BILLS PASSED.

The following are the probable acts of our Legislature for the session just passed. At all events, they had all had their third reading in both Houses and were expected to be engrossed, according to our latest intelligence. If there are any changes, we will mention them in our next issue:

SENATE ACTS.

1. An act to incorporate the Columbia Athenæum.
2. An Act to incorporate Newberry College of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina and adjacent States.
3. An Act to incorporate the Columbia Steamboat Company.
4. An Act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the measuring of timber in the city of Charleston, and to create the office of Inspector and Surveyor, thereof, passed the twentieth of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.
5. An Act to incorporate the Mutual Benefit Loan Association.
6. An Act to authorize the City Council of Columbia to issue bonds or stocks, and for other purposes.
7. An Act to renew the charter of the Mount Pleasant Ferry Company.
8. An Act to declare the canal which connects Boggy Gut with the Lower Three Runs a navigable stream.
9. An Act to incorporate the Savannah River Steamboat Company.
10. An Act to amend "an act for the better ordering and governing negroes and other slaves in this province," passed the tenth day of May, 1840.
11. An Act to exempt the members of the the Board of Fire Masters and the officers and members of the incorporated fire engine companies of the State of South Carolina from ordinary militia duty, after a certain period of service.
12. An Act to aid in the construction of the Charleston and Savannah Railroad.
13. An Act to incorporate the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, on the York circuit, and in the town of Yorkville.
14. An Act to amend an act entitled "An act to exempt the Beaufort Volunteer Company of Artillery from regimental reviews, and for other purposes."
15. An Act to establish a Court of Equity for Clarendon District, and for other purposes.
16. An Act to vest in the Vestry and Church Wardens of the Parish of Saint Thomas and Saint Dennis the power of purchasing and selling property for certain purposes.
17. An Act to establish the boundary line between the Parishes of St. Stephens and St. John's Berkeley.
18. An Act to amend an act entitled "An act to establish Clarendon county as a separate Judicial District."
19. An Act to authorize certified copies of entries from the books of a Sheriff to be given in evidence.
20. An Act to increase the amount of the official bond of the Tax Collector of Darlington.

HOUSE ACTS.

1. An Act to revive and renew the incorporation of the Charleston Port Society, for promoting the Gospel among seamen.
2. An Act to incorporate the State Agricultural Society of South Carolina.
3. An Act to incorporate the South Carolina Regatta Club.
4. An Act to incorporate the Laurensville Female College.
4. An Act to authorize the formation of a Volunteer Company of Riflemen within the limits of the Independent Battalion.
6. An Act to alter and amend the tenth section of the first article of the Constitution of this State.
7. An Act to incorporate the Greenville and French Broad Railroad Company within the limits of South Carolina.
8. An Act to incorporate the Southern Porcelain Manufacturing Company."
9. An Act to incorporate the Central Presby-
10. An Act to amend an act entitled, "An act to incorporate certain religious and charitable societies, and societies for the advancement of Education, and to renew the charters of others heretofore granted," passed on the twentieth day of December, A. D., 1853, and for other purposes.
11. An Act to abolish the office of Coroner for Williamsburg district.
12. An Act to extend the time allowed the Newberry and Chester Railroad company to open books of subscription to the capital stock of said company.
13. An Act to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the town of Walhalla."
14. An Act to incorporate the Sassafras Gap Turnpike company.
15. An Act to amend an act entitled "An act prescribing the mode of electing tax collectors" passed on the eighteenth day of December, A. D. 1846.
17. An Act to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Hamburg and Edgefield Plank Road company.
18. An Act to provide for the transfer of the papers of the office of Superintendent of Public Works to the Secretary of State's office.
19. An Act to confer upon alien widows the right to take and hold real estate.
20. An Act for the better establishment of a General System of Registration of births, marriages, and deaths in the State of South Carolina.
21. An Act to alter the sittings of the Courts of Equity for the second Circuit.
22. An Act to incorporate certain towns and villages and to renew and amend the charters of others heretofore granted.
23. An Act to renew and amend the charter of the Town of Anderson.
24. An Act to amend an act entitled "An Act to incorporate certain societies and companies and to renew and amend certain charters heretofore granted" incorporating the Charleston Plank Road Company.
25. An Act to incorporate the air-line Rail Road Company in South Carolina.
26. An Act to provide for the hearing of appeals from the courts of Law and Equity for the Colleton District at Columbia instead of Charleston.
27. An Act to prevent the circulation of printed or engraved paper resembling Bank notes.
28. An Act to authorize the collection of interest on judgments.
29. An Act to promote the efficiency of the volunteer system in the State of South Carolina.
30. An Act to authorize the town council of Pickens to change the plan of said village.
31. An Act to increase the amount of security required by law, to be given by various public officers for Spartanburg district.
32. An Act to Charter a Bank in the town of Sumter.
33. An Act to alter and amend the fourth section of an act entitled "an act concerning the office and duties of Ordinary," ratified the twenty-first day of December, A. D. 1839.
34. An Act to establish certain Roads, Bridges and Ferries.
36. An Act to Amend the act of incorporation of the town of Abbeville, so as to give to the town council the power to impose taxes and for other purposes.
36. An Act to incorporate certain societies, associations and companies and to renew and amend the charter of others.
37. An Act to amend the laws in relation to the erection of wooden buildings in the city of Charleston.
38. An Act defining the powers of commissioners of cuts and water courses in this State.
39. An Act to amend an act entitled "An act more effectually to prevent free negroes and other persons of color from entering into the State, and for other purposes," passed the 19th day of December, A. D. 1835.
40. An Act to alter and amend the Judiciary system of the State.
41. An Act to raise supplies for the year commencing in October 1856.
42. An Act to abolish the office of Tax Collector of Salem County and for other purposes.

The Havana correspondent of the New Orleans *Delta* says that "the African slave trade seems to prosper, despite all the efforts made to check it. Scarcely a week elapses that we do not hear of African slaves having been landed in some one one or other ports of the Island."

The Advertiser.

ARTHUR SIMKINS, EDITOR.

EDGEFIELD, S. C.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1856.

OUR AGENT.

T. J. WHITTAKER is our authorised Agent to receive subscriptions and collect all monies due this office.

The Cash System adopted.

After the first of January we will adopt the Cash system and intend strictly to adhere to it in each and every instance. It is certainly the best system for all, especially newspaper publishers, and as our bills are generally small it will be no inconvenience to any one to pay up in advance.

To Advertisers.

All advertisements, to secure publicity through our columns, must be paid for when handed in. Those who live at a distance wishing to advertise, can enclose the amount for which they desire to advertise. Those advertising by contract, by the year, will be expected to settle up quarterly.

Entertainment of the Week.

Masonic Hall will be crowded, this evening and to-morrow evening, for the Thespian Entertainments. A great time is anticipated. All up, and all right!

BITTER, BITTER COLD.

Thermometer last night down to 14°., and the keenest North-wind blowing we have felt in many a day.

OUR FIRST PAGE

Is nearly full of original articles. Turn to it and entertain yourself for an hour or so.

COLTER & SCOOTER.

The reply of our old friends to the 'Charcoal query' is not only satisfactory but decidedly good. The sundry delicacies mentioned at its conclusion have not yet come to hand, but we are looking for them every minute.—By the way, our readers will be pleased to learn that C. & S. intend still occupying their pleasant corner with us from time to time.

KING'S MOUNTAIN MILITARY SCHOOL.

Attention is directed to the advertisement of this favorite School. It is thoroughly appointed and in the full tide of prosperity. Its energetic young Principals merit a wide patronage.

COKESBURY FEMALE COLLEGE.

This institution, under the auspices of the Masonic Fraternity of South Carolina, promises for its friends a brilliant future. Already, within a year or two, has it taken its place prominently among the Female Colleges of our State. And the wise care of its protector-ship guarantees continued improvement. See advertisement on another column.

WILLIAMSTON MALE ACADEMY.

It will be seen, by reference to our advertising columns, that Mr. J. MANLY WALKER, is principal of the Male Academy, at that popular resort, Williamston. We should think it an admirable location for a school, and we wish Mr. WALKER all success.

COMPLETELY SHUCKED.

"COL." seriously remarked a dry-humored friend to us the other day—"You are a practical farmer, and give us a great deal of agricultural information, scientific and otherwise, through your excellent journal"—(See us just then pricking our ears to catch the full import of the coming enquiry and rubbing our forehead to stimulate the brain to a prompt reply)—"*can you tell me where I could buy a load or two of shucks?*"

[illegible] within our sanctum *instanter*, and noted at once in our diary the fact that we had been "[illegible]" [illegible] say for the querist though, to make amends for our abrupt conduct: If any one has a load of shucks to spare and wants to get the highest market price for the same, a libera' and an appreciative purchaser may be found at the office of H. S. Esq. Shucks with a few scattering nubbins among them would be preferred, *we reckin.*

☞ It is a little extr*aordinary* that any man should have so *ordinary* a plank fence hanging over the public highway, that even an *ordinary* wind might blow it down any *ordinary* day to the utter demolition of any *ordinary* buggy or carriage. Yet we know of just such a fence not seventy five miles from this place; and it is a little extra*ordinary* that the man, who is responsible for this very *ordinary* piece of planking, is not an *ordinary* man, *although ordinary.*

READING THE SCRIPTURES.

A writer in the Southern *Baptist* complains that his preacher takes up all the time of Church service with preaching and praying and singing, and scarcely ever reads the Scriptures to his congregation. Whereupon the editor of the *Baptist* co-incides, and says he would rather hear twenty chapters of Job read than all the preaching such a preacher is capable of. Both of them are right. Reading the scriptures is better than listening to the best of preachers; and when it comes to your ranting, scolding, bigotted ones, they would do the best possible thing within their reach, whether for their own reputations or the good of their flocks, by reading scriptural selections altogether.

MR. TOGNO AND WINE-TEMPERANCE.

Our new (and very welcome) correspondent is laboring under a misapprehension in supposing that we either wrote or fully endorsed the piece in our paper which has called forth his animadversion. It was a selection to suit some of our good temperance friends, and not necessarily concurred in by us. Our views, in fact, coincide precisely with Mr. TOGNO'S; and we are free to say that we regard "Wine-Temperance" the best species of reform that can be instituted in view of the awful drunkenness that prevails in many American communities. But the wine alluded to in our selection was the drugged stuff that kills, not the pure juice of the grape which exhilerates without endangering the life of man.

We hope Mr. TOGNO is getting on well with his Montevino vineyard, and that it will be as "city set upon a hill," spreading its influences around and showing others how to do. Mr. AXT, of Georgia, avers that we have the very best latitude and soil for the grape that can be found. Mr. TOGNO, we believe, thinks so too. Both these gentlemen are 'proving their faith by their works.' We wish them complete success. If the man, who makes two blades of grass grow where only one grew before, is a public benefactor, how much greater is he who raises vineyards where before there was nothing but a whiskey jug? One Vine-grower, for any purpose of efficient reform, is worth ten temperance lecturers.

PLUM PUDDING, FOR CHRISTMAS.

Godey's Book gives 18 receipts for plum-pudding. We have conned them all over to pick out the best one for our readers, and the decision is in favor of Dr. KITCHENER'S, which is thus made:

Suet, chopped fine, six ounces; Malaga raisins, stoned, six ounces; currents, nicely washed and picked, eight ounces; bread-crums, three ounces; flour, three ounces, three eggs, the sixth part of a nutmeg, a small blade of mace, the same quantity of cinnamon pounded as finely as possible, half a teaspoonful of salt, small half pint of milk; sugar, four ounces. candied-lemon. one ounce; beat the eggs and spice well together, mix the milk with them by degrees, then the rest of the ingredients; dip a fine close linen cloth into boiling water, and put it in a hair sieve; flour it a little, and tie it up close; put it into a saucepan containing six quarts of boiling water; keep a kettle of boiling water alongside of it to fill up your pot as it wastes; be sure to keep it boiling six hours at least.

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS.

Lo! tis Christmas! Merry Christmas!
Let the welkim ring with pœans!
Joyful be the heart of childhood;
Bounding be the heart of manhood;
Grateful be the heart of old age;
Hearts of childhood, manhood, old age,
Joyful, bounding, grateful be ye;
For to you this day was born a
Prince and Saviour!

Tis a season
Dear alike to slave and freeman.
Dear, because of its rejoicings;
Dear, because of its reunions;
Dear, because of its remindings;
Dear, because of its good dinners.
Gay rejoicings, sweet reunions!
Blest remindings, precious dinners!

Crackers pop and shot guns lumber
At the earliest hour of dawning;
Friend meets friend with thoughts convivial;
Children go to see their old folks;
Old folks greet their darlings gladly—
Blessed old folks! how we love them!
How they mind us of a time, when
We had 'old folks' too to watch us!
Ah, tis only those that have none,
Who can truly know the blessing
Of a father and a mother,
Here to guide and here to help us.

Hail bright morning, holy morning—
Morning full of sweetest mem'ries!
Where's the grasp that is not cordial,
Where the smile that is not genial,
Where the eye that is not beaming,
Where the tongue that is not glowing,
On this bright and holy morning?

Holy Christmas! praised be Heaven
For this day's divine revealing!
'Twas a star above a manger
First announced thy glorious advent.
Then there came a child from heaven
With the light of Truth upon him;
And he grew unto perfection,
And the help of God was with him;
And he saved us from perdition
By his mighty mediation,—
Holy Christmas! Praised be heaven
For this day's divine revealing!

Hearty Chistmas! Pure and frosty
Comes thy breath across the valley;
Chanticleer proclaims thy dawning
With his proudest clarion-crowing.
Long before the night has yielded
To the day-light of thy morning,—
Long before the little stars have
Twinkled out before thy coming,—
Is the woodman's axe resounding,
Is the 'yule log' cut and ready,
Is the hall-fire brightly burning,
And the children's stockings swinging,
And the urchins' little night-caps
Peeping out from 'neath the cov'ring,
Where they slept and dreampt so snugly
Of the motley joys a-coming
In the early Christmas morning.

Jolly Christmas!—Hear the ha! ha!
Of thy vot'ries up and doing—
Up, and bursting trees to greet thee,
Up, and shooting cannons for thee,
Up, and beating creamy egg-nogs,
Up, and laughing, dancing, shouting
"Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas!
Many more returns, my hearties,
Of this happy, gladsome season!"

Funny Christmas! Sport-suggestive
Are the hours that 'round thee dally;
Youth and Age comingle freely
In thy many gleeful schemings.
Masks are passing 'round the corner
Eager to surprize some "green 'uns"—
There they meet a youthful bevy
Ready for the merry frolic;
On they speed—a gray-haired uncle
Chances in the way to tarry;
"Come, dear uncle, come and join us"—
And the uncle joins the party
Feeling young again and joyful
Midst this group of happy children.
Still they fly, and still accessions
Come from this side, that, and 'tother;
White folks, niggers, men and women,
Boys and girls, fall in together,
Pressing to the scene of action.
There they go, all full of bustle,
Full of bustle, fun and mischief,
Till some other joke uprises
Better still and more attractive,
And the rush is just as furious
T'wards the new-concocted frolic.

Father Cristmas! Grant thy blessing
Ere thou goest from amongst us!
Thou hast seen the olden people,
Thou hast known the olden customs,
Thou hast been with our fathers
Many a bright and gay December!
They are gone, and in the church-yard,
Toomb-stones tell their simple virtues!
Grant that we may be, as they were,
Hospitable, kind, forgiving,
Open-hearted, frank, and gen'rous;
Free from malice, free from envy;
Free from backbitings and slanders;
Wakeful to the voice of honor;
Mindful of the voice of duty;
Ever lib'ral, ever careful
Of the feelings of our brother;
Always prompted by desire
To increase the great sum-total
Of terrestrial happiness.—
Father Christmas! Grant thy blessing
Ere thou goest from amongst us!

NEW STATE-HOUSE EXPENDITURES.

Comptroller General ASHMORE'S Report, to the present session, exhibits the expenditures on the New State House from 1st Nov. 1855 to 1st Oct. 1856, as follows:

1855.—November	$8,300	08
" December	16,143	32
1856.—January	9,308	78
" February	15,680	58
" March	15,269	12
" April	17,748	47
" May	17,920	26
" June	14,535	68
" July	15,302	57
" August	21,901	55
" September	21,002	07
	$173,052	42

For all of which the necessary vouches were exhibited by the Commissioner, GEN. JONES.

"MARRIED."

Among the announcements under this head in the last New York *Day Book*, may be found:

On Wednesday evening, 26th ult., by the Rev. E. S. Yocom, Andrew E. Walker to Miss Lucy A. Darling, all of this city.

'Yoke'em,' eh! Now there's a name for a wedding-priest. But the question arises, *is it* a yoke? Sometimes it's anything else. But then again, oh Jerry! the oxen, that old father Cartledge used to tell about in his sermons, did'nt begin to wear as tough or as rough a one.

All down upon us now, like a thousand of brick! Give us a wall to back up against, so that we can fend off.'—Now, ladies, "pitch in."

Good-Hearted Fellow!

THALBERG, the celebrated pianist, gave a concert the other day to the pupils of all the public schools of New York City. NIBLO'S Garden was crowded and the children enjoyed the treat amazingly. Your genuine musician is always a good-hearted fellow.

HON. F. W. PICKENS.

It is with the warmest satisfaction that we greet the general rumor in regard to our immediate fellow-citizen and the Cabinet of Mr. BUCHANAN. Whether his position shall be that of Secretary of War, Secretary of the Navy, or Secretary of State, as has been variously surmised, we feel absolutely certain that he will render his country the highest order of political services. His appointment cannot fail to prove eminently acceptable, not only to his native State but to the whole Southern country. Col. PICKENS is known to his compeers as a 'man amongst men' in political warfare. Yet in the vigor of matured manhood, his abilities have not been allowed to slumber for a moment. Although living for the last ten years in the retirement of his home, he has been for the whole of that time a close observer of the progress of our Government and an earnest student of political science as illustrated in American institutions. To no man in the Union could either of the important trusts, mentioned in connection with his name, be more safely committed. By no man, would its responsibilities be met more firmly or its duties be discharged more faithfully to the whole country.

We clip from the *Carolinian* the following notice of Col. P's probable appointment:

The name of our distinguished fellow-citizen is widely mentioned in connection with a seat in Mr Buchanan's Cabinet, and some of our cotemporaries in Virginia and Alabama have expressed themselves warmly and decidedly in approbation of his appointment.

Knowing Col. Pickens as we do, and the high estimation in which he is held in the State and in the South, we believe that such an appointment would be eminently acceptable to our section. While he has on former occasions declined the missions to Austria, France and England, and has never accepted federal office, we would be pleased to see him in the Cabinet, and have every confidence that he would not refuse his eminent abilities and extensive political knowledge to the service of the country. Whether the office be tendered him or not, he deserves it as one of the best informed men in political history that we have ever had in public life. His well known fearlessness, honesty and patriotism render him every way worthy of the proposed honor, and we trust the rumor is based upon a substantial foundation.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Special Columbia Correspondence.

COLUMBIA, December 19 1856.

I have nothing of much interest to communicate this week both houses being pretty much engaged in bungling up the large amount of business before them. The bill to alter and amend the Judicial system of the State had been lost in the Senate, or rather, so much as provided for the election of an additional Law Judge and Solicitor, and connecting Georgetown with Charleston, and given four terms to Charleston was stricken out. The Senate however has passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee to consist of six be appointed by the Senate, and that a message be sent to the House, asking the appointment of a like committee, to act as a joint committee to report to the Legislature at its next session what change is necessary and proper to be made in the judiciary system of the State; that said committee have leave to sit during the recess, and shall receive the same compensation as members of the Legislature are entitled to.

The President appointed Messrs. Moses, Porter, Irby, Dudley, Carn and McAliley, the committee on the part of the Senate, and a message was sent to the House of Representatives accordingly.

The House has tabled the declaratory resolutions introduced by Mr. MIDDLETON.

The resolutions offered by Mr. MCALILEY to reduce the salaries of the Architect and his assistant has been refered to the special joint Committee who have the State House matters under its charge.

The following gentlemen have been elected President and Directors of the Bank of the State.

For President.—C. M. Furman.

For Directors—Wm. C. Dukes, Thos. Lehre, P. C. Gaillard, John H. Steinmeyer, Andrew Simonds, Fleetwood Lanneau, Charles J. Colcock, H. F. Strohecker, W. Y. Paxton, J. P. DeVeaux, L. W. Spratt, Albert Elfe.

The following resolution, introduced by Mr. Townsend, was considered and agreed to; and another in connection therewith, instructing the Mineralogical Surveyor to make a certain report in relation to lime:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of the new State House be required to report, without delay, to this Legislature, the kinds and quantities of lime which have been used, or which it is probable will be required to be used, in the construction of the present new State House; from whom, and from what place they have been procured; how many bricks can be laid with a barrel of each kind, and the average cost per barrel of each kind when delivered at the State House yard.

Mr. Joseph E. McKnight has been elected Commissioner in Equity for Williamsburg district.

The following resolutions have been agreed to in the Senate:

Resolved, That the State Geologist be instructed to deposit in the Cabinet of the South Carolina College:

1st. A complete set of characteristic works of all the formations that he may examine, with labels defining the species, the geological formation in which each may be formed, and its locality, with duplicates of each.

2nd. A complete set of fossils, including all the species, as far as he may discover them, with labels defining the species, the geological formation, and the locality, with several duplicates of each whenever practicable.

Resolved, That the expenses for transporting these specimens, from the several districts to Columbia, be paid by the proper authority of the College.

The memorial of the Greenville Railroad stockholders, praying that the stock owned by the State in said road may be assessed, has been unfavorably acted upon in the House.

The following resolution has passed the Senate:

"That the Judges of the Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions, be and they are hereby requested to appoint three commissioners, whose duty it shall be to revise the criminal law of this State, and report to the Legislature at the next session."

In relation to the re-opening of the slave trade the public sentiment seems to be almost universal against it. You may have noticed that a resolution introduced by Mr. ORR in the House of Representatives in Congress, declares it inexpedient to repeal the laws prohibiting the African slave trade, has passed that body by a vote of 183 to 8, Messrs. KEITT and BROOKS voted in the negative.

BREVITAS.

For the Advertiser.

LA PINE, Hog Pen, Dec. 30th 1856, Thermometer, 30°.

DEAR COL.—Your query "does charcoal fatten (turkeys) by giving actual nourishment, or does it not rather produce that effect by assisting the operations of the craw?" is before us and claims our consideration.

The charcoal to which you allude, is wood partially burned or calcined, but not perfectly. Combustion of wood as commonly conducted in a fire-place effects the decomposition of the wood; the smoke, soot, watery vapour and other volatile matter escaping through the chimney and depositing the inorganic bases in the form of ashes on the hearth. These ashes will not furnish either of the three chemical conditions indispensable to the maintenance of animal life, viz: air, water and combustion. Charcoal will evidently fulfil that of combustion, if not water. The charcoal in the turkey's craw, furnished with oxigen from the air of the lungs, not only generates warmth for its body, during this cold season, (and if he is one of Job's he certainly needs this comfort,) but forms also a large portion of carbonic acid, and its hydrogen forms water, another condition requisite to animal life. So we see, that charcoal (not carbon) is a hydro-carbon, just the material for making oil, fat and alcohol. And by the way this last substance has been successfully used for fattening poultry. But notice, after this *intra turkey* combustion of charcoal is completed, in the fœcal deposits, we find the ashes, the same result as in fire-place combustion; and which agriculturally applied will make more vegetable or wood, that will make more turkey.

To the latter part of the query, we reply in the negative. Instead of assisting the operations of the craw, it presents an obstacle, to be acted on or overcome by the grinding pebbles and chemical laboratory of the craw.

We now make a suggestion that you add a little—nay, plenty of pulverized charcoal to the slops of your Devon cow, and see if Mrs. S's dairy is not better supplied with good rich cream and butter, and syllabubs for Christmas.

But stop—just one anecdote: The steward on board the Whale Ship, ———, wanting a roast pig for dinner and getting it from the sty, let it escape into the hold, where was a large quantity of charcoal and nothing else. After a long voyage, on discharging the cargo, imagine his surprise on finding his pig so grown and fattened, that he could scarcely recognise it!

Dont forget to supply your hog-pen with plenty of charcoal or rotten wood (almost the same thing) if you wish to fatten your porkers by Christmas.

Hoping to meet you and yours and especially the old gobler in fine fix on Christmas day, when we may have more leisure to discuss matters and things in general, in a more practical way, than these hog killing times just now allow,

We remain Yours, &c.

COLTER & SCOUTER.

P. S.—Please accept as a testimonial of our regard, some Grazier hogs-head cheese, Suffolk spines, Chester-county spare-ribs and Essex feet.

C. & S.

For the Advertiser.

TO THE DEPARTING YEAR.

Another year is dying,
It's pulse is faint and slow;
The frosty air is weaving
A winding sheet of snow.
I see it in the morn's pale sky,
I hear it in eve's lulaby.

The old man's locks are thinning,
His face is pale and wan;
His wearied form is bending
With the burdens meekly borne.
Oh pity him in his decay—
For his hath been a weary way.

He wandered in his childhood
Mid scenes of joy and mirth;
And in his sturdy manhood
He travelled o'er the earth.
But oh! no resting place had he—
'Twas "onward" for eternity.

For the good that he hath done us
Oh bless him while ye may;
For the lesson he hath taught us—
Remember him for aye.
And when ye hear his funeral knell—
Then breathe for him a fond farewell.

S. A. L.

For the Advertiser.

TO MARY.

Thy father says thou'rt lovely,
With wealth of golden hair,
And eyes that vie with diamonds
'Neath a brow surpassing fair;
That like the tone of silver bells
Is the music of thy tongue,
While thy words are almost wondrous
In a baby-girl so young.

He asks a line portraying
Thy beauties half divine,
And is looking for the picture
From this humble hand of mine—
And fain would I oblige him,
But I've never seen thee, dear,
And for a *faithful* likeness
He needs must bring thee here.

E. W. R.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 16.

AN IMPORTANT ARREST.—A Methodist preacher from Louisiana bound homeward was arrested to-day on board the steamer Telegraph, under suspicious circumstances. A carpet bag in his possession was found filled with incendiary documents, and the evidence is clear that he has been engaged in running slaves to the free States. In his possession were found documents which implicates several distinguished northerners.

ARRIVAL OF COOLIES AT HAVANA.—Dates from Havana to 29 ultimo, announce that the British bark Ellen Oliver, Captain Henderson, had just arrived at that port from Swatoa and St Helena, after a passage of 197 days, with 263 Asiatics, for corn field service, under eight year contracts. Sixty of these poor creatures died on the passage, and two after arrival. Bark Henry Miller, Pust, from same port, 147 days. had also arrived. with 186 Asiatics to the same consignees. Six died on the voyage.

SUGAR.—The Thibodeaux (Louisiana) Minerva learns that all of the planters, without exception, are making a most excellent article of sugar, though the yield from the cane per acre is quite small. The saccharine properties of the cane are said to have never been better, weighing, in many instances, as high as nine and ten degrees. The crop, as previously stated, will be unusually small.

TELEGRAPH TO CUBA.—A petition has been presented to the Legislature of Florida to incorporate a company for the purpose of laying a submarine telegragh from the Cape of Florida, via Key West, to the Island of Cuba, thus bringing Havana in connection with the great telegraphic world.

It is estimated that no less than fourteen thousand negroes have been landed on the Island of Cuba during the last eight months, as slaves.

FILLIBUSTERING.—It is reported from Washington that the State department has information of an intended fillibustering expedition against Venezuela.

The *Columbia Times* says that an impression has been made that the South Carolina Legislature will assemble again in May next, to dispose of the unfinished business left upon the calendar to-day at the hour of adjournment. This will not be the case. No such resolution has been adopted. When they adjourn to-day they will not re-assemble again before November next, unless called by His Excellency to do so.

COLLEGE INSURRECTION.—A difficulty has occurred between the faculty and some of the students of Jefferson College, at Cannonsburg, Pa. It originated in a "lark" played off by a student who, dressed in female apparel, accompanied by a chum, attended a lecture of Park Benjamin one evening last week. Complaint being made to the faculty, they made effort to find out the principal offender, and failing in this, they expelled the student who accompanied him. A large number of the students have made common cause with the expelled one, and quite a row is on hand in consequence.

SIX MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.—The New York Mercantile Marine Insurance Company publishes the startling statement that it has paid, during the past three years, over six millions of dollars to the merchants for marine losses, or two millions per annum. And yet the company is sound, solvent and flourishing, suggesting another startling fact in regard to the enormous amount which the merchants must have paid into the company in the meantime, in the shape of premiums on policies.

☞ SINGULAR.—To see a boarding school Miss afraid of a cow, notwithstanding she did "all the milking to hum," a few months previous

From the N. O. Delta.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT NEWS.

TWO WEEKS LATER FROM CALIFORNIA.

The steamship Texas, J. S. Crowell, commander, from San Juan del Norte, arrived at the Balize last night. The Texas reached San Juan del Norte from New York, the 2d inst., and the Tennessee, from New Orleans, on the 3d inst. The steamship Orizaba, from San Francisco, left that port with 800 passengers, and arrived at San Jun del Sur on the 3d inst.

The steamship Tennessee sailed from San Juan del Norte for New York on the 5th, with $270.000 in treasure, and 500 passengers. The steamship Texas for New Orleans the same day.

The transit route is in a most excellent condition, affording every facility for the safe and speedy conveyance of passengers.

The news from Nicaragua is of the most exciting and thrilling character since our last dates. Series of battles have taken place between the American forces and the combined forces of Central America, in all of which the Americans have been entirely successful. On the 10th ult. an engagement was had at a place called Half-way-House, on the Transit road, between 200 Americans, under Brig. Gen. Hornsby, and 1100 of the enemy, under the Costa Rican General Canas.

The enemy were well fortified, but notwithstanding their superior number of men, were immediately routed with great loss. The loss on the American side was two killed and eleven wounded; that of the enemy about two hundred killed. Among their killed was Gen. Canas. After the enemy had been disdersed, Gen. Hornsby came up to Granada. The next day Gen. Walker started from Granada with two hundred men for Virgin Bay, where he arrived on the 12th inst. The enemy having learned the smallness of the force under Gen. Hornsby which had dispersed them, again collected their scattered forces, and again occupied their former position. Gen. Walker marched to attack them. The enemy hearing that Gen. Walker commanded in person, fired a few rounds and immediately retreated. They were immediately pursued to San Juan del Sur, and from that point along the coast until dispersed throughout the country. About 150 of them broke away from the army and fled into Costa Rica.

The loss of the enemy could not be ascertained, they were continually being shot as they were found along the road; probably about 100. The American loss was 2 killed and 9 wounded slightly. Immediately after the victory Gen. Walker returned to Granada in order to take reinforcements and march upon Massaya, where about 1500 of the enemy remained. He took his line of march on the 15th ult., with 530 men; but hearing that a number of the opposing army had marched towards the relief of those who had been beaten on the Isthmus, he ordered the 2d Infantry, under command of Col. Jacquess, to return to Granada, thence to the Transit by steamer San Carlos, to repulse such forces as may be found.

The remainder of the force marched on until near the city of Massaya, when they were attacked by six hundred of the enemy in ambuscade, where a sharp fight took place, and the foe was scattered in all directions. It was ascertained, on entering the town, that the enemy had possession of a church and a little plaza, which were immediately attacked, and in a few minutes gained possession of the church and plaza, with an abundance of fresh provisions and excellent water, without the loss of a single man.

The enemies would not fight, except behind a wall, and Gen. Walker, after due consideration, concluded to storm the stronghold and give them nothing for a shield, which was accordingly done. The larger and more valuable part of the city was destroyed, and after four days' fighting the enemy were entirely vanquished.

After this was accomplished, Gen. Walker returned to Granada to execute further plans, which were well considered, namely, that Granada being a very sickly place, it was disadvantageous for the troops to return there, and he had long since concluded to make Rivas the capital. and knowing upon an evacuation of Granada that the town might be occupied by the enemy with advantage, he determined to burn the place, and accordingly gave three days notice to all persons to remove all goods and valuables, and at the end of the time he fired the town—not leaving a vestige of a single building—removing all his stores with provisions and inhabitants to Virgin Bay. He will thence remove to Rivas, which he has made the capital. It is supposed that during all the battles since October the enemy have lost 3000 men.

HYMENIAL.

MARRIED, on the 18th inst., by the Rev. H. C. Herlong, Mr. T. B. CROOKER and Miss AMANDA JONES, all of this District.

MARRIED, on the 14th inst., by Rev. W. Bodie, Mr. ABNER BOLTON and Miss MANY RAIBORN, all of this District.

MARRIED, on the 18th inst., by Rev. J. S. Mathews, Mr. GEORGE W. MORGAN and Miss MARTHA HOWELL, all of this District.

☞ Printer's fee received.

OBITUARY.

DIED, at the residence of John Cutliff, Esq., Baker County, Georgia, on the 13th inst., Mr. JOHN P. CHRISTIE, in the 22d year of his age.

It is seldom that bereavements of this kind are attended with circumstances so well calculated to wring a parent's heart with more than ordinary anguish. He was far away from the home of his parents. Tho' attended by many kind friends, the presence of a father and the tender, soothing care of a mother, for which there can be no adequate substitute, were wanting. They were advised of his indisposition, and their solicitude was relieved by intelligence of his convalescence and prospects of speedy recovery. But alas! how soon were these fond hopes crushed! The sudden and unexpected arrival at their door, of the remains of their son, was the first intimation they had that he was now numbered among the dead. He died suddenly of a disease of the heart and his remains, in charge of two of his young friends and neighbors, were brought back to his sorrow-stricken home. He was perfectly conscious of his approaching dissolution, spoke of it calmly and met it without a murmur.

Although he had made his home among strangers not twelve months ago, by his gentlemanly deportment, his amiable disposition, his natural goodness of heart and his devotion to his business, he had endeared himself to a large circle of warm-hearted friends, and had acquired as he deserved, their unbounded confidence and esteem. The many private letters of condolence and sympathy from his friends and neighbors to his afflicted parents, show their high appreciation of his worth.

The deceased was induced by the kind solicitation of his near neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Cutliff, to make their house his home during his sickness, that they might, as far as possible, supply the place of father and mother, in ministering to his wants; and it is a source of melancholy satisfaction to them to know that their son, in his dying hour, lacked nothing that their kindness could bestow. May they bow their heads in humble submission to the Divine will, and while they shed the tears which nature demands, may they say in faith, "Thy will be done."

In one of the private letters above referred to, from a young friend in Georgia, were the following lines:

"Light be the turf of thy tomb,
May its verdue like emeralds be:
There should not be a shadow of gloom
In aught that reminds us of thee.
Young flowers, an evergreen tree,
May spring from the spot of thy rest,
But nor cypress nor yew let me see,
For why should we mourn for thee, blest."

A FRIEND TO THE DEPARTED.

DIED, at her son's residence, in Edgefield District, on the 17th Dec. in the 81st year of her age. Mrs. MARY WILLIAMS, consort of the late *R. M. Williams*

The deceased had for many years, and especially during her widowhood, lived with her only son, Mr. Butler Williams, and by her experience and careful attention to the household, made herself not only dear to all the family, but was happy in having the entire control. She was a member of the Baptist Church of Christ for near fifty years, and always exemplified her profession, by a well ordered life.

Two years before her death she was constantly confined to the house, and the last two months of her life was in great suffering. She has finally passed all tribulation, and no doubt is at rest with Jesus, which is far better.

May the numerous relatives and friends remember her example and godly councils, and be *also* ready, "for at such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

D. D.

GRAND CHRISTMAS TREAT

BY THE

THESPIANS,

ON

Two Successive Nights,

With a Play and a Farce Each Night.

THE members of the **Edgefield Lyceum** respectfully announce to the Public, that on the **24th and 25th** of the present Month, the Thespian Department of their Institution will give

Two Dramatic Entertainments

on a larger scale than they have hitherto done.

On the evening of the **24th,** will be presented BULWER'S Great Play of the

"LADY OF LYONS"

OR

"LOVE AND PRIDE,"

Which will be followed by the amusing Farce of

"The Day after the Wedding."

On the evening of the **25th,** will be given BOURICAULT'S Master Piece

"THE HONEY MOON;"

AND

"THE ROUGH DIAMOND"

Will crown the entertainment, admitted to be one of the most amusing after-pieces extant.

Small Bills will be published in due time.

Each entertainment will be graced by a beautiful *Pas de Deux* by Mr. BIGGS and Mlle M—

The **Augusta String Band,** with additional strength, will be in attendance.

And every effort will be made by the whole Company to please the most fastidious and exhilerate the most drooping.

December 9th 1856 3t 48

Law Notice.

H. T. WRIGHT, Attorney at Law, may be found in the Office immediately below the North side of the Court House, or in the Office of the Commissioner in Equity.

Dec. 24, 3t 50

School Notice.

The exercises of MRS. McCLINTOCK'S SCHOOL will be resumed on Monday 19th January 1857.

RATES OF TUITION—$5, 6 and $7, per quarter.

Dec. 23, 3t 50

FOR SALE

A Press, Type and Fixtures.

ON Saleday in January next, I will sell at the Office of the "Edgefield Informer," in this Village, the PRESS, TYPE and FIXTURES belonging to that Office, to the highest bidder. On a credit of six months, with good note.

C. W. STYLES.

Dec. 23, 1866, 2t 50

A desirable Residence

FOR SALE!

THE Subscriber offers for sale the HOUSE and LOT formerly occupied by W. W. Adams, Esq. The House is comparatively new and in perfect order, and is one of the best built residences in the District. Price low, and terms to suit the purchaser. If not sold by January it will be rented.

CHAS. A. RAYMOND.

Dec 24 2t 50

House and Lot for Sale.

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