## MORNING STAR. Sunday, October 15, 1871.

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THE CIRCULATION OF THE MORN-ING STAR IS LARGER THAN THAT OF ANY OTHER DAILY NEWSPAPER PUB LISHED IN NORTH CAROLINA.

### CHICAGO.

Now while the smoke is clearing off from ill-fated Ohicago, let us glance a moment at the facts of the conflagration and the great practical lesson it teaches us. Chicago, situated on Lake Michigan, with a population of three hundred thousand souls, and an extensive inland and lake trade, has been one of the most important cities in the country. Nothing in the annals of cities is found to compare with its magical growth-the metropolis ot half a continent built up in less than forty years ! But we can now also addnothing in the annals of cities exceeds the swiftness, horror and completeness of its destruction.

The origin of the fire, a kerosene lamp in a cow stable, shows from what light things great casualties sometimes proceed, and how very particular people ought to be with lighted lamps of any kind and more especially those consuming kerosene. A mighty city burned to the ground by the carelessness of a milk-maid !

See the sad work of this foolish maid Ten thousond houses burned down, trade ruined, one bundred and fifty thousand people without a home, five hundred or more lives lost in the falling in of the walls. There is enough of horror in this piteous catastrophe to last this country forever. God, in murcy spare us such ancther!

The only parallel to be found in all his. - tory is the Great Fire of London in September, 1666, where some 1,3000 buildings were consumed. The loss of life, however, was not so great and the buildings of that day not being so valuable as those of the present day, the value of the property destroyed in Chicago is much greater than that consumed in London. Henceforth Chicago is to outrnak London in the historical category of memorable disasters. Like the great London fire, the vastness of this conflagration is due more to the wooden buildings than to any thing else. The eager breeze from the Lake was a mighty | not been for the generosity of the railroad excitant, and the inflammable material of the buildings made the work of the Fire Demon sure and complete. This ought to be a warning to those who build the cities of the future. In the dense, crowded city houses should always be built with a view to the breaking out of vast conflagrations that soon get beyond the power of control. Another lesson we should learn from Chicago is the necessity for water works of iron instead of wood, and that they should not be all in one quarter but should be scattered about over the city. The loss in Chicago is felt not only in the West but all over the Union. The fell, scathing, ruinous blow falls on the business men of many places, so intimate have commercial relations in this age become, like a bolt from heaven. The excitement, particularly in New York, has been intense for several days. The insurance companies are the heaviest losers. Several of them, are irremediably ruined, though the assets of the larger companies will enable them to pay out. No single blow like this has ever fallen with such prostrating effect upon the commerce of the Western States. It is said, however, that the wonderful recuperative energy of the people will soon enable them to rebuild with the assistance of other cities. Sympathy for the ill-starred Chicagoans is universal and profound. Large amounts are being raised every where and forwarded to their relief. Will not our own large-hearted Wilmington contribute something to this humane purpose ? We are poor and feeble compared to the great cities of the North and West, but Heaven "loveth the cheerful giver" and the "widow's mite" is ever accepted. In this great and terrible catastrophe the true heart knows no prejudice of section. Chicago in ashes appeals to the spirit of humanity, a spirit all-pervading and moving, that acknowledges no hide-bound charity or pity, but comprehends the Brotherhood of Man in its broadest sense.

# Palmetto Leaves.

... Considerable sickness, princi-pally of a malarial type, prevails in Cam-

. Reynolds' Blonde Lady Min-

... Two of the men arrested for Ku Kluxism in Spartanburg, S. C., are respectively eighty-one and seventy years of age.

The Augusta Chronicle learns that a gentleman from Columbia, S. C. is going to open a shooting gallery in that city:

... A gentleman of Edgefield, having vainly endeavored to prevent a ne-gro from giving his wife an unmerciful beating, shot the offender, but did not se-liously wound him.

Last week Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Daniel, a young married couple, living in Williamsburg county, S. C., died of con-gestive fever. Husband and wife died within a few hours time.

.. The Columbia Union says Company B, 18th Infantry, Captain Ogden, left yesterday morning for Yorkville. Capt. Weirs' troops, 7th cavalry, left the preceding day, on the march, for the same

.. The Darlington Southerner learns that on Saturday night last, the store occupied by Mr. Kaphan, near Society Hill, was destroyed by fire. Mr. Kap-han, we are informed, was sleeping in the store at the time and narrowly escaped with his life. The fire is supposed to be the work of incendiaries.

... The Winnsboro News says We heard recently that one of our promi nent citizens was approached by a com-mittee of ladies of the Baptist congregation, and solicited to subscribe for a chandelier for their church. He innocently replied that it was no use to buy it as no one in the congregation could play it.

### THE GREAT FIRE.

The Dreadful Story as Related by Young Lady.

Yesterday a number of additional retugees from the grand theatre of desolation at Chicago arrived in this city. Among them were Timothy Lockwood, of Saco, Me. ; Henry P. Wallace, of Tremont, N Y., and Miss Laura E. Rollins, of Bridge port, Conn. All bore evidence of the great excitement and horror through which they had passed, and their narrative of what occurred under their observation is thrilling in the extreme. Miss Rollins was the only one who had saved anything but the garments on their persons. They would not have been able to come home had it employes, who passed them free. The dining saloons on the route manifested the same generosity, and everywhere they were the recipients of kindness. Miss Rollins had a most narrow escape from a fiery death. She was surrounded by the flames and dashed through a space where the wooden pavements had kindled into a blaze. She tells the following : "When the second fire broke out in the south division, nearly all the people be-came insane with terror. Very few of the men even had any presence of mind. If they had, much could have been done to have either stayed, or at least diverted, the fames. There was water, and a resolute, careful organization of men (and women too) in lines could have saved much property. When the Fire Department gave up in despair, the people seemed like so many scared sheep. They rushed pell-mell away. Some carried what they could in their hands. I saw an Irish woman hug-ging along a half-grown pig, which kicked and squealed with all its might until the panting woman, overcome by the flames, abandoned the animal to its fate. A colored woman shouldered her week's washing in a huge wicker basket, and grabbed with the other hand a frying-pan the muffin-rings. Huge cinders fell on the clean starched clothes and set them smoking. In this way the poor wench, already half beside herself with terror, trudged along for several blocks, until the burning rags fell upon her neck and caused her to look around. With a howl of dismay, and an expression of horror that can never be reproduced, she dropped her burden and fied for dear life. "One immense Dutchman trundled a wheelbarrow along, loaded with a keg of lager beer, some sausages, and clothing. His wife and children followed, all laden with sundry articles, two dogs bringing up the rear. He toiled and puffed along until the approach of the flames rendered more rapid flight necessary. The wheel-barrow was then abandoned, but not until with an axe, and the children's throats cut the beer keg was opened, and a parting drink taking all round. One incident combined the pathetic with the rediculous. Two blocks beyond where I lived, in Haistend street, resided an old German, an almost helpless cripple, whose sole support was his wife and young son. The latter went away in the morning, and did not went away in the morning, and did not return. The fire rapidly approached with deadly omen; and the old couple were not only distracted at the absence of the boy but fearful of their possible fate. At last but fearful of their possible fate. At last unluckily inflicting no more serious injury the flames came so near that they must fly than a broken ankle. He was taken to his

the hopelessness of desperation. Others would seize and urge them along. Smoke and cinders and flame and scorching heat Frost in Camden on the 1st filled the air. Children screamed in terror and begged tor water. Some would catch up water from puddles near hydrants and moisten the mouth. 'This is hell-fire!' 'This is the day of judgment !' 'This must be the end of the world !" were the exclamations heard. The degree of symstrels performed in Bennettsville Friday pathy that prevailed was wonderful. There seemed to be one instinctive throb of feeling, and the strong helped the weak. I believe that thieves had a great deal to do with the fire. If they did not start it

in the first place they KINDLED FLAMES IN FRESH PLACES. I saw houses that had been deserted entered by ill-looking fellows, who ransack-ed bureaus and closets. There was no time to speak to them. Once or twice when they were spoken to they professed to have been sent by owners to save things. Many people in the baste of their escape abandoned everything, even to jewelry and watches. I spoke of it, but in an in-stant he lost himself from my view in the crowd. I saw a villainous looking negro with a lady's chatelaine chain suspended awkwardly at his vest. The little girl I had walked until the hot pavement blistered her little feet; then we carried her. Is papa and mamma burnt up ? Is Neddy burnt up dead ?' she piteously asked. Late at night we found them all safe. It was nearly morning before we obtained shelter and food. I never want to set eyes upon Chicago again."- New York Paper.

Circular Letter from the Protestant

Episcopal Bishops. BALTIMORE, Oct. 11. The Protestant Episcopal, Bishops, now assembld here, have published that following circular letter : To the Clergy and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States: DEAR BRETHREN: A conflagragation, perhaps unparalleled in the history of Christendom in its extent and in the magnitute of the losses it has occasioned, has swept over the rich and prosperous City of Chicago, leaving it in ruins, consigning many persons to death in one of its most dreadful forms, reducing many from wealth to poverty, and many more from competence to the verge of starvation. In the presence of so fearful a calamity, when the arm of God is laid bare before us, while yet His bounties are continued to us and you, and some of you are enriched with a large share of His temporal gifts, we, your bishops and fathers in God, cal upon you to give at once from your wealth, and even from your poverty, freely, gladly, and liberally, in aid of our heavily afflicted brethren in Chicago. And we ask that in every congregation in our diocese and missionary jurisdictions, collections be made on the 15th of October, or as soon thereafter as may be, and be at once remitted to the treasurer of each diocese, to be by him forwarded, to Chicago, We remain faithfully and lovingly your bishops and pastors, B. B. Smith, Presiding Bishop and Bishop of Kentucky Charles P. McIlveine, Bishop of Ohio; Sam'l A. McCoscrey, Bishop of Michigan ; Wm. P. Whittingham, Bishop of Maryland, and 44 other bishops.

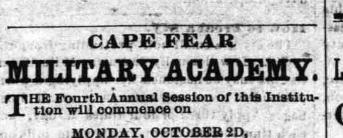
First Snew Fall. The Cumberland (Md.) News, of the 12th inst., says that on the day previous snow fell at several points on the Balti-more and Ohio railroad west of that city, adding that at Cumberland and Oakland the snow was quite heavy.

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It is related of the Bishop of Litchfield, Eng., now in this country-and the anec dote is told by a New York correspondent of the Washington Patriot-that not long ago he announced his intention to preach in a church just opened in a colliery district, and on his arrival found the fashion and wealth of the place crowding every part of the church, while workingmen and their wives thronged the entrances outside. He saw the state of the case, and dispatched messengers to the workmen, telling them not to go away, for he meant them to hear him. Then the services progressed and when the time for the sermon came the Bishop deliberately walked to the porch and, taking a position in the midst of the delighted people, addressed to them a thrilling talk which they could not easily forget; and such a man deserves the universal appreciation and honor which he receives everywhere.

Horrible Tragedy in Nova Scotia-Five Murders and One Suicide.

HALIFAX, October 12.

A terrible tragedy occurred at New Dublin, Lunenburg county, by which a family of six persons met a fearful death. A man named Warnback, supposed to have been maddened by liquor, murdered his wife and four temale children, and threw himself into a well and was drowned. There were no other inmates of the house which was isolated, and nothing was known of the crime until the followfrom ear to ear. One of the children was an infant, and the others were aged respectively six, eight and ten years.

#### Attempted Suicide.

Mattherd Herd, of Washington, a brick-layer, who has recently become insane on Help-timely and of a free heart-for of die. In the strength of her affection home in the Northern Liberties and surgi-



