Each year convinces us to dictated the establishme and Citadel Academics at a practical education linve been placed there linve been placed there, the effected are more sensibly fell cach hav through the State. Their knowledge of tacts quired during the academic perceptible in improvement in the large portion of the militia, and the thinments in engineering and surveying fast supplying, and will soon supply altogether, the demand for that kind of knowledge in the State. I have no hesitation in expressing the opinion that more benefit has arisen from the few thousand dollars expended annually upon these schools for ten years past than has accepted to the State from the application of the free school appropriations for thirty years previous.

I cannot omit to bring to your notice the

efficient, laborious, and disinterested services of the chairman of the Board of Visitors. Nothing can be more prompt, uniform, and systematic than his administration of affairs; and as long as he continues in his present position, I feel sure that increased academies to your especial care and liber-

The State makes provision annually for the education, at the South Carolina College, of one youth from Chaleston Orphan House to be selected by the commissioners. The choice is usually made as a reward for merit, and the privilege has resulted in making many useful and distinguished citizens. Through me the commissioners now ask that suitable arrangements be made for one at the Citadel or Arsenal Academy, not only on account of the benefit which will grise from it to the individual, but as an additional incentive to exertion on the past of the students in the Orphan House. I cheerful by add my recommendation to their appli-

I herewith present for your consideration a memorial from the Trustees of the Roper Hospital, asking aid from the State to assist in increasing their means to such an extent as to enable them to open their building and make it subserve the purposes for which it was originally intended. The means at their disposal are too fimited at present to carry this object into effect, and during the prevalence of the epidemic of the past season, they were forced to depend upon pri-vate liberality to render it available for a temporary period as a hospital for the sick. Citizens from all parts of the State contributed to this object, but of course these resources were withdrawn after the violence of the discourse had a weight of the disease had subsided. With the cstablishment of the hospital, having as adjuncts the benevolent associations of the city, the horrors of these fatal epidemics can be materially mitigated. I refer the papers for your consideration and the exercise of your judgment.

There appears to be some objection on the part of our people to the operations of the Militia System of the State; and doubtless efforts will be made during the session descentially to alter or abolish it. To say it is without defect, would be collimated to alter or abolish it. To say it is without defect, would be to claim for it ament which no institution possesses. But with my official exprisionee, and from the edservation of those who have taken an interest in it for the last thirty years, I am disposed to think it indispensable for the preservation of the major a price of the collimate of the claim to two inquiries. First, should the preservation of those who have taken an indispensable for the greatest deference, your needle. No one is wise though to foresee the necessity which may arise for the exercise of those qualifications of the citien which the military organization is intended to cultivate. It is a prending, bearing frest consequences, pag with them; and every one who examines the course of events must feet that are any moment may arise for the exercising which will demand an exhibition of the same advantage on the present the regions which will demand an exhibition of the same advantage on the present the region of the country to grain and in the present the region of the country to grain the region of the cou There appears to be some objection on questions which will demand an exhibition of those qualities which have hitherto given an enviable precedence to the citizen soldiers of this commissionally. I recommend that all matters connected with the militia system, be refined to a board of comment officers, whose duty shall be, with a mile time for deliberate investigation care. a time for deliberate investigation, carefully to revise it, and submit the result of minors to you at your next session. ort of the efficient Adjutant and Inspector eral upon this subject.

es port. Facts of this sort must con port. Facts of this sort must come to the groundwork. In possession of these, we may then proceed to compare different systems, adopting from among them that which seem to be best adapted to our own circles of the system of the seem to be best adapted to our own circles of the system of the seem to be best adapted to our own circles of the system of the seem to be best adapted to our own circles of the system of the seem to be best adapted to our own circles of the system of the seem of the system of

shall be regarded as an officer of the gov- from this State as may be intended for shall be regarded as an officer of the government, compensated by a large salary, and exhibition.

I would again call your attention to the great interest. Let him be required to traverse the State, to impect the conditions of the introduction of free persons of color every neighborhood, and from personal ois servation and authentic testimony let him of vessels trading with our scaports.

Terms—One Dollar a Year, in Advance.

ABH VILLE C. H.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1854. servation and authentic testimony let him become acquainted with the number, the extent and the circumstances of the children. Let him be prepared to say where of dissatisfaction, and have ever been reschool houses can be most conveniently erected, the distance at which they should be re-moved from each other, the kind of teacher needed in each neighborhood, and let him indicate what sections of the State are unprepared for schools in consequence of the dispersion of their inhabitants. Let him be able to give some probable estimate of

position, I feel sure that increased success the expense incident to the successful opera-will attend his efforts. I commend these tion of an adequate scheme. In the next place, it should be his duty to master the existing systems, whether in this country or Europe, and to lay before the Legislatur a sufficient account of their fundamental provisions. Let him propose the scheme which he thinks ought to be adopted here, and let his report be referred to an able and learned commission, charged with the final preparation of such a scheme as we may be eady to epact into law."

The expense of carrying into effect the oregoing suggestions should be defrayed out of a reserved per centage upon the present Free School appropriation; thus saving additional drafts of money from the Treas ury, and making the Free School fund correct ultimately the abuses and defects of the present system.

resent system.

I had the honor at your last sesser to suffice. mit to gon a statement of the condition cof-the Blue Ridge Railroad enterprise, and also certain suggestions with the regard to inprovements in the State Asylum for the in-

Upon the subject of the Asylum I here with submit for your perusal and eareful consideration an elaborate statement from the able physician of the institution, whose long able physician of the institution, whose long, experience and thorough investigation of the subject entities his opinious to the highest respectated creatile its presents such a variety of fluts and arguments; as cannot be embraced, even very it desirable, in the limited space of an abundances. Lentreat your examination of them as authority at some future, day for your action upon this subject. One fact appears to me to be indispensable; that its would be erroneous follows.

da to be adopted by the Sou

acts, the comparison of different 1855. This latter paper was officially forwarded to me through the Secretary of State of the wants of our own peo-This can be done by the appointment by appointed three commissioners to take Minister of Public Instruction, who charge of such products and other articles

You are, of course, aware that some of these provisions have long proved a source garded by friendly powers as to contest the inconsistent with our international obligations. The efficiency too cof the present the 13th of the present month.

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It tention to the subject. Various circumstances, to which it is now unnecessary to allude, seemed for a time to render any alteration inopportune. I would, however, recommend it as a subject worthy of consideration on your part, whether some judi cious modifications may not at the present time be adopted—and whether, while pro-viding sufficiently against any attempt at mischievous interference on the part of such persons, and vesting power in the municipal authorities to enforce all proper police regulations, the object in view may not be effect ed in a mode less offensive to other govern-ments. Other States which had adopted similar provisions have modified their enactments, without, as I have been informed,

experiencing any pernicious consequences.
While we could never consent to surrender or impair out right to treat the subject with a view exclusively to our own sense of policy and expediency, it is at the same time, I think, becoming to make proper con-cessions, consistent with this, to what may be fairly regarded as only an attitude of friendly remonstrance.

At your last serion you passed a very important act related to the registration of births, deaths, and marriages. As the appointment of Registrars took place after many of the Tax Collectors had commenced sane. Upon these two subjects my opinions, then expressed, remain unchanged; but I forbear to press them upon your consideration for reasons which are obvious to their other duties, and the books and formulate of their other duties, and the books and formulate of their other duties, and the books and formulate of their other duties, and the books are required time for their preparation, the required time for their preparation, the return has been an imperfect one. I here with send you the report of the registrary and invite your attention to the suggestions for such modification of the law as will inrease its efficiency and valuable results. No appropriation having been made for car rying out the act, it became necessary for me to charge the contingent fund with the necessary expanditure for books and schedules.

As a constituent part of the American Confederate Republic the existing aspect of our foreign relations is a matter of deep in-

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Individuals, like nations, fail in nothing which they boldly attempt, when sustained by virtuous purpose, and determined resolution.—HENRY CLAY, "Willing to praise, yet notafraid to blame."

Music in Everything!
THE "Swiss Bell-Ringers" will com-mence a series of interesting and novel music-

Pire in Columbia. WE learn that a most disastrous fire occurred in Columbia, on last Wednesday night. Nearly the entire block opposite the Congarce House was consumed. The office of the Carolinian was entirely lost.

Directory.

Owing to the great length of the Governor's Message and our synopsis of Legislative proceedings, we are forced to omit atour advertising department. We respectfully refer the reader to that page, and leave him to see for himself. Things of importance are there.

Consigners per Railroad.

A COMPLETE list of the consignees at Abbeville Depot appears in the present number. It is our design henceforth to publish and list every week, so that every subscriber and borrower of the Press may be able to see whether there is anything in the Depot for him or not, without the trouble and expense of coming or writing to sec.

The Fair! The Fair!

THERE is little or no necessity for us to do more than simply direct attention to the advertisement of the ladies appearing in the last and present numbers of the Press. This community will scarcely fail to award the Fair that encouragement to which its noble object so eminently entitles it. Shame on the community that does not heed the cause of benevolence when woman appears as its advocate!

The Legislature.

Our readers will remember that we promised a veekly report from a friend in Co-lumbia during the sesion. On our recent visit there, we found him so steadily pressed with his official duties, that we readily absolved him from his obligation. After the solved him from his configuron. After the session closes, and he is again relieved, we session closes, and he is again relieved, we shall have the tronor of Bringing to light some of the sparkling diamonds of his well stored mind.

The business of this day consisted in the presentation and reading of petitions for charters, incorporations, &c.

the daily reports of the Carolinian, an abridgement that will acquaint our readers with all that is done of general moment, and we shall continue to do so until the Legislature adjourns.

examined the course.

At my moment may arise the bong of the composition of the same advantages to the composition of the same advantage of the same advantages to the composition of the same action of the same advantages to the composition of the same advantage of the same advantag

On Tuesday evening laster three year old youngster of the Bruin family broke prison bond and created considerable stir. His first respects were paid to a neighboring hoppen, from which, after baking killed one or two of the tenants, he was driven by an al-Hed force of men and dogs. He was pursued, and, like his Russian namesake was about to vanduish the allies, when the nine-ly intervention of one or two rifle shota ly intervential of one or two rifle shots suded the conflict and sport. The occasion would have presented a rate opportunity for a census taker to uthinber the male inhabit-suited. Abbeville, for we believe all ward as apar.

ilemen, to for good order among its students. No college which does not see to the proper be-bavior of its students both in and out of doors, ought to be patronized.

Furman University is located at Green ille, South Carolina, is under the control of the Baptist, and JAMES C. FURMAN, President, JAMES S. MIMS, P. C. EDWARDS, C. H. JUDSON, F. C. CUMMINGS, Professors, constitute its Faculty. We have no doubt it is worthy of the very encouraging patronage it already enjoys, and much more

A Cure for Colds.

On rather a preventive, we should say. Either, however, must be admitted to be a desideratum at this particular season, when frosts, and winds, are so abundant. For the remedy or preventive, then, call on J. J. Ly- Federal Relations. QNS, corner MARSHALL House, and by an exchange of that cold and unsympathetic tin which only serves to harden the heart and chill the soul, you can procure a covering for the "outer man," from head to foot inclusive, that will effectually warm it up, lighten the heart, and render cheerful the spirit. Lyons will do for everybody to trade with—the initiated as well as the un-initiated.—See his card elsewhere in this paper, and on first opportunity prove what we have said by trying him.

Proceedings of the Legislature.

Monday, November 27, 1854. SENATE.-The Senate met and was or-

ganized by the election of the following gentlemen as officers: Hon. R. F. W. Alson, President; Gen. W. E. Martin, Clerk; A. T. Goodwyn, Reading Clerk; J. D. Gaillard, Messenger; and A. D. Gaillard, Door-

eper. Upon taking his seat, the President adlressed the Senate briefly, urging upon it in the consideration of the questions which might be presented, thus setting a worthy example for the emulation of the people whose voice had assembled it to legislate for the good of all. He deprecated any cause which might arise to array one section of the State agoinst the other, and concluded with the following patriotic sentiment:
"Let us counsel together how best to develop the resources of Carolina; to diffuse more generally the light of pious knowledge; to elevate the standard of morals and learning, and to build up the prosperity of the State upon a basis independent of those influences which are inimical to some of its elements."

The presentation of various paperstitions, presentments, memorials, &c. mong which was a protest from Edgefield District against the election of Mr. Watson, constituted the day's transactions.

House of Rer's .- The House of Repre sentatives met and proceeded to srganize by electing Hon. James Simons, Speaker; J. T. Sloun, Clerk; J. S. Richardson, Reading Clerk; Thomas Dinkins, Messenger. balloting for Door-keeper was also had, but no election was made, there being nearly as the criminal code, and to establish a penimany candidates as voters. About twenty tentiary.

spirants to that office were announced.

Mr. Clarke offered a resolution that the

his thanks to the House in a brief but ex-

TUESDAY, Nov. 28. SENATE.-Mr. Ingram presented the pe-

lition of sundry citizens of Clarendon for a judicial division of Sumter District, A protest was presented by sundry

tens of Edgefield District against the sit-

ting member from that District.

Mr. Zimmerman presented the petition of the President and Directors of the Cheraw and Darlington Railroad for legislative aid.

Mr. Witherspoon presented the petition of the Presbyterian Synod of South Carolina and Georgia for incorporation; also of the Society for the Relief of superannuated election of Electors of President and Vice President to the people. na and Georgia for incorporation; also of the Society for the Relief of superannuated President to the people. ministers of the Presbyterian Church and beir families.

Mr. Brockman presented the petition of tizens of Greenville District for a turnpike.

the Blue Ridge Railaoad Company praying aid; also gave notice that he would to-morrow introduce n bill to afford aid to said Company, and the

House or Reas .- Mr. B. F. Perry gave notice that on to-morrow he would introin the construction of the Blue Ridge Railroad, and to give the election of Electors of President and Vice President to the people.

At 1 pr m. the proceedings of the Honse were suspended to receive and hear the message of his Excellency the Governor read.

On motion of Mr. J. Harleston Read, it was ordered that 2,000 copies of the message; together with the accompanying documents, be printed, and made the special order of the day for to-morrow at 1 p. in.

The committee appointed to count the duce bills to grant leave to the State to aid

The committee appointed to count the votes for Door-keeper reported Mr. C. F.
Dellorme steeted

Mr. Read introduced a preamble and resolutions setting apart Friday like 6th of December next, as a day of womain setting apart Friday like 6th of December next, as a solar of womain setting apart Friday like 6th of December next, as a solar of womain setting apart Friday like 6th of December next, as a solar of womain setting apart from the half of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Tucket, Someday, the Oth, was an arrived from the Oth was a set of the Other from the Other fr

an increase in the payment of witnesses and of petit jurge attending courts of justice.

Mr. Witherspoon, pursuant to notice in troduced a bill for the incorporation of the Society for the Relief of indigent and superannuated dergymen of the Resbytaria Charch and their families.

Church and their families. House of Rer's, Mr. Pope presented protest against the election of Mr. Ray-

nond, member from St. Peter's Parish Mr. Harrison introduced a bill authorizing the formation of the Savannah River

Railroad Company.

Mr. McCrady introduced a bill providing for the election of Electors of President and vice President by the State.

Mr. B. F. Parry introduced a bill to give the election of Electors of President and Vice President to the people. Read the first time and referred to the Committee on

THURSDAY, Nov. 30.

SENATE.—Mr. Witherspoon presented the petition of sundry citizens of Abberille District, for the incorporation of Lebanori hurch.

Mr. Moses, on the part of the Judiciary Committee, made unfavorable reports of the petition of sundry citizens of Sumter. District for the increased compensation of petit jurors and witnesses.

Mr. Moses introduced bills to alter the duties of Ordinaries in taking administration bonds, and to punish assaults with concealed weapons.

Mr. Watson presented the memorial of the stockholders of the Edgefield and Cheatem Plank Road Company; also a petition for the renewal of the charter of the town of Hamburg.

Mr. Mordecai introduced a bill to provide

for the better administration of justice in the City Courts of Charleston,

Mr. Moses offered a resolution that it be eferred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum to inquire and report by bill or otherwise what compensation should be althe cultivation of harmony and good feeling lowed Tax Collectors for carrying out the provisions of the Registration Act. Agreed

Mr. Porter presented the memorial of the City Council of Charleston praying confirmation of their subscriptions to railroads, and limitations on their powers hereafter.

House of Rep's .- Mr. Tucker introduced a bill for the re-organization and improvement of the Common School system of South Carolina; also a bill to alter and anend the law regulating the jurisdiction of Magistrates.

Mr. Green introduced a bill authorizing he President and Directors of the Bank of the State of South Carolina to establish a Branch of that Bank at Sumterville.

Mr. Noble introduced a bill to extend time to the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company, allowing them to open books for subscriptions on the part of the State, &c. Read and referred.

Mr. McCrady introduced a bill to alter and amend the charter of the Bank of the State of South Carolina.

Mr. Lowry introduced a bill to abolish battalion musters, and for other purposes.

Mr. J. B. Perry introduced a bill to revise

Committee on the Military be instructed to inquire into the expediency of altering and amending the militia law in the following respects, to wit: The disbanding of militia companies, and organizing in lieu of each a volunteer company, with the privilege of a smaller number of men constituting a company, and a smaller number of companies a nattalion or regiment; the abolishing of that clause in the militia law compelling every man of a certain age under penalty to perform militia duty, and inserting a clause leaving it optional with him either to discharge the duty or pay a tax said tax to be received by the

SENATE.—Mr. Johnson introduced a bill to authorize the State to aid in the construc-Mr. Porter presented the memorial of tion of the Savannah and Charleston Reil road. Read and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Marshall introduced a bill to an

an act entitled an act to authorize the firm mation of the Savannah River Valley Rail road Company, and for other purposes a Read and referred.

Mr. Porter introduced a bill to authorize