L. B. S.

Innual Meeting-Election of Officers. The annual meeting of the Ladies' Renevolent Society was beld vesterday morning at 11 o'clock, in the Lecture Room of the First Presbyterian Church. The meeting was opened with prayer w Bishop Atkinson.

After the prayer Col. John W. Atbinson delivered the annual address. Mrs. C. J. Kennedy read the report what had been effected by the Society during the year.

The following officers were re-elected: President-Mrs. C. J. Kennedy. Vice-President-Mrs. Geo. Chad-

Secretary-Mrs. C. H. Robinson. Treasurer--Miss Julia Stevenson. The Secretary, Mrs. C. H. Robinson, being absent, Mrs. John Dawson ac ed in her place.

Cotton continues to crowd our sharves. It may be that in less than ten years Wilmington will be the largest cotton market on the Atlantic coast. Northern capitalists have told us that we have every reason to expect it will be so.

Interesting exercises will be on tapis at the Tileston School to-day, about lo'clock. We are very glad to learn that the accomplished and deserving Principal, Miss Amy M. Bradley, has entirely recovered from a recent severe indisposition

The Congressional Committees, appointed to investigate affairs in South through yesterday en route to their 184. Majdrity of 1 for Tilden. respective destinations.

the cause so noble, it seems that the Ladies' Benevolent Society should have more than fifty members.

Mrs. Ann S. Davis' funeral at St. James' Church on yesterday was largely attended.

#### EASTERN MEDICAL CONVEN. TION.

Synopsis of Proceedings. Reported for the Cape Fear.

TARBORO, Dec. 7 .- The Eastern Medical Association has just adjourned after an interessing session here of two. days. Much work was done to advance. the science of medicine and to elevate the medical profession of the State. That great terror of our people, diphtheria, was ably and thoroughly dis cussed. It was admitted on all hands that most of the sore throat of babies and adults, which physicians so often call dipatheria, is anything else than that terrible disease.

The Association endorsed the plan of a State Board of Health, which was originated in the Association at its last annual meeting in your city, and through a committee of its own appointment will urge the matter upon the

Legislature. The principal feature of the occasion was the annual address by Dr. W. T. Ennett of Pender. It was listened to with much interest by an appreciative Tarboro audience, as well as by his bretheren of the Association. The subject was "the influence of woman in the sick room," and it was well written and delivered well. It was one of the best tributes to woman I ever heard or read. It will be published by the Association. Dr. C. J O'Hagan, of Granville, was elected President for the ensuing year, and Dr. L. A. Stith, of Wilson, Orator. The next meeting will be held at Kinston on the first Tuesday of December 1877.

ON THE WING.

Postal Hours. The mails close at the City Post-Office Northern through mails - - - 5:30 P. M. Northern through and way mails, daily - - - - 7:00 A. M Mails for the N. C. Railroad and routes supplied there-

from, at - 6:30 P. M. Southern mails for all points South, daily 7:00 P. M. Western mails C. C. R'y, daily 6:00 A. M. Fayetteville and offices on Cape Fear River, Tuesdays and Fridays
Fayetteville by C. C. R'y, 1:00 P. M.

daily (except Sundays) - 6:00 A. M. Onslow C. H. and intermediate offices, every Friday - 6:00 A. M. ARRIVE. Northern through mails - - - 12:45 P. M. Northern through & way mails 8:00 P. M.

The Smithville mails, by steamboat, close Mails for Easy Hill, Town Creek, Supply and Shallotte, every Friday at 6 A. M. Mails delivered from 6 A. M. to 7:00 P. M., and on Sundays from 8:30 to 9:30

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#### THE SITUATION!

TILDEN HAS A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE BY THE RETURNS.

Action of the Governor in Oregon Gives Tilden 185 Votes-The Vermont Democratic Elector Casts His Vote and Appoints Himself Messenger.

By a Star extra vesterday it was first learned that a new face was put on affairs. Gov. Grover, of Oregon, issued certificates to two Hayes electors and one Tilden elector, the third Hayes elector being ineligible. The Hayes electors declined to meet with Cronin, the Democratic elector, and the latter then appointed two Republican electors and the three east the vote of the State as follows: For Hayes, 2; for Tilden, 1. Cronin held the certificates.

In Vermont the Democratic elector, who claims the office owing to the ineligibility of postmaster Sollace, cast his vote for Tilden, and appointed himself a messenger to carry the vote to Wash-

In Florida the Democratic electors, holding certificates from the Attorney-General, who is a member of the Canvissing Board, cast the vote of the State for Tilden.

In Louisiana, under certificates from Gov. McEnery, the Democratic electors

The count stands under the broad Carolina, Florida and Louisiana, passed | seals of the States-Tilden, 185; Hayes,

#### As the initiation fee is only 81, and TERRIBLE CATASTROPHE

BURNING OF THE BROOKLYN THEATRE.

Loss of More than 200 Lives Account of the Calamity.

BROOKLYN, Dec. 6 .- A fire broke out last night on the stage of the Brooklyn theatre during the performance of the "Two Orphans."

The panic became general before the actors left the stage. The audience rushed for the doors, women fainted, aisles were blocked and many were thrown down and trampled on.

Most of the killed were in the dress circle, their means of escape being cut off by the burning stairs. Dieter's Hotel was damaged to the amount of \$50,000.

The loss of life at the Brooklyn theatre is appalling. Bodies were found this morning in heaps within a few feet of the door. It is supposed they went down when the lobbies fell. They are burned beyond recognition,

The loss on the building was \$150,000 and on fixtures \$10,000. Shook & Palmer, lessees, lose \$30,000. It was uninsured.

5 p. m.-245 bodies have been re-

### LATEST FROM SOUTH CAROLINA

The Supreme Court Decide in Favor of the Democrats,

Disputch from ten. McGowan. COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 7.—The Supreme Court has decided all issues in our favor. Hampton Governor. God be praised.

The above dispatch was received in this city yesterday by Mrs. Engelhard, wife of Maj. J. A. Engelhard, our Secretary of State.

M. E. CONFERENCE.

Appointments of Conterence for the Ensuing Year-Next Meeting at Salisbury.

From the Raleigh Christian Advocate. RALEIGH DISTRICT-N H D Wilson, PE. Raleigh, Edenton St., LS Burkhead. Raleigh, Person St., W C Norman. Carey, W H Jordan. Rolesville, L J Holden. Smithfield, R M Brown. Tar River, R S Webb. Youngville, Miss., M J Hunt. Louisburg, F L Reid. North Granville, J T Gibbs. South Granville, J E Thompson. Henderson, J B Moore. Nashville, T B Reeks. Editor Raleigh Christian Advocate.

J B Bobbitt. HILLSBORO DISTRICT-L L Hendren, PE Hillsboro Station, J H Wheeler. Durham Station, W H Call. Alamance, Robah F Bumpass. Chapel Hill and Haw River, J J Renn.

Pittsboro, W H- Moore. Yanceyville, L H Gibbons. Deep River, J F Craven, T C Moses, Supernumerary. Leesburg, T J Gattis. Person, H H Gibbons. Orange, J B Martin.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT-M L Wood, PE ! Greensboro Station, S D Adams. North Guilford, Jno W Lewis. South Guilford, J R Scroggs.

Thomasville and High Point, P L Trinity, B Craven, 1 4 1114 Davidson, Chas H Phillips. Randolph, T P England. Forsyth, S H Helsabek. Winston Station, P J Carraway. Stokes, E. J. Eudaily. Madison, L E Stacy. Wentworth, V A Sharpe. B Craven, President of Trinity Col-

J A Cunninggim, Agent for Conference Colleges. HOAD BE SALISBURY DISTRICT - DR Bruton, P E. Salisbury Station, W C Gannon. Salisbury, R T N Stephenson. Mooresville, T L Triplott. Statesville Station, T A Coon. Statesville Circuit, to be supplied. Mocksville Circuit, T A Boone. Davie, W C Wilson. Iredell, Jos Wheeler. Alexander, H F Wiley. Wilkes, E Howland. Yadkinville, S D Peeler.

Sauraton Miss., W B Maness. Surry, W S Creasy. Blue Ridge Miss., A M Long. SHELBY DISTRICT-R G Barrett, P E. Shelby Station, H T Hudson, Shelby Circuit, J.W North. Cleaveland, J D Carpenter. Rutherfordton: G.F Round. Columbus Miss., J B Carpenter. Marion, C A Gault. Upper Broad River Miss., N G

Mt. Biry Station, Jas Willson.

Whittington. Morganton Station, to be supplied by B P Nixon Morganton Circuit, P F W Stamey. Caldwell Circut, L Shell, J CCrisp, supernumerary.
Lenoir Station, W M Robey.

Happy Home, J S Ervin. Newton, J C Hartsell. Rock Spring, G W Ivy. South Fork, C M Anderson. Dallas, J W Puett. Lincolnton, J T Harris. W M Robey, President Davenport

Female College. CHARLOTTE DISTRICT-W H Bobbitt, Charlotte, Tryon Street, A A Bos-

North Charlotte, to be supplied. South Charlotte, Z Rush. Pineville, W D Lee. Pleasant Grove, M C Thomas. Monroe Station, O J Brent. Monroe Circuit, M. H. Hoyle.
Concord Station, H. P. Cole.
Concord Circuit, J. C. Thomas,
Mt. Pleasant, A. D. Betts. Albemarle, T P Ricaud. Stanly, Miles Foy. Ansonville, T H Edwards. Wadesboro Station, T W Guthrie.

Wadesboro Circuit, J H Guinn. Lilesville, C M Pepper. FAVETTEVILLE DISTRICT-J S Nelson

P. E. Fayetteville Station-L W Crawford.

Cumberland- I W Avent Robeson- Ira T Wyche. Laurinburg-B C Philips. Rockingham—J W Jenkins.
Pee Dee—M V Sherrill, W B Doub.
Uwharrie—B-R Hill. Montgomery—I F Keerans. Drowning Creek Miss—WS Chaffin. Carthage J Tillett. Jonesboro-J V Hoyle, G Farrar-Supernumerary.

Buckhorn-P H Greening. WILMINGTON DISTRICT-W S Black

Prist Policy of Wilmington Front St J E Mann. Wilmington Fifth St-J M Rhodes. Topsail-J B Bailey Kenansville—T W Smith. Magnolia—J F Hietman. Clinton-J B Alford. Cokesbury-M W Boyler. Coharrie Mass -F A Bishop. Bladen J Sandford. Elizabeth-D May. Whiteville-JT Loyd.

Waccamaw Miss-To be supplied by J T Browning. Smithville-J II Randall, Onslow-G W Hardison, NEWBERS DISTRICT E A Yates, P.E.

Newbern Station-J R Brooks. Goldsboro Station-J T Bagwell. Wilson Station—R A Willis, Wayne— F H Wood. Mt. Olive- W H Watkins. Kinston Station-C C Dodson. Snow Hill-J P Simpson. Neuse-J J Carden. Lenoir, -Jno N Andrews; Swift Creek-To be supplied. Craven-D Culbreth. Jones-I Johnson. Beaufort Stanton-A R Raven. Carteret-N M Jurney. Straits-N A Hooker.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT- Win Closs.

Washington Station B C Culbreth. Warrenton- T W Hovic. Warren I R Griffith. Littleton-R O Burton. Halifax-Jas W Wheeler. Tarboro Station- WS Rone. Edgecombe, .-F.D Swindell.
Edgecombe Miss-To be supplied Williamston-L L Nash Plymouth and Jamesville-S M

Davis. Columbia-Jas Mahoney. Bath-J L Lumley. Matamuskeet-JD Buie. Portsmouth and Ocracoke-J C Smith. Cape Hatteras N S Norton.

A W Mangum, Prof. at Univ. of N C. | bury. Next Conference to be held at Salis-

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Mayor's Court.

James Swett, disorderly conduct, dismissed on the payment of costs. Charles Needan, was arrested yesterday for cursing and abusing Capt. Jno. Duggan. He will have a hearing before the Mayor to-day:

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