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Doth aneternal vigil keep;
No soothing strain of Mai's son
Can lull its hundred eyes to sleep".

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HONOR TO HIS MEMORY

THE TRIBUTE OF RALEIGH And North Carolina

To Jefferson Davis' Beloved Memory:

His Remains Lie in State at the Capitol—Ten thousand People Come to do Reverence at his Bier.

[Condensed From Raleigh News Observer.]

The people of the State have reason to congratulate themselves on the admirable nature of the manifestation made yesterday as a tribute to Jefferson Davis. At Greensboro the demonstration was very fine. Along the route similar manifestations were witnessed. Durham, as usual, made a magnificent showing. The visiting escorts enquired how many thousands lived in the town. Everywhere the demonstrations were marked by the utmost decorum, and while popular interest was evident it never expressed itself in the slightest degree unbefitting the mournful nature of the occasion.

At Raleigh the demonstration assumed something of State proportions. It seemed to be something more than an outpouring of our home population.

We noticed many friends from various sections of the State. But notwithstanding, the great concourse of people were chiefly our own people. It was a gratifying demonstration in every aspect. The intent was to impart to it a solemnity in keeping with the character of the observance, and it was not designed that it should be the occasion of a great military display. Instead of brass bands, it was the muffled drum that beat time for the funeral escort. In comparative silence the solemn cortege moved to the Capitol, where in mournful numbers the excellent choir chanted its fitting dirge. Then followed the prayer which received many compliments as being very beautiful in conception and in expression.

The prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. M. M. Marshall, rector of Christ Church, and while the vast multitude stood with bowed heads the impressive invocation was pronounced as follows:

"O Lord, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the Universe, who doth from Thy throne behold all dwellers upon earth, thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and world were made, Thou art God from everlasting and

THE price of prime Irish potatoes is "looking up" on the Northern markets. They were quoted yesterday at $4.10 per barrel.

world without end. Thou turnest man to destruction; again Thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men, For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday, seeing that it is past as a watch in the night. By Thee kings reign and nations rise and fall, and the generations come and go.

"Thou governest all things in heaven and earth with infinite wisdom, and infinite love, bringing good out of evil, and joy out of sorrow.

"In all the changes and chances of this mortal life we would acknowledge Thy Wise Providence and discern Thy fatherly hand. We adore Thy Majesty; we revere Thy Justice; we magnify Thy Mercy. Standing again to-day, after the lapse of years, with bowed heads and heaving hearts at the bier of our dead being borne to its final burial; we heartily thank Thee for the good example of Thy servant, who having finished his course in faith now rests from his labors.

"We bless Thee for the inspiration of his life, his brave bearing of the burdens of his people, his patience under persecution, his uncomplaining suffering, his heroic fortitude in adversity, his chivalrous courage, his Christian manliness and his constancy unto death

"O God, Eternal and All-Wise, who seest the end from the beginning, and, for our good, dost cover us with a merciful veil that we shall understand but little of Thy wonderful ways, make us submissive to Thy will while we adore Thy greatness. Keep us from all murmuring and discontent with Thine Orderings. Such inasmuch as Thou bringest light out of darkness, and doest nourish strength in the souls of those who patiently endure pain and trials at Thy righteous hands, dispose us to a meek and thankful use of all Thy dealings with us, even of those which are darkest to our mortal sight. O, Sovereign Ruler of the Universe, we invoke Thy blessing upon this whole land.

"Unite all sections of our common country in the bonds of harmony and concord and brotherly love. Defend our liberties. Preserve our unity. Save us from violence, discord and confussion, from arrogancy and every evil way. Fashion into our happy people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue our rulers with the spirit of wisdom, to the end that there be peace at home, and that we keep a place among the nations of the earth.

"In the time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfullness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in the Thee to fail.

"All which we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen."

Another chant was sung by the choir while the casket was removed by the pall-bearers and borne into the Capitol rotunda and placed upon the massive black catafalque, surmounted by banks of beautiful floral offerings.

The remains being deposited within the rotunda, throngs of citizens pressed forward to pay their last tribute at the bier of the venerated chieftain. There, in the presence of the mortal remains of Jefferson Davis, thoughts reverted to the events of his career so mingled with the hopes and sorrows of our people, and many a heart lifted a fervent prayer that it might be well with him whose soul was now at rest.

During the entire day such good order was observed as reflected the utmost credit on our people. Visitors freely said that it excelled all the demonstration made on the route. It was perhaps the most excellent in many aspects.

When we consider the great numbers, the orderly procession, the fine funeral car, the multitude of floral offerings and the genuine feeling of sympathy and respect manifested, we feel that North Carolinians have cause to be gratified at the manner in which the illustrious dead was received at their capital.

To-day at Richmond, the third and last day of this unusual episode will complete it. Thither have flocked many citizens from States to the South of us. North Carolina will be worthily represented by her Governor, Gen. R. F. Hoke and many other citizens who have gone to show by their presence their respect for the dead and their interest in all that concerns him. Of Virginians, there will doubtless be many thousands. It will be an imposing spectacle and one never to be forgotten.

It will be an appropriate ending of the mournful ceremonies by which the Southern people have paid their last homage to the man whom they honored in life and revere in death.

Miss Winnie Davis and the party of friends accompanying her, took a short drive over the city during the sojourn here, after which they repaired to the Yarboro. After dinner Miss Davis held a quiet and informal reception in the Yarboro House parlors, and a number of ladies and gentlemen called and warmly grasped the hand of the "Daughter of the Confederacy." Many brought flowers, and one offering was the occasion of a pleasing incident. An old Confederate veteran came in and presented a simple floral tribute to Miss Davis, and when she was leaving it was noticed that the other offerings were carried by her friends, but the gift of the old veteran she carried herself.

The old veteran was William Hobbs, of the First Mississippi Regiment, Co. I. Monterey Guards, and during the late war he was in company F. of Fisher's Sixth North Carolina Regiment. He was with Mr. Davis in the Mexican war. Miss Davis gave the old soldier a tender reception, which he greatly appreciated.

Gov. Carr and staff and members of the escort of honor accompanied the funeral train from here to Richmond.

STATE NEWS.

Wilmington *Star:* Capt. John H. Daniel takes charge, as General Manager, of the Sea Coast Line today.

Asheville *Citizen:* Geo. W. Vanderbilt and party, who have been at the Vanderbilt home near Asheville for several weeks, returned to New York to-day.

Lumberton *Robesonian:* Henry Purvis lost two fine mules last Saturday night by lightning striking them.

Greensboro *Record:* Mr. W. M. Monroe, a highly respected citizen of this place, died at his residence on Buchanan street this morning at 8.30 o'clock.

TO ROBERT BURNS,

Sweet singer, that I lo'e the maist
O' ony, sin' wi' eager haste
I smacket bairn lips ower the taste
O' hinnied sang,
I hail thee, though a blessed ghaist
In heaven lang!

For, weel I ken, nae cantie phrase,
Nor courtly airs, nor lairdly ways,
Could gar me freer blame or praise,
Or proffer hand
Where "Rantin Robbie" and his lays
Thegither stand.

And sae these hamely lines I send,
Wi' jinglin words at ilka end,
In echo of the sangs that wend
Frae thee to me
Like simmer brooks, wi' mony a bend
O' wimplin glee.

—James Whitcomb Riley.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

The Atlanta *Journal*, one of the very best newspapers and staunchest Democratic journals in the whole country,—North or South,—has the following handsome thing to say of North Carolinians resident in Atlanta and of our State as well—for which THE ARGUS takes of its hat to the *Journal* with sincere thanks:

"The natives of the Old North State now resident in this city have formed themselves into an organization to be known as "The North Carolina Society of Atlanta." Though only two days old, the new society was creditably represented in the Davis funeral procession, Monday, thereby making what is so essential to success—a good beginning.

In taking this step the North Carolinians are to be commended. Many of Atlanta's foremost men are proud to lay claim to the title of Tar Heel, and in the busy ranks of her busy workers these are scores of sons of the honored old State who daily do her honor. The North Carolinians are a credit not only to the State of their nativity but to the city of their adoption.

The new society will be a notable addition to the list of state organizations in Atlanta, which, it is safe to say, will continue to lengthen. We now have a Virginia society; a South Carolina society. Why not a Tennessee society? There are hundreds of Tennesseeans in Atlanta, and many of them in the highest walks of life, too. They could easily form a strong organization.

The sons of North Carolina have much cause for pride in their native state which was the first to make a declaration or independence, and in banding together to perpetuate that commendable pride, they are only the more loyal to their new-found Georgia home.

DAVIS MILITARY SCHOOL

Commencement Exercises—Dr. B. F. Dixon to Deliver the Annual Address.

The Commencement Exercises of this college will take place June 6th and 7th.

Tuesday afternoon, June 6th, at 4.30 there will be Military exercises including dress parade and infantry drill.

Wednesday morning, June 7th, at 11 o'clock the annual address will be delivered by Dr. B. F. Dixon, of Greensboro, N. C.

At the close of the address, there will be graduating exercises, awarding diplomas, and presentation of medals awarded by the Jeffersonian Literary Society.

After these exercises, the Jefferson Literary Society will hold its annual celebration. This will consist of an oration, a debate, and declamations.

At 5 o'clock in the afternoon, the Military exercises will consist of Infantry and Artillery drills and dress parade. There will also be a sham battle.

At 8:15 p. m., the Washington Literary Society will hold its annual celebration. Speeches will be delivered by the cadets and members of the society. These speeches will include an oration, a debate and declamations. The Washington Society medals will then be awarded.

During the entire commencement exercises music will be furnished by the Davis Military School Band, and the Davis Military School Orchestra.

Danbury *Reporter:* We are pained to learn of the death of Mr. Powell W. Robertson, which occurred at Dalton last Saturday evening.

Washington *Progress:* The first shipment of potatoes this season we suppose from this State, was made May 17th by Geo. W. Kees, of South Creek.

Raleigh *News-Observer:* Earnest Haywood, Esq., has just returned from a business trip to Wilmington. We understand that the South and North Carolina Rail Road of which Mr. Preston L. Bridgers is President and Principal owner has been sold to the Atlantic Coast Line for quite a handsome sum in cash.

Northern Presbyterians.

MACON, GA., May 26.—The General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church met this morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. H. Lacey. The minutes having been approved, Rev. W. A. Campbell, of Virginia, and Hon. John Quincy Ward, of Kentucky, were appointed delegates to attend the approaching conference in Chicago and requested to cooperate in the effort to establish Federal union between the Reformed churches in the United States adhering to Presbyterian doctrine.

The Assembly declined to take action looking to representation in the Temperance Congress to be held in Chicago next June.

An extra assessment of twenty-five per cent. was laid upon Presbyterians to meet the usual expenses of the alliance represented by French and Swiss delegates.

Rev. A. L. Phillips was appointed to attend the meeting of the next General Synod of the American Reformed churches.

A resolution, introduced by Rev. C. W. Trawick, of New Orleans, providing for a petition to the Congress of the United States to but the Assembly refused to remove the restriction.

At this point Mr. Briggs sought to be heard, but the Moderator ruled that this was not a proper time for him, promising him a hearing later on. The second resolution was adopted.

Warrenton *Gazette:* Mr. Limer tells us that Col. Wallett, of Judkins, has some sixty acres in wheat and that it is very fine. It is estimated that it will yield thirty bushels per acre. When our people get back to grasses, grain and stock they will be prosperous and not before.

A WORD IN TIME.

A death from cholera occurred a few days ago in Hamburg, where disease raged so fearful last year. It was believed to have been stamped out, and for more than two months not a case had been shown.

The reappearance of the cholera has caused considerable alarm, though it has attacked only one person. It is said that there is much more of the disease in Russia than has been reported to the outside world, but the rest of Europe seems to be free from it. Although there is no imminent danger of the importation of cholera, the sanitary authorities of New York and our other leading ports have wisely taken special precautions. They are endeavoring to have a thorough spring cleaning, and will keep a sharp watch on all arriving vessels.

A good way to avoid epidemics is to keep up this policy of cleanliness and care.

A word in time is always proper, and a timely word *when needed* is always a *duty*. See?

Nicargua's Revolution.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—A telegram has been received at the Navy Department announcing the arrival at Greptown, Nicaragua, of the United States Steamer Atlanta. Capt. Higginson reports that he landed the marines attached to the vessel, to look after American interests, but withdrew them Saturday evening at the suggestion of United States Consul Braida. The Department has no explanation of either the landing or withdrawal of the marines.

C. Roberts, D. D., and himself voted "aye." Results of the vote on the motion to entertain the appeal was announced by Dr. Craig as follows: Yeas, 409; nays, 145.

On motion of Dr. Young, the Judicial Committee was instructed to prepare a programme for the procedure in the trial of the appeal, and the Assembly decided to proceed with the trial to-morrow morning.

At 5 p. m. the Assembly adjourned until 8 o'clock p. m. for the consideration of administrative business.

Sanford *Express*: The grape crop of southern Moore county promises to be very fine this year. Many crates of these very fine grapes will be shipped to the Northern markets.

Fayetteville *Observer*: We regret to learn of the death of Mrs. McNatt, widow of the late Daniel McNatt, Esq., which occurred at her home near McNatt's station, yesterday.

Clinton *Democrat*: Huckleberries are being shipped in considerable quantities and command fair prices. If everybody knew how good a thing canned huckleberries are, more of the fruit would be put up and kept for home consumption.

THE QUIET HOUSE.

O mothers, worn and weary
With cares which never cease,
With never time for pleasure,
With days that have no peace.
With little hands to hinder,
And feeble steps to guard,
With tasks that lie unfinished,
Deem not your lot too hard.
I know a house where childish things
Are hidden out of sight;
Where never sound of little feet
Is heard from morn till night.
No tiny hands that fast undo,
That pull things all away,
No baby hurts to pity
As the quiet days go by.
The house is all in order,
And free from tiresome noise,
No moments of confusion,
No scattered, broken toys;
And the children's little garments
Are never soiled or torn,
But are laid away forever
Just as they last were worn.
And she, the sad-eyed mother—
What would she give to-day
To feel your cares and burdens,
To walk your weary way!
Ah! happiest on all this earth,
Could she again but see
The rooms all strewn with playthings
And the children 'roun' her knee!

FUNERAL CEREMONIES.

Interment of the Remains of President Davis—An Imposing Demonstration at Richmond—Many Thousand of People in Attendance.

RICHMOND, May 31.—At 3.05 this morning the funeral train bearing the remains of ex-President Davis drew up at the depot in this city. Thousands of men, women and children, some of whom had waited for hours, greeted its arrival, besides the military escort, composed of members of the Lee and Pickett Camps Confederate Veterans and the First Virginia Infantry. The line of march was taken up, with the Richmond Light Infantry Blues (who had gone to Danville with the Governor to meet the train) at the head of the procession, followed by the First Regiment, and the Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia and North Carolina veterans as the escort.

The march from the station to the Capitol was very impressive. The wailing notes of the Dead March on fife and drum, and the slow, steady, regular tramp of veterans marching in fours behind the bier, in the gray dawn, between the ranks of spectators on either side of the street, with bared heads, was exceedingly weird and solemn. Upon reaching the Capitol building the military opened ranks at present arms, while the veterans marched through with heads uncovered until the doors of the building were reached, where a halt was made and the casket was borne to the door of the Senate chamber in the rotunda of the building and placed in position under guard of Lee Camp.

From daylight till 9 o'clock hundreds of strangers and city people passed through the Capitol and viewed the casket, which was almost enveloped in floral tributes of various designs from the North and West as well as from the South. Between the hours of 9 and 11 o'clock about five thousand public school children passed by the bier, each dropping flowers as a tribute of affection, until the huge mass has assumed proportions equal to several wagon loads.

The North Carolina delegation is very large. With Gov. Carr and staff are Captain J. A. Ramsey, Capt. R. A. Best, Col. E. Everitt, Col. Wharton J. Green, Col. A. D. Stark, Capt. Wm. Smith, Capt. S. A. Ashe, Col. J. S. Carr, Capt. N. A. Ramsey, Col. J. E. Brown, Col. J. M. Odell and Dr. Leath.

At 3.30 p. m. the body was removed to the caisson drawn by six white horses caparisoned in black, and the line of march was taken up for Hollywood. Houses along the line were, almost without exception, decorated in black and white. National, State and Confederate flags—the latter predominating—were either floating to the breeze or worked in the funeral colors. The streets along the route, yards and windows of dwellings, were packed with people. Nothing of a tumultuous or noisy character marked the day or progress of the cortege, while the scene was a most imposing one, though the whole city seemed to be in mourning.

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Immediately after the benediction, the casket was lowered into the grave. After the bugle signal came taps, and the infantry fired a salute, which announced that the services were over.

The column then moved to Gettysburg Hill, where the annual memorial services of the Ladies' Hollywood Association took place, which consisted of the decoration of the graves of 16,000 Confederate soldiers, after which prayer was offered and a hymn sung.

The display of veterans was undoubtedly much greater than at the unveiling of the Lee monument, and never since the war has so many Confederate soldiers been seen in one body in Richmond. They marched in fours, headed by mounted officers, and though swiftly and steadily assuming the places assigned them, seemed to come in endless succession. Except for the absence of muskets and swords it was as it Confederate armies were on the march once more. As the veterans poured by the carriage in which Miss Winnie Davis sat, the fife and drum corps one after another softly played the Dead March, but when the Maryland men came up, their band gave Nearer, my God to Thee," and the daughter of the Confederacy burst into tears and hid her face in her hankerchief.

When the military movement was completed, the coffin and open grave and the family were surrounded by three solid walls of men. Outside this triple circle was a dense crowd of thousands upon thousands. There were fewer military present than there were at the Lee monument unveiling in 1890, but the number of veterans was much greater, and the popular outpouring of to-day, perhaps equaled that of three years ago. Conservative estimate is that 75,000 people were on the streets and in Hollywood Cemetery. Every house on the entire route of two miles was draped in mourning and decorated with battle flags, the Confederate national flag and the Virginia flags.

No canopy of any description covered the casket. It stood out in full view on the lid of the caisson, with the sun shining brightly on the polished oak and glittering brasses. Every now and then little girls would run out in front of the artillery horses and, keeping ahead of them, scatter the path of the caisson with white flowers. At other points on the route ladies dressed in mourning did the same thing. Except for the wailing notes of the bands and the clatter of horses' hoofs, and the steady tramp of marching men, not a sound was heard during the route. The profound, respectful silence, which has been so marked a feature of the progress from New Orleans, prevailed also in Richmond.

The grave was of unusual depth and size and in two vaults. It was carefully constructed of brick and lined at the head with the Confederate National flag; at the foot with the battle-flag, and on the sides with broad stripes of red and white, the Confederate colors.

Four carriages held the floral offerings, everything of this kind which had been received from New Orleans to Richmond, though only a bunch of wild flowers, having been carefully preserved and carried out to the cemetery in the carriages to be laid on the grave.

PROF. BRIGGS.

uspended From the Ministry by the Assembly.

WASHINGTNN, June 1.—When the Presbyterian General Assembly convened as a court at 9:30 o'clock this morning there was a notable decrease in the attendance, both on the floor and in the galleries, last night's vote having been the climax of the meeting of the assembly. The members of the prosecuting committee were in their accustomed places, but Professor Briggs' party was represented by Professor Francis Brown alone.

The Moderator first announced the committee, the appointment of which was authorized last night, to formulate the minutes expressing the sense of the assembly as to the vote taken upon the appeal from the judgment of the New York Presbytery. By a vote of the assembly Rev. Thomas A. Hoyt, D. D., of Philadelphia, was made chairman. The other members are as follows: Ministers—Revs. H. W. Congdon of New York, James H. Brookes of Missouri, Calvin W. Stewart of Nebraska, W. W. Harsha of Nebraska, J. J. Lucas of Indiana, George D. Baker of Pennsylvania, E. P. Whalton of Indiana, and Thos. D. Ewing of Iowa, Elders—John Randolph of Baltimore, Thomas McDougall of Ohio. David Jacks of California, Edward T. Green of New Jersey, James A. Curry of Kentucky, E. D. Warfield of Pennsylvania.

The committee were given leave to retire for consultation and the asembly as a court adjourned to be reconvened at the call of the moderator. The assembly then resumed consideration of a legislative business.

Caairman Baker, of the Judicial committee, reported upon the complaint against the Synod of Pennsylvania, which was not sustained by the committee and the report was adopted.

At 12:50 o'clock the general assembly took a recess till 2:30 o'clock p. m., previously adopting the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, reaffirming the deliverance of the assembly of 1892 on the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures.

At the afternoon session Moderator Craig convened the assembl as a court to hear the report of the committee appointed to prepare the explanatory minutes in the Briggs case.

Rev. Mr. Hoyt chairman of the committee, before making the report, called upon Dr. Baker, chairman of the subcommittee sent to interview Professor Briggs in a spirit of conciliation, to report the result of that interview. Dr. Baker said the committee had hoped that Professor Briggs would say something which might relieve the tension of the present distressing situation. But this hope had not been realized. Professor Briggs stated his irrevocable determination to abide by the declarations made in his address before the assembly in his defense and to continue to teach the doctrines there avowed. At the request of Dr. Baker. Profe sor Briggs gave him the following autograph letter:

"WASHINGTON, D. C., June 1, '93
Rev. George D. Baker, Chairman etc;

MY DEAR SIR—In accordance with your request I hereby state that your committee called upon me and asked me if I had anything to say to them respecting the disposition of the case. I thereupon said that I adhered to all the positions taken before the general assembly and had nothing further to say, save that the appellee reserves all rights and that the general assembly should take the exclusive resposibility for any further action.

[Signed.] C. A. BRIGGS."

Whereupon, Dr. Baker said, the committee took the action which Mr. Hoyt would now report to the assembly.

The report after reciting the proceedings in the case, proceeds:

"This judicatory finds that the judgment of the Presbytery of New York is erroneous and should be and is hereby reversed; and this general assembly, sitting as a judicatory in said cause, coming now to enter judgment on said amended charges, finds that the appellee, Charles A. Briggs, has uttered, taught and propagated views, doctrines and teachings, as set forth in said charges, contrary to the essential doctrine of Holy Scripture and the standards of said Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and in violation of the ordination vow of said appellee, which said erroneous views and doctrines strike at the vitals of religon and have been industriously spread.

"Wherefore, this General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, sitting as a judicatory in this cause on appeal does hereby suspend Charles A. Briggs, the said appellee, from the office of minister in the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America until such time as he shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America of the voilation by him of said ordination vow as herein and heretofore found.

The report of the committee was adopted, whereupon Rev. Dr. Sprague gave notice that at the proper time a protest would be offered against the finding of the assembly, as being too severe a sentence for the offence of the honored scholar named, and as tending to restrict the liberty heretofore enjoyed by office bearers in the Presbyterian Church.

HEWING TO THE LINE.

Last Sunday the Rev. Mr. Dunnell, a Canadian evangelist, said to a large Boston congregation:

"I want to ask the churches of Boston, why they do not get excited and arise in their strength and withdraw their patronage from the street car companies and the railroads, who cause thousands of men, to work on the Sabbath who are hungering for the bread of life and cannot get time to attend a church, for the pressing daily needs of little ones."

Answering his own question he went on:

"It is a popular thing to attack the World's Fair, but it would be unfair to stop the street cars that on a Sunday carry Christians to their churches and to the beaches"; and he continued:

"I tell you there is enough work for you right here in your own city and to let Chicago alone. In the name of God, my friends, as you hope to stand before the great tribunal of God, quit this sham! It is a farce. The world sees it and laughs at you."

The Rev. Mr. Dunnell seems to have a pretty level head and a profound admiration for a jewel called consistency.

Newbern *Journal*: Mr. Thomas Daniels, Treasurer of Craven county informs us that the county is in better condition now than iy has been before for about twenty-five years.

THE SPARROWS.

Outside my garret window there's a roof.
And there the lively sparrows love to come
In wintry days, eager to get a crumb,
Though feathered warm, in brown and gray: not proof
Are they 'gainst hunger. From a ledge aloof
They flurry down, alert and frolicsome,
And then again they're sobe-eyed and glum.
Anxious that I should give for their behoof
They are abused by some, I freely own;
And when I gave food I have seen them flare
Away awhile, as if they had a fear
Of unexpected harm, but ne'er a stone
Would I throw at these gossips of the air
That the dull weather fills with chatty cheer.

—Edward S. Creamer in New York Sun.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Secretary Carlisle on the Financial Civil Service Examination—Applications Numerous from North Carolina and Virginia.

Correspondence Richmond Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—The continued absence of President and the backward state of business in the departments makes it slow business for the applicants for positions.

Senator Ransom and Representative Henderson are the most constant members of the North Carolina delegation in attendance, though many of their colleagues come and go as occasion requires.

COULDN'T STAND IT HIMSELF,

A North Carolinian who was given a position recently in the Treasury Department, was at first required to stand a very technical civil-service examination. He is a man of fine practical sense, and has had considerable experience in the affairs of life in addition to having held responsible positions in his State. His first assignment is said to have been a mistake, and it is related that Secretary Carlisle remedied the matter himself and in doing so said: "I want you to have a position that will not subject you to the civil-service examination. You could not stand it. I could not stand it myself."

This gossip is floating around Washington and is not only relished by North Carolinians, but by every one who knows anything of the character of the examinations to which Democrats are subjected.

BY REPUBLICANS.

The examinations, as a rule, are prepared by black Republicans, who take infinite delight in keeping out as many Democrats as possible. The rules were made by the former Republican administration, but so far as Mr. Carlisle and his brilliant young son, the chief clerk, have the power, they are ripping the odious system up the back. They are good Kentucky Democrats and are desirous of getting Democrats in the Treasury. For this attitude they are abused by the Republicans and pesky Mugwumps, but they are bes coming more and more solid with their own party.

A FULL LIST ALREADY.

No applications from either Virginia or North Carolina were filed at the Treasury to-day. The applications from each State in this department alone are about 200, and as not more than one in ten has any chance of appointment there will be disappointments. Fully as many more from these States are trying for positions in the Treasury, but they have not put their papers on file.

While I believe there is no real change in the Western district slate, there are certain inklings, which are not to be wholly disregarded. As the matter will probably be settled in a few days or weeks, the public are warned not to jump to the conclusion from the subjoined that either Elias or Grudger is weakening. A prominent Democrat says that he thinks there is more in the rumor denied a few days ago than even the denier knows of. In the judgment of this Democrat, Mr. Elias is perfectly sincere in waiving collectoral honors and standing by his first and only love, the first and only love, the district attorneyship. But the President may say: "Here is an office, friend Kope, that will give you, through its extensive patronage and ramifications, more political and personal power than the one you want. By giving it to you I can honor two active Democrats whom I desire to honor." The man I am quoting believes Elias will take the collectorship if offered in this way. He says his belief in a readjustment of the slate is based on some reported utterances of the President which he declines to permit me to give to the public, and which he states he will not give out for publication any where, I will add that if these utterances were really made they bear out this Democrat's judgment as far as they go.