grade was already established and the

work begun and that to change it

would cost the city \$250. He stated

that the owners of lots could fill in

their lots with sand at a less cost, but

the committee was willing to change

the grade if the residents would pay

contemplated a macadamized road-

vay on both sides of the street rail-

way track, and that a macadam road-

way would also be constructed around

on Ninth street from Princess to Mar-

ments costing \$600

lowering the grade.

bank ofr the stockholders.

fered with the work.

Parker.

ninistration.

Markets

Mayor's Court.... Pound Fees Weighing Beef Cattle...

ordinary.....

Back Taxes. .....

a little over.

Totals

Dray and Dog Badges.... Premium on Bonds

Real and Personal Tax for

Included in Miscellaneous and Extraordinary is Dividends from Defunct

Difference in Tax Collec-tions - Merchants' Li-

Difference in favor Dec. 1 1898, to Dec. 31, 1900. . . . . \$

Sanitary Department...

Street Improvements...

Advertising.

oupons..... Refunded Tax

risoners.

Coupons .

rinting, Stationery and

Miscellaneous and Extra-

xpense on Bonds and

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missions, Collecting
Back Tax
Note of Former Adminis-

Funding Expenses.

Insurance a Vear

xcess of Expenditures from April 1, 1899, to Dec.

31, 1900, over Expendi-tures from April 1, 1897, to Dec. 31, 1898.....

fied, could be collected.

for a good horse.

form.

The annual report of the chief of po-

lice was also presented, and also the

reports of Alderman West of the mar-

City Attorney Iredell Meares made

reports. He stated that in the two

years of his service he had ;collected

are still due. Most of it, he was satis-

On motion of Alderman Taylor, the

mayor was authorized to have the an-

nual reports published in pamphlet

On motion of Alderman Taylor of the

fire committee, R. A. Cromwell was

elected as a member of the fire depart-

ment in place of J. H. Edwards resign-

of the streets and whaves committee

At the request of Alderman Taylor,

On motion of Alderman Worth the

license tax on junk shops was reduced

from \$5.50 per month to \$2.50 per month.

Messrs. Dan Benton and W. M.

Sneeden petitioned the board to remu-

nerate them for taking down their awn-

ings at Front street market and for damage to goods done by rain in conse-

quence of the removal of the awnings. Referred to the market committee.

isbursements from Nov. 1, 1896, to Dec. 1, 1898.....

cepse and Real and Per-

sonal for Current Years,

A little over 4,600 00
Receipts from Dec. 1, 1898,
to Dec. 31, 1900 \$404,954 94
Receipts from Nov. 1, 1896,
to Dec. 1, 1898 301,740 75

1898, to Dec. 31, 1900....\$ 103,214 17 Disbursements from Dec. 1, 1898, to Dec. 31, 1900....

DISBURSEMENTS

Streets and Wharves....\$ 27,100 97 \$26,390 64

THE REGULAR ORDER

painting of Front Street market is in

progress, but bad weather has inter-

Alderman Parker, referring to the

improvement of the streets in other

wards, said he wanted to ask that some

attention be paid to the Fifth ward.

He moved therefore that the streets

and wharves committee be ordered to

continue the macadam roadway on

Fifth street from Castle to Wooster

street, two blocks further than the

Springer seconded the motion.

present plan calls for. Alderman

Alderman Taylor, of the streets and

wharves committee, said he hoped the

board would not adopt the motion. The

committee had already made its plans

and this would upset them. The ap-

propriation would not permit it. In

further remarks, he said the commit-

tee had already constructed 46 blocks

of macadam streets, nearly four miles,

and that the work was being done on

a system that would be disturbed by

the adoption of Alderman Parker's

The board by a standing vote of 4 to

rejected the motion of Alderman

Alderman Springer, of the hospital

committee, reported that the water

main ordered to be laid at the city

hispital had been completed and that

the expense was paid out of a surplus

in the hands of the hospital committee.

stated that the traffic frequently block-

ed the streets. He also stated that a

arge engine was run instead of a

dummy engine. On motion it was or-

ered that the Atlantic Coast Line au-

thorities be notified not to run a heavy

engine and that the street must not be

obstructed by the leaving of cars on

Alderman Taylor, acting chairman

h police committee, submitted the an-

nual report covering the operations of

the police department under this ad-

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

The following is a report made up by

ity Clerk and Treasurer B. F. King

taking a comparison of receipts and

disbursements for two years each of

Mayor Wright's and Mayor Waddell's

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS-CITY OF WIL-

MINGTON

Merchants' License Tax.\$ 23,329 62 \$30,624 00

Apr. 1,'97 Apr.1,'99

Dec.31, 98. Dec.31,1900

177,877 31

8,000 00

.\$ 255,580 34 \$311,137 82

Dec.31,'98 Dec.31,1900

612 90

.\$237,486 71 \$303,797 64

150 00

35,886 98 3,500 20 12,015 88

the \$250. He said the improvemen

### The Messenger,

ered at the Postoffice at Wilming ton, N. C., as Second Class Matter, April 18, 1879.

#### THE WEATHER.

FORECASTS-Fair Tuesday and Wed nesday; light variable winds. TEMPERATURE-8 a. m., 41 degrees 8 p. m., 50 degrees; highest, 57 de grees; lowest, 41 degrees. .

New Advertisements. Wanted-Special.

J. M. Bunting-Real Estate. D. Bloan, Sec.—St. John's Lodge W. B. Cooper-Seed Oats and Rye. E. Warren & Son.-Hot Chocolate. Van Amringe's Auction Rooms-Spe-

Everybody Must Go to VanAm ringe's Auction Room-Special. Mechanics Home Association -Nev

Series Stock. Call and Get One-W. M. Cumming. Read Johnson's ad. today.

#### PITHY LOCALS.

The meeting of the lot owners of Oak dale Cemetery Company, which was to have been held last night, was postponed until next Monday night.

The regular quarterly meeting of the board of directors of the Associated Charities will be held at 11 o'clock this (Tuesday) morning at the office of the tion in the old court house. The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held in the

Y. M. C. A. parlors this morning at 11 o'clock. All members are earnestly asked to attend. Tea will be served. The week of prayer will be observed this week in the First Presbyterian church. Half hour services will be held in the lecture room every evening

during the week at 6 o'clock. All are invited to attend. Wilmington Lodge, No. 532, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, had a very large and enthusiastic meeting hast night, the occasion being the initiation of seven candidates, who were inducted into the mysteries and secrets of the order. The candidates were all pleased and, our word for it, they will be on hand when others are to be

Special Bargains in every department

### PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. F. T. Mills went to Riemond last Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Emerson left last night for New York.

Mr. O. L. Clark, of Clarkton, was here on business yesterday. Mr. F. Jolley went to Whiteville yes-

Mr. C. M. Brand, A. C. L. train dipatcher, left last night for Sumter.

Mr. A. D. Pridgen, of Viola, was in the city yesterday making business Mr. Joseph Armstrong went back

yesterday to Horner's Military school, Oxford. Mrs. D. F. Nichols, of Mt. Olive, is a guest of Mrs. J. J. Kelly, on Third and

Market streets. Mr. Harliee Bellamy left last night for Philadelphia, where he is taking a

Professor David Russell, who has been in Wilson for some time, returned Mr. Burke Bridgers returned on Sun-

Elliott left last last evening to re-en-

ter St. Timothy, Baltimore. Miss Maggie Smith, of Whiteville who has been here on a visit to Miss Lydia Yates, will return home today. Misses Mary Belle Sneed and Lucy Baldwin returned yesterday to the

Baptist university for women, at Ra-leigh. Miss Mary Culbreth, who has been home to spend the holidays with her parents, returned to Littleton Female

Miss Zenie Croom, of Burgaw, who has been visiting in the city, returned home last evening, much to the regret

Missee Lucy Bridgers, Margaret Bridgers, Beulah Armstrong, and Blanche Chadbourn returned yesterday

to St. Mary's, Raleigh. Dr. D. I. Watson, of Southport, delegate from Pythagoras lodge No. 45, A. F. and A. M., left last night for Ra-

eigh, to attend the grand lodge. Mr. W. G. Sale, formerly connected city for a few days. He was a welcome visitor at The Messenger office last night.

Mr. M. J. O'Brien, of New York, president of the Southern Express Company, accompanied by Mr. E. M. Williams, assistant to the president, arrived here Sunday in his private car. They were the guests of Col. W. J. Crosswell, district superintendent of the Southern Express Company, and apanied by him they left yesterday at 3:45 p. m. for Charleston.

### All Millinery at Cost at Johnson's .

Pleasant Incident Last Night. in the primary department of Grace M. E. church Sunday school, of which Mrs. W. H. Shaw is superintendent, a pleasant incident transpired. Masters James Chasten, John N. Cole, Jr., Bryan Newkirk, Harry W. Keen, pupils of Miss Fentress; and Masters Walter Benson, Dixie Bowler, Edward Polly, pupils of Miss Hattie Willis, were passed to the intermediate school, in the

In behalf of these boys Miss Fen-tress expressed their grateful thanks to Mrs. Shaw for her untiring patience, her valuable instruction and ever abidnig interest in them, and then presenting to Mrs. Shaw a lovely souvenir spoon of Wilmington, containing an etching of the postoffice building. The gift was presented as a slight token of their gratitude for her earnest labors bestowed on them in the primary department, and was tendered with their best wishes for a very happy new

Mrs. Shaw replied in heartfelt words of appreciation for this unexpected Tentress and Miss Willis for their faithful help in her department of Sunday school work, and closed with expressions of her deep interest in the future spiritual and temporal welfare of each of the noble boys who gave her the

The superintendent of Grace Sabbath school is Mr. W. B. Cooper, whose unique business card, sent out to his teachers and patrons was one of the most beautiful of this festive season. It contained Ithograph pictures of a harming girl and boy in colonial dress and the card was encircled with lovely pansies on a pink background, intertwined in a net work of white and gold tinted leaves.

### A Baby Turned Over to the Wrong

On Sunday night, about 11 o'clock Mr. E. A. Orrell had a girl baby left at his house at Ninth and Walnut before he, she or they could be seen. erved right, as he already has seven

\$1.50 Kid Gloves \$1.00 today at John-

d Johnson's Clearing Sale

CITY MATTERS.

#### EGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN LAST NIGHT

Mayor Waddell Delivers His Annual Message-He Gives a Fine Account of of This Board-During Two Years the Expenditures Were Greater Than Those of the Wright Board, but This Board Collected \$60,000 More Than the Former Board.

The first regular monthly meeting of and the twentieth century, was held last night in the mayor's office. The meeting was of more than usual interest and was attended by Mayor Waddell and Aldermen Worth, Taylor, Littleton, Woolard, Hanby, Spencer, West, Parker and Springer. Absent,

Alderman MacRae. Mayor Waddell, upon calling the body to order, said he would suspend the usual order, and instead read his annual message, covering the work of the present municipal administration. He then read his message as follows:

THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE. TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN ::-It seems appropriate that, as the chief executive officer of this city, I should lay before you and the public a of course, but if the rate of progress brief statement of the present condition of the affairs of this municipality, and of the progress that has been made in the two years of my service as Mayor

following: On the 10th day of November, 1898, when the change of administration occurred-with the exception of the department of finance which had by wise egislation been placed in the hands of an honest and intelligent board, composed of responsible tax-payers-every in a condition of ineffeciency and demoralization. This condition of affairs was one of the chief causes of the revolution which was forced upon the people of this city at that time. It is unnecessary to refer in detail to the other causes which produced that revolution. Suffice it to say that crime unpunished, official venality and corruption undisguised, and general inefficiency and moral cowardice practically acknowledged, produced the natural and inevitable result in a community of freemen. The people rose in their might and asserted their right to good government by removing their incompetent and unfaithful servants, and substituting for them others in whom they had confidence. These substituted servants have been in carge of the affairs of the city for two years past. How they have lischarged the duties imposed upon the city, ought to be provided. them during that time their constitu-

the administration of every department of the municipal government was apparent and pressing, but the resources were, it was feared, inadequate to the accomplishment of the desired end. By an honest collection and a judicious appropriation and distribution of the evenues, however, and an honest efort on the part of the Board of Aldermen to apply them intelligently to the public needs, results which have been as gratifying as they were unexpected have been accomplished. The results, confidently assert, have hardly been paralleled in the history of municipal government in this country. They amount to a complete tranformation. Capital, which had, with characteristic caution, avoided the dangers surrounding investment in a city so misgoverned, and so threatened with still greater evils as this was, immediately upon the change of administration, beconstruction of larger and more commolious buildings in our leading thorough-

day to Chapel Hill where he is a stu-Misses Mardita Elliott and Elizabeth gan to manifest its presence by the fares, and the erection of new manufacturing enterprises on a larger scale than ever before attempted; and this spirit has grown steadily for the past two years in every sphere of legitimate business. Confidence has taken the place of despair in the minds of our people, and this has attracted the attention and the capital of outsiders. who have come in larger numbers than ever before to cast in their lot with us. Wilmington is no longer considered, or called, a dead town, as it used to be, but has been quickened into new life by the events of the last two years, and now, with bouyant hope, and cheerful confidence, faces the future. The realization of her hopes depends in large degree upon the wise and righteous administration of her municipal government. I take pride and pleasure in pointing to the achievements of the

present administration in that direc-

When it took charge of the city there was a large number of idle, vicifested the streets and public places, and with the Western Union Telegraph were a source of constant annoyance Company in this city, but now with the and danger to good citizens, especially company in Augusta, is ing the ladies. This element of the population under the wholesome influence of an efficient police, supplemented by the action of the Mayor's court, has practically disappeared, and now the burglaries, robberies, assaults, and disorderly conduct once so common are of very rare occurrence. A similar improvement in regard to disreputable resorts in the city is very plainly to be perceived. No one but a fanatic would expect that absolute exemption from these and similar social evils could be attained by the best possible municipal government, but no just and intelligent erson will deny that the improvement n this respect in this city has been unprecedented and phenomenal. It is not claimed that we have an ideal government in any department, but it is an undeniable fact that there is less disorder and crime, greater security for persons and property, and a more general spirit of confidence and hopeulness for the future, as evidenced by various kinds, than has existed at any time since the war between the States,

> perienced in our history. CITY FINANCES I first invite your attention to the inancial condition of the city. The onded debt of the city is \$755,400.00 disributed as follows: onsolidated 5 per cents due in

and this change has immediately fol-

lowed the most demoralized condition

of public affairs that has ever been ex-

. F. & Y. V. R. R. 5 per cents Onslow R. R. 6 per cents due \*Funding 3 per cents due in 1922. 148,000 Floating debt 5 per cents due in

1901-1905 By reference to the report of the chairman of the Board of Audit and Finance it will be seen that at the time this administration took charge of the city the sinking fund amounted to about \$34,000. It now amounts to more than

\$45,000. The report of the Clerk and Treasurer shows that the total receipts from December 1st. 1898, to December 31st, 1900. exceeded the total receipts for a like period prior to December 1st 1898, by more than \$100,000. One item illustrative of the change is that the receipts from the Mayor's court during the period were over \$3,000, while the receipts of the said court for the same period previous thereto were \$226.07. The disbursements have been proportionately larger, but the very satisfactory expla-

nation is that there is something to show for it. At the expiration of the first year of this administration, ending March 31st, 1900. besides the refunding above mentioned, and increase of the sinking fund, the city had paid an old note-the legacy of the former adminisstreets. The little stranger appeared to tration—for \$10,000, and had in easi, be about three days old. Whoever it debts paid, and permanent improveas that brought it, knocked loudly at | ments more than \$34,600. There had the door, set the basket containing the been no increase in the rate of taxation partly offset by a reduction in mer-We do not think Mr. Orrell was chant's license tax of ten cents on the light as he already has seven the hundred dollars. Since that time found an equivalent benefit to the city. City taxes have been more promptly and cheerfully paid, or have been more closely collected, than ever before, and I can not too highly commend the Clerk appeared before the board. He said

and Treasurer, and his assistant, for his property was already subject to the diligent and faithful manner in overflow and that if the street is raised which they have discharged their duty. it will very seriously damage his wop-In this connection I wish to urge upon erty and that of others on his sid. of the board the necessity for a change the streets. He said that the plan conin the arrangement of the office of the templated would depreciate their propclerk and treasurer. It ought to be re- erty, whereas the lowering of the constructed and made a more credita- grade would materially increase ole place for the transaction of the city business, and I hope the chairman of the committee on public buildings will be furnished with the necessary funds and directed to make the changes so

plainly required in it. The tax rate of the city (1.75 per cent) s not as high as in many other places, as was shown by the comparative statement compiled by the city attorney some months ago, but we confidently indulge the hope that, even with the increased expense of street and other improvements, it will soon be re-

Attention is called to the report of the city attorney, which shows that during the incumbency of the present officer he has collected in back taxes from April 1st, 1899, to December 31st, 1900, \$23,743.00. His report on back taxes and recommendations in regard thereto, and of suits for and against the city, are commended to your at-

STREET IMPROVEMENT AND SEWERAGE.

Next to the restoration of order and

good government and the healthy financlal condition of the city, perhaps the most important improvement has been that which has been made in connection with streets and sidewalks. The report the committee on streets and wharves sets forth in detail the work that has been done. From this report it will be seen that never before in the history of the city has such extensive permanent improvement been There is much yet to be done. during the past two years is kept up it will be but a short time before Wilmington will be able to show as fine streets and drives as any city of its and I therefore respectfully submit the size, and the corresponding improve ment in the county roads leading into the city emphasizes the importance of this improvement. The sewerage of the city is a subject that has been called to your attention frequently, and is one that I think demands prompt consider ation and action. Lack of means and unwillingness to increase the city debt lepartment of the city government was has prevented the establishment of a modern system of sewerage heretofore but the intelligence of the community recognizes the necessity for it, and will sustain the board of aldermen in any effort they may make to secure it. There is an act of assembly still in force which authorizes the board of aldermen to submit the question of issuing bonds for sewerage to the voters of the municipality. I make wo recommendation, however, at this time in regard

The fire department of the city ha or some years been well managed, and is now in a more efficient condition than ever before, as will appear by the report of the chief of the departmen Some better arrangement than now exists for the extinguishment of fires on the present plan of ferrying engines ents have a right to know, fully and in across the river as occasion may dedetail, and it is the purpose of this pa- | mand delays are unavoidable, and the per to give them the desired informa- risk of destruction to valuable property nging to tax-payers is greater tha The necessity for a radical change in it ought to be. I trust that this subject will receive your careful attention. POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The pelice force is reliable and faithful is the discharge of its duties as rasults show, and I refer you to the report of the chairman of the police committee and the chief of police for full information upon that subject.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS. The greatly improved appearance all the public buildings, which wer rapidly deteriorating when the present administration began, is a pleasan feature of our municipal progress, and appointed to that position because his especial fitness for it, and who ha given a large part of his time to its duties. At the City Hall which is now the most attractive municipal building administrations: in the state, several much neede changes have been made. In additio to the exterior improvements, the prison in the basement has been transformed and made comfortable with proper heating and sanitary arrangements. The opera house adjoining has likewise been made more comforta ble and convenient than ever before all the engine houses have been put in the best condition; and the Front stree market house is now being greatly improved. In order to complete the im provements of that market house it is dvisable, as I have heretofore fre quently suggested, to prepare the western end of it for use as a fish and oyster market instead of leaving it in it present useless and unsightly condiion. Six comfortably arranged pes louses have been constructed on four cres of land donated by the county about a mile outside of the city limits GARBAGE AND SANITATION. It must be apparent to every member of the board that the efforts heretofor nade to establish a satisfactory system for the disposal of garbage and night soil have been unsuccessful, and that the present conditions in that respect

demand a change. It is by no means an easy problem, but there seems to be one certain result of our experience and that is that it is absolutely necessary for the city to take entire charge of the work, and not leave it to individuals, whether licensed or not. I call your attention to the report of the superintendent of health on this subject, and suggest in addition thereto the advisability of a thorough investigation of the subject of a crematory as a solu tion of it. The little experiment the was made in that direction last year could not have been, and I believe that it was not claimed that it was, a test of the merits of a crematory. Of course it would be expensive but the health of the community must be protected at any cost. The argument against municipal ownership of s public utilities as water works and

lighting plants would not apply to such an one as this, and we now own one such public utility-a quarry and sinking Fund road machinery-which is being operated sucessfully. The city is to be congratulated upon the fact that through the benefaction of a generous and public spirited citizen, Mr. James Walker, it now possesses a splendid brick and brown stone hospital to take the place of the wooden building hertofore used for that purpose. This new hospital is an architectural adornment to the city, of which all its people are justly proud, and has

been built under the personal supervision of the donor, himself, an accomplished architect, in accordance with the most improved modern ideas of the requirements of such an institution. It will be a noble monument to his mem- Difference Paid Sinking ory long after his unselfish spirit has gone to its reward. For further detailed information in regard to the different departments of Two New Hose Wagons. the city government you are respect-fully referred to the several reports Opera House, Saving \$320 fully referred to the several reports

perewith submitted ALFRED MOORE WADDELL,

OTHER MATTERS. He then called for the annual reports of the various committees. These had been handed to the clerk who read a full and interesting report by Alderman Paylor, acting chairman of the ket committee, and of Dr. C. T. Har-streets and wharves committee. It per, city superintendent of health. covers the permanent improvement of the streets and gives interesting details | verbal report, and stated that he would of the plans and work in that particu- prefer a report to go with the annual

Mr. B. F. Hall was present, with other residents on Princess street, and \$23,743 in back taxes, and that \$80,000 by permission of the board he said they were there to ask the board to alter its plans as to the improvement of Princess street between Eighth and Ninth streets, The plan for the improvement contemplates raising the middle of the street and the side walks above the level of the lots along Princess street, subjecting them to overflow. He said these lots already overflow when it rains and that if the street is raised, the condition will be worse. He stated that his lot on Ninth and Princess streets would not be affected he was authorized to exchange a brok-one way or other but he was present en down horse and pay the difference baby on the plazza and then ran off except in liquor licenses, and this was in the interest of his neighbors. He asked that the plans be changed so as to lower the grade of the street and drain the water eastward on Princess street instead of westward—that is, if the same policy has been pursued and street instead of westward—that is, if for every dollar expended there is to be by cutting down the street the underlying sewer will not be uncovered. Dr. J. H. Dreher, whose residence is

The clerk read a communication from Mr. N. B. Vincent complaining that vehicles blocked Second street in front of the livery stables, between Princess and Chestnut streets. After consider able discussion, the ordinance as to obstructing the streets was amended so as to include "vehicles", and the chief of police was ordered to enforce value. Mr. J. H. Boesch, whose res tthe ordinance and have all vehicles redence is on the north side of the street, also made a similar statement. oved from the streets. A permit was granted to the Atlantic Alderman Taylor, of the streets and coast Line to rebuild its paint shop on wharves committee, explained that the

> Third streets. A complaint from Mr. W. N. Harriss hat the grading of the pavement on Third street between Dock and Orange treets, had undermined a brick wall n front of the Harriss property. Reerred to the city attorney and the treets and wharves committee. With reference to the improvements a Fifth street between Dock and range streets, it was ordered that the treet be declared "open", so that all louses can be set back off the line of he eastern side of the street.

Hanover street between Second and

ket, making very valuable improve-THE CITY CHARTER After further discussion, on motion of City Attorney Meares stated that h Alderman Worth, the matter was rehoped a special meeting of the board ferred to the streets and wharves comwould be called in a few days to conmittee and the city engineer with instructions to ascertain if the street can which is to be presented to the general be lowered without injury to the sewer assembly for confirmation at this term and to report as to the probable cost of He sugggested that some of the provis ions might be objectionable, and he On motion of Alderman Worth, the stated that the matter should be conpoard ordered that the tax paid by insidered by the board and that all citidividuals on their stock in the Atlanzens interested be invited to be prestic National bank be refunded, the ent and state their objections to the same had been listed and paid by the new charter.

Dr. C. T. Harper, city superintenden f health submitted a recommendation Regular committee reports were callthat the city take charge of the scavenger work,. On motion the matter was Alderman Springer, of the lights eferred to the sanitary committee. committee, reported that at the be-The board then adjourned.

ginning of this administration, they found the lighting plant run down, but \*There were \$150,000 5 per cent bonds that there has been an improvement in efunded by paying \$2,000 in cash and teh lights and that they now improve ssuing new 30 year bonds for \$148,000 t 4 per cent, thus saving \$1,500 pe Alderman Hanby, of the public nnum in interest. buildings committee, reported that the

> THE CONFEDERATE VETERANS. interesting Meeting Last Night-Th Sons of Veterans Organize and Visit the Old Soldiers in a Body.

Cape Fear Camp No. 254, United Confederate Veterans, met in regular monthly session last night in the assembly hall of the armory of the Wilmingon Light Infantry. Commander James I. Metts presided ver the meeting. Adjutant Henry

avage as secretary and Sergeant Major R. F. Hamme, as treasurer, occaied seats on the rostrum. The minutes of the last meeting were ead and approved. A letter of acknowledgement was reeived from W. C. Stronach, secretary and treasurer of the state organization the Confederate Veterans, acknowl-

dging a contribution of \$25 by this came for the soldiers' home. General order No. 12 from General S. Carr was read, requesting the apointment of a committee from this camp to meet at Raleigh on the 30th nstant with rpresentatives from other camps, for the purpose of going before he legislature in the interest of the oldiers' home and in behalf of the old veterans. The commander appointed the following as such committee: Colonel A. M. Waddell, Captain W. G. Mayor Waddell called attention to MacRae, Dr. E. Porter, Major Charles the dummy line on Water street, and M. Stedman, Major W. H. Bernard, and omrades Junius Davis, and W. J.

Voodward. Colonel Woodward read an article 70m The Messenger relative to the eror in the roster of the North Carolina roops in the war between the states. hich article called for corrections. No action was taken on this matter as he camp decided to lay it over for a future meeting, so as to have time to nvestigate it.

Applications for membership-in this camp were read from the following veterans; S. R. Farrior lieutenant, 'Company A, Forty-third North Carolina; John A. White, lieutenant Company A. Third North Carolina; Robert Jackson ykes, lieutenant Company, H. Third North Carolina; T. E. King, sergeant ompany I, Tenth artillery. They were iuly elected members of the camp. Dr. Carmichael chairman of the com mittee on the Sons of Veterans, reported progress.

Comrade F. W. Kerchner, of the same mmittee, reported that he had interviewed Captain Adrian of the Wilmington Light Infantry and that he had stated that the armory was at the service of the Sons of Veterans for their meeting. The commander was authorized to ap point a committee of three to confer with the Daughters of the confederacy with a view to arrange for the celebra

ition of General Robert E. Lee's birth day, on the 19th instant. The commander informed those present that the Daughters of the Confederacy proposed to present to those veterans, whose application was in very way legal, the "Cross of Honor." He also stated that he had blank applications for that purpose, which any nember could get by applying to him. Comrade Woodward offered following resolution, which was unanimous

ly adopted: "Resolved, That Cape Fear Camp, No. 254, U. C. V., most heartily extend an invitation to George Davis Camp, No. 5. Sons of Veterans, to be present at all meetings of this camp and are requested to participate in all discus sions looking to a greater interest and enthusiasm in our midst, and keeping alive the faith of their fathers in the

ost cause, The following motion was adopted: "It shall be the duty of the commandto announce the death of any memper at the meeting following the death of said member." At this juncture the Sons of Confederate Veterans came into the meeting en masse, and their commander, Colonel Walker Taylor, in an interesting talk announced that the Sons of Vetrans had reorganized their camp. He said there is more life manifested than heretofore and that the prospects for he future are very bright.

Commander Metts in appropriate words congratulated the camp for the wfine spirit with which they had reorganized. He also complimented them their choice in making Colonel Valker Taylor their commander. A vigorous motion was set foot by Cape Fear Camp to assist the Sons of Veterans in the purpose of perpetuatng the memory of their fathers. The meeting then adjourned.

High Degree of Success. The following is a letter from Dr right Hall, of this city, to Dr. O. F. ingelhoef, Occulo Optician, No. 12 Market street. The tenor of this letter will convince all that the doctor is posessed of the ability to give that high degree of satisfaction which is generalonly obtained in the largest cities of America. Dr. Dingelhoef has no dis-"On coming to you I could not see the

largest headlines in the newspapers. My eyes were in a very bad condition and steadily growing worse. I really eved that I would have been totally blind ere this had I not consulted you. Thanks to your skill I am able to do my work with comparative ease, seeing everything perfectly. I also suffered with headache, neuralgia ncessantly and inflamed eyes which your glasses have ENTIRELY RELIEVED. "With the distant pair I am able to see as far as I EVER COULD, with perfect ease and comfort. "I am now able to read the finest print either by day or artificial light with your glasses, and can even read without them during the day, so much

have my eyes improved. I am writing this letter without the aid of the glasses, so you can readily see the wonder ful improvement in my vision. I am more than pleased with your work and wish you continued success in your profession.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 29th, 1970. OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE ATLANTIC COAST LINE RAILEOAD COMPANY.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ATlantic Coast Line Railroad Company bave declared a dividend of one per cent. on the Common Capital Stock of that Company, payable to all holders of record of December 31st, 1900, dividend due and payable at th Freasurer's Office, Wilmington, N. C., on and after January 10th, 1901. Transfer books will stand closed from December 31st, 1900, to January 10th, 1901.

JAMES F. POST, Sec'y and Treas.

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JOHN W. FRIES, Receiver North State Improvement Co. de 14 2aw fr tu t d of s

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