

POETRY.

From the Charleston Courier.
Sumter - A Ballad of 1861.
'Twas on the twelfth of April,
Before the break of day,
We heard the guns of Moultrie
Give signal for the fray.

Serenade to Vice-President Stephens.
Last night, at the hour of 9 o'clock, a large
number of citizens congregated in front of the
Exchange Hotel, with the First Regiment
band, and serenaded the Honorable Alexander
H. Stephens, Vice President of the Confederate
States of America.

South Carolina Coincidence.
There are some curious coincidences in
South Carolina history, between past and
present, which deserve remembrance. South
Carolina was the first of the Colonies to de-
clare an independent State Constitution in the
days of the Revolution.

The Effect of War upon a Nation's Wealth.
The firing of a 9-inch shell gun, like those
used on most of our naval steamers, costs
\$9.54 at each discharge. Now, the burning
of \$9 worth of coal in one of our cotton, or
carpet, or steam-ENGINE manufactories, gener-
ally results in the production of from \$10 to
\$20 worth of value in some other kind of prop-
erty; but the burning of powder in warfare
does not produce any other kind of property;
its only products are noise, and smoke, and
death, which are not saleable in any market.

The Contrast.
"Ah! Ned, Ned, you're a sad, wild fol-
low."
"So my mother says; anyhow, don't you
think I do credit to her training?"
"No, my boy," said a silver-haired old man;
"I remember your mother when she was a
'bonnie lassie.' Her cheeks were like two
ripe apples, on which the crimson was defini-
tely spread so as not to shame the white. Her
eye was full and bright, not dim with sorrow
as it is now. Some great grief must have
changed her so sadly. Her rounded limbs
and dainty foot, her beautiful throat and
white, dimpled arms, I will remember. And
she has been a kind mother; her counsels,
like 'morning dews and evening showers,'
have fallen upon your way; and yet, Ned,
you call her the 'old woman.' Ah, boy, it
never was so in my time."

REPORT.
Commissioners of Free Schools, for
Pickens District, beg leave to Report,
through their Secretary and Treasurer, their
financial operations for the annual legal term
of one year, ending in March, 1861, as fol-
lows:
The Reports of Teachers, for the quarter
ending January, 1860, was for \$194 01;
And that amount was paid to the
following parties, to wit:
W. H. White, \$ 7 50
J. J. Henderson, 15 12
L. J. Ariall, 5 85
Richard Harris, 10 20
C. L. Hollingsworth, 15 00
E. G. Smith, 16 00
M. A. McWhorter, 4 50
E. G. Hudson, 8 43
D. Grice, 23 40
S. A. McMahan, 7 64
E. B. Jones, 7 00
G. H. D. Cramer, 5 07
J. H. McWhorter, 7 20
J. F. Jones, 5 85
W. D. Threlkeld, 18 40
John Smith, 18 00
W. M. Stansell, 5 70
Miss E. A. LeRoy, 5 85
O. H. P. Fant, 0 40 194 00
The Reports passed at the April Board, 1860,
was for \$94 75;
And that amount paid out as follows:
L. H. McWhorter, \$16 80
W. F. M. Fant, 6 00
M. B. Snead, 10 50
M. A. O'Neill, 12 00
Advertising last Report, 10 45 64 75
The Board passed the Reports below, in No-
vember, 1860; and the amount opposite the
name of each person mentioned has since been
paid to them, to wit:
Sarah Burton, 11 41
S. F. Hollingsworth 59 07
J. R. Looney 36 00
T. D. Entrench 27 90
J. S. Smith 51 59
E. A. LeRoy 25 02
F. A. Riley 60 51
Grafton Jenkins 29 26
J. J. Henderson 204 70
R. F. King 25 00
John Smith 42 56
L. B. Rutledge 21 03
A. Ramsay 69 08
J. W. Philpot 47 20
J. H. Gash 17 08
Richard Harris 40 39
M. D. Clayton 50 49
L. J. Ariall 96 13
J. B. Reid 8 62
E. E. Sharp 37 71
Mary S. Maulden 28 62
John H. Harris 46 12
D. Grice 42 17
L. Chambers 7 00
J. B. Sanders 30 24
C. H. Spars 121 72
J. S. Brewer 82 85
P. J. Dryman 42 00
Wm. McWhorter 31 38
N. Sullivan 28 62
L. H. McWhorter 51 49
M. B. Snead 42 00
W. T. Cleveland 76 96
W. D. Threlkeld 40 54
H. H. Poney 51 59
J. F. Jones 24 88
W. I. Boggs 47 00
W. M. Stansell 15 05
S. A. McMahan 56 25
J. F. Smith 56 81
Thos. J. Dickson 33 16
E. P. Borroughs 35 80
James Tolleson 39 48
John Harris 49 98
G. H. D. Cramer 32 55
J. N. George 33 44
C. P. Richardson 28 84
M. A. McWhorter 41 32
E. A. McWhorter 55 80
H. R. Boggs 31 80
These amounts have been received and dis-
bursed since the law has been changed in re-
lation to commissions; and that the transaction
may be better understood, we make a
RECAPITULATION:
Dr.
1861 By cash on hand, \$203 34
Jan. - Rec'd of State
Treasurer, 2,140 19 \$2,349 53
Deduct 2 per cent
for Receiving 46 99
\$2,302 54
Cr.
By cash paid teachers, \$2,278 52
2 per cent for paying out
same, 45 57 \$2,324 09
Leaving due Secretary
and Treasurer \$21 55
Respectfully submitted,
ROBT. A. THOMPSON,
Secretary & Treasurer.
March 15, 1861.
GREENVILLE MARBLE YARD.
The subscriber has on hand and is constant-
ly receiving a large and varied assortment of
American and Italian Marble.
To which he would call the attention of those in
want of a suitable Monument to mark the spot
where repose the remains of their departed rela-
tives and friends. Carving and lettering of
all kinds neatly and promptly executed.
JAMES M. ALLEN.
Greenville C. H., S. C., Feb. 22 - 31-1f
N. B. He refers to D. G. Westfall, Gower, Cox,
Markley & Co., Dr. M. E. Bayle, W. H. White,
Esq., Col. D. Hoke, R. McKay, Esq.