saddest sound that is ever heard is the breaking of a mother</li> <li>beart!</li> <li>Thad another point is your ille bistory-</li> <li>run at word was "cternity." You soid.</li> <li>'''m not ready for it. Oh, God, have</li> <li>'''m not ready for it. Oh, God, have</li> <li>'''' motor heady for it. Oh, God, have</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Inding to the question of confederest structure spanish Vessel Leaves Santiago For Norfolk Navy Yard.</li> <li>MERCEDES ON THE WAY.</li> <li>MERCEDES ON THE WAY.</li> <li>MERCEDES ON THE WAY.</li> <li>MERCEDES ON THE WAY.</li> <li>Mercedes had sailed a Santiago, en route to the Norfolk y yard.</li> <li>Inch interest attaches to the composition of the steamer Lafayette, to form only one of the captured Spanish</li> </ul>	It was done by accepting Dr. Whit- sitt's resignation from the presidency and from the chair of history as form- ally presented to Hon. Joshua Levering, president of the board of trustees, last July. SPANIARDS ARE PLEASED Over Prospects of Early Peace in the Philippines. A cable dispatch from Madrid says: The prospects of peace in the Philip- pines is hailed with satisfaction, as likely to lead to the early liberation of the Spanish prisioners in the hands of the Filipinca. Bellamay Storrer, the newly appoint-	A Manila dispatch says: The Fili- pinos have resumed the attempt fo in- duce the Americans to discuss the sit- nation. Reyes, a young lieutenant on the staff of General Gregorio del Pilar, visited General Lawton Saturday un- der a flag of truce. Reyes told Major General Otis that Aguinaldo desired passes for a military commission to come to Manila to con- fer with the American-Philippine com- missioners. <b>SENATOR MORGAN WRITES.</b> Alabamian Gives His Views Regarding Suffrage Restrictions. A special from Montgomery, Ala., says: Senator Morgan, in response to a request that he give his views on the mat- ter of the restriction of the suffrage has written a letter which is attracting very great attention in the state. It was pub- lished in a special edition of The Birmingham Age-Herald, and in view of the deep interest throughout Ala-	Admiral Dewey is not only a great and deserved tribute to him, but an ex- pression of the generous gratitude of the people. It is something in which they will all wish to share, and in which the widow's mite will be as big as the millionaire's check. Handsome as is the gift, the spirit that prompts it is still finer." PUDDLERS TO GET A BAISE. Employee of Amalgamated Association Promised As Advance. A dispatch from Pittsburg, Pa., says: Puddlers who are members of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers will receive during May and June an advance of 25 cents per ton over the vages they have been receiving. Finishiers and
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