ished specialist in Mental Distinguished Specialist in Mental Biseases Delivers Interesting Address on Dread Disease Whitch Has Lately Appeared in This Country—Local Patient Furnishes Illustration For Junior and Senior Students in the North Carolina Medical College—Remedy Will Probably Have to Come in the Form of the Extension of the Pure Food Law to Include Canning and Handling of Corn.

That the remedy for peliagra, 80

That the remedy for peliagra, so far as can be ascertained from the present knowledge which medical science has of its cause, lies in pre-cautions against the eating of spoiled Indian corn and that this product should be included within the scope of the United States pure food law is the openion expressed yesterday morning by Dr. J. W. Babcock, superintendent of the South Carolina Hospital for the Insane. He came to Charlotte by special invitation to address the members of the junior and senior classes of the North Carolina Medical College. The lecture was delivered at a special clinic held a well-defined case formed the sub-

Dr. Babcock has of late been dewoting much time to a study of this disease, new to this country, which has appeared in South Carolina and other Recently he accompanied Senator B. R. Tillman to Europe in order to study the foreign disease which he believed to be identical with His observations abroad con-The malady has firmed this belief. existed in Europe for three hundred years or more.

The whole burden and weight of the testimony so far accumulated, said Dr. Babcock, incriminates spoiled corn as the cause of the trouble. By spoiled corn is here meant that which has become wet and allowed to ferment. All medical authorities, even while convicting this vegetable of the responsibility, admit the high value of good corn as a food.

It is only of late that the existence of pellagra has been conveded in North America, but the syndrome of skin, intestinal and mental symptoms pointed strongly toward the disease known by that name in southern Europe and it is new considered established by many that they are one and the same. The standard disorder is characterized by a squamous erythema confined to those portions of the skin which are exposed to the action of heat and light; by a chronic inflammatory condition of the digestive passages shown chiefly by obsti-nate diarrhoea; and by a more or less severe lesion of the nervous system. leading at times to mental alienation These various sympand paralysis. toms are at first insignificant and in a certain way periodic—they begin or recur in spring and diminish or disappear in winter. Later, they be come persistent, more and more mark-ed and finally terminate fatally. In ten per cent, of the cases only does insanity result.

FIRST IN SPAIN.

The earliest account of this malady es an endemic infection comes from Spain where it was recognized in 1735. It appeared in Italy just prior to 1750 and was first specifically investigated It first appeared in south-It is found west France in 1829. also in Egypt and Asia Minor. disease attacks males and females indiscriminately and no age is exempt. Cases are on record of children of 14 months and 2 1-2 years of age. Under sanitary and preventive management it is claimed that pellagra has almost disappeared from France, It is said that there are upwards of fifty thousand cases of pellagra in

In cases where the disease attacks the mind of the patient, and this should not be unduly emphasized, as this occurs in only ten per cent, being not so serious in itself as for the physical state which it indicates, the paign fund. melancholia usually results. The milder forms merely show a retardation of ideas, disinilipation for thought or activity or simple mental even refusal of food and suit dal tendencies manifesting themselves. Manione time each seven days. The re- the older members since then. sults achieved thus have been quite noteworthy, although the profession is Fifty-three per | not yet satisfied. cent, of the cures have been secured G. E. White, J. totally unbenefited.

GERM UNDISCOVERED?

primal cause of pellarra, some nitely recognized saves of the malarly have appeared in this country. In Mrs. Dodsworth Going to Baltimore, which Carolina for median The Con. Her many friends will be concerned.

tion of the local combines of the profession, Dr. I. W. First, being among those most interested. It is showing itself to be a thing of exil which must be dealt with and distributed in the state of the profession. Which must be dealt with and distributed in the profession will be yet more beneficial. with at once. "I am compelled to believe in th

disease," declared Ir. Hatwork, "and" and so long as no one holding of his friends here. a better explanation, I cannot relin- tion of the officers Friday.

The disease is believed to be causd by the poison or toxic agent in the

felt at Its discovery is unfounded are usually inflammation of the ex-On the tongue, as disease advances, the epithelial ayer of cells often disappears com-This was illustrated by the gue of the patient present at the nic, who has been under treatment

Western corn, believes Dr. Babcock, one of the prime causes of the dis-

CORN INSPECTION WILL COME. make their own corn, while the better-to-do classes buy their food product from the West. Thus it comes about that the disease is not confined. as it is in Italy, to the poorer classes only. The pure food law should be strictly applied to the shipping, canning and handling of corn in all its forms. He further suggested that the study of this and other tropical diseases should form a part of the course

in all medical volleges.

Dr. Babcock expressed the belief that the well-known "blind staggers" of horses is produced by the same toxin. The farmers speak of "black heart" in corn, which is probably a manifestation of the presence of this

MR. ECCLES' FUNERAL.

by Bishop Edward Rondthaler, of Winston-Salem.

"Our departed friend personified the hospitality for which the city in which he lived has become noted in the meeting: North Carolina," was one of the truest and most significant statements made by Bishop Rondthaler, of the Moravian Missions," Rev. W. J. Frenck; the Presbyterian Hospital, where the Presbyterian Hospital Hospita a profoundly sympathetic and touching tribute to this beloved citizen. A great gathering of friends heard his words as they were feelingly express-The services were held at 11 o'clock in the apartments of the deceased in the Belmont Hotel.

Rev. H. K. Boyer read the Scripture in the exercises and Rev. H. H. Hulten delivered a beautiful prayer. A choir composed of Mesdames W. C. Dowd, C. E. Mason, Miss Lucile Withers and Messra, B. F. Withers and R. M. Usher sang several appropriate selections during the solemn services. "He whom we lay to rest to-day, who has departed from the earthly inn, was a kindly man," said the Bishop in his brief remarks. "He was a man sympathetic with all those in need, one whom it was a delight to know. In his life-work the deceased was placed at the very gates of Charlotte's hospitality and all will agree that no better representative of your ity could have welcomed strangers within. He filled a great place on earth, and we trust, having left the inn below, he has entered into the

mansions above good fight." A more sympathetic and touching tribute has seldom been heard in the city than that which he delivered over the body of his friend. The body was laid to rest in Eimwood. A great company of friends assembled at the grave. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful.

Dr. Kinyoun Here,

Dr. Josept Kinyoun, the relative of the late Mr. H. C. Eccles, who was here attending his funeral, is a physician with a reputation decidedly national. Dr. Kinyoun was despatched by the apparent and the Philippines and is recognized by the government officials at Washington as an extremely capable phy-He has many friends in this

Agitating a Joint Debate.

but there are in Italy one hundred thousand cases of the disease—that is profoundest stump speakers in the versal resolution which the county thousand cases of the disease—that is Etato to meet Mr. agree to Smith, of Bessemer City, Republican Saturday. It has been suggested mies of thing and agree to have an admission thinking. charged at the door, the proceeds to be donated to the Democratic cam-

Members of Executive Committee the price of cotton. Last season the Twelve Years.

depression. Later the disease may Messrs C P Mungo, of Clear Creek, cents can be secured. There is about advance to a profound melanchella, and L H. Robinson, of Providence, two cents difference per pound bepresent county Democratic executive dates of this and last year. acal symptoms are rarer, but sudden committee who have been serving in outbursts of delitium or explanent this capacity for an exceptional nummay occur in cases of apparent super | ber of years. They were both elected The treatment at present consists of on the committee in 1896 and have the giving of a new drug called atoxyl, been serving on it since. The subin dozen of from one to three grains sequent primaries have lifted most of

> Will Organize Next Sunday. The committee consisting of Reva

M. Bigham, R. G by this method and only nine per Miller and Mr J. H. Rosa appointed cent of the patients did not respond at a recent called meeting of the to the treatment at al, and were First Presbytery of the A. R. P. Church of the South to organize the Lembroso and most of the English rangements to fulfill this commission and French writers hold that the next Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, specific germ is yet to be absorvered. Rev. William Duncan, preaching at 4 and to America they must look for o'clock. Those desiring to enter this the islostion and a member of this organization will be prepared to do so

lumbia State says, forty-nine jerochs to know that Mrs. L. A. Dodsworth suffering with peliagrous in-anity have that decided to go to Hallimore, Md. been admitted to the State Hospital to the private hospital of Dr. Kelly
There have been two deaths in the renowned physician of that city Charlotte recently, which physicians It is remembered that Mrs. Dodsdeclare to have been caused by this with spent several weeks in the disease. It is engaging the attention Whitchead Stokes. Sanatorium at

Mr. J. M. Scott Honored.

The recognition which Mr. J. M. so long as none of the disbelievers, South, president of the wholesale drug in its existence in this country are firm of J. M. Scott & Co., has received willing to come forward with a bet-put the National Wholesale Druggists' ter explanation of what we call 'pel- Convention in Atlantic City by re-lagra,' I shall have to maintain my reising the office of a vice president, position. We have a condition facing its pleasing to the very large number an opposite view comes forward with given this position at the annual elec-

Smith-Cannon.

Miss Florence Smith and Mr. Josepa diseased maize. According to Dr P Cannon, both of Atlanta, Ga., were Babcock there are about two hundred quietly married by Rev. H. H. Hulten. cases in the South, scattered from at his home on North Tryon street eastern North Carolina to Texas, Re-sasurance is given in the fatt that it ple propured license yesterday mornnon-communicable and hence ing and straightway sought out the min of the alarm which has been minister who acceded to their wishes in short order. They left afterward The first indications of the disease for Atlanta, Ga., where they will live.

ad parts of the body, as the hands, AN ATTRACTION FOR THE CHIL-

DREN Mr. Jno. T. Rees, proprietor of the "Monarch," especially attractive for the little folks every afternoon from 2:30 to 5. Little Miss Emma Jean Wynne, a wonderfully accomplished child of only seven years of age, sings illustrated songs, playing her own accompaniment and having every child "In the South the poorer people in the audience to join her in the chorus. The "Monarch" is one of the will you want the best Domestic most frequented picture shows in the cell, order Clinchfield through your city, and the wide-awake management is putting on a high class of comic and instructive pictures.

MEETING OF SYNOD SOON,

ession to Be Held Commencing Oc-tober 6th in Savannah, Ga.—An In-teresting Meeting Anticipated. Much local interest centres about the meeting in Savannah, Ga., early next month of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, of the South, owing to the fact that the proposition of moving the seminary from Mount Pleasant, near Charleston, S. C., will likely be considered. Quite a delegation from Charlotte will at-tend this meeting and take part in the discussions which will certainly take place. The seminary is a most desirable institution, having an endowment fund and an excellent faculty under the leadership of Dr. A. G. Beautiful and Touching Tribute Paid ern ministers. It is desired to move the institution to a more central location and by united effort make it one of the largest of its kind in the The following is the programme of

Wednesday evening - "Missions, Rev. M. O. J. Kreps and Rev. W. H. Riser. Thursday

mer, LL D. Otis Williams is Set Free.

Liberty became the portion of Otis Williams yesterday morning. The negro was arrested this week in South Carolina on the suspicion that he had a hand in the robbery of tool chests in the Charlotte National Bank Building and the Charlotte Sanatorium. Ab sence of State's witnesses, negroes who dwell beyond the Carolina line forced the liberation of the prisoner. Bess Jolly, who was believed to have been implicated in some of the recent thefts, was not so fortunate, being with the costs in a case of taxed trespass and going to the roads in de-

fault of the money.

Registration Books Open Thursday The registration books for the general election, November 3d will be opened next Thursday, October 1st. and remain open twenty days, or until October 23d. The time for registering is between 9 o'clock in the morning and sunset. The county board of elections at a recent meeting ordered Bishop Rondthaler referred to his a strictly new registration for this profession of faith shortly after the election, and the boundaries of each death of his wife, and the many as- precinct in the city were prescribed surances which had come to him per-sonally that the deceased "fought a opportunity for those who can neither read nor write to get their names on the permanent registration books.

Warehouse Ready For Cotton Now. The officers of the Farmers' Union who conferred here yesterday made arrangements with the owners of a local warehouse to take the cotton of the members of the organization now at the rate of 15 cents a bale, this step having been taken in order to benefit the farmers as much as possible until the new warehouse is finished which will shortly be in epatched by the government some course of construction. Those who wears ago to California to combat the wish to store their cotton in this tembubonic plague, and it was in this porary warehouse can negotiate with capacity that his genius became so Mr. W. C. Crosby, of Sharon township. He has labored in Cuba secretary of the board of directors.

Condemn Night Riding. At a meeting of the Providence division of the county Farmers' Union held Friday night, strong resolutions were adopted in denunctation of the practices of night riders in this and Some of his staunch friends are other States. This is merely a fore-urging Mr. J. D. Mct'ail, one of the shadow of a stronger and more uniother States. This is merely a fore-I A union will adopt at its meeting nex candidate for Congress from the ninth ident, stated yesterday that this work district, the joint debate to take place was inspired and executed by enethe organization instead of McCall do the charitable its members, according to his way of

Low Price For Cotton Seed.

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