

BRIEF MENTION.
We are compelled to omit several communications in favor of the fence law this week. They will appear in our next issue.

In any discussion, however widely you may differ, never say anything to your antagonist which you would object to his saying to you. It is the reason of the discourse and not the epithets that convince men.

The only fourth of July oration held in Anderson, was delivered by Mr. S. Bleckley, as is his annual custom, in the Anglo-German dialect. Of course it was appropriate to the occasion and was highly appreciated by his audience.

The convenience of access to the Methodist Church, and the appearance of the lot, has been very much improved by running a new fence so as to allow persons to enter and retire from the Church without opening and shutting gates.

All the townships have sent in their petitions for the stock law except Brushy Creek and Williamson. We learn that these townships will have their petitions in soon, and that the election will be ordered and notice thereof published next week.

We are requested to announce that the citizens of Savannah Township who are interested in the proposed fence law are invited to meet at Holland's Store on next Saturday evening at one o'clock. It is hoped that every one who can do so will attend.

All Temperance organizations within the bounds of the Saluda Baptist Association are requested to send a statement of their membership, the value of the property belonging to the order, and the number of books in their libraries, to the editor of the INTELLIGENCER before the 20th day of July instant.

We regret to announce the death of little Rosa May, daughter of Mr. William M. Osborne, which occurred on last Sunday morning. A bright child of fifteen months she was the idol of her father's household, but earth was not her home, and death transplanted the little flower to bloom forever more in Heaven.

Messrs. Leak & Moss advertise that they now have a large and well selected stock of chewing and smoking tobacco, which they will sell at prices to suit the times. They have fine arrangements for securing their stock on the most advantageous terms and are thereby enabled to command a liberal custom from our people.

The protracted meeting in the Baptist Church closed on last Saturday. On Sunday morning the usual communion service of the church was administered, and on Sabbath afternoon three additional converts of the meeting were baptized in Rocky River. This number made sixteen in all who joined the church during this meeting.

Our valued correspondent from Honca Path, Mr. William Lee, has gone to the mountains of North Carolina with the purpose of recreating for a few weeks. Although we in common with our readers will miss his interesting doings for a few times, we wish him a very pleasant sojourn, and hope he may find a cooler climate than he has left behind him.

Yesterday, the Fourth of July, passed off without any demonstration in Anderson. The exercises of the Carolina Collegiate Institute were suspended for the day, and the students were gratified by having a holiday. This College is in a flourishing condition, and both patrons and students were pleased at its observance of the glorious fourth.

The fence law discussion which came off near Mountain Spring Church on last Saturday was a very interesting affair. Quite a number of white and colored voters were present, and an entertaining and convincing speeches in favor of the new law were made by Messrs. William and Jephthah Harper, B. F. Crayton and W. W. Russell. It is thought the result of the meeting will be favorable for the change.

Some of the opponents of the fence law are endeavoring to induce influential men to take sides on the fence law question by threatening never to vote for any man who favors the change. Go ahead, friends, and intimidate every one you can, and, whenever you have bulldozed any man out of expressing his honest views, you may put it down as a settled fact that he is not worth a vote for any office.

The attention of our readers is respectfully called to the advertisement of Mr. John B. Watson. The Kentucky Mill and Chapman's Perpetual Evaporator is one of the very best for the manufacture of Sorghum. The merit of these mills is attested by the published cards from Rev. Julius E. Baele and Mr. Peter R. Brown, both of whom are well known to our readers as intelligent and reliable gentlemen. See advertisement.

Anderson Division, No. 1, Sons of Temperance, is in a flourishing condition. Twelve petitions for membership were received on last Thursday night from prominent gentlemen of this town, and their initiation will take place at the meeting to-night. The other divisions of the County are also represented as in a prosperous condition. A little more interest on the part of members will still further increase the good work of securing recruits for the temperance army.

The idea that Governor Hampton is responsible for the fence law is entirely without foundation. Neither he nor the Legislature have committed any crime about this matter that we can perceive. They simply allow the people to say whether they want to change the fence laws or not. It would have been presumptuous tyranny for them to have refused to allow the people a right to say whether they wish to change the plan of fencing in any county in the State.

We would call attention to the advertisement of the Williamson Female College, which appears elsewhere. This institution has been steadily growing in the number of its scholars, and in its reputation for scholarship since its location at Williamson. Prof. Lander has evinced a remarkable adaptability for the great work of female education, and under his guidance we believe the destinies of this College are very bright.

Col. J. W. Norris and Mr. John H. Clarke have purchased the business of the Singer Sewing Machine Company for this section of the country, and will henceforth conduct the sale of these well known machines on their own behalf under the firm name of Norris & Clarke. Mr. Clarke can always be found at his office over Barr & Fant's, unless absent, for the purpose of showing his machines. This arrangement offers an additional inducement to any of our people to buy the Singer instead of any other machine.

The many friends of Miss Emma Moore will be gratified to learn that she has returned home after having graduated with honor at the Richmond (Va.) Female College. During the past session she received diplomas in the schools of Latin, German, History and Natural Sciences, which, with the diplomas she won the previous term, secured for her a diploma of full graduation, which is the highest evidence of scholarship

given by this excellent institution. Miss Emma is a lady of brilliant attainments, and her friends are justly gratified at the distinction she has achieved in her College course.

The following officers have been elected to serve Anderson Division, No. 1, Sons of Temperance, the ensuing year: W. A. White, W. P.; John M. Hubbar, W. A.; Chas. F. Jones, R. S.; R. T. Todd, R. S.; C. W. Webb, F. S.; A. S. Todd, Secy.; H. F. Christberg, Chan.; J. R. Smith, Com.; Jas. S. Anderson, A. S.; W. B. McKinney, I. S.; W. C. Keth, O. S.; W. M. Wilcox, P. W. P.; T. C. Ligon, Librarian; Foster Fant, Asst. Librarian. The installation will take place at the meeting to-night, when a full attendance is requested.

The Anderson Reading Club met Mrs. Webb's on last Tuesday night, an organized by electing the following officers: President, J. L. Tribble; 1st Vice President, C. W. Webb; 2nd Vice President, J. M. Catheart; Secy. and Treas., J. Feaster; J. M. Critch; Rev. E. F. Christberg; Ex-Committee, J. G. Cunningham, A. S. Todd and Miss Mary Twers. The next meeting of the Club will be held at Mr. S. Bleckley's on next Tuesday night. All the former members are requested to attend, any new aspirants to job are invited to hand in their applications through some member of the Club.

JAIL DELIVERY.
On last Sunday morning, about 2 o'clock, three of the prisoners confined in the Anderson Jail succeeded in making their escape through a hole which they had cut in the plank wall within, and in the brick wall which surrounds it outside. This hole was cut in the western wall of the front room, up-stairs, and the escapes were made by the prisoners letting themselves down by means of sheets and blankets tied together. Sheriff McConnell first discovered the break-through he awoke in the morning at which time he found that E. P. Bost, A. case-knives and could not get taken French leave of him. The only other prisoner was a cripple, and only got away by the aid of the other prisoners. A case-knives was used near the hole, with the evident purpose of inducing the belief that it was the instrument with which the cutting had been done; but from the nature of the break-through, the prisoners must have possessed better tools. A pursuit of the prisoners was immediately begun, and about two o'clock on Sunday Bozeman was recaptured on the upper portion of Rocky River. Up to the time of going to pass neither Ellison nor Smith have been heard of, though the search still continues, and the parties will be captured if they are in the County. Mr. McConnell is not at all culpable for this escape, as he has exercised usual caution in watching the prisoners, and has put forth every effort to recover them. It would be well to have the walls of the front rooms in the jail made secure by iron bolts or bars which cannot be cut through in one night.

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.
The Commissioners of Anderson County have shown very great regard for our public interests, and have shown themselves to be both vigilant and efficient in the discharge of their various important duties. They have just adopted a resolution to divide their labor by assigning special work for each member of the board, thereby insuring more prompt and efficient attention to all matters claiming their attention.

MR. O. H. F. FANT,
the Chairman of the Board, has been assigned charge of the poor house and public buildings of the County, together with such other matters as may from time to time require his attention in carrying out the action of the Board of Commissioners.

MR. SAMUEL BROWNE
has been assigned the supervision of Garvin, Hopewell, Brushy Creek, Williamson, Belton, Broadway, Honca Path and Martin townships.

MR. JOHN C. GANTT
has been assigned the supervision of Pendleton, Fort, Centerville, Varennes, Hall, Corner, Savannah and Rock Mills townships. All persons having business with the Commissioners are hereby notified of this action and requested to present it to the Commissioner having the subject in charge, and thereby save trouble and unnecessary delay.

COTTON BLOOMS.
During the past week we have had quite a number of cotton blooms sent us from different portions of the county which show that the crop is not so far behind this year as was feared a short time since. On last Thursday, the 28th ult., Mr. Henry K. Crawford, in a very fine stalk with a fresh bloom on it, and a boll the bloom from which was shed, and must have appeared as early as the 25th of June. Mr. P. R. Brown also sent us a bloom taken from his field on the 25th of June. Johnny Junkin sent in a bloom taken from his field on the 28th of June. Mr. C. A. Reed got a bloom from his field of India Rust Proof Red cotton on the 29th of June. This is a new variety of cotton introduced by Mr. Reed last year with very satisfactory results. The field is very promising this season. A bloom taken from the farm of Mr. L. H. Welborn on the 1st inst. was brought us on Monday. The recent rains and hot weather have caused the crop throughout this section of country to improve very rapidly within the past three weeks, and it will now compare favorably with the crop at this time last year.

BROADWAY TOWNSHIP.
Very great interest is manifested by the citizens of Broadway township in the passage of the proposed change in the fence system of our County. A small meeting of the friends of the measure was held at Geer's Academy on last Saturday, and an excellent address in favor of the change was made by Col. E. M. Rucker, of Anderson. After the speech it was decided to hold a meeting on Saturday afternoon, the 14th of July, at Nat's Creek, for the purpose of discussing the advisability of adopting the change. Mr. Samuel Browne, the chairman of the meeting, appointed Messrs. D. F. Anderson, Joseph B. Moore, S. N. Pearson and J. B. Carpenter a committee to select speakers for the next meeting. This committee has invited Messrs. B. F. Crayton, M. E. Mitchell, E. B. Murray and others to deliver addresses at the meeting, which both the friends and opponents of the proposed law are invited to attend. Both sides will be given an opportunity to participate in the discussion, and it is hoped that all of the ladies and gentlemen of Broadway township will be present.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.
The devotional meetings of the Young Men's Christian Association will, until further notice, be held in the Court House on Sunday afternoons at five o'clock instead of in the Temperance Hall. The change is made with a view to the comfort of those who attend, and it is hoped all the citizens of Anderson will endeavor as far as possible to give these meetings their support and sanction by being present, at the Sunday meetings. The claim of the Association

upon all Christians is a strong one, for through it they will be able to render efficient service for the Master's cause among a class of persons who it would be difficult if not impossible to reach through denominational influence. There is no doubt that the Association has already accomplished good in Anderson, and if it is properly supported by our people it will accomplish much more. Remember the meetings are held on Sabbath afternoons in the Court House, at five o'clock, and last only one hour.

POMONA GRANGE.
We are requested to announce that there will be a meeting of Pomona Grange in Temperance Hall next Saturday at ten o'clock a. m. A full attendance is desired, as several matters of importance will be presented to the delegates present.

FAIR ASSOCIATION.
We are requested to announce that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Anderson Farmers' and Mechanics' Fair Association held in the Court House on Tuesday next, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of transacting business of great importance to the Association. Every member is urged to be present if possible.

County Correspondence.

HONCA PATH.
Geo. M. McDavid, reports a cotton bloom on the 1st inst., and Geo. M. Greer, forwards one found on the 2nd. These blooms are a day earlier than last year. Several farmers give reports of large yields of wheat, but the largest is from D. S. McCallough, who made ninety bushels on three acres. All the old folks and the young men and their sweethearts, are preparing for the commencement at Due West, and a warm one they will have if the weather don't change. Aaron Robinson, (col.), had an attack of meningitis last week, and he, or his friends, supposing he was going mad, as he had had something to do with a mad hog—got for him a mad dog ticket (a small piece of paper with a few words written upon it) which he took (inwardly) and is now doing as well as could be expected.

STOREVILLE.
We regret to announce that while Mr. Carroll Shirley was attempting to place the band of the threshor on the band-wheel of the engine, his arm was caught, fracturing both bones—radius and ulna. We wish him a speedy recovery. The question of fence or no fence is the topic now-a-days. Let us know the fence law would do wonders on new ground gardens. C. V. Barnes, who has grown a fine garden of vegetables this season. On Wednesday night, 27th June, a negro man, named Newell, made a break on the corn crop of Mr. T. L. Clinkscales, carrying away a bunch of the contents as he could wag wh. He has been picked up.

RUSTICUS.
The following officers are elected to serve Howell Division, Sons of Temperance, the ensuing year: W. A. Neal, W. P.; J. A. He, W. A.; J. B. Guyton, R. S.; Miss Iola He, A. R. S.; Dr. R. G. Sloan, F. S.; J. W. White, Treas.; D. D. Hatcher, Chap.; T. M. Kip, C.; Miss Estelle Guyton, A. C.; W. B. Jskine, I. S.; J. M. Hamlin, O. S.; A. M. Johnston, P. W. P. The above officers are to be publicly notified July 7th, at 3 o'clock p. m., by G. F. Tolly, D. G. W. P., assisted by L. P. Smith, D. G. C., after which speeches are expected from the installing officers. The community is respectfully invited to attend. Since our last communication Dr. W. C. Duckworth, who was severely bitten by a poisonous snake. The paper antidote was administered by the physician, but not before the Doctor's services were called for. Our fields are so notorious for grass now that they are for dust pellets to the rain, but are promising in appearance. The harvest season has been made enjoyable by a luxuriant yield, notwithstanding its onerous duties. Neal & Ginton have plied their energies with their zeal and promptness, and thereby succeeded in threshing perhaps eighty-five percent of the grain of the township. We have ascertained by careful inquiry that this has not been a greater reduction in the amount of cotton this year than three to five per cent. compared with last year. This is at least a reduction of ten per cent. of numerical fertilizers used upon this crop but there is an increase in the corn crop about four per cent. This is a move in the right direction, but would have been better with a greater proportion in the two crops. Chesley Martin is said to be one our best farmers. The present condition of his crop is proof of the fact. The fence question is discussed. It is estimated that it is upon an average one-half acre of uncultivated land to each head of cattle, and that one or more head pass over this half acre every day. Would it not be economy to sit off the eleven and enclose this lot for them? Some are opposed because no number (farmers living upon ridges have no water rising through the premises, but we have only four there in our township this year. There are probably more, but surely one in twenty. We refer to these two points, as they have been laid down as premises in recent discussions among us, on which conclusions of oppression have been, in our judgment, erroneously drawn.

FORK.
Mr. Editor, With your permission in this instance, propose to turn aside from my usual wailing, but if your readers will follow me they will find something of local interest, and likewise a rehearsal of some of the good times the Fork localists have been having.

A few days ago we proceeded on a ramble along the easter boundary of the township in search of local news and pleasure. We first availed ourselves of a standing invitation to the home of our friend and quondam school-mate, D. loan White, whose hospitality is as sincere and bountiful as his knowledge of farming is thorough and practical. Of course took a look at his crop, and I risk nothing when I say that a body of ten acres of cotton is unsurpassed regularly in stand and luxuriance of growth. Sloan is zealous advocate of the proposed change in the fence system. In the evening our host treated us to music on the piano, which, accompanied by his strong and well-trained tenor voice, was quite refreshing.

On the early morn we proceeded to the residence of Mr. T. A. Brownlee, and en passant, our feelings were of that sort which spring from the consciousness of a good time coming. Mr. and Mrs. B. are kind, hospitable and communicative, and their charming daughters—the Misses Mary Anna and Ada—walk aside from an enviable fund of meretricious, possess that rare accomplishment of mingling their visitors feel quite at ease. Mr. Brownlee, as all the Fork people will know, is one of our best citizens, is not wanting in the science of agriculture, and with a well versed in all that tends to "make the farm pay." This year he has given his attention to the production of melle, and expresses himself well pleased with it as a forage. His resi-

dence stands on a lofty eminence, along the base of which flows the beautiful Seneca. After a sumptuous dining it was proposed and heartily concurred in by the young ladies that we should have a fishing party. But unfortunately the finny tribe manifested a decided repugnance to fish-hooks, and hence the sport was soon abandoned for the more agreeable and pleasant pastime of a bateau excursion on Seneca's pellucid waters. Altogether, we had quite a pleasant time—the young ladies said—and we never question what young ladies say, not we.

Since writing the above, I have been forced to abandon my avowed aim at the outset, and will subjoin a few items.
Mr. S. E. Gilbert had cotton blossoms on the 30th ult., and I since learn that blossoms appeared on the same day at various other places in the township. Rev. J. B. Adger, of Pendleton, preached in the Baptist Church at Townville last Sunday, and will hereafter conduct Presbyterian worship in the Townville Academy on the third Sunday of every month until the new church edifice is completed. The debating society at W. A. Dickson's school-house will publicly debate the "fence question" at that place Saturday, 14th inst., at three o'clock in the afternoon. Messrs. W. E. Sears and T. R. Osborne and others are for the proposed change, and Messrs. R. A. Sullivan, J. L. O. Whitfield and others are against it. The citizens are cordially invited to attend.

BRUSHY CREEK, S. C., June 30th, 1877.
MR. EDITOR: The principal object of this article is to notify briefly the late proposed fence law, and I may touch on other matters, too, for I do not propose to enlighten the public mind, but merely to provoke a more general discussion of the fence act. I, for one, am in favor of the change when carried out in proper order and at the proper time, under an act properly framed. But in the shape that the thing is in this time, I will ever oppose it, and I speak the sentiments of very many other good citizens. We do not want to make any more of a cherry when the whole pill can be swallowed without greasing. What is wanting to carry the thing into effect is an act of the Legislature repealing the present fence law, and substituting an act with proper safeguards thrown around, making it positive, to go into effect, say, next January. The change is a good one for the country, and is demanded by the most energetic and practical farmers, and will eventually work itself into operation, but never under the act proposing the change, for the people of the State have cut their eye-teeth eight years ago under radical rule. I believe had the Legislature passed the bill permanently, and made it general instead of sectional, that in a very few years it would have proved as great a blessing to the State as the present system is a curse; but to have one township "no fence," another "fenced"—one county "hog in," another "hog out"—is calculated to produce confusion and unnecessary expense, where a general law would soon work smoothly and harmoniously, producing lasting benefits upon the poor and laboring class as well as to the land owners; curtailing a heavy tax upon the laborer in the way of labor, making and repairing so much unnecessary fencing, and the landlord in the way of rents, timber, and wear and tear of wagon and team. I venture the assertion that Picketts county will retain the present fence system. Well, now suppose Anderson adopts the change, and not enough counties to make the thing general, there is miles of useless, unnecessary and extravagant fencing to make, and the over-burthened taxpayer is taxed to make it, imitating as much as possible the infernal radical rule we had thought ourselves rid of, that of creating useless, wasteful and extravagant expense. Again, the thing is of doubtful issue at best, and our country is in poor condition to try experiments on so large a scale. We have barely been able to keep on our feet after the long and heated contest for home rule, and our State needs time to breathe before attempting another stride of such magnitude as the proposed change of fence. Let us get squarely on our feet with our heads above water and then try this "hog up" question. The times are not propitious for the trial now, and this very act has shaken the confidence of the colored people in the Hampton government, and unless remedied, will, two years hence, rebound and be a source of untold vexation and trouble, for the negro will be a negro even if you whitewash him, and their duplicity is patent to every sensible man. Their wily leaders have not abandoned the struggle, and are now busy sowing the seed of discord silently with their forked tongue, and the noble Hampton's shoulders must bear the whole blame if any attacks, when every one ought to know Hampton had nothing to do with passing the bill. Again, if this matter was pressed by memorial or otherwise on our Legislature enough to pass the bill, why not pass it outright at once and have done with it? They have the authority. All power of legislation is vested in the people, and they have delegated the power to the Legislature, and made them, the Senate and House of Representatives, the "agents" and true representatives of the people of the State at large, and why put this question before the people at such a time to kindle anew the prejudices of either class or party? If the Legislature did not want to assume the responsibility of passing the bill outright for fear of offending the people, why did they not leave other questions as much important to the taxpayers as the fence law to the people? For instance, the appropriation bill. I think the people would have made a decided improvement on it by leaving out the \$300,000 interest clause, and the "salary grab" by restricting the "dedicatee" members to a decent salary more in keeping with their income at home and their services abroad. We certainly had a right to expect much from this Legislature, taking the plan, form in consideration, and they certainly have done much good and I think some harm, but they have come short, far short, of what was expected of them in the matter of reducing salaries and useless offices, repealing some good acts and passing some bad ones, among which is a scattering no fence law, too thin to hold water, where a good, wholesome, substantial, non-expensive, positive law is required. Such an one will meet with pretty general approval throughout the Palmetto State, and will be advocated by "FOOL."

OBITUARY.
DEPARTED THIS LIFE, June 25, 1877. Mrs. FRANCIS HANNA, wife of Mr. C. D. Hanna, aged about 70 years.

Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep, from which no mortal wakes to weep.

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The colossal bronze statue of Victory which stands in the Park, at Lowell, being the tomb of the first soldiers that fell in the revolution, is a lasting and beautiful tribute of art. It is one of the first objects sought by strangers visiting our sister city, which indeed many visit purposely to see this elegant object of high art. It was obtained from the King of Bavaria by Dr. J. C. Ayer, to whom his Majesty was especially gracious in acknowledgment of what his remedies are reputed to have done for the suffering sick. It was donated by the Doctor to the city of Lowell as a permanent and speaking emblem of the virtues both of science and arms.—Hagartown (Md.) Press.

CIRCULAR.
COLUMBIA, S. C., June 14, 1877.

To J. N. CARVILLE, School Commissioner of Anderson County, S. C.

Street. The amount to which your County is entitled is \$4787.50. A heavy penalty having been imposed for the non-payment of the poll tax, it is believed that the amount derived from this source will be much larger than in any previous year. The law provides that the poll tax shall be retained by the County Treasurer, and that it shall be expended for school purposes in the township in which it is collected. Within the year your County have closed this year, I would advise you to open them as soon as possible, and to keep them open until the above mentioned amount and the amount (as nearly as you can estimate it) to be derived from the poll tax are exhausted. If however, the individuals for work done during this fiscal year equal to the amount to which your County is entitled, the schools should be closed at once. You will please report promptly to this office, whether the schools are open or not, as it is my desire to visit those counties in which the schools are in operation. In advance of the publication of the Acts passed at the recent session of the General Assembly, I will call your attention to the following summary of the amendments to the School Law.

1. Teachers' certificates and all claims against the Free School Fund must be sworn to by persons presenting the claims. All Trustees are authorized and required to administer oaths, free of charge, to the persons whose claims are presented.

2. The same person cannot act as Trustee and Teacher of a public school.

3. The law authorizing the levy of a District School Tax has been repealed.

4. The compensation allowed for the time actually employed provided the number of days in the year for which such compensation shall be allowed shall in no case exceed one hundred days, except in the County of Charleston, where the number of days shall not exceed one hundred and fifty.

5. The law in which the Trustees are required to make, or to have made, an enumeration of all children between the ages of six and sixteen years, and to file the same with the County Clerk, there is no fund from which the Trustees can be paid for this work. They are, however, entitled to be paid for the same out of the County work without pay. Attention to the importance of having men of intelligence and high character on your Boards of Examiners and Boards of Trustees.

The efficiency of the public school system must depend greatly upon the character of those who are organized. "Partisan instruction in the schools" is forbidden, and the best guarantee against this is the selection of competent persons for Examiners and Boards of Trustees. Many of the school officers, and especially the Trustees, are notoriously incompetent. To retain them will reflect great discredit upon the school commissioners, and will be a wrong to the people of the State. It is my intention to request the Board of Examiners to examine the Trustees to investigate the management of the public schools in the different Counties, and shall ask the Courts to use their authority to remove all school officers, who, through ignorance or neglect, fail to discharge their duties.

As soon as possible after the closing of the schools you will please send to this office all reports which you are required to make. The date of the report of any Commissioner will retard the preparation of my report.

There will be no meeting this year of the Board of Education, no appropriation having been made to pay the salaries of the members of the Board. School officers should bear in mind that the money appropriated for this year cannot be used to meet deficiencies of the year 1876.

Very respectfully,
R. H. THOMPSON,
State Superintendent of Education.

OFFICE COUNTY SCHOOL COMMISSIONER,
ANDERSON, June 28, 1877.

Trustees will please take notice of the above order, and give its suggestions and requests their prompt and careful attention.

J. N. CARVILLE,
School Commissioner Anderson County,
June 28, 1877.

SCHOOL NOTICE.
THE Trustees will find below the *pro rata* share of the State tax for their respective Districts, apportioned on the basis of School attendance:

School District.	No. Am't.
Fork	1,279 86
Belton	2,032 72
Brushy Creek	3,299 64
Rock Mills	3,843 88
Centerville	5,180 75
Belton	6,284 38
Belton	1,194 194
Williamston	8,860 69
Savannah	9,291 38
Belton	10,328 66
Broadway	11,810 08
Belton	12,2