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The Ministers of this Denominations and Their Respective Fields of Labo for Another Twelve Month.

At the close of the 49th session of the Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Charlotte, Nov. 25th and 30th, Bishop Keener announced the appointments as follows:

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

N H D Wilson, Presiding Elder.
Edenton Street—W C Norman.
Person Street—W L Cunninggim.
Brooklyn and Macedonia mission—to be supplied by J F Butt.
Cary circuit—J B Martin.
Rolesville circuit—Philip Greening.
Smithfield circuit—Solomon Pool.
Clayton circuit—A E Wiley.
Tar River circuit—J J Renn.
Youngsville circuit—B C Allred.
Louisburg station—Alpheus McCullen.
Oxford station—T A Boone.
Oxford circuit—N E Coltrane.
Henderson station—J D Arnold.
Buckhorn circu't—J E Thompson, I W Avent.
Earpsboro mission—D A Watkins.
Newton Grove mission—E Pope and one to be supplied.
Raleigh *Christian Advocate*—F L Reid.

DURHAM DISTRICT.

W S Black, Presiding Elder.
Durham station—W S Creasy.
Durham circuit—W S Davis.
West and East End mission—Amos Gregson.
Hillsboro circuit—L E Thompson.
Chapel Hill—R B John.
Person circuit—J R Griffith.
Leasburg circuit—L L Nash.
Alamance circuit—L L Johnson.
Haw River circuit—B R Hall,
Pittsboro circuit—R T N Stephenson.
Granville circuit—J E Underwood.
University of North Carolina—Prof A W Mangum.
Missionary to China—Chas Jones Soon.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT.

J A Cunninggim, Presiding Elder.
Greensboro station—J E Mann.
Guilford circuit—T H Pegram.
East Guilford circuit—J A Bowles.
Pleasant Garden circuit—Jno Tillet.
Winston station—J T Bagwell.
Forsyth circuit—M J Hunt.
Stokes circuit—J R Scroggs, S H Helsabeck.
Madison circuit—R P Troy.
Ruffin circuit—R G Barrett.
Reidsville station—D R Bruton.
Yanceyville circuit—J D Buie, Major T Best.
Kernersville circuit—J C Thomas.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

W H Bobbitt, Presiding Elder.
Salisbury station—T W Smith.
Salisbury circuit—T A Stone.
Mocksville circuit—G F Round.
Rowan circuit—H M Blair.
Farmington circuit—W C Wilson.
Concord station—Joseph Wheeler.
Concord circuit—W L Grissom.
Mount Pleasant circuit—G A Oglesby.
Albemarle circuit—P F W Stamey.
Stanly circuit—Zebedee Rush.
Big Lig Mission—J A Green.
Mt. Zion station—J W North.
Enochville circuit—C W Smith.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT.

R A Willis, Presiding Elder.
Statesville station—James H Cordon, James Wilson, supernumerary.
Statesville circuit—W M Bagby.
Mooresville circuit—A P Tyer.
Iredell circuit—George W Ivey.
Rock Spring circuit—M V Sherrill.
Newton circuit—C M Gentry.
Catawba circuit—A M Lowe.
Alexander circuit—J T Abernethy.
Caldwell circuit—Robt M Taplor.
Lenoir circuit—J C Rowe.
Wiles circuit—G W Fisher, E J Eudaily, supernumerary.
Roaring River Mission—J F Craven.
Elkin and Jonesville—J M Ashby.
Mt Airy station—W H Townsend.
Mt Airy circuit—C P Snow.
Dobson circuit—B A York.
Yadkinville circuit—J W Puett.
Oak Institute—T L Triplett, principal.

SHELBY DISTRICT.

M L Wood—Presiding Elder.
Shelby station—W S Rone.
Shelby circuit—M D Giles.
King's Mountain circuit—J W Wheeler.
Dallas circuit—J M Lumly.
Gaston circuit—J C Hartsell.
Island Mountain station—J R Betts.
Lincolnton circuit—J B Bailey.
South Fork circuit—R M Hoyle.
Hickory station—J E Bristowe.
Happy Home circuit—J B Carpenter.
Morganton circuit—G W Callahan.
Table Rock circuit—C A Gault.
McDowell circuit—C G Little.
Double Shoals circuit—J F England.
Forest City circuit—J A Lee.
Rutherfordton circuit—T J Daily.
Antioch mission—C W King.
Columbus mission—T H Edwards.

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T W Guthrie, Presiding Elder.
Charlotte, Tryon street, W M Robey.
Charlotte, Church street, J B Hurley.
Charlotte circuit, W F Coffin.
Matthew's circuit, M H Hoyle, S. M Davis, supernumerary.
Clear Creek circuit, F B McCall.
Pineville circuit, J Ed Thompson.
Pleasant Grove circuit, Oliver Ryder.
Monroe station, F D Swindell.
Monroe circuit, T S Ellington.
Wadesboro station, W C Gannon.
Wadesboro circuit, R S Webb.
Ansonville circuit, M H Moore.
Lilesville circuit, G W Hardison.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

S D Adams, Presiding Elder.
Fayetteville, J T Gibbs.
Cambellion Mission, J J Grigg.
Cumberland circuit, W S Hales.
Lumberton circuit, J T Finlayson.
Roberson circuit, Jonathan Sandford.
Ashpole mission, Jno A Hornaday.
Laurinburg circuit, J T Lyon.
St John's station, L E Stacy.
Rockingham station, J H Page.
Rockingham circuit, F L Townsend.
Manly mission, M A Smith.
Carthage circuit, W B Doub.
Jonesboro circuit, W Oscar Hightower.
Cape Fear circuit, W S Chaffin.
Lillington circuit, J H Hall.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

P J Carraway, Presiding Elder.
Wilmington, Front Street, E A Yates.
Wilmington, Fifth Street, D H Tuttle.
Topsail circuit, Isaac A White.
Duplin circuit, A G Gantt.
Magnolia circuit, W A Forbes.
Clinton circuit, J T Kendall, R L Warlick.
Cokesbury circuit, J L Keen.
Bladen circuit, C P Jerome.
Elizabeth circuit, Daniel May.
Whiteville circuit, J M Downum.
Carver's creek circuit, S R Belk.
Waccamaw circuit, C W Godwin.
Smithville station, M M McFarland.
Brunswick circuit, Thos C Lovin.
Onslow circuit, to be supplied by Z Paris.
Rocky Point High School, J C Crisp, principal.

NEW BERNE DISTRICT.

J T Harris, Presiding Elder.
New Berne station, L W Crawford.
Goldsboro station, L S Burkhead.
Goldsboro circuit, J F Washburn.
Wayne circuit, R C Beaman.
Mt Olive circuit, P. L Groome.
Kinston station, N M Jurney.
Snow Hill circuit, P L Herman.
La Grange circuit, W W Rose.
Lenoir mission, N A Hooker.
Craven circuit, W J Crowson.
Jones circuit, A D Betts.
Morehead station, C W Byrd.
Beaufort station, J W Jones.
Carteret circuit, to be supplied by W H Puckett.
Neuse mission, to be supplied by S F Becton.
Pamlico circuit, James Mahoney.
Straits mission, to be supplied E D Hoover.
Cove Sound mission, T J Browning.

WARRENTON DISTRICT.

J S Nelson, Presiding Elder.
Warrenton circuit R O Burton.
Warren " L J Holden.
Ridgeway " Jno N Cole.
Roanoke " T P Bonner.
Weldon and Halifax station, W B North.
Halifax circuit, T B Reeks.
Scotland Neck mission, J G Nelson.
Wilson station, J R Brooks.
Wilson mission, B B Holder.
Nashville circuit, Z T Harrison.
Edgecombe circuit, A R Raven.
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Washington station, T P Ricaud; W H Call, supernumerary.
South Edgecombe circuit, B B Culbreth.
Tarboro and Bethel, T J Gattis.
Williamston circuit, J O Guthrie.
Greenville station, F A Bishop.
Pitt mission, R B Gilliam.
Swift Creek mission, L O Wyche.
Aurora circuit, to be supplied.
Bath circuit, N H Guyton.
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Columbia circuit, C C Brothers.
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Fairfield station, E L Pell.
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Portsmouth and Ocracoke, Valance G. Rollins.

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V A Sharge, Presiding Elder.
Randolph circuit, F H Wood, C O Durant; I F Keerans, supernumerary.
Thomasville and High Point, S V Hoyle.
Davidson circuit, D L Earnhardt.
Lexington station, J E Gay.
Abbott's Creek mission, S D Peeler.
Randleman station, R F Bumpass.
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Pekin circuit, F M Shamberger.
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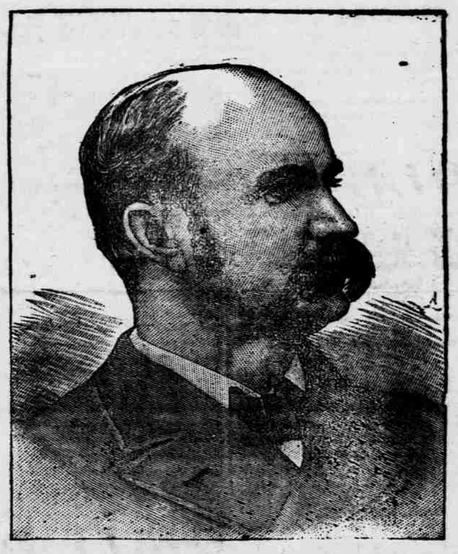
Prof J F Heitman, Trinity College.
Transferred, J B Bobbitt, to Baltimore Conference.
Jas D Forkner, to Virginia Conference, and appointed to Patrick circuit.
Hugh F. Wiley, to Holston Conference, and appointed to Waynesville station.



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THE FOUR VICE-PRESIDENTS

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Four Vice-Presidents besides Mr. Hendricks have died in office. George Clinton began life as a sailor in a privateer, served as a lieutenant in the expedition against Fort Frontenac studied law and entered politics as a member of the Colonial Assembly of New York. He became a member of the Continental Congress in 1775 and was afterwards a brigadier general. In 1777 he was elected Governor of New York, which office he held for eighteen years in succession. After a retirement of four years he was again elected Governor in 1801, and in 1804 was chosen Vice-President with Thomas Jefferson. He was reelected in 1808, with Madison, and continued in office until his death, in April 1812.

Elbridge Gerry, of Massachusetts, after having been a member of the Continental Congress from 1776 to 1785, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, in 1797 and Minister to France in the latter year and Governor of Massachusetts in 1810 and 1811, was, in 1812, elected Vice-President at James Madison's second election to the Presidency. He took his seat as President of the Senate March 4, 1813. He died in Washington, Nov. 23, 1814.

William R. King served in Congress from North Carolina, his native State from 1811 to 1816. After serving as secretary of legation he returned to this country and settled in Alabama, from which State he was in 1819 elected to the United States Senate where he remained until 1844. He resigned to accept the mission to France, and upon his return in 1846 was re-elected to the Senate, which he left to take the Vice-Presidency with Franklin Pierce in 1853. He had acted as President pro tem. of the Senate for more than ten years.

Henry Wilson's real name was Jeremiah Colbath. He left New Hampshire and his name behind him in 1834, when he was twenty-one years of age, and went to Natick, Mass., where he learned the trade of shoemaker. In 1840 he entered politics by becoming a member of the State Legislature, in the two branches of which he served eight years. After considerable activity in politics he was elected to the United States Senate in 1855, in which body he remained until 1872, when he was elected Vice-President on the ticket with General Grant. He died in Washington, November 22, 1875.

Never look backward in life's journey but steadily forward.

OPENING OF CONGRESS.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE A REMARKABLE DOCUMENT.

The Two Houses Draped in Mourning for Vice-President Hendricks—The Silver Question—Speaker Carlisle.

Correspondence of the Sentinel.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Congress is here. The Senate and the House of the Forty-Ninth Congress have just gone to work. The death of Vice-President Hendricks is still keenly felt. Both Houses were draped two weeks ago. Not very long ago crape was likewise hung for Grant. But there was and is no one-sided mourning. Both losses are common and great. Our noble Romans are broad-minded. We sit in the crowded gallery, and behold America's representative intellect, the best, the greatest, the grandest minds of the Nation. No wonder citizens travel long distances to witness the American Congress.

THE BUSTLE OF TO-DAY

means no disrespect to the departed warrior and statesmen. Hurry, sometimes confusion, characterize the first day. The Senate has enjoyed the introduction of several new-comers. But what pain has been felt in selecting another for the place death recently vacated! Much unsightly speculation followed the loss, but it was not Senatorial. The true Senator is the true statesman. There are a few members of the Senate, to-day, never born to equal the grand, old Romans who are worthy of the name And so we must regard the House, though in greater proportion. The toga fits John G. Carlisle like the gavel fits his hand. The details of organization, in both Houses, afford nothing new. Electricity will have carried the result throughout the civilized world before this is read.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

is the most important document submitted during the past quarter of a century. It comes from the pen of a President whose fearless, non-partisan views, coupled with unusual common sense, command the respect of both sides. No time is lost in seeking motive. Grover Cleveland's motives are as self-evident as they are patriotic. Neither side has a shadow of reason to distrust him. He is as much the common President as he was elected to promote the common weal. And in this grand message, on which he has labored earnestly and conscientiously, the practical patriot can not be overlooked. No President has ever more earnestly and practically sought the mutual patriotism of both parties. Yet, here and there, a skulking Democrat or a hardened Republican doubt the motives and truths of one of the wisest messages Congress has ever heard.

THE SILVER QUESTION

is one on which both sides are peculiarly divided. It seems doubtful whether an agreement will be reached. President Cleveland scarcely needs to define his position new. It will be remembered that he long ago treated Mr. Warner, and his coterie, to an opinion on the subject. Seventy-five millions have recently entered the Treasury, and threaten to stay there. But Mr. Warner has undertaken to present an avenue of escape. It is a matter of necessity; Mr. Warner's political life depends on the silver question.

THE INDIAN QUESTION

is one appealing to the heart of a just man like President Cleveland. There is nothing new in the question itself; it has been worn threadbare. Yet no President has been more prompt in taking the part of the Indians than Grover Cleveland. "Helen Hunt" Jackson pursued a "beaten path" but she trod with unusual firmness. From the Kickapoos down to the California tribes, two hundred and sixty thousand Aborigines await justice. President Cleveland is not blind to the evils. Congress certainly ought to be able to see.

THE CIVIL SERVICE QUESTION

has received greater consideration from President Cleveland than even extreme reformers had expected. Aside from the question itself, one cannot fail to admire the unprecedented will with which President Cleveland has adhered to the law. History must record, though in dignified terms, that Grover Cleveland's "backbone" was immovable. Threats have been made on the eve of this session. But it is probable that all attempts to re-establish political terrorism will prove fruitless. Terrorists may as well accept the inevitable. Cleveland is open to conviction, but he will never give the political terrorist another chance.

THE MD. AND DEL. SHIP CANAL

is one of the most important questions neglected. Affording advantages to all vessels sailing on the Atlantic, plying between the North and South, if not particularly to incoming and outgoing European steamers, argument is certainly abundant for the creation of the Canal. To leave the city of Baltimore and instead of rounding Capes Charles and Henry, take a canal from the Choptank to Delewre Bay near Cape Henlopen, 24 hours are saved in the return to the Atlantic, and other advantages are enjoyed. It rests with Congress. SHADOW.

A cordial wish is thus expressed in Nevada: "May he live till every hair on the top of his head is as long as a Mexican lasso."

THE UNIVERSITY.

Criticism Versus Fault Finding.

From the University Magazine.

Nothing is more wholesome for men and institutions of public interest than criticism—a fair and unbiased consideration of their faults as well as a just commendation of their merits. Of all the detestable weaknesses to which unfortunate man is heir, none is more detestable, none more pusillanimous than the weakness manifested in this emotion of finding fault. There are men who would not be content to dwell in Paradise—no opening for the exercise of their talents!

If there is any one institution in our State which deserves the special friendship of all her sons, that institution is her University. If not friendship, give her *justice*, at least. Let us do everything in a fair spirit. If you have an innate fondness for dwelling on the faults(?) of your surroundings, for heaven's sake keep it under control—don't let it be seen by the world. Away with these puerile, groundless attacks on the institution of our fathers! Earnest men are laboring in her interest, and earnest men will succeed despite the whinings and railings of those who rejoice in being inimical to the interests of everybody except themselves. Cast out these evil spirits—veny, covetousness, jealousy, and let peace and content and unity dwell in the hearts ofall!

Active Help Needed.

From the University Magazine

To live is to strive—to fight against misfortune—to battle against storm and tempest—to steer clear of the wiles and stratagems laid by foes and friends—to stand up manfully against the enemies that lurk along the path of mortal pilgrimage. A troublous world, indeed, this, were there not friends by our side with sympathizing hearts and willing hands. But how many of these *friends* seem to be utterly powerless in every way except to give advice and make suggestions! Let no one depreciate the worth of well-timed, well-meant advice. Its value cannot be denied. But it must be remembered that advice alone is of little moment to the discontented, unhappy man—the man who is in trouble. There are too many of those who stand aloof, clothed in the mantle of their self-wisdom, and warn—"you'd better do this," "better not do that;" of those who wait till the end has come and say with a prophetic air—"I told you so," "I knew how it would be." Glad tidings do you bear to the sick man when you *advise* him "to get well"—to the bankrupt, when you *suggest* that "'tis an unpleasant thing to be in debt." A happy message, indeed, to the drowning man, were you to suggest that he "keep his head above the water and pull for the shore." A celestial balm it would be to the agonizing soul of the luckless being who is slowly but steadily sinking to an irrevitable doom in the devouring quicksands, if you should call out—"friend, you had better strike for solid ground!"

What we need is more active help and not so much advise and so many suggestions.

HIS DAY.

Another New Year, eh? What's that to me?
I've seen a many on 'em, young and old—
And ain't no better off for them that's gone,
And them to come won't fetch me in no gold!

Social gladness? Humph! With these here clothes?
This tangled beard, and these blear eyes o' mine?
A gray old badger with the rumatiz
An' manner that was never superfine?

My sort? I ain't no sort—I'm all alone.
There ain't no fellow what would draw to me.
To lounge about in some down-cellar dive
Is all the signs o' home I ever see.

Quite right you are. It was not allez so.
I don't pretend as how it ain't my fault
That I sunk down from bad to worse until
I've got to where I'm now not worth my salt.

But let me tell you this one thing right here.
I don't go charge no woman with my case.
Whatever else I am, I'm fair and square,
And' don't go loadin' her with my disgrace.

Wife? May be she was. What's that to you?
She was a saint on earth—not stiff and prim,
But just a common goodness ev'ry day,
Who never spoke a prayer or sung a hymn—

But did her duty patiently and meek,
And took the good and bad with smiling face.
I used to think the Lord used her to prove
That ev'rywhere He has a dwelling place.

Well, when she died—I just let go; that's all.
There! don't you preach. I know all that dry stuff.
There ain't no use in dosing me with hell—
And as for heaven—it robbed me, that's enough!

What's New Year, then, to such as me? And yet,
Sometimes it seems as if she came again,
With all the winnin' sweetness of her life,
To make me say to this glad day, Amen!

Faith! Thankee! And who knows but you are right.
A prayerful word has made God's glory shine
Upon a dying thief that turned to Christ—
Ah! well, this night her eyes may beam on mine.

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