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North Carolina Conference.

In the last issue of this paper, we gave a synopsis of the proceedings of the session of the Conference, up to Saturday evening, Dec. 5th.

We also sent to our *pro tem.* a communication continuing the narrative up to Monday night, the 7th inst. But this failed to reach its destination. We therefore resume, by noticing the sayings and doings of Saturday night and Sunday.

The anniversary of the Conference Missionary Society was held in the Court House on Saturday night, the 5th inst.

Eloquent addresses were delivered by Dr. Sehon and Bishop Pierce; and about six hundred dollars were contributed, including a collection at the Methodist Church.

On Sunday morning Bishop Pierce preached under the Rail Road shelter, to about an acre of people, thronging from all parts of the state. His sermon was interrupted by the passage of a train of cars through the congregation; but under every disadvantage of the occasion, he preached an admirable sermon.

After preaching, the Bishop ordained the following brethren, to the order of deacon:

Marquis L. Wood, Joseph Wheeler, Thomas L. Triplett, James W. Wheeler, Moses J. Hunt, James B. Bobbitt, Medicus H. Hight, Marcus C. Thomas, John L. Newby, Jesse A. Cuninggim, Joseph C. Thomas, Washington D. Meacham, Charles H. Alexander, Joshua Johnson, James Long, Harmon Eason, Ransom Rose, and George Pannill.

In the afternoon there was preaching in the Methodist, the Baptist, and the Presbyterian Churches. Dr. Sehon preached an eloquent sermon in the Methodist Church; after which the following persons were ordained Elders:

Oscar J. Brent, Washington B. Richardson, James E. Mann, Isaac W. Avent, Isham H. Hill, Williamson Harris, Dougan C. Johnson, Minter Johnson, John Rumley, and John Buie.

At night the churches were thronged with multitudes, who listened to eloquent sermons, we trust not in vain.

FIFTH DAY: Monday the fifth business day of the Conference, the session was opened with religious exercises, by R. I. Carson.

Rev. W. H. Starr, of the Va. Conf. and agent of the American Colonization Society, was introduced to the Conference. The Trustees of R. M. College presented their report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Education. The committee on necessitous cases presented their report, which was adopted.

It was ordered that the Conference draw on the Conference Trustees for $108,00, in favor of the Joint Board of Finance.

The vote by which Rev. Hartwell Arnold had been received on trial, was reconsidered; and it appearing that he had not been examined before the Quarterly Conference, according to the Discipline, he was permitted to withdraw his recommendation. It is due to state that this failure was in no sense the fault of Bro. Arnold.

The Conference adjourned, and met again at 3 o'clock, P. M., and was opened with religious exercises by J. Jamieson.—By request of the Bishop, J. Jamieson occupied the chair, during the afternoon session.

The report of the Faculty of Warrenton Female College was received, and referred to the committee on Education.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Conference draw upon the Conference Trustees for any amount not exceeding $150 00, of the Relief funds, to be appropriated to the use of Mrs. Eliza Bryant.

Resolved, That the ministers of this Conference pledge themselves to raise, during the coming year, $300 00, to be applied to the use and benefit of Mrs. Eliza Bryant.

The remainder of the session was consumed in taking the reports of numbers, &c.

SIXTH DAY: Conference was opened with religious exercises by John Jones.

Bishop Pierce presented the resolutions of the Alabama Conference, proposing that this Conference concur with that body in memorializing the next General Conference to expunge from the Discipline, the general rule, to wit: "The buying and selling of men, women and children, with an intention to enslave them." On motion of Dr. Deems, it was resolved unanimously, to concur.

The Bishop also presented the resolutions of the Holston Conference, asking the concurrence of this Conference in memorializing the General Conference to enact a third restrictive rule, to the effect that the boundaries of annual Conferences shall not be changed, except by the consent of a majority of the annual Conference to be affected by the change; or with the consent of a majority of the delegates of said Conference. The Conference refused to concur, by a unanimous vote.

A communication from the President of Danville Female College was read, and referred to the committee on Education.

Jeremiah Johnson and W. M. D. Moore, Local Elders, were re-admitted into the traveling connexion.

A communication from the Directors of Raleigh Female Seminary was read, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The afternoon session was opened with religious services by R. T. Heflin.

A communication from Rev. W. J. Johnson, Secretary of the Educational Institute, was presented by the Bishop, read, and referred to the committee on Education.

Joseph H. Wheeler was appointed Secretary, in place of Wm. E. Pell, who was granted leave of absence.

SEVENTH DAY: Conference was opened with religious exercises by Alfred Norman.

The committee on Periodicals presented their report in part, which was adopted.

A report, in part, from the committee on Education, was, for the present, laid on the table.

EIGHTH DAY: The session was opened with religious exercises, by Joshua Bethel.

The Joint Board of Finance presented their report, showing the amount received to be $3009 12, which enabled them to pay the claimants 61 per cent.; beside additional sums to relieve special cases. The report was adopted, and will be published.

The Bishop presented his written decision, in the case of R. O. Burton. Bro. Burton had been charged with mal-administration, in the trial of a local preacher on Hillsboro' station. The Bishop decided that Bro. Burton, as P. Elder, had not transcended his authority, but had erred in excluding two witnesses.

A charge had also been made by Wm. Closs against R. O. Burton, of mal-administration, in the investigation of charges against a preacher, at Henderson, in March last. Much time had been devoted during the session to this matter, and able addresses had been delivered by the accuser and the accused.

Bishop Pierce presented his decision in writing, which sustained the administration of Bro. Burton.

Bro. Closs then gave notice of his intention to take an appeal.

On motion of R. J. Carson, the case from Hillsboro', which was involved in the decision of the Bishop, was remanded for a new trial. The character of Bro. Burton passed. The following elders also passed an examination of character: J. H. Wheeler, Jas. Reid, R. T. Heflin, and Gaston Farrar.

When the name of P. H. Joyner was called, the following resolution was adopted, on motion of R. O. Burton: *Resolved*, That, whereas Rev. P. H. Joyner refused to go to his circuit during the past year, that the Conference disapproves his course, but his act is greatly mitigated by his peculiar circumstances. On motion his character then passed, and he was placed in a supernumerary relation.

P. W. Archer, Henry Gray, P. W. Yarrell, H. T. Hudson, T. S. Campbell, R. C. Maynard, N. H. D. Wilson, N. F. Ried, J. M. Gunn, and N. A. Hooker, Elders, passed an examination of character. R. C. Maynard was placed in a superannuated relation.

It appearing that T. B. James had retired from the circuit to which he had been appointed at the last Conference, the Conference passed his character, in view of the peculiar circumstances connected with his case; he applied for and received a location.

R. P. Bibb, Elder, passed an examination of character. When the name of S. J. Spotts was called, on motion, it was resolved, That the Conference disapprove his course, in refusing to go to his work. His character then passed, and he was granted a location, at his own request.

On motion, the Conference approved the recommendation of the Joint Board of Finance, to raise $4000 00 for the Contingent Fund, the ensuing year.

The afternoon session was opened with religious exercises by B. T. Blake.

The report of the Committee on Education, relating to Normal College, wrs taken up and adopted. B. M. Williams, Wm. Closs, Wm. Barringer, T. B. Reeks, C. M. Anderson, Z. Rush, S. H. Helsabeck, S. D. Adams, J. P. Moore, J. L. Fisher, J. P. Simpson, J. W. Lewis, A. Norman, J. H. Jefferson, W. M. Jordan, J. D. Halstead, C. H. Phillips, J. Jamieson, R. J. Carson, T. P. Ricaud, L. Shell, J. J. Hines, T. W. Guthrie, H. H. Gibbons, L. S. Burkhead, I. T. Wyche, A. Weaver, W. M. Walsh, D. W. Doub, C. P. Jones, C. M. Pepper, S. B. Dozier, L. L. Hendren, S. M. Frost, D. B. Nicholson, C. F. Deems, J. W. Tucker, W. F. Clegg, W. S. Chaffin, J. B. Martin, D. Culbreth, W. H. Bobbitt, M. N. Taylor, P. Doub, and G. W. Farrabee, Elders, severally passed an examination of character. T. B Reeks was placed in a supernumerary relation; S. B. Dozier was placed on the superannuated list; and G. W. Farrabee applied for, and obtained a location.

When the name of S. S. Bryant was called, the P. E. of Danville District stated that he had been suspended by a committee, upon charges of immorality. The minutes of the trial before the committee were read, and on motion, S. S. Bryant was expelled.

P J. Carraway and W. J. Langdon, passed an examination of character. The name of Arthur F. Harris was called, when it was stated that he had died in peace.

M. H. Hight was granted a location.—The character of T. C. Moses passed, and he was placed in a supernumerary relation. Newberne was selected as the place for the next meeting of Conference.

NINTH DAY: The session was opened with religious exercises by C H. Phillips.

N. F. Reid, I T Wyche, W Closs, J C Blocker, Dr John B Beckwith, and Dr J E Williamson were nominated by the Conference as Trustees of Normal College.—The right to elect to fill vacancies, pertains to the Trustees. S M Frost, W E Pell, Peter Doub, C P Jones and J W Lewis were appointed a Board of Visitors to Normal College.

The Committe on the Tract cause presented thier report which was adopted.

A. B F. Gaither, B. C. Douthit, M. Pinkston, Wm. Overman, Col. Samuel Taylor, Dr. John F. Foard, and Wm. Lander were nominated as Trustees of Olin High School. The chairman of the committee on Memoirs presented their report, which was adopted.

Wm. Closs, Agent of the Conference for Greensboro' Female College presented his report; from which it appears that the amount collected by subscription and otherwise, during the past year, is $7757,00; which added to the amount raised as stated in his former report, makes the sum of $22047,70.

The Conference then proceeded to elect by ballot eight delegates to the General Conference of the M E. Church, South, to be held in Nashville, Tenn. in May, 1858, as follows; D. B. Nicholson, Wm. Barringer, C. F. Deems, N. H. D. Wilson, R T. Heflin, Wm. Closs, Peter Doub, and N. F. Reid.

Ira T. Wyche and C. P. Jones were elected reserve delegates.

R. T. Heflin was elected Editor of the N. C. Christian Advocate; and N. F. Reid, C. F. Deems, N. H. D. Wilson, D. B. Nicholson, and S. M. Frost were elected the Publishing Committee.

The Committee on Education presented their report in reference to G. F. College, which was adopted; and Wm. Closs having declined to act as Agent, the Bishop was requested to appoint W. Barringer.

The chairman of the committe on the Bible cause presented their report, which was adopted.

The evening session was opened with religious exercises, by D. W. Doub.

A minority report of the committee on Education was presented, and after discussion was not adopted. The Tract committee presented their final report, which was adopted.

It was resolved that the P. Elders constitute the Missionary Committee for the ensuing year.

The missionary appropriations for the next year were announced to the Conference.

W. J. Langdon was placed in a supernumerary relation.

Wm. Closs presented the grounds upon which he appealed from the decision of the Bishop to the Board of Bishops, in the case of R. O. Burton, and on motion the Conference sustained the appeal.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are respectfully tendered to the Pastors and congregations of the Presbyterian and Baptist Churches, for the use of their houses of worship, during our session.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are respectfully tendered to the magistrates of the county of Wayne, for permitting this body to hold its sessions in the Court House.

Resolved, (Unanimously, by a rising vote) that our grateful acknowledgements are respectfully offered to the citizens of Goldsboro' and the adjacent community, for the hospitable welcome with which they have made us feel *at home* in their dwellings.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are tendered to the Presidents and Directors of the Wilmington & Weldon, of the Raleigh & Gaston, and of the N. C. Rail Roads for their kindness in giving return tickets, *free*, to the members of this body.

Several other resolutions were passed, which, together with reports &c., will be published in due time.

After solemn prayer, led by the venerable James Reid, the Bishop proceeded after a few appropriate remarks, to read out the following appointments for the next year.

Appointments for the Preachers.

RALEIGH DISTRICT—R O BURTON, P. E.

Raleigh City—L L Hendren.
Raleigh Mission—G Farrar, R T Heflin.
Do Colored Charge—Jas Reid.
Raleigh Circuit—T S Campbell.
Henderson and Clarksville—Jno Tillett.
Granville—John W Floyd.
Person—Philmer W Archer.
Hillsboro' Circuit—Henry Gray.
Warren—R G Barrett, P H Joyner, sup.
Roanoke—H T Hudson, T W Moore.
Chapel Hill—Adolphus W Mangum.
Enoe Mission—To be supplied.
Roanoke Colored Mission—P W Yarrell.
Raleigh Female Seminary—D R Bruton, Prest.

GREENSBORO' DISTRICT—N H D WILSON, P. E.

Greensboro'—L S Burkhead, S Bethel sup.
Guilford—John M Gunn.
Uwharrie—Wm C Gannon.
Normal College—Chas M Anderson.
Montgomery—John S. Davis.
Rockingham—P Doub, G W Heptinstall.
Deep River—Nathan A Hooker.
Haw River—Robert P Bibb.
Haw River Mission—To be supplied.
Franklinsville—Joseph C Thomas.
Alamance—Alexander Gattis.
Wentworth—Alfred Norman.
Pres't Normal College—Braxton Craven.
Agent for Greensboro' Female College—Wm Barringer.

SALISBURY DISTRICT—NUMA F REID, P. E.

Salisbury—Robt S Moran.
Rowan—Marcus C. Thomas.
East Rowan—Isaac F Keerns.
Mocksville—S H Helsabeck T B Reeks, sup.
Iredell—Wm Carter, W W Albea, sup.
Alexander—Wash. B. Richardson.
South Iredell—Thos L Triplett.
Jonesville—Isaac W Avent.
Wilkes—James F Smoot.
Surry—Marquis L Wood.
Forsythe—Zebedee Rush.
Winston—James W. Wheeler.
Davidson—Shockley D Adams.
Blue Ridge Mission—Enoch Moore.
Fisher's River Mission—To be supplied.
Little River Mission—To be supplied.

DANVILLE DISTRICT—JUNIUS P. MOORE, P. E.

Danville—James L Fisher.
Yanceyville—John W Lewis.
Leasburg—James P Simpson.
Halifax—Wm. M Jordan, Caswell W King.
Staunton—Dugan C Johnson.
Pittsylvania—John D Halsted.
Franklin—Benj. M Williams.
Alleghany Mission—Bedford B Shelton.
Patrick—Clarendon M Pepper.
Stokes—James B Alford.
Henry—Charles H Phillips.
Hillsboro' Station—James B Bobbitt.
Pres't. Danville Female College—James Jamieson.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT—R. I. CARSON, P. E.

Washington—T P Ricaud.
Tar River—Lemon Shell.
Nash—Simeon D Peeler.
Plymouth—Thos. W Guthrie.
Williamston—Henry H Gibbons.
Columbia—W D Meacham.
Mattamuskeet—Wm M D Moore.
Bath—Samuel Robertson.
Neuse—James B Bailey.
Neuse Mission—N A H Goddin.

NEWBERN DISTRICT—IRA T WYCHE, P. E.

Newbern—Centenary—A Weaver.
" Andrews Chapel—W M Walsh.
" Circuit—Geo E Wyche.
Snow Hill—David W Doub.
Do Colored Mission—To be supplied.
Wilson—Joel W Tucker.
Contentnea Mission—T Johnson.
Goldsboro'—John S. Long.
Everittsville—Charles P Jones.
Smithfield—Wm E Pell.
Duplin—Jesse A Cuninggim.
Onslow—James J Hines.
Trent—Isham H. Hill.
Beaufort—Ann St—Jos H Wheeler.
Do Purvis Chapel—To be supplied.
Kinston—Benj F Long.
Tarboro'—Wm Closs.
President Wayne Female College—S M Frost.

WILMINGTON DIST—D B NICHOLSON, P E.

Wilmington—Front St—C F Deems.
Do Fifth St—Jas E Mann.
Seaman's Bethel—J N Andrews, W I Langdon, sup.
Topsail—Williamson Harris.
New Hanover and Onslow Mission—James H Jefferson.
Sampson—Moses J Hunt, A D Betts.
Bladen—Daniel Culbreth.
Fayetteville—W H Bobbitt.
Do Evan's Chapel—J B Martin.
Do Circuit—To be supplied.
Robeson—Paul J Carraway.
Whitesville—O J Brent.
Smithville—W F Clegg.
Cape Fear Mission—M N Taylor.
Buckhorn—W S Chaffin

ATLANTIC DISTRICT—JOHN JONES, P. E.

Portsmouth and Ocracoke—To be supplied.
Cape Hatteras—John L Newby.
Cape Look Out Mission—John Jones.
Straits—Joseph Wheeler.

☞ Next Conference to be held in Newbern.

The Time to Subscribe.

We have had extra numbers of this paper struck off, to supply new subscribers, who may wish to begin with the numbers containing an account of the Conference.

Now is the time to subscribe; send on your orders, with the money, by the next mail.

Explanatory.

In the absence of the Editor at Conference, the duty of filling the columns of this paper devolved upon a friend. The outside was in type before he returned; and we notice one or two articles which have been inserted before. As our *pro tem.* inserted these articles without being aware that they had appeared in former issues, and has, with this exception, done so well, we rely upon the forbearance of the reader.

Alabama Conference.

The Selma Reporter contains a full account of the first four days proceedings of the Alabama Conference, which opened its twenty-sixth session in Selma, on the 2d inst.

Bishops Soule and Early were present and business was progressing favorably.

To the Preachers.

We desire to send this paper, free of charge, to all the preachers of the N. C Conference. Those who fail to receive it will please inform the Editor of the fact, and state to what P. O. we shall send it

Mississippi Conference.

Bro. McTeyire, Editor of the N. O. Advocate, in his Editorial correspondence, writes from the seat of the Mississippi Conference, from whose entertaining letters we glean the following items:

The Conference numbers 110 members, and is, therefore, entitled to eight delegates to the General Conference

On the first ballot the following were elected: D. M. Wiggins, L Pearce, J. G. Jones, C. K. Marshall, B M Drake, L. Campbell, H. H. Montgomery, and John Lusk.

A member of this body, R. T. Jones, has been tried and expelled.

The Alabama Resolutions have passed—64 for, 10 against. The Holston Resolutions non-concurred in—7 for, 66 against.

The Missionary Anniversary, Saturday night, realized in cash subscriptions about $1200, which considering the times, was liberal; the Anniversary of the Tract Society, on Monday night, about $70. Total for missions the past year, $10,705 65. For Bible collections, $3335.

Bishop Early preached on Sabbath and attended to the ordinations with a vigor quite unexpected in the state of health reported. Lawyers, who visit the Conference sessions, are impressed with his administrative ability and prompt decisions of law.

The Bishop's health daily improves. Travel and official labor seem to recruit him and he will soon be himself again, notwithstanding the severe attack of sickness a few months ago.

A Mishap.

After the adjournment of Conference on Friday night, we took the cars for Raleigh. The first car in which we were seated was filled with smoke from the stove.—To escape this annoyance, we assayed to pass into the front car, at about half past two o'clock, A. M. While stepping from one car to the other, the handle of a portable writing desk gave way, and the desk fell to the ground.

This occurred about two miles below Michener's Depot. We got off at this Depot,, and with a lightwood torch, accompanied by the agent at the Depot, we walked backed to the scene of disaster. The desk had fallen under the wheels, and was torn to atoms. Its contents were scattered over a space of nearly two hundred yards.

All the papers of material value, so far as we can recollect them, were recovered. Between three and four hundred dollars in money was also found, being the whole amount in the desk, except about five dollars, which was lost.

Among the papers lost were several letters, received at Conference, and a number of lists of Post offices which the preachers had given us.

No serious inconvenience to this office will accrue from this accident.

Raleigh Female Seminary.

It will be seen by the advertisement, and by the list of appointments, that the Rev. D. R. Bruton will have charge of this institution. Brother Pell could no longer resist his inclination to return to the pastoral work; he retires from the Seminary with the confidence and love of all its patrons.

Bro. Bruton's appointment was made, with the single view of the greatest good to the greatest number. His experience and qualifications warrant good government and sound scholarship to the patrons of the Raleigh Female Seminary. It will be noticed that the rates of board and tuition have been somewhat reduced; and we feel the utmost confidence in warmly recommending this school to an extended patronage.

Minutes of the N. C. Conference.

The Secretary of the Conference, Rev. W. E. Pell, and the Editor of this paper, have been directed by the Conference to prepare and publish fifteen hundred copies of the Minutes.

Both the Secretary and ourself are very busy. We mean to publish the minutes, and to do it right. But we must have time—bear with us patiently.

Acknowledgement.

We are indebted to the Publisher for an excellent number of the Advocate last week. In the necessary absence of the Editor, his place was supplied with industry and ability.

Apologetic.

We have only Monday and Tuesday to devote to the preparation of this issue. Our friends will bear with deficiencies which are unavoidable. The business of the office, including correspondence and the acknowledgement of receipts, will be attended to next week.

Fire in Hillsboro.' We learn that a fire broke out in the Hotel of Maj. Howerton, in Hillsboro, on Thursday last, which completely destroyed the Hotel, Furniture, outhouses, provisions, &c.

Rumor says the fire originated in a lodger's room in the second story of the hotel, and not discovered until so far under way that nothing could be saved. The loss of Maj. Howerton as well as the owners of the property is doubtless heavy.

Chapel Hill Gazette.

MISCELLANY.

Bethany College Destroyed by Fire. On Thursday morning last, about 1 o'clock, the college buildings at Bethany, Brooke county, Va., were entirely destroyed by fire, together with the furniture, three valuable libraries, extensive laboratories, chemical apparatus, and valuable papers. It is supposed that the fire originated by incendiarism. Bethany College is under the patronage of the Disciples Church, in Va. Rev. Alexander Campbell has for a long period been President of the institution.

Dispatch.

Specie Payments. The resumption of specie payments by the New York city banks, who suspension has lasted only sixty days, suprises but is approved:

'Indeed, some of them can hardly be said to have suspended. At no time since the suspension has gold been at a premium of more than half a cent, and for some time past, nothing at all.'—*Jour. Com.*

'The unanimity of the movement, however, and the fact that it takes place with all safety and practicability, amidst about the largest report demand for specie, for the month, we have ever had, is equally creditable to the resources of the country, and a most encouraging sign of returning prosperity.'—*Times.*

A Cool Hit. Mr. Buchanan is said to be fond of a quiet thrust at the weaknesses of humanity. An illustration of this may be found near the close of his message to Congress, where he congratulates that patriotic body upon "the late excellent law allowing a salary, instead of a per diem, to members of Congress, whereby the expense and inconvenience of a called session will be greatly reduced." The innocent simplicity with which he assures himself of their active sympathy in a measure which will make them work out the worth of their wages, is refreshing to behold.—*Dispatch.*

Rev. Mr. Kolloch. This gentleman, in resigning the charge of his church in Boston to assume the profession of the law, says:

I can call God to witness that I entered upon my ministerial career honestly, and have pursued my work conscientiously. Its results are with Him before whom every action must pass in solemn review, and to whom we are personally responsible. To Him I can appeal for the rectitude of my designs, although I may err in the correctness of my conclusions. My position at the present time in the ministry, although eminently happy and prosperous in my own society, is not, from influences over which I have no control, easy, independent, or, in the widest sense, useful; and I honestly retire from it as I entered upon it. This conclusion is the matured deliberation of months of anxious thought, and is final.

Arizona. On Wednesday, Mr. Gwinn, of California, gave notice in the U S. Senate of his intention to introduce a bill for the organization of the Territory of Arizona, which is situated in the Messilla Valley, Gadsden purchase, and embraces about twenty-seven thousand square miles, bounded by New Mexico on the north, and the Mexican provinces of Sonora and Chihuahua on the south, and extending westward to the Colorado river. An officer of the army, who has recently traversed it, informs the St. Louis Leader that it abounds in gold, silver, and copper, has many spots of fertile soil, is admirably adapted for the propagation of all kinds of fruit, and especially the grape, and possess an atmosphere which 'it is a physical delight to breathe.' Colorado City, opposite Yuma, is at the junction of the Gila and Colorado, and at the present head of navigation on the latter river. Population is flowing into the Territory. The mining companies last year consumed $100,000 worth of goods shipped from San Francisco alone, and landed at the mouth of the Colorado. A week never passes without the sailing of vessels from California to the Colorado.

The Complication of the Kansas Question. The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun writes as follows:

Gen. Denver has started on his mission to Kansas, but it is apprehended that he will not reach the Territory in time to exert his authority and influence for the maintenance of order. Governor Walker has not been removed, but probably will not return to the Territory as Governor, inasmuch as he coincides with the popular feeling against the action of the Lecompton convention.

Kansas is therefore, or will before the first of July next, by in open rebellion against the U. S. territorial government. There will be a fearful crisis, though it was not unforeseen. Gov. Walker advised the President that this would be the result.

An Idea of Eternity. An orthodox Yankee expressed himself as follows, concerning 'Eternity!' why don't you know you know the meaning of that word. Nor I neither hardly. It is forever and ever, and five or six everlastings a'top of that.—You might place a row of figures from here to sunset, and cipher them up, and it would not begin to tell how many ages long eternity is. Why, my friends, after millions and trillions of years have passed away in the morning of eternity, it would be a hundred thousand years before breakfast time.'

What is the Fruit of Teetotalism? Behold it in houses furnished, cupboards filled, children clothed, wives made happy, minds expanded, morals elevated, jails forsaken, work-houses deserted, churches crammed, the Sabbath revered; tens of thousands of drunkards reclaimed with their vices given up, virtue practised, and very many of them fast ripening for endless glory.—*If the fruit be good, then so must be good also.*

A Gratifying Result. It will be seen by the official announcement which we publish to-day, that the nomination of Gen. Denver as secretary of Kansas Territory, in place of Frederick P. Stanton, removed, has been confirmed by the Senate. This prompt action of the Senate in response to the policy of the administration on the subject of Kansas will be hailed with satisfaction by the country.—*Union.*

Re-Election of Senator Hunter. It will be seen by reference to the legislative proceedings that the General Assembly yesterday, with almost unanimity, re-elected Senator Hunter to the United States Senate, for six years from the expiration of his present term, in 1858.—*Dispatch.*

NORTH CAROLINA ITEMS.

Meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons of North Carolina was in session, in this City, during the past week. The representation of delegates was quite a full one; and we understand their proceedings have been marked by the utmost harmony and good feeling.

On Wednesday evening provision was made to liquidate the debt of $14,000 with which the Trustees of St. John's College have been embarrassed; and the prospect seems to be that that institution will be in operation at no distant day. It is said to be one of the finest building in the State, and it is most eligibly located. This debt has already been provided for by subscriptions; but being contingent, they are not now available, but will ultimately become so, when they will be applied to the college fund as an endowment.

The session was brought to a close on Thursday evening. The following are the officers elect for the ensuing year:

Alfred Martin, Wilmington, G. M.,
J. T. Alexander, Lincolnton, S. G. W.,
J. M. Cox, Perquimans, J. G. W.,
C. W. D. Hutchings, Raleigh, G. T.,
W. T. Bain, Raleigh, G. S.

The following are the officers appointed by the Grand Master:

James W. Osborne, Charlotte, D. G. M.,
W. J. Pope, Hookerton, S. G. D.,
J. A. Murray, Alamance, J. G. D.,
Jas. McDaniel, Fayetteville, G. C.

District Deputy Grand Masters:

1st District, R. N. Forbes, Snow Hill,
2d " W. K. Blake, Fayetteville,
3d " Joshua Roberts, Asheville.
J. T. Littlejohn, Oxford Grand Marshal.
E. F. Watson, Alamance, G. S. B.
A Thomas, ——, G. Pur.
N. S. Earp, Raleigh, G. Tyler.

Committee of Foreign Correspondence:

J. T. Littlejohn, Oxford,
P. Custis, Newbern,
J. McDaniel, Fayetteville.

Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence:

P. W. Fanning, Wilmington,
A. T. Jerkins, Newbern,
W. G. Hill, Raleigh. *Standard.*

THE SUPREME COURT.—Will commence its Winter Term, in this City, on Wednesday, the 30th day of December. Causes will be called as follows:

Jan. 1, those from the I. Circuit.
" 4, " " V. "
" 11, " " II. "
" 18, " " III. "
" 25, " " IV. "
Feb. 1, " " VI. & VII. Circuits.

LOSS OF PROMINENT CITIZENS.—DEATH OF WHITMELL STALLINGS.—We are pained to have to announce the death of Hon. Whitmel Stallings, of Gates county.

Melancholy Occurrence. The feelings of this whole community were sadly shocked on yesterday morning by the relation of a most melancholy occurrence which seemed to have transpired the evening before—William F Wightman, Esq, the Editor of the North Carolinian, newspaper published in this town, and a young man named M. S. Elliott, were found dead in the same bed, at the Shemwell House in Fayetteville. The room door was locked from a little before dinner time on Thursday; but no alarm was felt until yesterday morning, when, as they failed to come to breakfast the door was opened by some means, and they were found locked in the embrace of death! An inquest was held over their remains, and the verdict was that they came to their death, by taking the Cynuret of Potassa. No cause whatever can be divined for the act. Mr. Elliott, we understand came to this place from Augusta, Ga., some twelve months ago.—*N. C. Argus.*

The University. The annual meeting of the Board of the University of North Carolina was held in the Executive Office, in this City, on Monday last—present, His Excellency Gov. Bragg, President Swain, and Messrs. Charles Manly, R. M. Saunders, William Eaton, jr., John H. Bryan, Charles L. Hinton, D. W. Courts, and W. W. Holden.

The annual report of the Secretary and Treasurer, Gov. Manly, was submitted, presenting a full and satisfactory exhibit of the financial condition of the University.

A number of letters and testimonials were read, setting forth the qualifications and claims of persons who are applicants for the Professorship of Chemistry and Geology, made vacant by the death of Dr. Mitchell. But after reading these, and some conversation on the subject, it was unanimously determined to postpone the appointment to this Professorship until Monday the 4th day of next month, when it is hoped and believed a larger number of Trustees will be in attendance.

Raleigh Standard.

Death of Col. Turnbull. Col. Wm. Turnbull, of the U. S. Topographical Engineers, died in this town, very suddenly, on Thursday morning last. He was found dead in his bed. He had been sick for some days, though able to go out on Wednesday. This is a sad bereavement, as he was to have started on Thursday evenining to meet his family at Washington City, from whom he had been separated for some time.—*Wilmington Commercial.*

Dead. Miles Roberts, Esq., a worthy and estimable citizen of Gates county, N. C., and one of the Vice-Presidents of the Seaboard Agricultural Society, died last week.

Serious Accident. William Nunn, a youth of Chapel Hill, N. C., was dangerously wounded last week by the accidental discharge o' a pistol in his pocket. The entire charge entered his abdomen.

LATE NEWS.

Congress

In the Senate on Wednesday Mr. Gwin, of California, gave notice that he would present bills to organize the territory of Arazona, and authorize the constitution of three Pacific railways and telegraphs. Senator Douglas, of Illinois, made a speech of two hours on the Kansas question, taking high ground against the Lecompton movement. Mr. Bigler of Pa., replied. A sharpe dialogue ensued between the two, after which the Senate went into Executive sesson.

The House proceeded to the election of Public Printer, when Mr. Steadman, of Ohio, was chosen, by 30 majority, over the present incumbent, Mr. Wendell. It is understood that A. D. Banks, Esq., Editor of the Petersburg Democrat, will be a partner of Steadman, and comes in for one-half the spoils.

Custom House Robbed.

OSWEGO, Dec. 10.—The Custom-House in this city was entered last night by burglars, the safe blown open, and its contents, consisting of about $500, taken. No clue to the burglars has been obtained.