THE JOURNAL.

New Berne, N. C., May 14, 1896.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFLY NOTED.

About $50 dollars was realized by the Catholic festival. The money will be used in putting the church organ in good order.

Mrs. Emma E. Edwards from the upper part of the county, was taken up to the Raleigh Insane Asylum Saturday by Mr. J. D. Lalloque.

We acknowledge receipt of an invitation to attend the Riverdale Sunday school picnic to be held at Riverdale Friday, the 15th, inst.

Mr. W. T. Hill put out a handsome bicycle sign yesterday, an unfortunate lifesize girl in bloomers riding a Column at wheel.

The candidates for training on the nine team will not meet to-night as announced, but are requested to meet Friday night for light exercise.

The Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows is in session at Goldsboro. Mr. P. H. Pelletier, State Lecturer, was yesterday to attend it. The corner stone of the $10,000 addition to the Odd Fellows Orphanage will be laid this afternoon.

After having received so kind an invitation, THE JOURNAL staff much regrets its inability to have attended the annual Banks Party held at New River Inn, in Onslow County held on the 9th inst.

Rev. C. G. Vande w[illegible] scholarships, and Mr. M. DeW. Stevenson the prizes at the closing exercises of the New Berne Collegiate Institute, which will take place at the opera house next Friday evening, May 15th.

Mr. Jos. W. Watson has shown us a full grown wax bean from his garden. It is from a small patch planted simply for family use. It is the most forward we know of. Mr. J. W. Hill also brought us in a group bean from his crop since the above was put in type.

Messrs. Harris Lane and Ernest Green took the three negroes convicted in Superior court last week up to the penitentiary Tuesday. They were Zylphia Payton, sentenced to six months for larceny; John Thomas one year for larceny, and John McRae, three years for secret assault.

Mr. W. B. Boyd died Wednesday morning, May 13th, of Meningeris of the brain after an illness of only a few days. Mr. Boyd was one of New Berne's best and most respected citizens and was one of the leading men in the State in fraternal societies. A fuller notice of his death will appear later.

The closing exercises of Miss Ida Hagerty's school at Jacksonville, N. C., will take place on the evening of the 26th. The exercises will begin at 7:30 p. m., and will consist of dialogues, speeches, etc., by the pupils, followed by an address by Prof. A. H. White of Pollocksville, N. C., who needs but to be heard to be admired.

Mr. H. J. Lovick, county surveyor, will go up Neuse river this week to survey the fisheries. He informs us that the reason of the survey is that no one has a title to the fisheries from the high-water mark out to the channel who has not entered their space spoken of according to law, and paid the dollar per acre which is required.

Mr. F. S. Duffy has a new device for bicycles, an electric light which requires but little attention to operate it. It is run by placing chemicals inside. All that has to be done to extinguish the light is to turn the lamp upside down; all that has to be done to light it again is to turn it back to its original position, and the construction of the lamp provides for easily turning it.

Rev. R. D. Carroll, of Smyrna, came in from Chattanooga where he has been attending the Southern Baptist convention and is stopping at the Chattawka. Rev. J. T. Jenkins and wife, and Mr. T. D. Webb, all of Morehead City, passed through en route to their homes. Mrs. D. Bell and Miss Mary Bell of Morehead stopped in Wilmington to visit relatives. North Carolina was very well represented in the convention, there being more present than her apportionment.

Mr. J. H. Paylor returned to the city Saturday morning from Beaufort. He and two northern friends, Messrs. M. B. Claussen and M. B. Byrnes took the trip there the previous day in a sail boat which the latter purchased, going by the New Berne and Beaufort canal route. They made the trip in 11 1-2 hours, leaving here at 8:30 a. m. and arriving at Beaufort at 8 p. m. Messrs. Claussen and Byrnes remained to enjoy the pleasures of the ocean for awhile.

Unfavorable Reply as to Tower and Clock.

Mr. James A. Bryan, president of the National Bank, is in receipt of a letter from W. M. Reilley, supervising architect, in reference to the petition to the Honorable Secretary of the Treasury from citizens of New Berne requesting that the plans of the Federal building now being erected in this city be so modified as to provide a tower and town clock for the same.

The reply is unfavorable. It states that under the present limit of cost as fixed by congress, there are no funds available from which to pay for a tower and clock for the building named; and unless an additional appropriation should be made for the building, that office must proceed with the execution of the work as now contracted for.

Held on a Moonshine Distillery.

Deputy Collector W. T. Caho and Deputy Marshal E. B. Blackledge have just returned from a raid on moonshiners at Campbells creek in Beaufort county. They captured the still and fixtures and brought them home with them. They did not get the parties operating the still. They made a thorough investigation and think a good many will be implicated in the business. They do not talk much but it is evident they are on a trail.

After the still was captured it was stolen from them and they had to capture it the second time.

Jones County Republican Convention

The Jones County Republican Convention met and declared for Dockery and McKinley; also for Holton for re-election to the chairman of the State Executive Committee and for our town man W. T. McCarthy for State Senator.

All the delegates were instructed by the Convention. The meeting was a large and enthusiastic one.

May Purchase the Steamer Aurora.

Mr. M. H. Sultan owner of the burned steamer Trent is considering replacing her by a purchase or lease of the steamer Aurora, of Washington, N. C., which has been used in running between Washington and Hyde county. The Aurora bears the name of being a good little steamer and would probably be a fitting successor to the Trent.

Mr. Chas. Edwards and Capt Dowdy, left for Washington Wednesday making investigations for Mr. Sultan, looking to the proposed trade.

Died from Drinking.

Calvin Smith, an unmarried white fisherman who has lived in the city a number of years, was found dead Sunday in the back yard of a restaurant on South Front street, near Hancock street run by John Pool, col. A coroner's inquest was held and a verdict was rendered by the jury that the deceased came to his death from the effects of alcoholism, there being no evidence of foul play.

Mr. Smith had been addicted to hard drinking and was also subject to fits. He went to the restaurant soon after noon Sunday and went out and laid down where he died. It was not discovered until late in the afternoon that he was dead.

There being no one to claim the body, the interment was ordered at the expense of the county.

FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR FIRE.

Steamer Trent—Meadows Marine Railways and Two Buildings Burned.

An event, remarkable in the fire annals of the city occurred Saturday. Two fires started at once. The alarm was rung in first from the smallest and most distant one and the department responded quickly and extinguished it with scarcely any damage to it. It was a small house corner of Cedar and George streets.

The other fire was at the Marine railways owned and operated by Mr. J. A. Meadows. It caught in a small office building near by, consumed that and another little building and partially burned the ways. The steamer Trent which was on the ways for repairs was also burned.

Mr. Meadows places his entire loss at about a thousand dollars partially covered by insurance.

The Trent was owned by Mr. M. H. Sultan. She was built twelve years ago and cost then $9,000. She was valued when burned at $1,000 and was insured for $2,000.

The Southern attraction Co. also had some things intended for exhibition stored in the building. They were burned.

The origin of the fire is unknown.

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL.

Programme of Exercises Carried Out Exactly—Mound and Private Graves all Decorated.

Although no address was delivered at the Confederate Memorial Exercises Monday quite interesting ones were held, the published programme being carried out fully.

The procession formed on the Academy lawn at five o'clock and marched to the cemetery. Miss [illegible] preceded by the New Berne Silver Cornet Band and after prayer was offered and a hymn sung, Miss Leah Jones, daughter of one of New Berne's honored Confederate veteran survivors, recited in most becomingly an ode well adapted to the day and occasion.

The decoration of the Confederate monument and also of the graves of soldiers in private lots followed. The leading part in the decoration was by eleven young ladies representing the eleven Confederate states. They were:

Misses Hattie Lane, North Carolina; Mabel Hughes, South Carolina; Carrie Hendren, Virginia; Annie Stevenson, Arkansas; Nannie Street, Florida; Mattie Rountree, Louisiana; Rebecca Street, Tennessee; Chattie Credle, Georgia; Mary Jones, Alabama; Bettie Hall, Mississippi; Nannie Collins, Texas.

Each one of these young ladies carried a wreath of red or white roses. These were placed around the monument, the colors alternating. A beautiful floral Confederate battle flag was placed in front of the monument and two cross of swords, one of red, the other of white roses across its face.

At the conclusion of the exercises at the monument the graves of Col. J. V. Jordan and Mr. W. G. Brinson were visited and decorated and two stanzas of "They Will be Done" sung at each.

Then the graves in other private lots were visited and a wreath or buy and a bouquet of flowers placed upon each, in addition to whatever private decorating had already been done.

There were a good number of visitors up from Morehead, and the train delayed at the depot until six o'clock to give them the opportunity of seeing the exercises to the end.

A SPECIAL EDITION

Of the News and Observer to be Devoted Exclusively to Eastern North Carolina.

Mr. T. B. Arendell who is in charge of the work of getting up the News and Observer's special editions which it issues at intervals is now engaged in collecting material for one on East Carolina, its natural features, resources and industries. New Berne is the starting point of his work. He arrived here Monday night for the purpose.

Considerable attention will be given in this edition to truck, fruit, fish and oysters, the lumber industry, etc. The edition will be illustrated with fish, river and forest scenes and be made quite attractive in appearance, as well as interesting and valuable on account of the nature of the contents.

The special school, cotton and tobacco editions already issued have proven of considerable advantage to everything represented therein and also to the State in general by diffusing in such excellent shape information that is now being eagerly sought after by home seekers and investors. We bespeak for Mr. Arendell a hearty cooperation from all our people both in town and country in this work.

Eighty Tons of Ice Shipped.

The New Berne Ice Co., is now shipping good quantities of ice over both railroads in addition to supplying the city. They made a single shipment of five car loads yesterday. During the last two days they have sent off eighty tons. The trade has been increasing fair and the cool weather is now making it an more lively, but we judge Mr. B. S. Huson the efficient manager keeps cool just the same as it is a cooling process to be in making and handling.

An advertisement of the factory is running in THE JOURNAL as should an advertisement of every business enterprise in the city.

The Masons That Arrived.

Nearly forty masons have arrived already to attend this Commandery and Knights Templar meeting. The following are at the Chattawka:

D E Allen, Charlotte, N C; H H Monson, M S Willard, J L Cantwell, W E Storm, E P Bailey, Wilmington, N C; J O Hebing, Moore, N C; F W Richard, Lenoir, N C; W L Harkey, Lexington, N C; W S Liddell, Charlotte, Lat Williams, Wilson, J L Horne, Jr., Rocky Mount; J D Bullock, Wilson; E B Neane, Salisbury; M D Bailey, F A Wilson, Fred G Salmon, Winston; W A Walters, Rev B R Lacy R H Bradley and Wm. Simpson, Raleigh, Stewart McQueen and J W Gulick, Goldsboro; A H Cobb, Selma; W R Tucker and Geo Smith, Mars Hill; N C N M Lawrence, Oxford, N C; Jas W Vick, Jr., Durham, N C; Will C French, Greensboro; E S Robinson, New York; C C Clasen, Newark, N J.

The following are at Hotel Albert:

W H Applewhite, Mayetown; F M Moye, Wilson; James Southgate, Durham; A J Harrell, Wilson; E C Potter, Norfolk, Va; Jno F Stockton, Kinston.

Mr. W. F. Randolph of the Asheville Citizen, is there in attendance on the Commanderies and Knights Templar meetings. He is stopping at Mr. J. R. B. Carraway's.

The Grand Commandery will meet tonight and tomorrow and parade in the afternoon.

The Shrine will meet Friday night.

DIED.

Peacefully at his home on Brown Sound on Tuesday the 5th inst, after a lingering illness of many months, in which he bore his sickness suffering with Christian fortitude, Mr. Andrew J. Hurst, aged about 59 years; his disease was consumption—bowel consumption the principle one we understood.

He died surrounded by his loving wife and children. Mr. Hurst was one of the best citizens of Onslow county. This writer has known him all his life, were schoolmates years ago, and never heard his name spoken of only as a good man and a Christian gentleman. In early life he connected himself with the Missionary Baptist church and lived as near to the requirements of his church as any one could until his death. A good man, a good citizen, and we believe, a good christian has left us. He leaves a wife and several children, a brother and hosts of friends and relatives to mourn his death. Peace be to you Andrew in the other world and prosperity and peace to your family on this earth while they live, is our prayer for you. G. W.

RANGE CONTEST ENDED.

Little Miss Lily Groves the Winner—Ten Thousand Advertisements.

The contest for the fine little Buck's Jr. range at the Stover Hardware Co's. store which has been in progress some weeks among girls of the community, closed Saturday afternoon. Little Miss Lily Groves carrie l in 10,337 of the Buck's advertisements. Miss May Moore 3,928 and Master H. M. Groves, Jr., a small number, so Miss Groves won and became the owner of the range. Two others collected a large number of the advertisements but a consolidation was effected which narrowed the contest to the ones stated. Before this came about Miss Moore had the number stated above, Miss Lily Groves 3,198, Miss Laura Willis 3,109 and Miss Jane Stewart nearly 4,200, so the latter in reality was ahead singly, but Miss Groves and Miss Willis had been working with the understanding that at the last the one which had the largest number should receive the others advertisements and win the range, if possible, and she in turn would present her with a toy stove. Miss Groves also carried Miss Stewart's collection.

THE JOURNAL also presented six and three months subscriptions to Miss Moore and Master Groves as a second and third prize.

The ambition shown by the children is remarkable and commendable. The training they received in perseverance is worth much to them besides the value of the beautiful little stove and pleasure the winner will derive from it.

IN MEMORIAM.

The following beautiful tribute taken from the Raleigh News & Observer of the 6th, to Mrs. R. B. Raney, known in her bright maiden days to the many citizens of New Berne as Miss Olivia Cowper, is only what is due to her memory. She was truly a lovely character, fashioned upon noble lines. There was that wonderful fascination in her look, her words, her carriage that drew the heart of the simple and the cultured, the exalted and the lowly alike to her side. But the full sweetness of her life poured along the channels of Christian service, of tender friendship, and of domestic consecration. She lived for her home, her church, her friends and her people. As a maiden she aroused affection by the gentle modesty of her nature, which shone like a steady light upon every path. As a wife she seemed to develop a new attraction peculiar to herself alone. But it was in the sweet associations of her church, in the grand organ-chords of its music, in the rapt, holy ministrations of its chancel and its altar, and in the soul charities of its afflicted and its poor that she made the deepest impression. Here her womanly influence brighter and brighter into the perfect day. Here the starry hope kindles brightest in the loving thoughts of her friends, that for her there shall be a new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness and that sorrow and sighing shall flee away. Those in New Berne, who loved her, sing the song of mourners at her grave. They lament her death and in their hearts will keep her memory ever green.

Cut down like a flower, gathered as the first sheaves of the harvest, she has left a void in this city of loving memories which no other face can fill.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MRS. R. B. RANEY.

"The funeral of the late Mrs. R. B. Raney was held from Christ Church yesterday afternoon at five o'clock. The church was completely filled with the large congregation of sorrowing friends who came to pay to her memory the last sad tribute of love.

"The organ gallery was draped in white mourning, held in place by wreaths of ivy. Mrs Raney was for years organist of Christ Church and was one of its leaders in every good work.

"As the funeral procession entered the church the notes of 'I Would Not Live Always' came softly from the organ.

"Dr. Marshall, the rector, and the pastor of the deceased, read with touching pathos the solemn service of the church.

"The choir sang 'In the Hour of Trial,' and afterward, 'Lead Kindly Light Amid Angelic Choirs,' by request.

"As the procession left the church the choir sang softly and sweetly 'Asleep in Jesus.'

"The interment was in Oakwood cemetery. At the grave a chorus sang during the service 'Just as I Am,' 'Angels With Me,' 'It is Not Death to Die,' 'Nearer, My God, to Thee,' and 'O, Paradise!'

"The pall-bearers were: Messrs. J. A. Duncan, T. T. Hoy, Eli H. Lee, Charles E. Johnson, John H. Winder, W. D. Hay, R. S. Jerman, T. L. Edwards, Dr. A. W. Knox, Dr. Hubert Haywood, Dr. D. E. Everett, Dr. R. S. Hines, Mr. F. B. Dancy and Mr. P. H. Andrews.

"An intimate friend of Mrs. Raney's writes this appreciative tribute to her memory:

'Man passes hence, and words of praise fall from the lips of his fellows for the good deeds that he has done, or for the glories which belong to his successors. To the statesman is accorded honor for his wisdom and faithfulness in the affairs of State. To the warrior is tendered homage for the victories he has gained. To the patriot of every land, of every clime, the richest gifts of his country are given. These all live in the broad glare of the public gaze, and receive as rewards the plaudits of their countrymen.

'The degree of their deserts is measured by the virtues—yea, in countries of high civilization, the Christian virtues which, moulded together, constitute their character.

"'To woman, in her best estate, such applause is a stranger, such honors are impossible. But shall we not sit in silent admiration of her whose days have been spent in our midst, and whose every step and act through life has been marked with kindness and charity? May we not with gentle hand draw the veil aside and view with admiration and profit the life of the Godly maiden, the faithful and loving daughter, and devoted wife. We should not enter even with bowed heads and stricken hearts into the sacred precincts of the life of the Godly woman, but to pay homage to her Christian excellence, and say to those she has left behind, 'Go and do thou likewise.'

"'Those whose souls are as blest standing in soul stricken sorrow in the silent presence of their dead and say: 'Why hath God done this?'

"'To the statesman who has been faithful, high office is given. The patriot is taken from his humble home and given a exalted station. To the Christian is given an eternal home in Heaven. She shall live forever with the Lord. The prayers of her God shall be ever upon her lips, and the songs of the New Jerusalem dwell ever with her.

"'To God be the thanks for the lovely Christian life of Mrs. Olivia Bount Raney. As a special gift from Heaven she lived amongst us.'"

Diocese of East Carolina.

WILMINGTON, N. C., April 16th, 1896.

The Thirteenth Annual Council of the Diocese of East Carolina will meet (D. V.) in St. James' Church, Wilmington, Thursday, May 21st, 1896.

The usual reduced rates have been secured on all Railroads.

Tickets on sale May 20th and 21st, limit May 26th.

FREDERICK N. SKINNER,
Secretary of the Council.

The rate from New Berne will be $4.25 (W. N. & N. R. R.)

CONDENSED STATE NEWS.

Wilson county Republicans instructed for Dockery and Cheatham and one white man and eight negroes bolted.

The Episcopal Diocesan convention in Charlotte has completed its work and adjourned to meet next year in Raleigh.

The University (N. C.) baseball team Saturday defeated Washington and Lee at Danville by a score of 19 to 0.

The wheat crop in Western North Carolina has been cut short by the dry weather.

Northampton Republicans endorsed Dockery for Governor and Cheatham for Congress.

There has been great increase in tobacco acreage in the western part of the State.

COUNTY COM. PROCEEDINGS.

School Money Apportioned—Land at Street's Ferry Leased—The Terms—Other Business.

The Board of Commissioners of Craven county met at the court house in New Berne on the first Monday in May, 1896, it being the 4th day of said month when the following was had and done.

Present, Commissioners, Jos. A. Bryan, chmn, E. W. Stanwood, W. C. Brewer and M. H. Carr.

Ordered, that the tuition fund of school districts be apportioned to the first Monday in July, 1896.

Ordered, that 640 acres land in township No. 5, on Trent road, listed to John Walter Smith and John P. Moore be reduced in value from $1,300 to $640.

Ordered, that all that part of the land purchased from N. H. Street for ferry purposes, lying on South side Neuse river and beginning at Kemp Cypress and running with and up said river to the ferry landing be and hereby is leased to D P Street for the term of five years, it being understood and agreed between the Board of Commissioners of Craven county and the said D. P. Street for and in consideration of the use of said land he is to put the same and so much of the bed of the river as may be necessary therefor in first-class order for a seine beach, and deliver possession of the same to the board of commissioners in said first-class order at the expiration of said five years from this date, and further that the county attorney is hereby instructed to draw up an agreement between the said D P Street and said board of commissioners in accordance with the foregoing resolutions and that he embody in said agreement a stipulation that in the event the said D P Street does not clean off and complete the said beach within two years from this date, this agreement shall be no land and shall be of no effect, and the commissioners shall have the power to peacefully re enter and take possession of said land.

On motion the board took a recess until the next day at 11 o'clock, a. m.

May 5, 1896.

The board met pursuant to adjournment at 11 o'clock, a. m. Present, Commissioners, Bryan, Brewer, Smallwood and Carr.

The treasurer reported $500 to be apportioned, of which $8 53 was set apart for general expenses, and $491 47 apportioned as follows:

DISTRICT	WHITE	COLORED
1	41 47	20 53
2	20 19	5 47
3	30 22	21 51
5	14 12	21 41
6	7 90	8 58
7	99 58	45 08
8	99 58	99 80
9	16 26	16 00

Mr. G. H. Roberts, trustee and commissioner of the sinking fund, presented his accounts for examination, whereupon Messrs Smallwood and Brewer were appointed a committee to examine the same.

Commissioners Smallwood and Brewer, the committee appointed to examine the accounts of G. H. Roberts, commissioner and trustee of the sinking fund, report that they found the same correct.

Bills allowed.

Board adjourned.

Coming and Going.

Rev. S. H. Isler went down to Pollocksville Wednesday to hold a series of meetings commencing that night in the Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Eli Elliott returned home from Fowle where she has been visiting relatives.

Mr. Z. R. Folsom, is back from the North, where he has been on business and pleasure.

Dr. D. H. Abbott and Mr. J. W. Chapin, of Pamlico county passed through en route to the State Republican convention.

Mr. Needham Willis of Morehead City passed through en route to his home from the Southern Baptist convention at Chattanooga.

Mrs. Hugh Lane returned from Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ives came up Saturday from their fruit farm at Newport, where they have been spending the winter.

Maj. Graham Daves left for Richmond and Washington on a business trip.

Mr and Mrs. S. C. Bragaw of Washington arrived yesterday for a brief visit. They are at Mr. W. F. Crockett's.

Messrs. W. T. Hill, Geo. Dail, Willie Salter and Miss Eva Sanders, returned from the Newport Sunday school picnic. The two former on their bikes, the two latter by train.

Miss Annie Dudley, of Winston, is visiting her sister Mrs. E. B. Green.

Mr. W. D. McIver returned from Raleigh, where he has been attending Supreme Court.

Mr. A. D. Ward returned from Wilmington.

Mr. A. D. Ward went down to Wilmington to spend a few days on professional business.

Mrs. R E Hudson of Jacksonville, Fla., nee Miss Annie Lane, arrived to visit her relatives in the city.

Mr. W. B. Bowd and James W. Biddle returned from Raleigh where they have been attending the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Royal Arcanum.

Mr. George Arnold, formerly of Fort Barnwell, who has been agent in New Bern for the Life Insurance Co of Virginia, of which Mr. A. W. Ess is the local superintendent, left Friday for Richmond, where he will act in the same capacity for the same company.

Dr. Geo. S. Attmore of Stonewall, came up to the city Friday to remain a couple of days on business.

Mrs. J. M. Spencer of Washington, N. C., is visiting her father, Mr. J. L. Rhem.

Mrs. J. A. Richardson arrived last night to visit Mrs. W. F. Crockett.

Mr. D. A. Batts arrived last night representing the truck commission house of E. A. Dennison & Co. of Washington City.

Judge A. S. Seymour who has been holding Federal court in Wilmington returned home.

Mr. J. W. Hamilton of Durham, who is now in the patent brokerage business, left on the steamer Neuse for Edenton.

Mr. T. B. Arendell of the Raleigh News and Observer, is registered at the Chattawka; also Dr. D. H. Abbott of Vandemere.

Miss Mariott Betts is back from Maysville where she has been teaching a private school for several months past. The school closed Friday.

Miss Emma Lumley of Goldsboro who has been visiting at Capt. Thos. Abbott's, left returning home. Miss Gertie Abbott went up with her.

Mr. W. H. Oliver returned from the North where he has been on a business trip. He went to the Swiss Legation and announcement by His Excellency J. B. Pioda, the minister, and Mrs. Pioda, was a most pleasing incident of the trip, the memory of which he expects to ever linger with him.

Mrs. Jessie Simpson returned from Kinston where she has been attending the Woman's Missionary meeting of the N. C. Conference. About forty delegates and visitors were present, which is regarded as a very good attendance. Mrs. Shipp of Elizabeth City, also passed through en route to her home from the meeting.

Rev's. W. G. Johnston and James V. Winfield left to attend the Ministerial Convention of the Church of Christ at Ayden.

A Lady's Missionary Lecture.

A mission service was held in Christ (Episcopal) church last night by Mrs. A. T. Twing, Honorary Secretary to the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions in the United States. The attendance was very good and the address quite interesting and instructive.

A large collection was taken up for missionary work in Alaska. Mrs. Twing told in her lecture of her travels in Japan and China and of her work on the Pacific coast. While in New Berne she is the guest of Mrs. Jennie Hughes.

BIG FIRE AT GREENVILLE.

The Lumber Mill Burned—Loss $50,000—Insurance $10,500

Greenville had another disastrous fire Monday. The entire plant of the Greenville Lumber Co. was totally destroyed, together with every piece of lumber in the yard, making a total loss approximating $50,000 with only $10,500 insurance. It is said the loss was so heavy that there is no prospect of re-building.

According to the News and Observer says that 65 men are thrown out of employment by the fire and the concern cut off upon which the town has been largely depending to keep up its building operations.

We are not informed as to who composed the company except as to Mr. S. C. Hamilton, who in addition to his interest, has been in charge of the mill. Mr. Hamilton is a very clever and enterprising young man, having formerly been a member of the Stanson Lumber Co., of New Berne and connected with another mill here later, he is quite well known to our citizens and his many friends will truly sympathize with him in the misfortune that has overtaken him.

A CARD.

From The Chief of the Fire Department to "Side Walk Firemen."

There having been some criticism of the action of the Chief of the Fire department in regard to his not sending in the 5 taps for direct pressure at Saturday nights fire, the Chief makes the following explanation of the matter for the benefit of all *side walk Firemen* and the *sympathizing* public. Upon the first alarm from box 47 the Chief's horse was hitched and he in company with the Supt. of the Water works, Mr. C. B. Foy started for the scene of conflagration, but had proceeded only a short distance when he was informed that another fire was in progress; he immediately stopped, and seeing that the fire was in a direction locality lassoned to an alarm box to send in 5 taps. Before he reached the box another alarm commenced to ring—then knowing that a mistake might occur, from the engineer at the water works, mistaking the 5 taps for a part of the alarm, and knowing that his horse could go to the water works by the time 56 could ring around four times, he asked the Supt. Mr. Foy to drive, and spare not, out to the works and have direct pressure put on. Mr. Foy informed him on his return that he had some trouble in getting the Engineer to accede to his request on account of certain orders that he had received he would say right here, for various good reasons that the water works engineer should certainly obey such an order from the Supt. and do it without question; as he certainly would not give such an order unless occasion demanded it. Still *he* thinks that the fireman did very good work in checking the fire when and where they did, when you take into consideration the fact that they drove nearly a mile, laid hose and put out one fire and had to take up hose, drive back another mile and prevented this last one from doing any more damage than it did. Of course he attributes their good work to the amount of good advice being given them by our noble sidewalk firemen, who at every fire give without charge advice enough to run two or three Fire Departments, such as ours. We possibly may not know as much about fighting fire as some of our illustrious citizens, but then, we can't get it into our head to do just exactly like every body wants us to do, and consequently they will have to just simply gain and endure our mistakes until our term of office expires.

But just remember that the *boys* are ever ready to throw water upon the good and bad alike, and whenever the harsh clang of the Fire Bell sounds upon the moon-day, or mid-night ole they forget in their noble hearts, your harsh criticisms, and are ready to jeopardise their lives to save your property or your loved ones from the fiery element.

Yours Very Truly,
W. D. BARRINGTON,
Chief New Berne Fire Dept.

Closing Exercises.

The closing exercises of the New Berne Collegiate Institute will take place at the Opera house, next Friday evening at eight o'clock.

The exercises will consist of Columbia's Cantata recitations, essays, instrumental and vocal music, and the presentation of prizes and scholarships &c.

All are cordially invited to attend.

SWANSBORO CORRESPONDENCE.

Banks Party and Picnic—Good Hook and Line Fishing—Town Election—A Pilots Sharp Trick—Other Items.

Some sickness in town. Mr. Ed Little is very sick, Dr. Sanders of Carteret attending. Prof. M. A. Culbreth is right sick; hope he will soon be out again.

The last warm weather brought us a few "skeeters," something new for Swansboro.

Capt. C. Buckmaster has gone north to take charge of a large vessel.

Mr. D. G. Ward, Jr., our boy, has just returned from the 'land of flowers' (Florida) where he has been since last August engaged in the fishing business at Punta Gorda. Messrs Charlie Morton, Edgar Morton, Ed Stanly and two others came with him. They look well and report good times in that country.

The Baptist church is now under construction.

Rev. Ward will preach on Bogue banks next Sunday night, 3d Sunday.

The annual banks party and picnic came off last Saturday at Bogue Inlet. About 250 seemingly happy persons met and enjoyed themselves.

Next Sunday, 17th inst., 3rd Sunday, we are to have what we call "Children's Day," a Sunday School celebration by the children for missionary work.

The saw mill and steamboat going ahead. Capt. Foster says the boat will probably be ready to launch in July or August next.

Quarterly meeting at Bogue chapel on the 4th Saturday and Sunday. Rev. J. S. Barnett, P. E., will preside.

Our town election came off last Monday, result as follows: Mayor, M. Russell; Commissioners, J. P. Rodgers, G. W. Littleton, M. Van B. Willis and Bryan Hatsell; Constable, Geo. R. Young.

The pilots are having some lively times. Some good engineering was done last week by Capt. Joe Bloodgood, one of the pilots.

Mr. Charles Riggs of Queens creek, died last Friday, the 8th inst., of bilious colic. He was a good young man, a member of the Baptist church. Rev. Benj. Ward held burial services over his remains last Sunday.

We had one wedding in town lately, but it was so quiet we could hardly call it a wedding. The contracting parties were Mr. R. Lee Smith, only son of Capt. James Smith, and Miss Lina Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Major Russell, all of this berg. Esq. D G. Ward tied the knot. We wish you, Lee and Lina, all the happiness you deserve.

Crops are looking well; Irish potatoes are right nice, some are eating them now here.

Wholesale Prices Paid for Country Produce.

Eggs, 7a7½c.
Cotton, 7½c.
Lambs $1.00a$1.25
Beef,—on hoof, 4½a6c; dressed 4a5c; hind quarter, 6c.
Chickens—grown 40a45c; young 20a30c and in demand.
Ducks, Eng. 35a40c.; Muscovy 50a60c.
Geese, 80c. a 90c. per pair.
Corn, 36a38c. (retail 45c.)
Hides—Green 3c. Hides, dry flint 2a7c deer-hides 20c.
Peanuts, 65 a 70c.
Sheep, $1.00a$2 00.
Sweet Potatoes—Hamans, 40c; Yams 60c.
Fresh Pork, 5c;
Sheep—Unsheared $1a$2, sheared 50c. and $1.50.

ST. PETER AT THE GATE.

St. Peter stood outside the Golden Gate
With a serene mien and air of state;
When up to the top of the golden stair
A man of a certain age came climbing there,
Applied for admittance. They came and stood
Before St. Peter, so great and good,
To hopes the City of Peace to win—
And I asked St. Peter to let him in.
The woman was tall and lank and thin,
With a energy bent on her chin.
The man was short and thick and stout,
His st mach was but well rounded out,
His face was pleasant and all the while
He seemed to shine and genial smile.
The chin in the distance the echoes were
And the man kept silent while the woman spoke.

"O thou the guardian the Gate," said she.
"We two come hither seeking the
Entrance to enter the heavenly land,
And pray our hearts with the angel-band.
Of me, St. Peter, there is no doubt,
There's nothing from Heaven to bar me out.
I've been to meeting three times a week,
And almost always I've rose to speak.

"I've told the sinners about the day,
When they'd repent of their evil way,
I've told my neighbors—I've told them all—
'Bout Adam and Eve and the primal fall,
I've shown them what the old leave to do
If they'd pass in with the chosen few,
I've marked their period of duty clear—
Laid out the plan for their whole career.

"I've talked and talked to 'em loud and long,
For my lungs are good and my voice is strong.
So, good St. Peter, you will clearly see,
The Gate of Heaven is up to me,
But my old man, I regret to say,
Hasn't walked in exactly the narrow way;
He smokes and he swears, and grave faults he's got,
And I don't know whether he'll pass or not.

"He never would pray with an earnest aim,
Or go to a revival, or join in a hymn.
So, I had to leave him in sorrow there,
While I, with the chosen, united in prayer.
He ate what the pantry chance I to afford,
While I, in my purity, sang to the Lord,
And it continues were all to go,
It's a chance if he married there or not.

"But, O, St. Peter, I love him so,
To the pleasures of Heaven please let him go.
I've done enough—a saint I've been—
Won't that atone? Can't you let him in?"

By my grim Gospel, I know his so,
That the unrepentant must fry below;
But isn't there some way you can see
That he may enter who's dear to me?

"It's a narrow Gospel by which I pray,
But the chosen expect to find some way,
Of coaxing, or fooling, or bribing you.
So that the relations can amble through,
And, say, St. Peter, it seems to me
This Gate isn't kept as it ought to be;
You ought to stand right by the opening there,
And never sit down in that easy chair.

"And say, St. Peter, my sight is dim—
But I don't like the way your whiskers are trimmed,
They're cut too wide and outward toss,
They'd look better narrow, cut straight across;
Well, we must begging our crown to win,
So, open, St. Peter, and I we'll pass in!"

St. Peter sat quiet, and stroked his staff,
But, spite of his office, he had to laugh,
Then said, with a fiery gleam in his eye:
"Which tending this gal way—you or I?"
And then he rose in his stature tall,
And pressed a button upon the wall,
And said to the imp who answered the bell,
"Escort this lady around to hell."

The man stood still as a piece of stone—
Stood sadly, gloomily there alone,
A life-long, settled idea he had,
That his wife was good and he was bad,
He thought if the woman went down below,
That he certainly would have to go—
That if she went to the regions dim,
There wasn't a ghost of a show for him.

Slowly he turned, by habit bent,
To follow wherever the woman went,
St. Peter, standing by duty there,
Observed that the top of his head was bare,
He called the gentleman back and said:
"Friend, how long have you been wed?"
"Thirty years," (with a weary sigh)
And then he thoughtfully added, "Why?"

St. Peter was silent. With head bent down,
He raised his hand and scratched his crown,
Then, seeming a different thought to take,
Slowly, half to himself, he spake:
"Thirty years with that woman there?
No wonder the man haven't any hair!
Swearing is wicked, smoke's not good;
He smoked and swore—I should think he would!
Thirty years with that tongue so sharp!
Ho! Angel Gabriel! Give him a harp!
A jewelled harp, with a golden string!
Good sir, pass in, where the angels sing!

Gabriel, give him a seat alone—
One with a cushion—up near the throne!
Call up some angels to play their best,
Let him enjoy the music and rest!
See that on finest ambrosia he feeds.
He's had about all the hell he needs.
It isn't in it hardly the thing to do
To roast him on earth and the future too."

They gave him a harp with golden strings,
A glittering robe, and a pair of wings,
And he said as he entered the Realm of Day,
"Well, this beats cucumbers, any way!"
And, so, the Scripture has come to pass,
That "the last shall be first, and the first shall be last."

Joseph Bert Smilley.

WHEN COMPANY COMES.

When the pies are in the pantry,
And the chicken's in the pot,
And the house is neat and tidy,
Then the company comes in!

But when pantry shelves are empty,
And a picked up dinner warts
While the baby has the colic,
Then they enter at your gates.

When the tablecloth is dirty,
Stained with gravy and with squash,
The lace curtains at the laundry
And the bedspreads in the wash;

When you're doing the fall cleaning,
Rugs and carpets on the line,
Then your husband's dear relations
Come to visit or to dine.

So they eat the picked up dinner
And decide they cannot stay.
They "must do a little shopping,"
And they quickly haste away.

Then they tell all the relations
How their visit was a call;
That Jane is no wife for Reuben;
She's no housekeeper at all."

When they're gone, you tell the baby,
While you wipe your misty eyes,
"Baby, when we make a visit,
We'll not take them by surprise."

—Annie E. Smilew.

Beware of that contstant cough and loss of flesh which indicates decline and sure consumption. Help yourself while there is yet time by taking Johnson's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil. Pleasing to the taste. Pint bottle, $1.00. For sale by F. S. Duffy.

TOOK JOHNNIE TO THE SHOW.

Pa got little Johnnie dressed to go
And set his shoes
Low as he could stoop to lace
Johnny's copper tacking lot
Where he wed the wants in pictures clad,
Or men who lived on horses' backs,
Or "Injuns dressed in stripes and patches
Or had them selves in double knots
Or in tied ourselves in double wrecks
Or swung each other by the necks,
Or, pacified, led out behind a horse
And a bushelbasket of knives,
Or put could the circus where to foolish
Or with their heads the mourn ex
ponent.
You would yourself have longed to go
And see the show!

Then Johnnie's father said, "Although
I'm a temperance editor, and have the cross,
I feel that little John should go.
The exciting scenes of woe
I would never do—so little grown—
For him to wander round alone;
Mr. Bell, lay aside go with me
And Johnnie's mother—pin out clamps—
And Johnnie's uncle—fetch the boy,
And Johnnie's Uncle Levine,
His second cousin, Sammel,
His older sister, Mary,
And Susan Ann and Sarah,
His brother and his brother-in-law,
His father's cousin-mother-in-law,
And others, went along with him
To see that naught was wrong with him
Twas not a sin to take, you know,
Poor Johnnie to the show!
As any one might be afraid,
'Twas very hard, with all this and
For little John to see the show.
They bought him, they sided him
They patted him to and fro,
Whenever of them would chance to see
A kind of friends, then he or she
Would grasp the nothing by the hand,
So all the world would understand
That they had simply come, you know,
With Johnnie to the show.
And Johnnie's heart was brea