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Hundreds of readers of The Charlotte Observer who have, during recent weeks, been reading the column "By Reportorial License" signed "D", were greatly interested in the announcement in the editorial column of that paper yesterday morning that Rev. Plato Durham, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, Charlotte, had been added to the editorial staff of The Observer. Mr. Durham is one of the State's brightest young men and as a writer is most pleasing. As a minister he has taken rank as one of the best in the Western North Carolina Conference. That the Methodist Church will release him from the ministry with regret goes without saying. That North Carolina journalism will be greatly strengthened by the addition of this strong writer to its ranks is certain. The Observer is to be congratulated on this addition to its staff.

The suicide in New York yesterday of Charles Barney, whose recent removal from the presidency of the Knickerbocker Trust Company is thought by some to have started the run on several New York banks which resulted in so many failures, is but another of those tragedies in the realm of high finance that have happened so frequently during the past year or more. At how terrible a cost in the wrecking of individual lives and fortunes is the lesson being repeat-

edly driven home to the minds of the people of this country that the reckless methods of modern finance spell nothing but ruin in the end. If the baleful effects of essentially dishonest speculation could be confined to the men themselves who indulge in it and their families, the case would not be so bad, but as in the present instance it usually results that one man's deeds may bring on a panic that will effect the trade and industry of the whole country.

Again is heard the cry for men in the ministry. On the occasion of the gathering of almost every religious body the fact is heralded abroad that such and such a denomination needs men in its ministerial ranks. This is true of no special denomination but seems to characterize every religious organization. It has been the cry for several years past and seems to grow louder and more insistent every year. The accessions to the ranks of the active ministry seem hardly adequate to meet the depletion in the ranks brought about by the removals from service by death or old age, and are in no way commensurate with the growing demands of the churches. The latest emphasis is placed on this fact by reports from the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, now in session at Salisbury, to the effect that more men are needed at home and in the mission field. Various explanations are offered for this prevailing condition of affairs, not the least plausible of which is that the remuneration offered is in no wise commensurate with that proffered by other callings open to the same men and calling for them insistently. It is an admitted fact that a large per cent of the ministers in the country could better themselves to no small extent in a financial

way by entering other fields of labor that are open to them. Some object to this argument on the ground that a man who is called to preach the Gospel should be above the consideration of finances. It must be remembered, however, that money is one of the necessities and that in recent years the cost of living has greatly increased without a corresponding increase in salaries of ministers. Whatever the cause—and other reasons are frequently advanced—it is a fact to be deplored that the cry for men in the ministry is unheeded to a large extent. Anyone who can offer an effective remedy for this condition will have done a great service for the religious denominations.

Rev. Dr. Martin D. Hardin, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of Charlotte, has received a call to the pastorate of the Third Presbyterian church of Chicago, Ill., and has the matter under consideration.

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TWO MORE NIGHTS
 Friday and Saturday Night
The Demorest Comedy Co.
 Friday Night
"FRIENDS"
 Plenty of Specialties
 Popular Prices 15, 25, 35
 Seats Now on Sale at
Torrence's Drug Store

LINCOLN LOCALS
 Lincoln County News, 12th.
 Mr. R. A. Love made a business trip to Lincolnton Friday.
 Miss Georgia Rhodes is visiting friends in Cherryville.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cauble have moved to High Point, where they will make their future home.—Mr. Julius Suttle, of Shelby, spent Saturday night and part of Sunday here.—Miss Kate Hildebrand, of Newton, spent several days here with relatives last week.—Miss Neal Roseman left Saturday for Cherryville to visit her friend, Miss Julia Rudisill, for a few days.—Mr. J. Thomas McLean came down from Cliff side Saturday and spent Sunday with his family, returning yesterday.
 Mr. J. S. Camp, who has been at Mount Holly with the W. J. Hooper Manufacturing Company, will move to Lincolnton on November 15th, after which date he will be with Messrs. McKee and Son.
 Mr. Kemp B. Nixon has accepted the position of private secretary to Congressman E. Y. Webb and will leave for Washington December 1st. While in the national capital Mr. Nixon will take a special course in corporation law, and will return here about May 1st, when he will hang out his shingle and begin the practice of his profession.
 The committee of the Lincolnton Public Graded School is maturing plans for a grand rally day at the completion of the new Graded School building. It is proposed by the school committee to devote a day to the dedication of this building at which time State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner, and other prominent educators, will be invited to make addresses suitable to the occasion.
 Messrs. W. L. Wilson and E. A. Huffstetler engaged in a lively scrap on the porch of the City Restaurant Sunday. It seems that bad blood has existed between these two men since the sale of his barber shop by Mr. Wilson to Mr. Huffstetler. Sunday evening, about 8 o'clock, Mr. Wilson went into the City Restaurant and purchased a lunch, being waited on by Mr. Huffstetler. After finishing his lunch Mr. Wilson went out on the porch and was sitting on the railing of the banisters when Mr. Huffstetler rushed out and struck him a

severe blow on the head with what Mr. Wilson says was a piece of wagon tire. Mr. Wilson grabbed the weapon and clinched with Mr. Huffstetler, when friends interferred and the men were parted. A gash of several inches was cut in Mr. Wilson's head, which required several stitches. The case came up before the mayor Monday morning, the charge against Mr. Huffstetler being an assault with a deadly weapon. Mr. Huffstetler waived examination and was bound over to court under the sum of \$100.

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CUPID AT THE BAR.
 Why the Loving Maiden Posed as a Grand Jury.
 "If you were a—a jury, Clara," said the embarrassed young lawyer, hesitatingly, "I could plead my cause with more self possession. But in Cupid's courts I don't think I can claim to be a first class advocate."
 "Perhaps you have not had an extensive practice, William," suggested the maiden softly.
 "That's it exactly, Clara," eagerly rejoined the young man, moving his chair a little nearer. "I'm a new hand at this business. But if I felt sure the jury—"
 "Meaning me?"
 "Yes—wasn't prejudiced against the counsel?"
 "What kind of jury are you considering me, William?" she asked, with downcast eyes.
 "A common jury, of course. You couldn't be a grand jury, you know."
 "Why not?"
 "Because I don't plead before grand juries."
 "I think, William," said the blushing maiden, "I would rather, for this occasion, be considered a grand jury; if you don't mind."
 "Why, dear?"
 "Because"—And she hid her face somewhere in the vicinity of his coat collar—"because I have found a true Bill!"—London Adversers.
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 The Family Safe-Guard. 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Relieves Croup in 10 minutes. Abates Pneumonia in 4 hours. Begins work as soon as applied. Prepared by L. Richardson, High Chem., Greensboro, N. C.

MINISTER AN INVENTOR!
Dr. H. F. Chreitzberg, Formerly of Gastonia, Has Invented Device for Throwing Switches Automatically.
 Gastonians will be interested to know that Rev. Dr. H. F. Chreitzberg, who was several years ago pastor of Main Street Methodist church here but who is now stationed at Winston-Salem, has invented a device for automatically turning switches. Dr. Chreitzberg is the father of Mrs. L. L. Hardin, of Gastonia. Concerning his invention The Winston Sentinel of a recent date says:
 "Dr. H. F. Chreitzberg, of this city, has invented a contrivance by which switches can be turned automatically by engines. He says that the device is a very simple one and works beautifully. He has had it tested and it comes up to all of his hopes. The particulars of the invention were not divulged as he has not gotten the patent papers yet. Dr. Chreitzberg says that if his new invention had been in use, the awful wreck at Ridd would have been impossible. It goes without saying that if the new idea can be made perfect it will be of great value to the entire world. It will save many wrecks, lives and law-suits, and will make traveling a much less dangerous venture. The plans of the invention cannot be ascertained until they are under the protection of the patent. He will secure these shortly, and the nature of the invention will be made known then."
 I ain't feeling right to-day,
 Something wrong I must say;
 Come to think of it, that's right
 I forgot my Rocky Mountain
 Tea last night,
 Adams Drug Co.
 Estimates of appropriations aggregating \$23,461,911 were made Tuesday by Gen. Alexander Mackenzie, chief of engineers of the army, for fortification work during the year 1909. The estimate includes \$350,000 for an inland waterway from Pamlico Sound to Beaufort Inlet and \$250,000 for the Cape Fear river at and below Wilmington.

Two men were killed and three or four injured Wednesday in the explosion of the Hercules Nitro Glycerine factory near Columbus, Ohio. The concussion was felt for 60 miles.
 The Gazette for first-class printing

Jamestown Ter-Centennial Exposition, Norfolk, Va., April 26th—Nov. 30th, 1907.
 Southern Railway announces extremely low rates to Norfolk, Va., and return on account of the above occasion. The following round trip rates will apply from Gastonia, N. C.
 Season Tickets \$17.55
 Sixty Day Tickets 14.70
 Fifteen Day Tickets 13.10
 Coach Excursion Tickets 7.00
 Coach excursion tickets will be sold on each Tuesday, with limit seven days from date of sale, will be stamped "Not good in Pullman or parlor cars." Other tickets will be sold daily April 19th to Nov. 30th inclusive.
 The Southern Railway will afford excellent passenger service to and from Norfolk on account of this occasion.
 For further information, and Pullman reservations address any Agent Southern Railway or write, R. L. VERNON, T. P. A. Charlotte, N. C.
 W. H. TAYLOR, G. P. A. Washington, D. C.

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 The regular subscription price of the two papers is \$2.50.
 This offer will be open till January 1st.
 Send orders to Gazette Publishing Co.

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 Greatest Furniture Store
 Prices Take a Tremendous Tumble
Sale Begins Saturday Morning, Nov. 16th
 Gives You More For Your Money

Owing to a change in our business, which will be made February first, we are placing our entire stock of furniture on the market at

Greatly Reduced Prices

Giving you a larger discount from regular prices than you have ever gotten before in Gastonia or elsewhere. Our stock is immense, comprising everything necessary for furnishing a home from cellar to garret. It is not stuff bought for a special sale, but is of the best quality and was purchased for our regular trade. Here are a few of the things we have to offer you:

Bed Room Suits, Hall Racks, Dining Tables, Dining Chairs, Folding Beds, Rockers, Wardrobes, Chiffoniers, Dressers, Couches, Iron Beds, Go-Carts, Mattresses, Matting, Carpets, Rugs and a hundred other things

Everything Will Be Marked In Plain Figures
 Absolutely one price to all and that price will be on the article. Terms are strictly cash, our object being to reduce both our stock and our accounts as much as possible by February 1st, when the change in our business is to be made.

The Holiday Season
 Is the best time of the year to buy those odd pieces of furniture that you have been intending to get, or to furnish that spare room for the friends and relatives whom you are expecting to visit you during the Merry Christmas season. There never was a more opportune time. Prices such as we are giving you for this limited time have never been equaled. Call and see our stock whether you want to buy or not; we take pleasure in showing you goods and quoting you prices.

Sale Begins Saturday, Nov. 16th

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