#### OUTLINES.

M. C. Kerr, of Ind., nominated in Den. ocratic caucus at Washington for Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Adams. of Ky., for Clerk, last night. - Gold in New York yesterday, 148@141; turpentine, 361; rosin, \$1 70@\$1 75; cotton, 13 1-16.

## THECITY

# NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

W. P. CANADAY, Mayor.-Special Notice. A DAVID .- Simply Enormous! SHRIER BROS .- Clothing at Actual Cost! JOHN DAWSON,-Hardware. l'icture and Toy Books at C. W. Yates'. PARRISON & ALLEN.-New and Correct tyles. MUNSON & Co.-Look for An Earthquake. WILLIAMS & MURCHISON .- Butter, Crackers, &c HAYDEN & GERHARDT .- Harness and Saddles. KERLHARR & CALDER BROS -Sundries. CILES & MURCHISON .- Powder, Shot and Caps. B. WEILL.-Great Auction Sale. J H. ALLEN.-Holiday Presents.

- The ladies were out shopping vesterday in force, after the long rainy spell. - Poultry-thieves robbed Mr. W.
- M. Minroe, at Fifth and Mulberry streets, Fr.day night. I - The civil docket comes up be-
- fore the Superior Court in special term tomorrow morning.
- Mr. Charles Ingersoll, a prominent literary man of Philadelphia, was in town yesterday.
- The Register of Deeds issued only 3 marriage licenses during the past week, all for colored couples.
- The Board of County Commissioners meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, in regular monthly session.
- Three interments during the past week in Oakdale Cemetery: all adults; pneumonia, heart disease and dropsy.
- The interments in Pine Forest (colored) Cemetery for the past week numbered 6, of which 2 were adults and 4 were children.
- We were pleased to see the Rev. Dr. Moran was well enough again to be on the streets yesterday and at the missionary meeting last night.
- We are requested to announce that there will be no regular preaching at the First Baptist (colored) Church until further notice. Prayer meeting every Sunday at usual hour.
- The Building Committee having in charge the construction of our beautiful new Hebrew Temple make an earnest appeal to the subscribers for funds needed
- to push on the work. - A statement by a colored woman, embracing 'serious charges against a member of the police force, was made at the office of the City Marshal yesterday. The matter will probably undergo investi-
- gation. - A white man, terribly overbur-'dened with "benzine," or, in other words, very much "fatigued," was carefully and tenderly conveyed to that sure and safe resting place the Guard House, yesterday after-

Capture of an Escaped Convict. Shade Nash, colored, who escaped from the County Work House on the 20th of November, and for whose apprehension a reward of \$25 was offered through the ETAR by Messrs Mathes & Co., Superire tendents, was arrested on one of the wharves yesterday morning, about 10 o'clock, by Abraham McKinsie, who turned him over to the Sheriff and he was lodged in jail to await a requisition from the Messrs. Mathes. Nash is about 20 years old, and was sent here from the Penitentiaty, where he had been sentenced to undergo imprisonment for a term of 3 years by the Smerior Court of Onslow county for

# A Chance for Our Detectives, &c.

I'wo circulars were received at the office of the City Marshal yesterday morning, one from Detectives Bishing & Thomas, of Indianapolis, Ind., offering a reward of \$150 for the arrest of John A. Blair, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, and one from Chas. W. Allen, Chief of Police of New Haven, Conn., offering a reward of \$200 for the apprehension of J. M. Martin, charged with stealing a large number of pistols of various kinds, both of whom are believed to have come in this di.

# Theft of Cigars.

The saloon of Mr. A. C. Wessell, on Second, between Market and Princess streets, was entered a night or two since and robbed of several boxes of cigars. The thief forced his way into the kitchen in the rear and from thence entered the salvon through a window connecting the two tooms. Mr. W. was not made aware of the theft until the clerk entered the saloon the next morning. Subsequently a portion of the cigars were recovered, having been found secreted under the kitchen. No clue

#### to the perpetrator. Mysterious Proceedings.

The cry of "Stop him!" "stop him!" followed by a sharp report from what was supposed to be a revolver, was heard on Chesnut street, in the neighborhood of Fourth, about 91 o'clock Friday night. Immediately afterwards a scuffle was heard on Fourth street, just beyond the corner, together with much loud and excited conversation, leaving the impression upon those who heard it the an important arrest had been effected; by efter diligent inquiry yesterday we were wable to find any one who could give us an / information in relation to the affair further than what we have

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### THE CONFERENCE.

Personal Sketches of Members. REV. JAMES A. DUNCAN.-There was a general indication of pleasant surprise as this distinguished and popular visitor entered the Conference. His name is a synonyme; of the gentleman and the pulpit orator. His paternal ancestry links him to the Emerald Isle, and he is distinguished for that enthusiastic eloquence characteristic of the most refined type of the Irish orator. His venerable father was educated at Glasgow University, was for many years the Professor of Ancient Languages in Randolph Macon College, Va., and now, at the age of 82 years, is the still active, thorough and accomplished Professor in his favorite

department in Wofford College.

Dr. Duncan is a native of Virginia. He is about 45 years of age. He is low in stature, rather heavily built, with a bland. smiling face, an eye that melts with love or flashes with fire, as he seeks the heart in tender sympathy or assails the strongholds of error with the hero's courage. His short, curly hair is fast fading, but the buoyancy of youth still lingers in the light of his eye and the smile of his lip. Much of his ministerial career has been connected with the prominent cities of Virginia. He was wellknown and highly honored in Richmond during the late war and was the admired and trusted friend of Gen. Lee. He is at present the President of Raudolph Macon College, at Ashland, Va. He has been editor of the Richmond Christian Advocate, several times delegate to the General Conference and has been deemed worthy of any and every trust in connection with the varied economy of his church.

Rev. W. H. Bobbitt joined the Conference in 1848, labored in several circuits and stations, and was for many years Presiding Elder. He has been three times delegate to the General Conference, and is now stationed at Greensboro. He is a good preacher and a popular pastor.

Rev. Jas. E. Mann joined the Conference in 1853, has filled many of its prominent appointments and has for the past year een stationed in this city. He is regarded men in the body. Within the last four years he has had to provide for three Con-

Rev. L. L. Hendren joined the Conference in 1848. Has always mented and received good appointments and has filled the most important stations, has been Presiding Elder several years and is now in Hillsboro district.

in 1853. He served in circuits and statious, has been Presiding Elder in several districts and is now in the Raleigh district. He is a zealous preacher of great power, a good counseller in Conference and a direct.

Rev. D. R. Bruton joined the Conference in 1857, has filled important circuits and stations, was at one time president of Thomasville Female College, and is now in the Salisbury district. He is a good

preacher and excellent presiding officer. Rev. B. B. Culbreth joined the Conference in 1859. He is an effective revivalist preacher. Served two years as agent of Trinity College with great success, and is

now stationed at Wadesboro. Rev. Paul J. Caraway joined the Conference in 1849. He has been a very successful paster, prudent in the management of affairs, strict in the administration of discipline. He is now stationed at Charlotte. Rev. Robert O. Burton joined the Con' ference in 1833 and is one of the oldest members of the body. He has filled all the principal positions in the Conference, was delegate to the General Conference and is a preacher of great lower. He thinks for himself and expresses his opinions frankly and featlessly. He has been a man of great usefulness in the Church.

Rev. A. D. Betts joured the Conference in 1854 and is a genuine specimen of the Methodist circuit-rider. He is a popular

Rev. E. A. Yates joined the Conference in 1860. He has filled important circuits and stations, has been Presiding Elder several years and is now in the Newbern district. He is a good preacher, a spicy, frequent and forcible waiter and an independ-

Rev. John W. Lewis joined the Confer ence in 1833. A good preacher, faithful pastor, and understands the working of the

Rev. Ira T. Wyche joined the Conference in 1838; has been in circuits, statious and the Presiding Eldershin. He is one of the most diligent, laborious men in the Confer-

Rev. J. A. Cuaninggim j sined the Conference in 1855, has been successful in the best circuits and stations and is now the agent of Greensboro Female College. He is a very effective, no popular preacher.

Rev. M. J. Hunt joined the Conference in 1855. He is an earnest, practical man. Relies on truth for success and is valuable in various fields of the work.

Rev. W. C. Norman is a son of Alfred Norman, one of the original members of the Conference. He is a popular preacher, and is a young man of great promise.

Rev. F. L. Reld is a son of Rev. Dr. N. F. Reid, is regarded as a fine sermonizer, and is very popular as a young member. Mr. Reid is highly cultivated, and writes with beauty and force. : noth 's hair and vis

Rev. J. F. Heitman is a very scholarly and earnest young man, elegant in the composition of his sermons, and stands high for his age. Rev. A. A. Boshamer is a very superior by members of the Conference.

ceptable as a pastor. He was formerly stationed at Fifth Street Church in this

The following members of the Conference are graduates of Trinity College: D. C. Johnson, S. D. Peeler, M. L. Wood, W. C. Gannon, J. T. Smoot, D. R. Bruton, B. B. Culbreth, C. C. Dodson, W. O. Willson, J. F. Heitman, J. T. Harris, W. B. Maness, F. L. Reid and W. C. Norman. Many others were partially educated there.

## Our Churches To-Day.

Services in St. John's Church to-day, 2nd Sunday in Advent, as follows: Morning Prayer and Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 11 o'clock; Evening Prayer at 71 o'clock.

Services at St. James' Church, corner Market and Third streets, to-day, 2nd Sunday in Advent, as follows: Morning Prayer at 11 o'clock; Sunday School at 3 p. m. Evening Prayer at 4 o'elock.

Services at St. Paul's (Episcopal) church

corner of Fourth and Orange streets, as follows: Services at 11 a. m., and 71 p. m. Rev. T. M. Ambler, Rector. Scats free. St. Paul's Evang. Lutheran Church, corner of 6th and Market streets, Rev. G. D. Bernheim, pastor. Services this day, in the English language only, at 11 a. m. and 71 p. m. Rev. R. O. Burton, N. C. Conference, will preach in the morning, and Rev. W. W. Jones, S. C. Conference, at night. Sunday school at 3 p. m. Weekly lecture on Wednesday at 71 p. m. Catechetical in

struction on Friday at 31 p. m. Front Street M. E. Church (South), corner of Front and Walnut streets: Rev. J.E. Mann, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 74 p. m. Sunday school at 3 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 71 o'clock. Young Men's Society Tuesday night at 71 o'clock. Bishop H. N. McTyeire will preach in the morning, when he will ordain to Deacon's Orders. Rev. J. H. Duncan, of

Virginia, will preach in the evening. Fifth Street Methodist E. Church (South) situated on Fifth, between Nun and Church streets. Services at 11 a. m. and 74 p. m. Sabbath School at 91 a. m. Prayer meet as a safe and discreet member of the Con- ing Thursday night at 71 o'clock. Rev. L ference. He is among the handsomost S. Burkhead, D. D., will preach in the morning and Bishop H. N. McTyeire in the evening, when he will ordain to Elder's

First Baptist Church, corner of Market and Fifth streets, Rev. James B. Taylor, Pastor. Sunday School at 94 a. m. Services at 11 a. m. and 74 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday night at 71 p. m. Young men's prayer meeting Tuesday night at 71 Rev. J. P. Moore joined the Conference p. m. Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, D. D., will preach in the morning and Rev. W. H. Bobbitt at night-both gentlemen of the N. C. Conference. The ordinance of baptism

will be administered after the night service. Second Baptist church, on Sixth, between Church and Castle streets. Services at 11 o'clock a. m. and 74 o'clock r. m. Sunday school at 3 o'clock p. m. Prayer meeting Tuesday night at 71 o'clock. Rev. D. R. Bruton will preach in the morning and Rev. W. C. Gannon at night.

First Presbyterian Church, corner Third and Orange streets: Rev. Jos. R. Wilson, D. D., Pastor. Services at 11 a. m., and 71 p. m. Sunday School at 3 p. m. Rev. B. Craven, D. D. LL. D., will preach in the morning, and Rev. T. M. Jones, D. D., at

Second Presbyterian Church, corner of Fourth and Campbell streets. Services at 11 a. m. by Rev. E. A. Yates and at 71 p. m. by Rev. J. R. Brooks. Sunday school at 3 p. m. Seats free.

St. Thomas' Catholic Church, Dock St. between 2nd and 3rd. Services to-day as follows: Holy Mass at 7 a. m. and 101 a m. Vespers at 4 p. m. Sunday school at 9 a. m. Sunday school for the colored children in the basement at 3 p. m. Rev. M. S. Gross, pastor and Rev. Jas. B. White assistant.

Seamen's Bethel: Services at 31 p. m Rev. Jos. L. Keen, Chaplain.

Services at St. Mark's (colored) Episcopal Church: Morning Prayer at 11 o'clock; pastor, attends to all the interests of the Evening Prayer at 8 o'clock. Sun-Church, and is full of zeal for every good | day school at 3 p., m., at St. Barnabas' School house. Sears free.

Trinity Chapel, 7th and Brunswick streets, Rev. Geo. W. Price, Pastor. Ser vices at 11 o'clock a. m., 31 p. m. and 71 p. m. Sabbath School at 9 a. m.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE A. M. E. CHURCH. St. Stephen's,-At 11 a m. by Rev. G. W. Brodie, at 3 p. m. by Rev. A. T. Carr, at 7 o'clock by Rev. M. B. Salters,

Mount Zion. -At 11 a. m. by Rev. Geo. G. McGee, at 3 p. m. by Rev. L. R. Nichols, at 74 p. m. by Rev. Elisha Boon.

Mount Olive A. M. E. Church .- At 11 a. m. by Rev. W. A. Davis, at 3 p. m. by Rev. George Hunter, at 7 p. m. by Rev. L. T. Roberts.

Ebenezer Baptist Church .- At 11 a. m. by Rev. W. L. Hunter, 3 p. m. Rev. E. Wilhams, at 8 p. m. by Rev. G. H. Weaver. Presbyterian Church .- At 11 a. m. by Rev. A. T. Carr, at 71 p. m. by Rev. H. Epps. At the Bluff .- At 11 a. m. by Rev. Rob't Lucas, at 7 p. m. by Rev. C. M. Blunt.

M. E. Church (colored).-At 11 a. in. by Rev. J. Horne, at 3 p. m. by Rev. J. E. Cook, at 8 p. m. by Rev. A. Turner.

Eastern Medical Association. Through the kindness of the Mayor, the City Court Room at the City Hall has been obtained by the Committee of Arrangements for the meetings of this body. It will convene in this city at half-past seven o'clock P. M. on Tuesday, the 7th instant, instead of Monday, as stated by us before.

- See our regular Church directory for appointments for services to-day ENCE.

Fourth Day's Proceedings of the 39th

Annual Session of the North Carolina Conference of the M. E Church South.

The Conference met yesterday at 94 o'clock, the appointed hour. There was a more than usually large attendance of delegates. There was also quite a large congregation present. Among them were many ladies. All seemed to pay marked attention to the proceedings, which were quite interesting.

Bishop McTyeire occupied the Chair and Rev. L. Shell conducted the opening exer-

The hymn No. 577 of the Methodist collection, "Still Stir Me Up to Strive," was selected for the opening and sung by the Conference, after which Mr. Shell offered up a very fervent prayer.

The Secretary then called the roll of members of the Conference who were not heretofore present. The following lay delegates answered: J. W. Gedney, Shelby district; J. W. Leak, Fayetteville district; J. W. McGee, Wilmington district; B. W. Brown, Washington district.

The minutes of the last meeting were

read and approved. The continuation of the 20th question, 'Are all the preachers blameless in life and in official administration" with regard to elders, pastors of churches, which was commenced on the previous day and not finished up to the hour of adjournment, was taken up and concluded.

During the pending of the 20th question, the matter of colored members of the different churches came up.

The Bishop spoke in terms of regard and esteem of the colored Methodists, and the discussion was participated in by Rev. Dr. Closs, R. O. Burton, E. A. Yates and W. S. Black. It was shown that the colored membership had fallen off, especially in the Washington and Newbern districts, and it was shown that especially in those districts the colored members had become attached to the colored Methodist church. The Bishop advised the greatest care and attention of the preachers to this matter and said they were and would always be glad to welcome the colored Methodists to the fold; that while he did not mean to disparage the labors of their white brethren of the North among them, still he knew that none had more effect and influence with the colored Methodists of the South than the Southern white ministers. The Southern Methodists were anxious to greet them for their spirit-

Rev. W. H. Moore arese and stated that he had been requested by Bishop Bebee, colored, of the A. M. E. Church, to bear the regards of himself and his people to the

Rev. J. F. Smoot was located and a resolution expressing the high regard of the Conference for that gentleman was adopted. After announcements by the chairmen of committees regarding statistics and finances, question 25, "What local preachers are recommended for Deacons' Orders,'

Rev. Dr. Closs moved that the Rev. Matthew C. Heppenstall, a minister of the M. P. Church, who had made application to that effect, be received with the Conference, he to take the vows of a minister without being reordained. Afterinquiring into the condition and standing of the applicant and a discussion participated in by Revs. D. R. Bruton, Dr. Closs, P. J. Carraway, Ira T. Wyche, J. P. Moore and J. B. Bobbitt, the question was laid over for future consideration.

Question 25th was again taken up, the following gentlemen of the districts designated being admitted to deacon's orders, viz: Revs. I. N. Mann, Hillsboro District; W. H. Pegram, Greensboro District; W. P. Williams, Salisbury District; B. F. Dixon, Shelby District; J. H. Davis, Wilmington District, and Wm. O'Neil, Newbern District. John J. Sutliff, from the Salisbury District, failed to pass the vote of the Conference. The case of Rev. J. W. Shackford, a candidate for deacon's orders, proposed by Rev. Dr. Gloss, who read a recommendation of that gentleman from the Washington District Quarterly Conference, elicited some discussion. Under the church discipline a preacher to be eligible to deacon's orders was required to have been either a travelling preacher for two years or a local preacher for four years. Mr. Shackford had been a local preacher for three years and a travelling preacher for one year.

Dr. Closs contended, and argued learnedly and ingeniously that the requirements

Revs. Dr. Craven and N. H. Wilson opposed, and Rev. R. O. Burton favored. The Bishop expressed an opinion favorable to the affirmative side of the argument. but declined to pronounce a decision, but would bring the question up before the College of Bishops at their next meeting for their adjudication. The matter was laid over to await their action.

The question "Wno are recommended for Elders' Orders' was next taken up, and Rev. Neil McNair Smith, of the Charlotte dis-

The Bishop announced that the ordination of Deacons would take place in Front Street Church to-day at the 11 o'clock service, and be paid over to the Chairman of the Joint

Question 29, "When shall the next ses"

preacher, popular in manner, and very ac- | METHODIST EPISCOPAL CONFER | sion of the Conference be held," was taken of what is included in the N. C. Conference

to Greensboro, Rev. C. M. Pepper to Mon-After some discussion, participated in by

Revs. N. H. D. Wilson, Dr. Closs, E. A. Yates and A. W. Mangum, the vote was taken, and resulted in Greensboro being

The Conference voted to hold an afternoon session, to commence at 31 o'clock. The committee on Public Worship annonuced that evening services would take place in the church at 71 o'clock, when Bishop McTyeire and Rev. Dr. Duncan, President of Randolph Macon College, would deliver missionary addresses.

After the usual closing exercises, the body adjourned to meet at 34 o'clock P. M. AFTERNOON SESSION. The Conference met at 34 o'clock, pur.

suant to adjournment, the presiding Bishop in the chair. Rev. Dr. Duncan conducted the opening exercises, announcing the hymn "So Let Our Lips and Lives Express," which, being

sung, he offered up a fervent prayer. The following committees reported: Committee on Bible cause. Report adopt-

The committee on education reported, and among other things recommended Revs. J. A. Cunninggim and V. A. Sharpe for agents of Greensboro Female and Trinity Colleges, and also asked the Bishop to confirm the appointment of Rev. A. W. Mangum, a member of the body, as a Professor in the University at Chapel Hill. The report was unanimously adopted, the Bishop expressing himself as highly pleased with the unanimity displayed in the cause of education, and confirmed the appointments as requested.

The committee on church property re ported; report adopted. Rev. Dr. Duncan, at the request of the Bishop, gave a statement relative to the value of parsonages in the Virginia Conference.

Rev. A. W. Mangum, with the consent of the body, spoke at some length relative to his connection with Chapel Hill as a representative of the Methodist denomination in North Carolina, stating it to be one of the requirements of the constitution of the University that every principal denomination in the State should be represented on the faculty. He would do his utmost in the cause, and asked the help and prayers of his brother members, while he thanked them for the confirmation of his

Rev. Dr. Duncan, President of Randolph Macon College, at the request of Dr. Closs, spoke for some tline, giving a history of the rise, progress and condition of Randolph Macon College of the Virginia Con-

The following report of the centennial The committee to whom was referred the

subject of observing the year 1876 as the Centennial of the introduction of Methodism in the State of North Carolina, report In March, 1776, we believe on the 23rd

day of that month, at a Conference held in the city of Baltimore, a circuit, called "Carolina Circuit," was organized, embracing an indefinite extent of territory and allowing the preacher in charge large liberty for his efforts in spreading "Scriptural holi-ness" throughout this hitherto unoccupied field. What a wide expanse is here presented for the matured thought of the developed Methodism of 1875. There was one solitary preacher, a stranger to every citizen of the State, belonging to a people who were unknown to all that dwelt in this vast extent of terrritory; even the name of the founder, under God, of this form of Christian faith and worship had never penetrated this remote region-all external suroundings were unpromising-and that herald of the Cross, with his horse, saddlebags, Bible and hymn-book, trusting with a irm and unwavering faith in the God that had redeemed and pardoned him through the blood of his Son, came pioneering this unexplored realm, and carrying the "glad tidings" of the personal salvation that he experienced in his own consciousness, to those that, sat in "the region of darkness and the shadow of death."

One hundred years, in the Providence of God, have passed away, and what things do we now hehold ? A great people instinct with the life and soul of a glorious Christian faith, churches, colleges, schools and semi-naries of learning dotting their whole land, and the vitalizing power of this Christianity informed with the energy of divine truth reaching into and elevating all classes, con-

ditions and forms of heligf. Three generations of peoples have gone to their great reward, hundreds of Methodst preachers are enjoying the fruition of that glorious hope they preached to a dying world, thousands upon thousands of holy men and women have, with their pastors, joined the innumerable company of the reeemed, and areto-day singing that grand anthem that swells throughout the arches of glory and is pealing onward through the cycles of eternity, and thousands more, preachers and people, are hastening to join the glorious throng; and still the work goes on, widens, deepens, enlarges and pierces the serried ranks of sin, and girds itself for grander efforts. Let us see what a great work has been accomplished, and prepare for still greater triumphs.

Within the bounds of the N. C. Conference there are 150 pastoral charges, manhed by 150 effective soldiers of the Cross. We have 17 superannuated preachers that have worn out their frames in pushing them at the triumphs they have witnessed and at the prospect of the rewards just be-fore them. Two hundred and twenty-five local preachers are in our different fields of labor assisting by their counsels, efforts and characters, and 50,000 members fill up the rank and file of this grand army. There are nearly 600 Sunday Schools full of the thought and power that Methodism has infused into our literature-nigh on to 4,000 teachers are drilling recruits for the supply of the wasting powers of those that have ! fought their fight" and gone to their reward-and this array of leaders is folenjoined the candidates to be is readiness clowed on by nearly 30,000 children of the Church, preparing to lift up the weapons that have fallen from the unnerved grasp of Bishop was authorized to draw on the those that so gloriously wielded them for treasury of the Conference for \$190.83 to the faith. We have three Conference colleges of college was the cradle of Methodism-with property valued at \$125,000; 55 parsonages worth \$76,000, and 660 churches

worth \$600,000, And this is only a sketch

ence, not to mention the vast interests in the State of North Carolina within the Rev. N. H. D. Wilson invited the body bounds of the Virginia and Holston Con-

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In view of these facts and statistics, your committee deem it interesting and proper to pause and look back over the field where this great conflict has been fought and won, and gather up, as far as possible, and put into active use for other conflicts, the results of this glerious past, and record the labors, toils and triumphs of the blessed dead. Your committee therefore recommend the Conference to adopt the following

resolutions-viz: Resolved, That we will celebrate the year 1876 as the Centennial of N. C. Meth.

Resolved. That we hold in the city of Raleigh, commencing on the day the Centennial occurs—the 21st of March—a mass meeting of 8 or more days' continuance, that appropriate religious services be held and addresses be made by such persons as shall be selected by a committee of five (three preachers and two laymen) to be appointed by this body, developing the history of the Church, and that one or more of our Bishops be invited to aid us by their pres-

ence and counsels. Resolved, That the P. E. of the Raleigh district, the preacher in charge of the Edenton Street Church in Raleigh, the senior editor of the Raleigh Christian Advocate, W. J. W. Crowder and W. J. Young be appointed a committee to make arrangements for the celebration called for in the

second resolution. Resolved, That we will labor to raise \$60. 000 to liquidate the debts of the three colloges of the Conference, and \$25,000 for the erection of a Metropolitan Church in the

ity of Raleigh. Resolved, That one whole month be devoted to holding religious centennial meetings in each pastoral charge. That each pastor be requested to preach on the great distinctive doctrines of Methodism, viz: the universality of the atonement; justificaion by faith; regeneration; the witness of the spirit; personal holiness; the itinerancy, and the necessity of our revival systemespecially as developing the history and triumphs of Methodism in this State and in the world—and that we may thus interest all our people, young and old, in all the en-terprises of the Church, and heartily enlist them in aiding their development and suc-

Resolved. That during the month devoted to centennial meetings each pastor shall thoroughly canvass his charge, making, if possible, personal application to every member of his congregation—to all friends of education and progress-for donations for the objects above stated; and if it be not possible for the paster to personally solicit all within his charge, that he be requested to enlist wise, prudent and active members of his congregation to see that this whole matter be brought to the attention of

Resolved, That each Presiding Elder shaldesignate the month for holding the cenennial meetings in each of the charges of is district, and that he be requested to sold not less than three special mass meetings within the bounds of his district for the purpose of arousing the energies and acivities of the church to the importance of the great objects contemplated.

Resolved, That each P. E. shall set apart Saturday of his District Conference as a centennial day, and that he shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, a programme of exerises for that occasion, and that he shall have a collection taken up for the objects

Resolved. That Saturday of the next Annual Conference be designated as the "Conference Centennial Day;" that a suitable programme be arranged for that day by a committee appointed by this Conference for that purpose—the object being to present a summary of the results of the efforts of the centennial year and for general thanksgivng to Almighty God for His benedictions

upon us. Resolved. That each donor be privileged to direct the application of his donations to any one or more of the centennial objects, and that his directions be faithfully carried

Resolved, That the several sums collected by the operation of these resolutions be transmitted to a treasurer, to be sent by him forthwith to the proper authorities of the interests represented, and that all sums not specially directed be deposited in bank for safekeeping until the next session of the Annual Conference, to be by it applied to these objects as its wisdom may direct, and that W. J. W. Crowder, of the city of Raeigh, be elected Centennial Treasurer. Resolved, That the preachers and mem bers of the Virginia and Holston Confer

ences, within the bounds of the State of North Carolina, be earnestly invited to unite with the N. C. Conference in the observance of this centennial year, and to cooperate with us in raising funds to assist in building a Metropelitan Church in the city of Raleigh, and for the benefit of the institutions of learning within their own bounds, or for any other objects they may choose and that the Centennial Committee at Ru leigh be instructed to convey this request to these brethren.

Resolved, That all the Bishops of the M. E. Church South are hereby cordially invited and earnestly entreated to be with us at as many points within our bounds, during the year, as possible, and assist us by their pres ence, efforts and Godly councils in carrying out the great purposes contemplated in this report.

WHEREAS, We shall need more than ever the medium of the Raleigh Christian Advocate to give wide publicity to the centennial proceedings, speeches, historical reminiscences, &c., therefore

Resolved, That the preachers be requested o put forth extra exertions to enlarge the subscription list of that paper as early in that year as possible, and also during the centennial month. All of which is most respectfully sub-

L. S. BURKHEAD.

The following was offered as a substitute o resolution 11 in the above report:

That the several sums collected by the operation of these resolutions be promptly ransmitted by the Presiding Elders and preachers in charge to the proper agents or managers of the interests named, and that lina, now in session in this city, repsent up to the ensuing Conference to be distributed as the Conference may direct.

The report and substitute above was, on motion of Bev. L. S. Burkhead, chairman of the committee, laid over until Monday morning at 10 o'clock, sans al aller a

A resolution offered by the Missionary Society was adopted to add and a A resolution requesting the members hav ing missionary funds to pay them over to

the Conference on the second day of each meeting was adopted. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

the following statistics: Whole number of members in all the churches of the Conference 54,992, an in

The Secretary of the Conference reported

ionately low rates.

Five Squares estimated as a quarter-column, and en squares as a half-column.

crease of 4,085 during the year; infants haptized 1,590, a decrease of 41; adults baptized 2,505, decrease of 218; number of Sunday Schools 624, increase of 88; numher of Sunday School teachers 3.835, increase 440; number of Sunday School scholars 27,737, increase 2,873; whole number of churches in the Conference 706, valued at \$645,155; number of parsonages 54. valued at \$71,100.

The committee on public worship made appointments for the several churches today which appear in the list of church

The Bishop made a few remarks congratulating the body upon the excellent condition of Methodism in North Carolins, as shown by the statistics read.

The Doxology was then sung, and after Benediction be the Bishop, the Conference took a recess until to-morrow morning.

Missionary Meeting. The meeting called by Conference's Committee on Public Worship to hear addresses on the subject of missions was held last night at Front Street Church.

At the appointed hour the house was filled almost to overflowing, and the meeting was organized under the direction of the Conference Board of Missions, with the President, Rev. Paul J. Carraway, in the chair and Rev. Frank H. Wood and Col. Leak acting, respectively, as Secretary and Treasurer.

Rev. Dr. Closs read a chapter and prayed, after which the Secretary made a statement of the work and necessities of the Board.

Bishop McTyeire and the Rev. Dr. Duncan, President of Randolph Macon College, had been announced to address the meeting, but the Bishop was unable to be present owing to the late adjournment of the afternoon session of Conference. The address of Dr. Duncan was excellently well conceived and adapted to the purpose had in view, alternately swaying the great congregation as with a master's hand from one extreme of emotion to the other by its happiness of illustration.

A collection for the cause, estimated by the Treasurer to amount to about \$325, was then raised, and after the grand old mis-

sionary hymn "From Greenland's icy mountains," the meeting closed with the benediction by

Rev. A. W. Mangum. Wilmington Retail Market. The following prices ruled yesterday: Apples, (dried) 121 cents per pound; dried peaches 25c per pound; walnuts, 25 cents per peck; pickles, 20 cents per dozen; lard, 18 cents per pound; butter, 40@55 cents per pound; cheese, 25 cents per pound; grown fowls 50@60's pair; geese \$1 50 per pair; beef 10@16%c. per pound; beef, (corued) 121@15c. per pound; veal, 121@16ic. per pound; mutton, 121@161 cts. per pound; ham, 18@20 cts. per pound; shoulders, 124@ 14 cents per pound; tripe, 20 cts. per bunch; clams, 25 cents a peck; open clams, 20@25 cts a quart; soup bunch, 5 cts; eggs, 25@30 cents. a doz; sturgeon, 25 cts. a chunk (5 lbs); potatoes, new Irish, 40c a peck; Lew sweet 20 cents a peck; fish-trout 25c. per bunch; mullets 10@25 cents per bunch; turnips, 10 cents a bunch; onions, 50 cents a peck; cabbages 10@25 cents a head; bologna 20 cents a pound; wild ducks 50@75 cents a pair; parcley, 5 cents a bunch; onions, 50 cents a peca; carrots, 5 cents a pound; rice 10@20 cents a quart; crabs 15 cts dozen; green field peas 10c per quart; apples 50 to 60c per peck; liver pudding, 20 cents # 1b; blood pud;

20 cents a quart. Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ma-

ding, 25 cents # ib.; oysters (New River)

\$1 25 per gallon or \$1 a bushel; do. Sound,

The Grand Lodge F. and A. Masons of this State meets at Raleigh to-morrow, and will be in session for several days. The delegation from this city will consist of Messrs. H. H. Munson, who goes as Junior Grand Warden, S. B. Everett, as Master, Eugene Martin, as proxy for the Senior Warden, F. G. Robinson as Junior Warden, and Thos. M. Gardner as Past Deputy Grand Master and Representative of Pythagorus Lodge of Smithville and King Solomon Lodge of Lillington, Pender county. The sessi on, we learn, is expected to be a very interesting and important one.

Range of Thermometer. The following was the range of the ther mometer at the Signal Bureau, in this city,

7 A. M., 49; 12 M., 52; 2 P. M., 56; 4:30 P. M., 58; 9 P. M., 52; 11 P. M., 50.

SKETCH OF ITS RISE AND PROG-The following sketch, farnished by J. E. Sampson, of this city, will like-

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ly prove of interest: The African Methodist Episcopal Annual Conference of North Caroresents the largest colored organization of Christians in the world, as well as the oldest, and prides itself, too, on being as legally set apart as any religious denomination in the world. It did not come into existence as the result of the late war, nor any other war, but dates its origin from the introduction of Methodism in the British colonies, when led by Revs. Phillip Embry and Heck. In the early history of Methodism the ides of being a divided or an independent body was never thought of.

The colored people continued as a [CONTINUED ON FOURTH PAGE.]