

BILL ARP READS EPITAPHS.

VISITS AN OLD CEMETERY WHERE ILLUSTRIOUS MEN WERE BURIED.

The Trials of a Lecturer-Missionary a Passenger Train He Had to Board a Freight Train in Order to Fulfill an Engagement.

Bill Arr in Atlanta Constitution.

Charlotte, N. C. It is a growing city of 20,000 people. Charlotte has the best advertising sketchbook I ever saw.

Now, I am rambling about this in connection with five-cent cotton. And there is some comfort in it, for we keep at home all the profit there is in manufacturing and we give employment to thousands of our poor and dependent people.

Once again I visited the old time-honored cemetery—the first graveyard of old Mecklenburg county. I was sorry to see that it had been neglected and has grown up in briars and weeds.

There is a good Roman Catholic, thought I. He went to purgatory and the priest prayed for him. Then I ruminated about Macabees not being in the sacred canon, but was in the Apocrypha, and the Apocrypha was ruled out of the King James version in 1826.

The other morning about daybreak I left Charlotte for Lumberton, on the Wilmington road. The breakfast house was seventy miles away at Hamlet, and when we got there I heard the conductor say: "Twenty minutes for breakfast."

My name—my country—what are they to thee? Whether high or low my pedigree? You are the far more I care for. Perhaps I felt below them all—what then? I had a sudden discovery that I would have to put on brakes for my wind was giving out.

FOUR BALES TO THE ACRE.

THAT'S WHAT A POINT FARMER RAISED.

The South Carolina Steered Broken-King's Improved Cotton Was Grown—An Experiment and its Results Described by Mr. E. D. Thompson.

Having finished the gathering of the crop off of my pet acre of cotton, I will now, in compliance with your request made to me some weeks ago, endeavor to give you a history of the experiment.

To begin with, the plot of land was stepped off by one of my neighbors as follows: First line, 86 yards; second line, 65 yards; third line, 60 yards; and fourth line, 65 yards, enclosing a total of 4,910 square yards of dark gray land with yellow subsoil.

Now, to go back a little. Two years ago, (in 1895) this plot was fertilized with 500 pounds of soluble guano and planted in cotton. The yield was between 40 and 50 bushels. Last year (1896) it was fertilized with 18 two horse loads of lot scraping, scattered broadcast, and 1,000 pounds of soluble guano, Charlotte acid and German knait placed in drill. After this, it was planted with King cotton, and the yield was 846 pounds of lint.

About the middle of March, of the present year, I made a compost heap, consisting of 50 bushels of cotton seed, six two horse loads of stable manure, 800 pounds of Charlotte acid and 300 pounds of knait. After a thorough mixing, these materials were covered with rich earth and left in a low, flat heap until the 15th of April, when, after having turned out the old stalks and smoothly harrowed my acre, I spread over it the contents of the compost heap, as early as possible, and then turned it under to a depth of from six to eight inches, after which I again used the harrow to level and pulverize the land.

With the manure in and the land thoroughly pulverized, I next took a terrace level, ran a line directly through the centre of the plot, and from this line, each way, laid off the rows 4½ feet apart from centre to centre. Then, in the first furrow, I drilled 700 pounds of equal parts of soluble guano, Charlotte acid and knait, and after that, with a 6-inch flat shovel, I prepared the land in low flat beds for planting.

The seeds used were what might properly be called Further Improved King. They consisted of 100 pounds carefully selected from the best bolls off the best stalks that grew on the same land the year before.

W. N. C. CONFERENCE.

LIST OF APPOINTMENTS FOR NEXT YEAR.

The Statistical Reports—New President Eider for Shelby District—Delegates to Annual Conference—Against Sunday Schools—Next Meeting at Winston.

The annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, held this year in Asheville, closed Monday, the 22nd ult. From the excellent report in the Asheville Citizen we take the following interesting paragraphs.

The Western North Carolina Conference, which met in Central M. E. Church, South, Wednesday of last week, was organized in 1890, and is composed of the territory taken from the old North Carolina Conference, not from the Holston conference, but from the territory of the conference in all North Carolina, embracing that portion of the State west of Greensboro.

Number of societies, 788; number of churches, 665; value of church property, \$782,900; number of pastoral charges, 163; number of parsonages, 116; value of parsonage property, \$131,980; number of district parsonages 5; value, \$79,000; value of school property, \$304,500; endowment of schools, \$121,000; number of teachers, 63; number of scholars, 65; collected for education \$2,181.60.

This is the total amount of money raised for all purposes, except for preachers' salaries. The total amount of money raised in the conference last year for all purposes was \$192,047.73.

There are 104 districts in the conference and 180 pastoral charges. The districts are presided over by as many presiding elders. These elders constitute the cabinet of the Bishop, and to them he looks for advice and counsel in stationing the preachers. Presiding elders are only advisory, however, and the Bishop's power is absolute in the making of appointments.

The following were elected delegates and alternates to the General Conference which meets in May, 1898: Clerical—Dr. James Adams, Dr. J. H. Weaver, Dr. J. P. Carraway, lay—F. S. Sikes, Dr. M. O. Sherrill, W. R. Odell, P. C. Hopkins, Dr. B. P. Dixon; alternates—Clerical—J. G. Stogdole, J. C. Howe, L. W. Crawford; lay—J. G. Staples, J. S. Martin, G. W. Hinshaw.

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