The Press and Banner.

ABBEVILLE, S. C.

Wednesday, July 4, 1888.

Due West Commencements.

We yield space to the interesting account of the Due West Commencements.

Erskine College is the oldest Denominational Institution in the State, and it has the largest endowment of any college in this part of the country. Its buildings, including the Society Halls, are large and elegant structures located in the midst of a beautiful grove of the choicest oaks.

The steady growth of the institution in public favor bears the best evidence of the merits of the institution, and the probility is that the celebration of the semi-centennial Commencement next year, will end the most proprous year in the history of the college.

The Due West Female College is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, institutions in the State for the education of our daughters, and we can safely say that no State can boast of a superior institution, and that in very few States can an institution of equal merit be found. The instruction in this college is thorough, embracing every branch of female education. The style, cultivation, and refinement which is imparted to the young ladies of this college pre-eminently fit them to reign as leaders in society or to be enshrined in our hearts as the queens of our homes.

In every department which lends a grace and a charm to woman, may be found the most faithful, efficient, christian teachers, who are themselves worthy exemplars in the practice of those, womanly characteristics which make her adorable in the eyes of mankind.

The Democratic Club.

The County Democratic club meet in the Court House, Monday last. Delegates from local clubs as follows:

Abbeville No 1—W. C. Benet, J. W. Thomson W. A. Lee, R. W. Cannon, W. S. Cothran, S C. Cason, M. P. DeBruhl.

Abbeville No. 2—J. C. Klugh, W. N. Graydon, F. B. Gary, R. E. Hill, T. M. Christian, W. T. Branch, E. G. Graydon.

Hodges—T. S. Anderson, J. D. Cochran, J. D. Swancey, D. H. Magill, Jas. N. Cochran, J. D. Pace, W. R. Mundy.

Lowndesville No. 1—A. J. Speer, H. A. Tennant, L. C. Mauldin, Wm. Harden, J. M. Baker, G. L. Wilson, B. A. Wilson.

Hampton—John A. Robinson, John W. Pratt, J. G. Loner, L. M. Pratt, D. M. Loner.

Due West—J. N. Young, Dr. O. P. Hawthorn, F. W. Nance, J. H. Clinkscales, R. W. Haddon, M. B. Clinkscales, J. A. Devlin.

Bradley—E. W. Watson.

Troy—J. K. Vance, T. M. Jay, Jas. Lyon.

Calhoun's Mills—J. H. Watson, G. W. Abney, J. R. Tarrant, W. T. McDonald, Joe Wells, Geo. B. Morrah, W. D. Mars.

Walnut Grove—M. B. McGee.

Ninety-Six—Thos. L. Moore, J. N. King, W. L. Anderson, Jr., A. McN. Turner, R. L. Pratt.

Long Cane—G. N. Nickles, D. C. Calvert, W. A. Morrison, J. M. Leith, S. T. Gordon, J. E. Uldrich, J. H. Simpson.

Donnaldsville—G. M. Mattison, G. T. Smith, J. N. Drake, Dr. W. W. Dodson, R. P. Pruitt, J. M. Mattison, E. W. Barmore.

Mountain View—J. J. Price, W. G. Huckabee, J. A. McMahan.

Greenwood—C. A. C. Waller, B. F. McKellar, V. Hinton, W. S. Bell, J. Hinton, James Fife.

Smithville—I. A. Kellar, W. P. Devlin, R. H. Devlin, Jas. Evins, G. W. Collins, Samuel Eakin, J. L. White.

Means Chapel—A. G. Cochran, A. E. Lesly, H. R. Wilson, S. W. Cochran, T. P. Millford, James H. Burksdale, A. M. Reid.

Antreville—J. E. Brownlee, H. J. Power, N. W. Hall, R. A. Haddon, A. Carwile, John Alewine, Lamar Clinkscales.

Bellevue—S. P. Morrah, J. H. Morrah, E. Cowan, J. N. Wardlaw, D. Morrah, J. S. Britt, T. J. Britt.

Mr. R. S. Galloway introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, By this convention of Democrats, Abbeville county, that we heartily invite the Hon. B. R. Tillman, of Edgefie-d, to be present at the Democrats meeting of county and State which occurs at Hodges on July 20, 1888, to discuss the currents topics of the day.

W. N. Graydon, Esq., introduced the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Democratic party of Abbeville county that the auditor and treasurer be chosen by primary election.

Ellis G. Graydon, Esq., offered resolution endorsing Col. Rice and General Bonham, which was adopted:

Resolved, By the Abbeville County Democratic Club that the Hon. James H. Rice and the Hon. M. L. Bonham, Jr., have discharged the duties of the offices to which their fellow-citizens elected them two years ago with zeal, fidelity and marked ability, and that this club commends them to the Democracy of the State for re-election.

The corrected list of places and dates of campaign meetings, as follows:

Donaldsville July 16 instead July 11.
Greenwood July 17 instead July 14.
Ninety-Six July 18 instead July 17.
Hodges July 20 instead July 12.
Bradley July 23 instead July 19.
Troy July 24 instead July 20.
McCormick July 25 instead July 21.
Mt. Carmel July 26 instead July 24.
Due West July 31 instead July 10.
Lowndesville August 4.

J. H. MORRAH, V. P. Presiding.
T. P. COTHRAN, Secretary.

"Ox-Team Telegraphs."

We appreciate the kindly spirit of the writer of the following letter, but he forgot to state when our telegram was received by him. It left Abbeville a little after three o'clock, and we are still at a loss to know why it takes so long to get an answer from Lowndesville. If it is impossible to receive an answer to a telegram from Lowndesville in less than five hours, then the public should be put on their guard, and the telegraph company should not take our money for service which the operators know they cannot perform in due time.

LOWNDESVILLE, S. C., June 28, 1888.

Editor Press and Banner:

This is indeed, a red-hot Summer, even for the least of those holding public offices. "Experts," reformers, and chronic grumblers, are getting precious near unto us all. In your editorial, headed the "Ox Team Telegraph," of last week, you make grave and unjust charges, against the telegraph system now existing between this point and Abbeville—excepting the offices at Hodges and the latter named place—Abbeville. As the editorial in question, invoies myself and other operators of the "P. R. & W. C. Telegraph Line," we presume you will do us justice to publish our explanation, of that little telegram that caused so much anxiety and trouble. We believe that we can prove that the company employs efficient "operators" and that they do not "conduct business on a principle by which they systematically take the money of "Editors," and other customers, without rendering valid service." We presume Mr. Editor, that you have system in your office, and we must insist, that all telegraph lines have their peculiar systems, and so has the Lowndesville telegraph office. Perhaps it does not suit our county journals, but Mr. Editor you would not insist on even the rapid transit of messages, by "ox teams" if the oxen were required to do duty night and day, and at an outcome of probably two dollars a month to be divided among the stockholders, drivers, etc. You see, Mr. Editor, we do not favor this new substitute of yours for carrying telegraphic communications. Mr. Baker saw me on the streets here on the evening of the 25th when all the offices were closed for the night. I plainly told Mr. Baker that the message could not be sent, that night as all the offices had been closed one hour previous, but to fully satisfy him, that I was not afraid of duty, I went to my office, and by accident found our (relay office) McCormick open. I sent the message, and requested that it be forwarded if possible. The operator there is an accommodating and proficient employee, and informs me that he remained in his office two hours, hoping that some one might come into the Augusta office to receive the message, but without success.

Now, Mr. Editor, you see we were on duty (3) hours after we had been dismissed, trying to accommodate a belated editor who got into a hurry when it was too late, and for our three hours night watch for the editor, we are threatened with competition in the shape of an "ox team." Our office hours from 8 A. M. to 8 P. M. are sufficient, if the public would only send their messages during business hours.

You say the distance by wire is about sixty miles, when it is nearly four times that distance, and six operators must take and re-send the message, to the next relay office. Abbeville telegrams go through the following offices, viz: McCormick, Augusta, Columbia and Hodges. The message in question was sent as quickly as possible under the circumstances and Mr. Baker is alone responsible as he did not bring it to this office in time to get our connections before offices were closed. In conclusion, we wish to say that we don't usually get such a reward as you have given us, for three hours of good work, just for accommodation sake. "Ox team" messages solicited.

Respectfully,
J. EDWARD FOX,
Operator.

COMMENCEMENT IN ERSKINE.

Speeches---Honors---Medals---Music---Distinguished Guests.

DUE WEST, June 27, 1888.

This is a fine day for Commencement in Erskine. Cloudy and appressively warm. Lindsay Hall is rapidly filling up at this moment 9:30 o'clock A. M. The Magill Quartette is discoursing sweet notes and fair women and gallant men are eager to witness the exercises.

The colleges headed by their chief marshall Mr. W. W. Bradley are marched into the Grand Old Lindsay Halll.

Rev. S. L. Morris was introduced by the President W. M. Grier, D. D., and led the assembly in an eloquent prayer. After which J. W. Baird stepped upon the Rostrum and spoke well upon the subject "Unknown Heroes."

We notice upon the stage Judge McGowan, Gen. Bonham, Hon. Leroy F. Yeoman, Hon. W. C. Benet, Maj. Dehon, of the *Greenville News*, President Wardlaw, Rev. S. L. Morris, Dr. Willie Jones, Hon. W. O. Bradley, Rev. J. T. Chalmers, Mr. C. A. C. Waller, Rev. C. E. Todd, Prof. H. E. Bonner, Drs. Boyce, Lathan and others.

"The spirit of Genius" as portrait by Mr. R. G. Brice was well renderd in a clear cut way. Mr. Brice is a good speaker.

Mr. E. S. Reid one of the choicest speakers of the class stirred us upon "What we Owe the Poets."

Mr. J. R. Edwards of Due West with much animation and life spoke upon "Little Things," and did himself great credit.

The great event of the morning was the anniversary address of Hon. Leroy F. Yeomans, Gen. Yeomans is a most pleasant and polished looking gentleman. He is "Solicitor General" of South Carolina. Gen. Yeomans was much cheered as he came upon the stage. Dr. Grier eloquently introduced the speaker thus: Some one was introducing a famous speaker and said: Some men are good for facts, and some for figures, and some are good for "the Rousements." It give me pleasure to introduce to you one who combines them all. With much pleasure I present to this audience the Hon. Leroy F. Yeomans (cheering.)

As Col. Yeomans came upon the stage the applause was long continued. For eloquent diction, polished oratory and compact argument, Gen. Yeomans has few superiors on the State. We have been offered fifty cents a copy for a paper of the *Press and Banner* in full.

It is the general desire to see this admirable oration in print. It is among the very finest ever delivered here. The speaker took for his subject "Style" and spoke for one hour and fifteen minutes.

A recess was now taken for two hours. On re-assembling Mr. C. A. Simonton of Tenn., spoke upon "National Perils" and Mr. J. M. Garrison, the "Relic" discoveries upon fiction. Each doing their best.

Mr. I. I. Canterbury of Lower Peach Tree, Ala., spoke eloquently and well upon "The Majesty of the Law."

"The New South Carolina" was presented by Mr. O. Johnson of Due West and ably given as the cheers of applause by the audience, something unusual for a student, showed.

"The eloquent brilliant Grier" now made his Baccalaureate, taking for his subject "The outside Curriculum." It is needless to comment on this exercise. We are always proud of the President's Baccalaureate address. This one proved no exception.

That evening at candle lighting a contest in declamation between the societies occurred. Mr. M. M. Ross representing the Philomathean Society and Mr. J. M. White the Euphemian Society. Both these gentlemen did well. The committee gave their decision in favor of Mr. Ross.

Dr. Grier now introduced the Alumni orator of the evening, Rev. S. L. Morris,

Mr. Morris is the young Pastor of the Trenton, S. C., Presbyterian church and a man of ability and great promise. He put the audience in good listening mood by administering to them at the outset several humorous jokes and "a taking proposition."

The speaker chose for his subject "Latent Forces" or "Bottled Energy." It is admitted that the speaker gave an address, that for clearness, argument and research has not been surpassed here by any Alumni orator in many a day. Dr. Grier Gen. Yeomans and others heartily congratulated the speaker at the conclusion of this able address. We heard the President of Erskine say to the speaker "I am proud of you." Mr. Morris is a graduate of this college.

Dr. Grier now announced the Roll of Honor of the Senior class as follows:

Mathematics—E. S. Reid, Distinction. Honorable Mention, J. W. Baird, R. G. Brice, C. A. Simonton.

French—I. I. Canterbury, Distinction. Honorable Mention, E. S. Reid, C. A. Simonton, J. W. Baird.

English Literature—E. L. Reid. Honorable Mention, J. W. Reid.

Mental Science—E. L. Reid, Distinction Honorable Mention, C. A. Simonton, I. I. Canterbury.

Geology and Chemistry—C. A. Simonton, Distinction. Honorable Mention, E. L. Reid, J. W. Baird.

German—E. L. Reid. Honorable Mention, C. A. Simonton and J. W. Baird.

Junoir Class, highest average in everything: E. B. Anderson, first distinction, E. B. Kennedy, second distinction. Mr. E. B. Anderson also won the distinction for the best scholar in the Institution in mathematics, with Honorable Mention of B. M. Sullivan and J. S. Grier.

The Quigg Medal in Latin was awarded to Mr. R. B. Wilson of the Junior. This contest was open to members of the Freshman, Sophomore and Junior classes. Gen. Yeomans in a most happy way and in an eloquent speech presented it, and was raptuously applauded in so doing.

This closed the exercises in Erskine.

THE FEMALE COLLEGE.

Woman's Noble Work---A Country's Richest Legacy.

DUE WEST, June 28, 1888.

This is the biggest day yet. The crowd is twice as large as yesterday. The gathering of fair maidens and gallent young men as well as the sturdy heads of families from all the surrounding county, shows that the occasion has a large place in the public esteem and interests.

Rev. J. T. Chalmers offered prayer, followed by a chorus from the school. There was an interesting innovation as to the essays. Six of them took the form of a discussion. In order that you may see this we here insert the programme:

Discussion: What Shall Our Daughters Study?

Salutatory—Music—Miss Fannie L. Gerk, Due West, S. C.

Mathematics and Science—Miss Lila Bowie, Due West, S. C.

History and Literature—Miss Stella Hamilton, Chester, S. C.

Languages—Miss Nina Purdy, Verdery, S. C.

Handiwork—Miss Jennie White, Chester, S. C.

Valedictory—Miss Sudie Shannon, Yorkville, S. C.

Dr. Grier and Hon. W. C. Benet read these charming essays in turn. The six young ladies sat in a row with Mr. Benet and Dr. Grier on either side, "to keep the symmetry."

Every one who heard the essays of the young ladies speak of them in the highest terms and "they were original too." "What Shall Our Daughters Study?" was presented neatly and beautifully. These distinguished gentlemen read those essays in fine voice and manner.

The Valedictory by Miss Sudie Shannon was a choice piece of composition reflecting much credit on its fair author.

Miss Johnson and Miss McDavid, rendered elegantly "spring song."

"The Nightingale's Trill" by Miss Jennie White was well received and favorably commented on. Miss Anna Young fairly surprised her friends by her excellent presentation of "Bless Your Little Home." She has a sweet voice.

At this stage Miss Jennie M. Edwards took the house by storm when she sang so brilliantly "Laughing song" by D. T. E. Auber. She was greeted during its singing by hearty applause from the audience. Miss Edwards has a fine voice and well cultivated with a natural talent for music.

By request, the Hon. W. C. Benet most gracefully gave the young ladies the following medals with a neat speech for each. Mr. Bennet has not forgotten how to address a pretty lady:

Silver medals were awarded to the following young ladies for keeping all the rules of the school, Miss Nannie Pool, Miss Essie Cook and Miss Annie Davis.

A gold medal offered by Miss Edwards to the pupil who made the greatest improvement in her class in instrumental music, has been awarded to Miss Cora Watts.

Miss Watkins offered a gold badge to the pupil in the beginning Latin class who made the most progress and had the highest standing. This badge is awarded to Miss Carry Sullivan.

In the advance classes in Latin one young lady merits special and honorable mention for having made the most progress and for her high marks, Miss Lucia Reid.

Miss Young awards a gold medal to Miss Lavinia Neal as the pupil who has made the greatest improvement in painting.

Miss Young awards a medal to Miss Daisy Williams as the pupil who has made the greatest improvement in drawing.

Mrs. Gaff awards a gold medal to Miss Jennie White as the pupil who has made the greatest improvement in vocal music.

Miss McDavid awards a gold medal to Miss Leva Johnson as the pupil who has made the greatest improvement in her class in vocal music.

Mrs. Bonner awards a gold medal to Miss Julia Dale as the pupil who has made the greatest improvement in everything in her class in instrumental music.

A gold medal was offered by the principals to the pupil who made the highest average mark in school including composition, dictation and deportment; the medal has been awarded Miss Mary Sullivan.

The following young ladies deserve honorable mention in the Junior class: Miss Lucia Reid, Miss Lilian McDavid and Leva Johnson.

The following in the Sophomore class also: Miss Carrie Sullivan and Miss Maggie Todd stand on a par and Miss Essie Cook not far behind.

The presentation of diplomas by Prof. H. E. Bonner to the graduating class was well done. As Mr. Bonner said in his opening sentence he "stood upon hallowed ground." This was his first duty of the kind and he discharged it well. A thunder cloud came up during this exercise which made it difficult to speak. Mr. Bonner has a good voice and had an excellent diction timely and appropriate and touching. This address would look well in print.

In the afternoon the principal event was the Alumnæ Essay by the charming Miss Edwards. The fair author read her own composition at the earnest request of her friends. She chose for her subject "Chrystals," applying it in a most practical way and reading most worthily and well.

"In the Land of Paradise" by Miss Lilla Cowan and "Sweet the Angels was Ringing" by Miss J. B. Bonner are each worthy of special mention and were well received.

It was with regret that the anniversary orator Rev. A. A. Marshall, of Anderson C. H., could not be present on account of death in his family.

A history of Commencement would be incomplete without a notice of the Art Department presided over by Miss Anna Young. The work of this deparment have been much complimented this year. It is very full. The work of Mr. W. E. Hill, of Abbeville is regarded as superior to any in the department. Mr. Hill is fast and accurate with the brush and has a natural gift in this department which should be cultivated. We might mention the work of Miss Dale, Miss Martin, Miss Neel, Miss Wilson, Miss Bell, Miss Williams, and others but we will present the catalogue as gotten out by this department and let the public see for themselves as to the array of work:

OIL PAINTINGS.

On the Dee,	Miss Julia Dale.
Tell's Chapel,	Miss Julia Dale.
Blarney Castle,	Miss Julia Dale.
An Old Homestead,	Miss Julia Dale.
Simple Scenery,	Miss Julia Dale.
Pannel of Blooming Pear,	Miss Julia Dale.
Pannel of Wild Flowers,	Miss Julia Dale.
Oriole on Pannel,	Miss Julia Dale.
Moonlight on the Waters,	Miss Mattie Dale.
A Quiet Nook,	Miss Mattie Dale.
Snow Scene on Plaque,	Miss Mattie Dale.
Winter Evening,	Mr. W. E. Hill.
On the London Berkshire,	Mr. W. E. Hill.
On the Conemaugh,	Mr. W. E. Hill.
Narrows of Lake George,	Mr. W. E. Hill.
Farm Yard,	Mr. W. E. Hill.
The Chase,	Mr. W. E. Hill.
Table of Fruit,	Mr. W. E. Hill.
The Waif,	Mr. W. E. Hill.
Portrait,	Mr. W. E. Hill.
Retriever and Woodcock,	Mr. W. E. Hill.
Head on Plaque,	Mr. W. E. Hill.
Moonlight near Dordrecht,	Mr. W. E. Hill.
A. Marine,	Mr. W. E. Hill.
Wintersbourne Bridge,	Miss Mary Martin.
Deserted Castle,	Miss Mary Martin.
Simple Scenery,	Miss Mary Martin.
Moonlight on the waters,	Miss Mary Martin.
Lake George,	Miss Mary Martin.
An Old Homestead,	Miss Mary Martin.
Snow Scene on Plaque,	Miss Mary Martin.
Pannel of Wild Lily,	Miss Mary Martin.
Pannel of Calla Lily,	Miss Mary Martin.
Pannel of Geraniums,	Miss Mary Martin.
Pannel of Daisies,	Miss Mary Martin.
Narcissus and Pansies,	Miss Mary Martin.
Snow Scene,	Miss Lizzie Miller.
Wintersbourne Bridge,	Miss Lizzie Miller.
Lake George,	Miss Lizzie Miller.
Tell's Chappel,	Miss Lizzie Miller.
At Chiddingfold,	Miss Lizzie Miller.
Pannel of Oleanders,	Miss Lizzie Miller.
The Summer Home,	Miss Eula Haddon.
At Chiddingfold,	Miss Eula Haddon.
Snow Scene,	Miss Eula Haddon.
Pannel of Dahlias,	Miss Eula Haddon.
On the Ahr-river,	Miss Lavinia Neel.
Snow Scene near Haslemere,	Miss Lavinia Neel.
At Barnham Ponds,	Miss Lavinia Neel.
At Lymington Hannts,	Miss Lavinia Neel.
Moonlight on the Waters,	Miss Lavinia Neel
On the Conemaugh,	Miss Lavinia Neel
Pannel of Wild Flowers,	Miss Lavinia Neel.
Lake George,	Miss Nannie Todd.
Burgschmiede in Winter,	Miss Nannie Todd.
An English Chuch,	Miss Nannie Todd.
At Lymington Hants,	Miss Nannie Todd.
Simple Scenery,	Miss Nannie Todd.
Pannel of Dahlias,	Miss Nannie Todd.
Malmaison Rose,	Miss J. Whitesides.
King Fishers,	Miss J. Whitesides.
Roses and Elder Blossoms,	Miss J. Whitesides.
Pannel of Daisies,	Miss J. Whitesides.
Pannel of Calla Lily,	Miss J. Whitesides.
Blooming Pear,	Miss J. Whitesides.
Fuchsias,	Miss J. Whitesides.
Pannel of Dahlias,	Miss J. Whitesides.
At Lymington Hants,	Miss Nannie Wilson.
Snow Scene,	Miss Nannie Wilson.
At Chiddingfold,	Miss Nannie Wilson.
English Church,	Miss Nannie Wilson.
Sheep and Pasture,	Miss Nannie Wilson.
Snow Scene on Plaque,	Miss Nannie Wilson.
Basket of Nasturtiums,	Miss M. A. Young.

DECORATIVE PAINTINGS.

Table Scarf of Sun Flowers and Cat-tails,	Miss Julia Dale.
Lambrequin of Daisies,	Miss Julia Dale.
Pansies on Satin,	Miss Julia Dale.
Table Scarf of Roses and Poppies,	Miss Mattie Dale.
Terraline Vase Convolvulus,	Miss Mary Martin.
Terraline Vase Roses,	Miss Mary Mar.in.
Table Scarf of Roses,	Miss Mary Martin.
Lambrequin of Poppies and Fuchias,	Miss Mary Martin.
Table Scarf of Water Lillies,	Miss Lavinia Meel.
Scarf of Calla Lily,	Miss Nannie Wilson.
Scarf of Daisies,	Miss J. Whitesidss.
Tidy of Daisies,	Miss J. Whitesides.
Deer (Landseer),	Miss Maggie Bell.
Retriever and Woodcock,	Miss Maggie Bell.
Sheep,	Miss Maggie Bell.
Two Dogs,	Miss Maggie Bell.
The Pets,	Miss Maggie Bell.
Compassion,	Miss Maggie Bell.
The Pets,	Miss Mattie Dale.
Landscape,	Miss Mattie Dale.
Lost in the Snow,	Miss Mattie Dale.
Deer (Landseer),	Miss Mattie Dale.
Ragged Boy,	Miss C. Sullivan.
Boy Head,	Miss C. Sullivan.
Horse,	Miss C. Sullivan.
Lost in the Snow,	Miss C. Sullivan.
Head (girl),	Miss C. Sullivan.
Portrait,	Miss C. Sullivan.
Peasant Girl,	Miss Mary Sullivan.
Head,	Miss Mary Sullivan.
Two Dogs,	Miss Mary Sullivan.
Compassion,	Miss Mary Sullivan.
Breton Peasant,	Miss Mary Sullivan.
Sheep,	Miss Mary Sullivan.
The Pets,	Miss Edna Poore.
House Cat,	Miss Edna Poore.
Deer, (Landseer),	Miss Edna Poore.
Two Dogs,	Miss Edna Poore.
Landscape,	Miss Edna Poore.
Dog Head,	Miss J. Whitesides.
Boy Head,	Miss J. Whitesides.
Deer (Landseer),	Miss J. Whitesides.
The Peasant,	Miss D. Williams.
Comrades,	Miss D. Williams.
Two Dogs,	Miss D. Williams.
Retriever and Woodcock,	Miss D. Williams.
Female Head,	Miss D. Williams.
Portrait,	Miss D. Williams.
Tell's Chapel,	Miss D. Williams.

The past year has been one of steady progress and satisfaction in both Institutions here. They deserve well of our people. "The marked progress of educational work in the South—keeping pace with the wonderful advance and development and industial interest is one of the hopeful features of the now rising up New South. Only let this education have its tap roots in the oracles of divine truth it swarp and woff cemented in the eternal principals taught by the Son of God and there looms up before us a future more grand than anything yet known to us in the past."

All this can be truly said of the Institutions located here. They are leaves for the healing of our people. God bless them.

Examinations and Exhibition in the Primary Department of the Female College.

Last Tuesday the examination of the Primaries in the Female College began and consumed the day. It was very creditable to all concerned. By candle-light all the town and surrounding country were seen wending their way towards Lindsay Hall. By the this local scribe arrived all the seats were taken up except the extreme back ones, and the hall was soon jammed and the heat became intense. It reminded one of the heating process of a green stack of fodder when it is "coming through." We stood fire manfully for about two-thirds of the exhibition.

The exercises were well given. Mr. H. E. Bonner announced the youthful speakers.

At the close of the exhibition Mr. Bonner presented the following prizes as awarded by the faithful teachers of this department—Mrs. J. B. Bonner and Miss Claudie Ellis:

First prize for best average marks in Primary Department was given to Miss Nellie Kennedy. Second prize to Miss Kittie Proitt.

Prizes for punctuality were given to Miss Maggie Bonner and David Pressly.

Prizes for deportment were given to Miss Laura Nance, Miss Lula Cowan and Miss Lula McGee.

Prize for greatest improvement in writing was given to Henry Agnew.

First prize in spelling was given to Miss Lula McGee. Second prize to Johnnie Young.

Prize for reading was given to David Pressly.

Prize for arithmetic was given to Johnnie Young.

On Wednesday the examinations began in the College Department of both colleges. Prof. Robinson's department of Erskine pulled through handsomely on Wednesday. Prof. Robinson gave a prize for the best penman in this department. A beautiful gold pen was awarded to Mr. J. E. McClintock, of Laurens county, S. C., as the best penman.

The examinations have been going on throughout the week. Mr. George Mower of Newberry, Mr. C. A. C. Waller of Greenwood, Prof. J. K. Hood, and others of the Examining Committee are on hand and express themselves as well pleased with matters in Erskine.

A large committee is in attendance at the Female College. We have heard the examinations of Miss Edwards's class in Rhetoric spoken of in the very highest terms of admiration. Miss Watkins class in Literature elicited general admiration.

Friday evening the prizes and medals were awarded.

Dr. J. O. Lindsay in a most felicitous way presented the first handed out, as Chairman of the Committee on Reading:

Prize for the best reader in Freshman and Sophomore classes, to Miss Edna Poore. Honorable mention was made of Miss Carrie Sullivan and Miss Hawthorne.

Prize for the best reader in Junior and Senior classes to Miss Nellie McKay. Honorable mention was made of Miss Tena Johnson, Miss Annie Shannon and Misss Katie Henderson. All good.

A number of other prizes were delivered by Prof. J. P. Kennedy. He spoke in a most happy mood. He remarked that the best and most pleasant part of his life had been spent in behalf of young ladies. He thought girls were better than boys—they could be led around by one's little finger, but as they grew older they seem to change, and then it was a question. He delivered the following medals:

From Amelian Literary Society, for best extract reader in Freshman Class, to Miss Alma Brock.

To the best essayist, Sophomore Class, to Essie Cook.

Best debater, Junior Class, to Miss Nannie Hood.

From Mrs. Williams, two prizes. One to young lady in Freshman and Sophomore who had made greater improvement in writing the past collegiate year to Miss Edna Poore. Honorable mention, Miss Cora Watt. The ohter prize to young lady in Junir Class that had made greater improvement in writing to Miss Janie Smith.

A prize was offered for the best record in spelling the past year and won by Miss Jennette Whitesides.

The prizes for Punctuality were won by Miss Fannie Gerk, Miss Mary Maxey, Miss Nannie Pool, Miss Corrie Moore and Miss Janie Young.

Second prizes to Miss Essie Cook and Miss Anna Davis.

Miss Edwards offered a prize for the best scholarship in English composition. This honor was shared equally by Miss Janie Young and Miss Stacy Wideman. Each receiving a gold medal.

Best scholarship in History, a gold medal, to Miss Mary Sullivan and Miss Maggie Todd, each.

In Miss Gaff's French department the following prizes were given:

First prize to Miss Essie Cook. Second, Miss Anna Davis. Honorable mention, Miss Janette Whitesides and Miss Emma Michel.

Prof. Rayhill gave lessons in the Female College during the term. He offered a prize for the best notes on his lectures on Elocution. This prize was won by Miss Lena Johnson.

The Annual Celebration in the Literary Societies.

The two elegant halls of the young men were filled to their capacity Tuesday night to witness the closing exercises of the societies. We went first to the Philomathean Society and heard the Hon. Jiles J. Patterson preside on the debate "Should the request of Utah to be Admitted as a State be Denied?" Mr. Patterson made a neat speech on taking the chair, and then introducted Mr. E. B. Anderson, as the first speaker on the affirmative who made a capital argument.

At this point we went to the other hall and got in as Mr. J. R. Edwards was concluded his debate on the affirmtive of the Woman's Suffrege question.

Mr. Garrison replied in an able argument and the President Mr. D. P. Miller introduced the medal orator of the evening Maj. Cowper Patton. Maj. Patton spoke upon "Educated Young Men in Politics." His manner is attractive and pleasing. His style elegant and abounding in classic allusion mixed with humor. He is "a chip off the old block." Mr. Patton handed most gracefully the following medals out. Medal to Mr. E. B. Kennedy for best essayist in Junior Class. Medal to Mr. Bryson for best debate in Junior Class. Medal to Mr. W. W. Sadler best orator in Freshman class. Medal to Mr. Belk for best general average in Preparatory Class.

The debate was decided by the committee against the woman suffragists, and then a most pleasant meeting came to a close.

In the Philomathian Society the Rev. John T. Chalmers was the medal orator. In a short speech of merit and humor he presented the following medals:

E. L. Reid, best orginal declaimer in Senior Class. R. B. Wilson, best debater in the Junior Class. M. M. Rose, best essayist Sophomore Class. W. T. Coleman, best declaimer Freshman Class. J. T. Bell, general excellence in Preparatory Class.

Class Exercises.

The above exercises took place in Lindsay Hall Monday night. The hall was well filled and the occasion one full of interest. We insert the programme:

OFFICERS.

President, E. L. Reid.
Vice-President, J. W. Baird.
Secretary, O. Johnson.
Treasurer, R. G. Brice.
Priest, J. R. Edwards.

CLASS ROLL.

J. W. Baird, R. G. Brice, I. I. Canterbury, J. R. Edwards, J. M. Garrison, O. Johnson, E. L. Reid, C. A. Simonton.

PROGRAM.

President, F. L. Reid.
Historian, R. G. Brice.
Prophet, J. W. Baird.
Delivery of Relic, J. M. Garrison.
Senior Farewell, O. Johnson.

The President, Mr. Reid, introduced the exercises with an appropriate speech and presented each speaker. Each of these exercises were spiced with humor and brought down the house Especially in the case of historial and the "delivery of Relic."

Mr. Garrison's dry humor was much appreciated. There was an element of coarseness in some of the exercises that was objectionable and should be guarded against in future.

Echoes from Commencement.

The weather was delightful, with occasional showers to lay she dust.

It was a note of comment that more fine dresses were wore by the ladies than usual. "The South is rising up."

Messrs. McGowan, Chiles, and Ansel candidates for Solicitor took in Commencement.

President James Little, of the Wadley and Louisville railroad was a welcome guest at commencement.

Revs. S. L. Morris, W. T. Mathews and J. T. Chalmers invoked God's blessing on commencement.

On Thursday the crowd was immence. All the candidates now out.

The Rostrum on Thursday was packed with dignataries too numerous to mention.

The reception at the Female College Thursday night was a brilliant success.

The Flying Ginney carried off about $450 dollars from Due West without leaving anything in return. We earnestly protest now against a license in the future being granted such things. Formerly we have been in favor of this license. This occasion demonstrates the error of that position. The negroes were litterly wild over it and would ride out $2 to $3 dollars at a time.

The orations on this occasiou were all good without exception.

Prof. J. H. Miller has resigned his position as Professor of Erskine College and will begin the practice ot law in Alabama. We are sorry to loose so good a man.

The trustees unanmiously elected Prof. P. L. Grier, of Due West to the position. Mr. Grier has had charge of one division of the public schools of Washington, numbering 500 pupils.

Commencement is gone and Due West to some extent represents Goldsmith's "Deserted Village."

R. S. G.

A Tax-Payer's View of the Matter.

Editor Press and Banner:

We have watched with interest the progress of the discussion between our county officials and "That Expert." At first we had some hope that our county officers would be able to show that they were misrepresented by the grand jury, but it seems they and their friends are powerless to remove the stigma that has been placed upon them by this investigation. Wise indeed were those who made no reply to the presentment as made by the expert, for surely those who did have been "handled with gloves off," as they deserved to be.

As we see it, this war upon the expert is unfair and unjust. The issue should have been made with the grand jury and not with him, and we think the grand jury have acted in bad faith in not assuming the responsibility of all the expert did. He was employed to do the work and report, (which required more nerve and brains than most men have,) this he did, and we believe to the satisfaction of seven-eighths of the people of Abbeville county. It should have been no fight of his but since it has been forced upon him he has accepted the issue and has proven himself as able to defend his cause in a newspaper controversy as he was in pointing out the leaks and errors in their respective offices.

An editorial in the *Lowndesville Advertiser* in discussing the situation, says among other things, "The grand jury went to the *trouble* of appointing a committee who with an expert made a complete examination of all the county offices." We would suggest that the county has been well *paid* for their *trouble*.

He also states that "the county officials against whom the grand jury admonish for their 'irregularities and offences' are men of high reputation and ability and can defend themselves." To this we would say let them do so, and let brothers-in-law, nephews and aggrieved Trial Justices stand aside. Again, he says, "If the 'irregularities' and 'offences' did exist and were committed, ought not the jury to have instituted proceedings against them?" We unhesitatingly answer Yes, and hope it is not too late to have *another* reconsideration when *all* are present and have all moneys refunded that have been misappropriated during their term of service.

There is evidently a misunderstanding among the grand jurors, and by relieving those of their number who are related by affinity or consanguinity from a further participation in what would seem an unpleasant task to them, we believe the matter can be settled in a way that will reflect credit upon the jury and be satisfactory to the county. The *Sumter Advance* can then see "what sort of stuff the grand jury of Abbeville county is made of."

TAX PAYER.

Dress goods worth 10½c. for 6¼c. per yard. Call and get what you want before it is too late. W. E. Bell.

Just received the largest stock of shirts in town. P. Rosenberg & Co.

Positively the best shirt in the world for 50c. P. Rosenberg & Co.

The largest and best assorted stock of plaited bosom shirts in the up country. P. Rosenberg & Co.

Try one of P. Rosenberg & Co's 50c. shirts. The best in the world.

Collars and cuffs, cravats &c. The largest stock of the latest and all styles in town. P. Rosenberg & Co.

Expert's Reply to Squire Blake.

Editor Press and Banner:

The Squire has actually written another editorial!

This time he has a two column article in his little sheet by way of rejoinder to my reply to his labored editorial on the presentment of the Grand Jury, which it took him ten days to write. My article has done more good than I had anticipated for, in addition to showing the inspiration back of that editorial, it has served as a tonic to the Squire's fagging energies by reason of which he has been able to write this last editorial in just half the time it took him to write the other.

The Squire's last effusion is so rambling, so scattering and disjointed that we hardly know where to take hold of it. The first thing that he seriously objects to in our article is the expression —— idiot.

The Squire is evidently laboring under a misapprehension as to what we meant by that dash, as he says the same is "profane and vulgar and can only proceed from polluted lips." We would assure the Squire that we didn't intend that dash to take the place of a "cuss word," but simply intended by —— idiot, (or blank idiot, when written out in full), one who is such a complete idiot that he hasn't even a lucid interval. We hope this explanation will suffice to convince the Squire that we didn't intend any profanity.

In this connection we would say that as the Squire speaks of inconsistencies in our article, we would suggest that it is a little inconsistent in him to characterize the term —— idiot, when used by us, as almost too vulgar for him to allude to, and then in a few sentences further on to speak of us as "worse than a —— idiot." But we excuse the Squire, and trust the public will overlook this little inconsistency, as by that time he had doubtless began to get a little "warm in the collar," as he was discussing a statement contained in our article in which there was decidedly "more truth than poetry," and it is "the truth that hurts" such fellows as the Squire, you know.

The most amusing thing in the whole of this last effusion of the Squire is the assertion that he "*speaks what he thinks*" in reference to this matter, as if everybody doesn't know who prompts him in this matter. No, Squire, it is bad enough to be made a tool of, but it is worse after having suffered it to undertake to deny so patent a fact.

The Squire, as we expected of course he would do, answers in the negative certain interrogatories which we put to him, and denies every thing with which we charged him and some things with which we didn't charge him. He then asks us if we can do as much. Well, we claim to be somewhat of an "Expert," in fact an expert at a good many things, but lying does not belong in the catalogue. We will not, therefore, as the Squire does, deny everything, but will confess that we did write the article to which he alludes, and we are not ashamed of it.

We thank the Squire for mentioning this matter, as it gives us an opportunity to meet and refute certain base and malicious charges that have been slyly and in an underhanded manner, put forth by the three cornered ring, the triumvirate, whose headquarters are in the Court House, to the effect that we have not always been loyal to the Democratic party. We have heard of such insinuations being made, from time to time, by these parties which were intended solely for the purpose of diverting the attention of the public from the true issue involved in this matter, but could not notice the same until made in a formal manner. As the Squire by alluding to the same in his reply gives us the opportunity which we have desired, we shall avail ourself of it.

At the time of which he speaks there was no such party as the Democratic party in existence in this State or in the Southern States. The Democratic party as such was supposed to be dead beyond resurrection and when our friend and relation, Edward F. Stokes, went through this county, as he did at that time, with his flag unfurled, beating his big drum and making speeches in favor of resuscitating the apparently lifeless Democratic party, he was laughed at and pronounced by almost every one, a crazy fool. At that time our State, county and municipal governments were entirely in the hands of carpet baggers, scallawags and the most vicious and corrupt of the negro element.

We felt that something should be done to remedy matters and knew that that something must be more than simply cursing and abusing the Radicals. It was under these circumstances that it occurred to us that it should be the policy of our people to try to inspire confidence and trust in the minds of the ignorant negroes, by kind treatment, and thus be in a condition to counteract the false teachings of said carpet baggers and scallawags. The negroes were taught to believe that if the native whites got into office they (the negroes) would be put back into slavery. Believing that it was out of the question for the white people to get control of all of the offices at once, we considered the next best thing for them to do was to do this by degrees and so advocated. The fact is, we believed then and still believe, that the white people would have been justifiable in doing almost any thing in order to get control of the government, either in part or as a whole. We know there were a good many others of the same opinion only they were not prepared to say so.

We are sure that one of these same officers whom the Squire now regards as "*sans reproche*" thought so, as it is a fact that he held at least three or four different offices under Radical rule, and we presume that even the Squire doesn't regard him any the less loyal to the Democratic party by reason of that fact.

Furthermore, we are proud to be able to say that the idea then entertained and advocated by us was finally adopted by the great body of our people a little later on, as witness their action when an effort was made to divide the offices when General Butler, than whom South Carolina can boast of no truer son, and whose Democracy even the Squire cannot doubt, ran on the ticket for Lieutenant-Governor with R. B. Carpenter, an out and out Republican, as the candidate for Governor.

No we have no regrets for what we did in those days, as we think it much better to have endeavored to improve matters, even though our efforts proved abortive, than to have servilely submitted to the outrages that were being perpetrated, by those who had usurped the government of our State, as the Squire, so far as the records to the contrary go to show, was willing to do.

The Squire has been led, by following the dictation no doubt of the official trio for whom alone he speaks, and who hope by smirching our character to break the force of the damaging facts brought to light by the report of the late investigating committee, into exposing his ignorance of the history of the Democratic party in Abbeville county. Instead of our being unfaithful to the Democratic party, we claim to be one of the pioneers of Democracy in Abbeville county—in fact to have acted as an "expert" at its birth and stood as godfather at its baptism.

As proof of this we cite the fact that the first meeting held in Abbeville county looking to the organization of the Democratic party was on the 2nd day of March, 1876; and was presided over by J. C. Hemphill, Esq., now of the *News and Courier* staff. At this meeting E. B. Gary, S. C. Cason and R. E. Hill were appointed a committee to draw up a constitution and plan of organization.

On the 7th day of the same month a mass meeting of the white citizens of the county was held in this place at which Judge McGowan was chairman and R. E. Hill, secretary.

On the 9th day of the same month a meeting of the Democrats of Abbeville precinct was held in Knox's Hall, in this place, for the purpose of effecting a permanent organization, at which meeting R. E. Hill acted as secretary.

In our published report of the proceedings of that meeting appears the following paragraph:

"The chair then called upon those present to come forward and enroll their names, when forty-two came promptly forward and subscribed their names to the constitution. The first to sign his name was Mr. Robert H. Wardlaw, one of our oldest and most respected citizens, *thereby setting an example which it is to be hoped every white man in the county who has a spark of patriotism, or a drop of pure blood coursing his veins, will make haste to follow.*"

We produce this extract to show that we were deeply in earnest in this matter, and also to show that even at that late day a great many of our people regarded the idea of reviving the Democratic party as the wildest of chimerical dreams,—as out of a very large crowd present there were only forty-two who had sufficient faith in the success of the enterprise to enroll their names. At this meeting we were elected permanent secretary of the club and continued to serve as such throughout the memorable campaign of '76.

But this is not all. On the 26th day of April a rousing meeting of the Democratic party of the entire county was held at this place at which meeting Hon. J. S. Cothran was chairman and W. H. Parker, Esq., and R. E. Hill acted as secretaries.

During all these stirring times and while there were meetings after meetings being held in Greenwood and all over the county, of which full accounts were published in the *Press and Banner* and *Abbeville Medium*, and while we find the names of A. M. Blake, J. R. Blake and A. Milton Blake mentioned as taking part in said meetings, we find no where mentioned the name of W. K. Blake, or "Squire" Blake. Not until away along in August, when the success of the Democratic party was an assured fact, do we find the Squire's name mentioned as taking part in any of the Democratic meetings.

Now isn't the Squire a nice fellow to essay to read *any body* out of the Democratic party much less one with a record such as ours.

We were told by numbers, after our former article was published, that we were wasting our ammunition on a "dead duck;" we half believed it then, and now since we have looked and enquired a little more into his record, we are satisfied of it.

We would say to the Squire—get you gone; hide your diminutive head beneath the turbid waters of the Saluda or among the crags of Pearce's quarry, as you shall not serve to draw off the attention of the public mind from the main question at issue in this matter which is—*are the county officers guilty of the charges preferred against them or not?*

Our record, or our enmity to them, has nothing in the world to do with it. If they are innocent, our enmity cannot make them guilty; if they are guilty, their best friend could not make them innocent. We, therefore, deem it unnecessary to go to the trouble to prove, which we could prove, that even these officers themselves, with perhaps one exception, did not regard us as their enemy until after our report was read, and that the only reason that this one had for so regarding us, was the fact that he was conscious of having done that which he perhaps thought was enough to make us his enemy. If such is the case, he is mistaken. It hadn't the slightest effect toward exciting our enmity, but it did suffice to considerably weaken our confidence in his moral rectitude in his dealings with his fellow man.

The Squire informs us that he gets no pay as editor of the *Tribune;* that it is purely a labor of love. We accept the statement that he gets no pay, but the idea of such a thing as a labor of love on the part of the Squire is too amusing. A labor of love! Why the very thought is enough to cause a smile to light up the countenance of an Egyptian mummy.

In conclusion, (and we mean by this a final conclusion so far as the Squire is concerned, as we havn't time to waste on a man who has proved himself a dead failure at every thing he ever undertook in all his life) we desire to say that we are glad to know that the proprietors of the *Greenwood Tribune*, some of whom are our personal friends, know the proper estimate to place upon the services of the Squire as an editor. We would suggest to them, however, that there is such a thing as a man's services being dear at even nothing, and we are inclined to the opinion that the proprietors of that paper will find out before long that it would be cheaper for them in the end to pay a fair salary to a live man to edit their paper than to have the Squire's services for nothing.

Yours,
THAT EXPERT.

THE FARMERS IN COUNCIL.

They Invite Captain B. R. Tillman---They Adopt a Catechism for Candidates---They Endorse the Action of the Grand Jury--They Condemn any Effort to Array Public Opinion Against the Expert.

ABBEVILLE C. H., S. C, July 2, 1888.

The Farmers Club met in the Court House. Called to order by the president.

A majority of the clubs answered.

A report was received from the committee on the Augusta Exposition, which was received as information. Carried.

On motion a contribution was raised to pay for publishing the lists of articles to Exposition.

The following resolutions were offered by Mr. R. S. Galloway and adopted:

Resolved, by this Farmers Convention of Abbeville county, that we heartily invite the Hon. B. R. Tillman, of Edgefield, to be present at the Democratic meeting of County and State, which occurs at Hodges on July 20, 1888, to discuss the current topics of the day.

2d. We pledge all expenses incurred in so doing.

Dr. W. P. Addison offered the following, which was adopted, with reference to questioning candidates at the various meetings in this county:

1. Will you advocate and support a separate Agricultural College and vote for the Hatch fund and the privilege tax on fertilizers to go to the support of the Agricultural College as supplementary to the Clemson bequest?

2. Will you advocate and vote for reduction of taxes, retrenchment and reform wherever possible?

3. Do you favor the action of the Agricultural Bureau in giving $1,000 to the Interstate Immigration Society?

4. Are you in favor of taxing the reserved fund or surplus of the banks in this State?

Mr. M. B. Clinkscales introduced the following as to the examination of the county officers, which was adopted:

Whereas, the matter of a thorough investigation of our county offices has been for some time deemed an imperative necessity by this club;

And, whereas, the grand jury at the February term of Court for Abbeville county appointed a committee of their number to make such investigation;

And, whereas, said committee with the assistance of an expert has completed the work entrusted to them and made their report. Now therefore be it resolved:

1st. That the action of said committee and their expert in the matter of said investigation is heartily endorsed.

2d. That the seal of disapproval be placed upon the conduct of any officer affected by said investigation, or that of the friends of said officer, which tends to cast odium upon or array public opinion against said investigating committee and expert.

3rd. That the thanks of this club are due and are hereby extended to said committee and expert for the thorough and efficient manner in which they performed the duty imposed upon them.

Adjourned to meet at this place on next Salesday.

JOHN H. MORRAH, President.
E. W. WATSON, Secretary.

Lowndesville's Letter.

LOWNDESVILLE, S. C., July 2, 1888.

A light shower since my last.

We would now be glad to get a good rain.

The past ten days of good weather has enabled the planters to nearly catch up.

Blackberries, are being brought in by the wholesale and our good ladies are putting them aside for future use.

Our threshermen are now on their annual rounds and as "a short horse is soon curried," they will soon round up their summer campaign.

Mr. I. H. McCalla says that he sowed fifteen acres in wheat and will take one hundred and fifty pounds of flour, for the wheat and the straw. He is somewhat encouraged however, as a year or two ago he did not even make straw.

Mr. J. Q. Donnald and family returned from their Hartwell visit on last Monday. much improved in health.

Miss Bessie Fox, of Leesburg, Fla., spent several days of last week, with Miss Surilla Smith at Mr. P. S. Sturkey's.

The monthly pay train on Savannah Valley railroad passed up on last Monday paying its employees, thereby making them glad.

Last Monday while Messrs. Allen & Cooley were threshing Mr. J. L. Hall's wheat, a spark from the engine fired the straw, consumed it, all of his grain and his stables. They at once settled his losses.

Mr. Jas. Rucker, of Ruckersville, Ga., paid our town a visit on last Wednesday.

Judge J. J. Mosely had the misfortune to lose a good mule on last Tuesday. Supposed to have been bitten by a snake.

Mr. Jas. M. Latimer entertained a few young people last Thursday night.

Messrs. Latimer & Co., are having their hotel at the depot nicely painted. Jim Hampton is making quite a creditable job of it.

Mr. E. R. Horton and family left here last Tuesday intending to take in commencement at Erskine, from thence to visit relatives in the up-country.

Mr. J. B. Thornton, of Hartwell, Ga., being on a visit to his brother-in-law Mr. I. H. McCalla was on our streets last Saturday.

Capt. J. E. Brownlee, of Penny's Creek, attended our Democratic club meeting the day before yesterday, when all needful committees were appointed to make our "big meeting" here on the 4th August a success.

The citizens of Latimer and surrounding country propose to give a barbecue next Saturday. We hear that the candidates are especially invited.

Mr. E. C. Mechine, of Central France, is spending sometime here, examining the country, with a view of buying land for some parties in France. He is much pleased with our section and our people. He is believed to be an honorable and intelligent gentleman. He has many friends here.

Mr. Floyd Watson and Miss Sudie Watson, of Anderson, spent several days last week with their sister Mrs. B. Berry Allen.

In a note just to hand, I am informed by Mr. W. T. McDonald, of Mt. Carmel, that his name will appear in this week's county papers, announcing himself as a candidate for Auditor. His father served this people faithfully and honestly for twenty years, and one of the highest compliments that could be paid the son, is that he is "a chip of the old block."

Miss Ida Bewly, of Anderson, and Miss Rice, of Greenville, spent several days with the family Mr. Jas. M. Latimer.

Last Saturday week ago, Mr. J. P. Young in going to the rescue, of a little darkey, who was attacked by an infuriated Jersey bull, himself was attacked, and but for the timely arrival of his son and others was no doubt saved from death. "Mild eyed" may appropriately be appled to the females but no doubt Mr. Young did not think the male by which he was attached was very "mild eyed."

The exercises in Prof. J. F. Harper's school were discontinued last Thursday, for the summer vacation.

Did any one ever hear, of any one, who was so anxious to prove that they were not to be believed on oath, as to go round and get their neighbors and friends to sign a paper, setting forth that fact?

As this is election year, it would be well for us all to guard our tongues. Let us each accord to the other the blood-bought privilege of freedom of thought and action. Let no one of us, have hard feelings toward another simply because that other, does not vote at the election as we do.

Summer is upon us—young lady visitors are coming into town—our young men are excused early in the evening—horses and buggies are in demand—and oh! my, how the spare moments are utilized.

TROUPE.

Thankful to His Friends, but Cannot be a Candidate.

ABBEVILLE, S. C., June 2, 1888.

Editor Press and Banner:

DEAR SIR,—Allow me space in your valuable paper to thank my many friends for their kind expressions as well as for their good intentions in presenting me through the Mt. Carmel club, as a candidate for the Auditors office of Abbeville county, for all of which I am very grateful. But my time not being my own, and being in the employ of another, and the time for the primary election being so near it would be impossible for me to canvass so as to do myself justice, therefore I respectfully decline to be a candidate for the office.

W. T. McDONALD.

Kennebeck Ice for sale by W. H. Burns.

Beautiful line of white lawns just received W. E. Bell's.

1 case of corsets just received in all sizes, for ladies and misses. W. E. Bell.

New lot of summer ribbons just received in pecot and cracon edge. W. E. Bell.

THE PRESS ASSOCIATION.

THE SUBJECTS WHICH THE EDITORIAL BRETHREN ARE TO DISCUSS.

A Remarkable Programme for the Greenville Meeting of Country Quill Drivers.

The 14th annual session of the South Carolina State Press Association will convene in Greenville on Tuesday, July 24, 1888, at 8 p. m.

Considerable time will be devoted to the discussion of matters pertaining to journalism.

The annual oration will be delivered by Major John W. Holmes, editor of the *Barnwell People*.

The first object of the Association is business, and among the topics named for discussion are the following:

Regulation of Foreign Advertising Agencies and Prices.

The Subscription List.

The Effect of Sensational Publications upon the Morals of our Country.

The Press as an Educator; its Responsibility for the Moral Status of the Reading World.

Is it Expedient for, or Incumbent upon, Newspapers to Publish Itemes of Doubtful Moral Purport?

Every editor or publisher in the State is earnestly requested to attend this meeting. A free discussion on the above topics, together with other matters that will be presented, cannot fail to result in great benefit to the newspaper fraternity.

Let every member come prepared to talk business, give his experience, and suggest the best and most systematic methods of conducting newspapers.

The above seems to the *Press and Banner* to be a remarkable programme—as remarkable for what it does not contain, as for what it does contain.

In the first place "*considerable time* will be devoted to the discussion of matters pertaining to journalism." By this expression, we might reasonably infer that less than half the time of the Association will be taken up with "the discussion of matters pertaining to journalism." Then how is the remainder of the time of the convention to be taken up? We have no intimation whether the Presidential canvass, the local issues of the day, or other questions will receive the attention of the Press Association. Will some brother please tell us what is to be done after "*considerable* time" has been spent as indicated above?

The annual oration by Brother Holmes of the *Barnwell People* is all right. We have no doubt that we will read it with both pleasure and profit.

Foreign Advertising Agencies and Prices is a theme which has been on the bills of the Association for years. But if anybody has ever thrown any light on that subject it has escaped our notice. Our own experience is, that there is no lack of "agencies," but that there is a fearful lack in "Prices." Except in rare instances, the *Press and Banner* pays no attention to "agencies." If we are to judge from the prices offered us, some of the brethren work for the agencies at about the salt that goes in their bread, "less the usual agent's commission."

In a country newspaper "the subscription list" is a book of secret things. We believe if there is one subject on the face of the earth that will induce a country editor to approach nearer to the danger line of truth, it is his subscription list. First, in the matter of his total circulation; next, in the number of his cash subscribers; next, in the number of papers which he absolutely gives away; and next, as to the number of names on the list for which there is not the remotest reason to hope for payment. It would therefore be out of order to discuss a subject, the actual facts of which are so carefully concealed.

"The effects of sensational publications" is a subject upon which learned philosophers might write with difficulty, but when it is expected that the hard-worked country editor (who gives to his work at least three hours of his time every week) will write on this subject, there is something radically wrong in the programme.

"The Press as an Educator," &c. If that has anything to do with the practical business of editing a newspaper we will thank some brother to point the fact out to us. We fail to see it.

When we receive programmes of other meetings, and subjects are announced for discussion, the name of the orator or the essayist is usually published or carefully stored away among the archives of the headquarters from whence they emanate.

Now, who are on the bills to the discuss the questions above noted?

Is any one to write an essay on any of these subjects?

Will any one speak on these subjects?

But suppose we have orations and essays *ad nauseum*, what have they to do with the practical business of publishing a newspaper? We ask for information.

The average newspaper receives perhaps $50 a year from all the agencies, and yet do not the "agencies" receive more attention at the Press Association than anything else?

If the gross receipts of a country office be $3,000, what prominence should the Agency then receive from the Press Association?

The printing of a newspaper involves perhaps more practical questions than any one business of which we have any knowledge at all. Yet in the face of this fact, it is not proposed to touch a single one of them at the approaching meeting of the Press Association. The programme for the Association suggests the idea of an elevated railroad, whose substructure—whose very foundation—was ignored.

It would be impossible for a "hard-worked" country editor to enumerate all the questions which might receive attention and from the discussion of which the members might receive profit, but we would suggest a few of them.

In the first place, a supply of type, and a press or presses, are to be bought.

What size of type and what amount is necessary or most advantageous in publishing a newspaper of a given size.

How many sizes of body type should a newspaper have?

In buying head letter, should a larger number of smaller fonts be bought, or should larger fonts and a smaller number be bought?

In employing printers is it better to pay by the piece or by the week or month?

What are the advantages, if any, of the self-spacing type?

Should country editors write original essays on the great cost of ink and paper, when importuning delinquents to pay? How many essays of this kind is necessary to induce a delinguent to pay for a paper which is set in leaded long primer?

What are the relative advantages of a four page paper and an eight page pager?

Does it pay to set up extracts, to fill a paper, when plates are so cheap?

What notice, if any, should a local newspaper take of national politics?

What is the relative value of selected and original matter?

What per cent. of space, if any, should be given to religious intelligence, sermons, and church news?

Should court proceedings be published at length?

Another question might be discussed with propriety. Why should respectable colleges seek to enter their names in the country newspaper office as dead beats?

When it is remembered that every line of type, which may be set in any office, costs something. Will any brother tell us where the profit may arise from setting any one of the hundred notices which are annually sent to every office?

Instead of discussing the "Effects of Sensational Publications upon the Morals of our Country," would it not be better to discuss the morals of the editor who will, for a price, publish in his reading notices unqualified endorsements of well known swindles and cheats?

Instead of discussing the "Responsibility of the Press for the Moral Status of the Reading World," would it not be better to discuss the moral status and moral courage of the editor who keeps standing at his editorial head the fact that he is not responsible for the views and expressions of his correspondents, while publishing at the same time, consumption cures, remedies for Brights disease, cures for fits, cures for epilepsy, and other diseases which no truthful or decent doctor in the State would pretend to cure. All advertisements which pretend to cure the above diseases are branded as cheats by the medical profession, and all such advertisements hold out hopes which are as false as false can be. Then why not discuss the "Moral Responsibility" of such editors as may be willing, for a price, to lend their aid in cheating their sick and dying readers? Let us get down to business. The "Moral Responsibility" question gets away with us completely.

While writing this notice we received the following proposition:

CINCINNATI, June 26, 1888.

Publisher of Press and Banner, Abbeville, S. C:

Please insert the advertisement of Wesleyan Female Institute, space of electro, [one inch double column] two months in your weekly edition. Electro by mail.

This must commence in your first issue in July, sooner if possible.

Please let the notice [which is worth about $2] appear one time with first insertion of advertisement, *free of charge*. Send papers regularly to the advertiser. Charge us $1.50 gross.

ALDEN & FAXON, per S.

The above is a fair speciment of the "Prices" which the "Agencies" offer, and yet a respectable body of editors in South Carolina seriously lay down the question nearly every year for discussion.

We will notice with interest how many newspapers of this State will furnish another proof that they will work for twenty-five per cent. less than the salt that goes in their bread.

If any brother feels aggrieved at anything herein contained, we will in advance, disclaim any intention to be disagreeable, or say anything of an unpleasant nature. We feel proud of being a member of the press gang, and for this reason we talk freely on the subject of printing newspapers. "Out of the fullness of the heart," &c.

Reduction in summer goods. This is the time of the year to reduce the price on summer goods. I lead off with some startling figures on light summer dress goods. W. E. Bell.

Unlaundried plaited bosom shirts from 75c to $125. P. Rosenberg & Co.