A DEAD LION.

ORDS SPOKEN IN THE TABERNA CLE PULPIT.

Dr. De Witt Talmage Speaks From Ecclesi-

The subject of Dr. Talmage's sermon on Sunday was "A Dead Lion,

and his text, Ecclesiastes 9:4, "A hymg dog is better timn a dead-lion." The Bible is the strangest, the love liest, the mightiest, the weirdest, the best of books. Written by Moses

the lawyer, Joshua the soldier, Samuel the judge, Ezra the builder, Joh the poet, David the shepherd, Daniel the prime-minister, Amos the herdsman, Matthew the custom-house officer, Luke the doctor, Paul the

Here the lion stands for nobility, our mind, is a synonym for the beautiful, the graceful, the affectionate, the sagacious, and the true. The St. Bernard dog is a hero, and if you doubt it, ask the snows of the Alps, out of which he picked the exhausted traveler. The shepherd dog is a Highlands of Scotland. The Arctic dog is the rescuer of explorers, and if you doubt it, ask Dr. Kane's expedition. The watchdog is a living proin Jerusalem, and the dog of in the text was a dog in Jerusalem. Last December I passed nights and days within a stone's throw of where Solomon wrote this text, and from what I saw of the canines of Jerusanight I can understand the slight apof Palestine. It is lean and snarly parasites, and takes revenge upon the human race by filling the nights with clamor. All up and down the Bible. the most of which was written in Palestine or Syria, or contiguous lands, the dog is used in contemptuous comparison. Hazael said, thy servant a dog, that he should do this thing?" In self-abnegation the Syro-Phœnician woman said, "Even the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from the Master's table." Paul says in Philippians,"Boware of dogs:"

and St. John in speaking of heaven, says. "Without are dogs. of the dissector bounds back from the larly afraid, they have disappeared from places where they once ranged, and day-slumbering, as is seen from nis description: "The young lions car after their prey and seek their meat from God. The sun ariseth, last will and testament." they gather themselves together, and my them down in their dens." And the broken wills have recently been again he cries out, "My soulis among made such a spectacle to angels and "Judah is crouched like alion." Sam- ful men are calling in architects and son knew them for he took honey from the carcass of a slain lion. Sol- it cost for me to build a picture galomon knew them and says, "The king's wrath is like the roar of a lion," and again "The slothful man says, there is a lion in the way." Isaiah knew them, and says in the millennium, "The lion shall eat straw like an ox." Ezekiel knew them and says, "The third was the face of a for a church, commodious, beautiful, to us more than five hundred yesterlion." Paul knew them, and says: "I was delivered out of the mouth walketh about." St. John knew them, and says of Christ, "Behold

the lion of the tribe of Judah!" Now, what does my text mean when it puts a living dog and a dead of the goodness of God to me and mine: for all Christian workers! Despair of lion side by side, and says the former is better than the latter? It means that small faculties actively used are of more value than great faculsee it! Some man with limited pacity is vastly useful. He takes that "My mental endowment is not large and the world would not rate me high for my intelligence, and my vocabulary is limited, and my education was defective, but here goes what I have for God and salvation, and the making of the world good and happy." He puts in a word here and a word there, encourages a fainthearted man, gives a scripture paswoman, picks up a child fallen in the air with shrieks and howls, and lash After a while the gospel took hold of tleman of Marion county, shows her hermit, never leaving his own grounds, ice was a treet and helps him brush off the start to have been 105 last autumn.

the boy is singing before he gets around the corner, waiting on everybody that has a letter to carry or a message to deliver: comes into a rail train or stage coach, or depot, or shop, with a miling face that sets everybody to thinking. "If that man can, with small equipment in life, be more than he has, be equally happy?"

self can appreciate its immensity.

teenth psalm, both ways to the upper they walk through any street or come and lower lids, and from the shortest into any circle. They can by one and a telegraph wire, as in Job: and lions, no one doubts. When they Disheartenedones to be encouraged. a railto I train, as in Nahum; and roar Wall street, State street, and Lost ones to be found. Though the introduces us to a foundryman by Bourse tremble. In a few years they present may be insignificant as comtie name of Tubal Cain, and a ship- will lie down and die. They will pared with the past, Better is aliving oxilder by the name of Noah, and an have a great funeral, and a long row relatect by the name of Aholiab. of fine carriages, and mightiest requiand tells us how many stables Solo- ems will roll from the organs, and not how much he paid for those will indicate where their dust lies, but is one-"A living dog is better than a and five years after open the tomb, know that the dog mentioned in the ure on earth, and has no treasure in less I can run on the White Star text is not one of our American or heaven. What shall the stone cutter line?" Shall the engineer of a light-European or Scottish dogs that, in put upon the obelisk over him? I ning express, who at a station mis suggest let it be the man's name, then the date of his birth, then the date of his death, then the appropriate scripture passage: "Better is a living dog than a dead lion." But I thank God that we are hav-

ing just now an ontbursts of splendid

demic, but with just the opposite effect of an epidemic. Do you not Your opportunity now, as compared tection, and if you doubt it, ask ten notice how wealthy men are opening with previous opportunities. may be thousand homesteads over whose free libraries, and building churches small as a rat-terrier compared with safety he watched last night. But in their native village? Have you the lion which at Matabosa, fatally Solomon, the author of my text, lived not seen how men of large means, wounded by the gun of David Livinginstead of leaving pies in their wills for disappointed heirs to quarrel about, and the ortors? After putting aside enough lem by day, and heard of them by for their families (for "he that provideth not for his own, and especially preciation my text puts upon the dog those of his own household, is worse than an infidel,") they are saying and disgusting, and afflicted with .What can I do, not after I am dead, but while living, and in full possession of my faculties, to properly direct the building of the churches, or the hospitals or the colleges, or the seeing the good accomplished! There are bad fashions and good fashions, and whether good or bad, fashions are mighty. One of the good fashions now starting will sweep the earth-the fashion for wealthy men to distribute, while yet alive, their surplus accumulation. It is be-On the other hand the lion is healthy, ing helped by the fact that so many strong, and loud-voiced, and at large estates have, immediately its roar the forests echo and the after the testator's death, gone into mountains tremble. It is marvelous [litigation. Attorneys with large fees for strength, and when its hide is re- are employed on both sides, and the moved, the muscular compactness is case goes on month after month, and something wonderful, and the knife year after year, and after one court decides, it ascends to another court tendons. By the clearing off of the and is decided in the opposite direcforests of Palestine and the use of tion, and the new evidence is found. fire-arms, of which the lion is particu- and the trials are all repeated. The children, who at the father's funeral seemed to have an uncontrollable but they were very bold in olden grief, after the will is read go into an ands of years afterward, when the times. They attacked an army of elaborate process to prove that the wrappings of the mummy Xerxes while marching through Mac- father was crazy, and therefore inedonia. They were so numerous competent to make a will: and there that one thousand lions were slain in are men on the jury who think that forty years in the amphitheater in the fact that the testator gave so Rome. As most of the Bible was much of his money to the Bible sociwritten in regions lion-haunted, this ety, and the missionary society, or the creature appears in almost all parts opening of a free library, is proof posof the Bible as a simile. David un- itive that he was insane, and that he der stood its habits of night-prowling knew not what he was signing when he subscribed to the words: "In the name of God, amen. I. being of sound mind, do make this my

The torn wills, the fraudulent wills, Moses knew them and said: to men that all over the land successsaying to them: "How much would lery for our town!" or "I am specially interested in "the incurables" and how large a building would accommodate three hundred of such let us celebrate it by new resolutions, life, and I want you to draw the plan well ventilated, and with plenty of though I am well now, life is uncerwant to see something done that will member no more. be an appropriate acknowledgment

obituary of the dead lions of com- a young lady asked for a class in merce, the dead lions of law, the Sunday-school, the superintendent ties unemployed. How often you dead lions of medicine, the dead lions said. "Better go out on the street had they, and mighty range, and oth- a ragged and filthy boy. The super which God has given right and says: er men in their presence were as intendent gave him good apparel. In midian lion springs upon its prey, fight he had his decent apparel torn the same manner can be taken But they got through with life. They off. He was brought in and a second and formed into two egg cups.

living dog than a dead lion.

My text also means that an oppor-

bappy, why cannot I. possessing far look back and see some occasion woman is, they are worth an effort. One day of that kind of doing things deed, or might have effected an im- ty than any that will ever be given may not amount to much, but forty portant rescue, or we might have to those who lived in magnificent sin years of that—no one but God him- dealt a stroke that would have a - and splendid unrighteousness and complished a vast result. Through their wrapped their gorgeous tapestry The simple fact is that the world stupidity or lack of appreciation of around them and without prayer exhas been, and the world is now, full the crisis, through procrastination, of dead lions. They are people of we let the chance go by. How much great capacity and large opportunity, time we have wasted in thinking of doing nothing for the improvement what we might have said or might of society, nothing for the overthrow have done! We spend hours and of evil, nothing for the salvation of days and years in walking around scholar, John the exile: and yet a souls. Some of them are momentary that dead lion. We cannot resusci complete harmony from the middle lions. They have accumulated so tate it. It will never open its eyes of the Bible, which is the eighth many hundreds of thousands of dolverse of the one hundred and seven- lars that you can feel their tread when spring in its paw. Dead as any feline terror of South Africa, through whose heart thirty years ago Gordon | haps die for Him. In a pulpit stood passage, which is thirty-fifth verse of the eleventh chapter of John, to the ket. Instead of the ten per cent. of give any more time to the deploring "The last time I was in this church longest verse, which is the ninth their income which the Bible lays of the dead past. There are other verse of the eighth charter of Esdown as the proper proportion of opportunities remaining. They may ther and yet not an imperfection in their contribution to the cause of not be as great, but they are worth all the 773,693 words which it is com- God, they do not give five per cent., our attention. Small opportunities posed of. It not only reaches over or three per cent., or two per cent., all around, opportunities for the say the past, but over the future; has in or one per cent., or a half per cent. ing of kind words and doing of kind it a ferry-boat, as in second Samuel: or a quarter per cent. That they are deeds. Helplessness to be helped.

dog than a dead lion. The most useless and painful feeling is the one of regret. Repent of lost mon had to take care of his horses, polished shafts of Aberdeen granite opportunities we must, and get pardon we may but regrets weaken, dishorses. But few things in this ver- for all use to the world that man hearten, and cripple further work. satile and comprehensive book inter- might as well have never lived. As If a sea captain who once had charge er, hie so much as its apothegms, an experiment as to how much he of a White Star steamer across the those short, terse, sententious, epi- can carry with him, put a ten-cent Atlantic ocean, one foggy night runs theme—free grace! Sound it across rgammatic sayings, of which my text piece in the palm of his dead hand, on a rock off Newfoundland, and passengers and ship perish, shall he re and you will find that he has dropped fuse to take command of a small even the ten-cent piece. A lion! Yes, boat up the North river and say, "I and a dog for meanness. You must but a dead lion! He left all his treas- never will go on the water again un-

read the telegram of a train dispatcher and went into collision, and for that has been put down to the work of engineering a freight train, say, "I will never again mount an engine unless I can run a vestibule express? Take what you have of opportunity poem, and if you doubt it, ask the benificence that is to increase until left. Do your best with what rethe earth is girdled with it. It is mains. Your shortest winter day is spreading with the speed of an epi- worth more to you than can be the longest day of a previous summer philanthro- ston, in its death agony leaped upon the missionary explorer, and with its jaws crushed the bone of his arm to splinters, and then rolled over and

> than a dead lion." My text also means that the condition of the most wretched man alive is better than that of the most fovored of sinners departed. The chance of these last is gone. Where ly assets available. After Charlemagne was dead he was set in an ornamented sepulchre on a golden throne, and a crown was put on his cold brow, and a scentre in his stiff hand, but that gave him no dominion in the next world. One of the most intensely interesting things I saw last winter in Egypt was Pharaoh of olden times, the very Pharaoh who opposed the Israelites. The inscriptions on his sarcophagus, and the writing on his mummy bandages, prove beyond controversy that he was the Pharaoh of Bible times. All the Egyptologists and the explorations agree that it is the old scoundrel himself. Visible are the very teeth with which he gnashed against the Israelitish brick-makers. There are the sockets of the merciless eyes with which he looked upon the overburdened people of God. There is the hair that floated in the breeze of the Red sea. There are the very lips with which he commanded them to make brick without straw. Thouswere unrolled, old Pharaoh lifted up his arms as if in imploration, but skinny bones cannot again clutch his shattered sceptre. He is a dead lion. And is not any man now living, in the fact that he has an opportunity of repentance and salvation, better off than any of those departed ones who, by authority or possessions or influ-

ence, were positively leonine, and yet wicked? What a thing to congratulate you than all the gems of the universe kindled into one precious stone I am alive! What does that mean? Why, it means that I still have all days. Taking advantage of the prestain, and before I leave the world I "Your sins and iniquities will I re-

of social influence? Vast capacity and get your class." She brought in or girafie when from the jungle a Na- Inquiry discovered that in a street lay down in their magnificent lair, time respectably clad. After a few They have made their last sharp Sundays he again disappeared, and it

dust and puts a five-cent piece in his a genuine grief for the poor things. ed for the ministry and became a hand, telling him not to cry, so that But when this dead lion of monstrous foreign missionary and on heathen uselessness expires, there is nothing grounds lived, and translated the but dramatized woe, for "Better is a scripture, and preached, until among the most illustrious names of the church on earth and in heaven is tunity of the living present is better the name of glorious Robert Morri than a great opportunity passed son. Go forth and save the lost, We spend much of our time in say- and remember however filthy and ing: "If I only had." We can all undone a child is, or a man is, or a where we might have done a great I would rather have their opportuni-

pired. "Better is a living dog than a

dead lion.

In the great day it will be found that the last shall be first. There are the grog-shops and in the haunts of iniquity to-day those who will vet with no useful purpose, there is one who will yet live for Christ and perwas fifteen years ago, and the circumstances were peculiar. Three young men had come, expecting to disturb the service, and they had stones in their pockets, which they expected to hurl at the preacher. One of the young men referred to refused to take part in the assault, and the left the building. One of the three was hanged for forgery. Another is in prison, condemned to death for murder. I was the third, but the grace of God saved me." My hearer, give no one up. The case may seem desperate, but the grace of God likes to undertake a dead lift. I proclaim it this day to all the people-free grace! Living and dying, be that my seas-free grace! Spell out those words in flowers, lift them in arches, build them in thrones, roll them in oratorios-free grace! That will yet Edenize the earth and people heaven with nations redeemed. Free grace!

Salvation! Oh, the joyful sound, Tis pleasure to our ears, A sovereign balm for every wound, A cordial for our fears. Buried in sorrow and in sin
At death's dark door we lay;
But we arise by grace divine,
To see a heavenly day.

CONGRESSMEN WRITE A BOOK.

econstruction and its Results Discussed

The Race Question. Representatives Herbert of Alaama, Hemphill of South Carolina, Furner of Georgia. Stewart of Texas, Wilson of West Virginia, ex-Representative Barksdale of Mississippi, Senator Vance of North Carolina, Pasco of Florida, Vest of Missouri P. Jones of Tennessee, O. S. Long of West Virginia and B. J. Sage of Lee. expired, but. "Better is a living dog Louisiana have collectively written, and will soon publish, a book entitled, "Why a Solid South; or, Reconstruc-

tion and Its Results." It undertakes to narrate fairly and dispassionately, in a concise and popular form, the history of the reconstructed governments in each State showing how the Republicans obtained control and how they lost it, figures and facts as to the shrinkage of values and the increase of debt and taxation under these their governments and the prosperity of the South

under present auspicies. The book speaks of Abraham Lincoln's death as an appalling calamity to the South, argues that Andrew Johnson followed strictly Lincoln's plan of restoration and contends that if Lincoln had lived he would have been able to defend that plan against

the assaults of Congress. Each chapter is signed by its author. who thus becomes directly responsible for the truth of his statements, and the claim of the book in its preface, written by Gen. Herbert, its editor, is that in all the chapters the facts are understated rather than

overstated. The race question and race troubles are extensively discussed. The statement is made that there is no intention to agitate for the repeal of the 15th amendment or the deportation of the negroes. Educational and material statistics of many kinds are given in support of the contention that the negro is prosperous and that the South is solving for itself the

negro question. The book is dedicated to the business men of the North with the statement that they are interested in continuing the prosperity of the South.

Mrs Noble's Treasures

A writer in the St. Louis Republic tells that Mrs. Noble, wife of the Secretary of the Interior, possesses interest, and that the homestead she one of the most unique collections of expected to become the property of gold enameled and silver spoons to be Mrs. Floride Clemson Lee. found in Washington. These curios opportunity of being saved myself, are kept in the parlor in an inlaid and helping others to be saved. To mahogany table, the top of which is be alive! Why, it means that I have sunk several inches below the outer yet another chance to correct my rim, lined with tufted crimson satin past mistakes, and make sure work and covered with a plate glass-top, for heaven. Alive, are we? Come, which fastens with a spring, the key of which is safely stowed away uppatients?" or "The church of God new self-examinations, new consecra- stairs. Among the most interesting has been a great help to me all ray tion, and a new career. The smallest of the collection is a dull looking silver spoon, on the handle of which in bas-relief, is shown the Baptism of Christ, with the Holy Spirit descendwindows to let in the light: I want cut, let us get pardon for all the past, ing from heaven in the form a dove, of the lion." Peter knew them, and you to get right at work in making and security for all the future. Where as John the Baptist pours copious draughts of water from his hands, are our forgiven sins? I don't know. God don't know, either. He says, raised high above his Master. This spoon was secured from an old cathedral in Nuremberg, at which place was also obtained a small, delicately shaped teaspoon with pointed bowls no one's salvation. While there is and fine open work filagree handles. Moscow, is a small vessel, a cross between a spoon and a cup, used in the churches of Russia by the nobility in drinking the holy water. This is of gold inlaid with transparent enamel, which, on being held up to the light,

shows the most brilliant coloring. An

the same manner can be taken apart

CLEMSON WILL CASE.

INVOLVING THE TITLE TO THE JOHN C

Which is Now Declared the Property of the State of South Cardina, and will be Site of an Agricultural College.

A famous will case ended The decision of the Supreme Court

of the United States was given briefly in yesterday's Constitution, a special from Washington. The history of the case is a pecu-

liarly interesting one, involving as it does the title to the old home of John C. Calhoun, Fort Hill, in South

It was here that the "nullification be models of holiness and preach declarations" were prepared by Mr. Calhoun's famous letter to the Governor, upon the question of nullification. was written.

It is the birth-place of Hon. Pat Calhoun, of Atlanta, who was an attorney in the case.

The issue was between Miss Isabella Lee, a great granddaughter of John C. Calhoun, and the State of South Carolina.

THE SECOND OWNER

was Mr. Calhoun's widow, Mrs others, in disgust at his cowardice, Floride Calhoun. May 13th, 1854 Mrs. Calhoun and her daughter, Cornelia Calhoun, conveyed the place to Andrew P. Calhoun for \$49,000, including a number of negroes and their personalty. Andrew Calhoun gave a mortgage for \$40,000.

Afterwards he offered several times to pay the \$40,000, but this was not done because his mother preferred drawing interest on the money as an investment.

Mr. Andrew Calhoun died just after the war, leaving the mortgage unpaid. The mortgage, it should be stated, was given to his mother

Mrs. Calhonn died in 1871. By the provisions of her will a three-fourths interest in the mortgage was left to her daughter, Mrs. A. G. Clemson, and the remainder to Miss Floride Clemson. Mrs. Clemson was allowed to dispose of her interest in the mortgage as she saw fit. It was further provided that if the mortgage was foreclosed and the property bought under the foreclosure, the place was to stand in lieu of the mort-

SOLD AT AUCTION.

The mortgage was foreclosed and the place sold January 1, 1872. It was bought in the name of A. G. Clemson as trustee for his wife Miss Floride Clemson married Gideon Lee, of New York, and died

CLEMSON'S INTEREST.

Mrs. Clemson died, leaving "the entire property and estate to which she was then in any wise entitled, or which she might afterwards acquire,' to her husband, Thomas G. Clemson in fee simple.

Then in a will made in 1886. altered in 1887, Mr. Clemson left the property to the State of South Caro-

He died in 1888, and in November the executor addressed a letter to the Legislature of South Carolina proffering to make the deed to the State if the conditions were accepted.

A COLLEGE SITE

These provisions of the Clemson will were, in effect, that the property was to be used as the site for an agricultural college. This was to be controlled by a board of thirteen trustees, seven named in the will, and to keep the house intact as a kind of distinction between the exodus emi- bred negro dares hope. he others to be named by the State. In case of a vacancy amongst the seven named by Mr. Clemson, the vacancy was to be filled by election by the remainder, so that this number—a majority of the board-was to be selfperpetuating.

Miss Lee, the great grand daughter of John C. Calhoun, and the sole heir of Mrs. Floride Clemson Lee, filed a bill of injunction to prevent the executor of the Clemson estate making a deed to the State of South Caro-

It was contended that Mrs. Clemson had conveyed to her husband only the property that was actually hers, the rents then in hand, from the estate, with certain other property left her by her mother's will, amounting to about \$4,500, and did not intend to convey the estate in which she had, it was contented, only a life

The injunction was granted, and the case was tried before Chief Justice Fuller and Judges Bond and Charleston.

It was decided against Miss Lee An appeal was taken to the Supreme Court, and the decision which has just been announced confirms the decision of the lower court.

The case was advanced on the docket through the efforts of the attorney general of South Carolina, acting under instructions from the Legislature.

The arguments in the last trial were all in writing. Perhaps the most exhaustive argument on either the Atlanta firm of Calhoun, King & in time. Spalding. This was highly commended in Washington, and is considered one of the ablest arguments made before that court in years. It embodied of Miss Lee, as remainderman under the will of Mrs. Calhoun.

The decision is against Miss Lee. open work golden egg enameled in however, and is final.

Thomas G. Clemson, who married

the daughter of John C. Calhoun, bargain. They have spoken their was found that he was again ragged age, lives near Crews, in Lamar made Fort Hill their home. They t eir last mean act. When a tawny in- teacher. "we can do nothing with age at only a little over 100 years, but Mrs. Clemson died, Mr. Clemson was tionalities of the world. habitant of the desert rolls over heir- him." But the superintendent fitted the record of her birth which is now left as the sole cupant of Fort sage in consolation to some bereft less, the lioness and whelps fill the him up again and started him again, in possession of a well-known gen- Hill. He lived there almost as a

pleasure in showing visitors over the place, and Mr. Calhoun's library and private rooms. No one suspected that the old man had any money, and

only a short while before he died Mr. Gideon Lee wrote to a merchant at Pendleton and told him to let him have any groceries that he might need, and send the bill on to him.

Mr. Clemson died in the spring of 1888, and the contents of his will caused a surprise. This old man, who had been considered a penniles old imbecile, had left the Fort Hill place as a seat for the founding of an agricultural and mechanical college, and his private fortune, which amounted to about \$100,000, as an endowment.

upon the Calhoun family. It was generally thought that Fort Hill would descend to Miss Isabella Lee, son's sister, and consequently the grandaughter of the great statesman. Miss Lee was given the Calhoun plate and portraits, and a bequest of cruel deprivations. \$10,000 on condition that she would not contest the will. It had long movement of the negroes in the di- cessity left behind and no amount of he Fort Hill place, and that they were to fix it up in grand style as the old homestead and use it as a sum-

defeat Clemson's purposes. was an imbecile, and that he had no an unusually hard winter immedireal title to the property, which was ately following. Then, later on, when an old battered bucket sits by the his wife's. The will looked to the there was a great inflax of negroes well side; wide-open barn doors, acceptance of the bequest by the into Arkansas and Texas from Cen- vacant mangers, empty cow pens State, and to its supplementing the tral Georgia and Western South and neglected garden patches comamount of money willed by annual Carolina, State and private aid had bine to present a picture in detail of appropriations to the college. It provided that the State should elect six and over-sanguine blacks from dire trustees to co-operate with the seven want. So now, scarcely have the shipped on Sunday and the young named in the will.

This threw the matter into politics

and the question of the State's acmade the chief issue in the campaign 1888. The friends of the South Carolina college fought the friends of the Clemson College, and the campaign was the bitterest known in South Carolina since the great campaign of majority of the adherents of Clemson

over a deed of the property to the means of exit for time some to come, if State, and the attorney-general was at all. instructed to co-operate with the lawyers already employed by the executor of the will in defending it in the Southwest, the planters and citizens case now before the United States Supreme Court. The Legislature also provided for the immediate erection of suitable buildings for the college, and for the opening of the institution with complete apparatus and full faculty at as early a day as pos- there is left in the country. An insible. Fort Hill is a fine old plantation of about a thousand acres, about two miles from Pendleton, the nearest railroad station. The dwelling is a typical old Southern plantation home. It sits on the top of a to that point to secure laborers, was the towns throughout the farming commanding hill. The large white columns to its piazza attract the attention of all passers by. The old house is in a fine state of preserva- groes thereabouts, and advised to from an excessive, consuming and tion, and contains all the furniture, take himself off, which he did with non-producing population. But that books, portraits and other relics of celerity. Mr. Calhoun. The trustees propose Calhoun memorial.

RUSSIAN ATROCITIES.

Revolution the Certain Sequence of Official

Tyranny. The frequency with which the Russian outrages are brought before the public by the indefatigable George Kennan, makes the subject a little tiresome. The latest and most sensational of all—the massacre of the political exiles in Yakutsk-is treated afresh in the April Century, wherein Mr. Kennan shows quite conclusively that the explanation made by the Russian government is tire region is now under water, and limits the issue of warrants upon inabsurd. He concludes his summary as follows:

One of the executed men, two hours before the rope was put about however, that the flood will yet subhis neck, scribbled a hasty farewell, note to his comrades in which he but he is not sufficiently well assured said: We are not airaid to die, but of this to venture forth with any more try-you-to make our deaths count of his people. for something-write all this to Kennan." The appeal to me shall not be in vain. If I live the whole English which so many of the exodusters speaking world at least, shall know have gone one must leave the railall the details of this most atrocious crime.

However this may be, the world at large, and we of America as a part of it, cannot but feel a deep interest in what is going on in Russia. There can be but one end to the total suppression of liberty which the government of Russia exercises this day. with as brutal a severity as in the times of Peter or of Catharine.

There was a dawn of hope for Russia-at least it looked that way to young America-when the serfs were first emancipated. Russia had been kind to us-although, as our states man then knew, the kindness was but another name for policy-and Americans were deceived for a while with the roseate views of what rejuvenaside was that of Mr. Alex. King, of ted Russia would surely accomplish

It soon became evident, however, that there was no hope for modern towns, and especially the larger civilization in Russia, until she should places like Wilmington and Weldon pass through the same furnace which are, as a rule, overce sided with an all that could be said in the interest tried France, and in the nature of unproductive element in some inthings, the trial will be even more se- stances closely approximating onevere. The tyranny of the French nobility was as nothing compared with that which the governing class of been taken, which is to be regretted. Russia exercise without limit, and the retribution will, unhappily, reach spared with advantage to all parties. the innocent alike with the guilty. When Russia emerges from this sea ample, and out of a total of about steeped in garlie, according of blood she will take her place in 25,000 souls quite 10,000 are negroes, superstition among the Italian peas-

> -It is stated that not a pound of ice was saved in North Carolina last impressed with the thrifty and in all hit the man. She was sentenced to

A NEGRO EXODUS.

WHOLE SECTIONS OF NORTH CARO-LINA WITHOUT COLORED LABOR.

The Emigration Agents have Almost Depopulated the Eastern Section of the State -Scenes of Destitution Along the Country

Letter to The New York Sun,

The emigrant agent has had his lay in North Carolina. Like a plague of devastating insects he has swept over the entire eastern section of the State, leaving nought behind but wide waste places, desolated plantations, and malodorous memories.

This will fell like a thunderclap Breaking levees and an unprecedented overflow in the Mississippi Valley put an effectual check upon the operathing, the country negro prizes above who was the daughter of Mrs. Clem- tions, but, alas. too late to save the even the members of his family, is to poor negroes already gathered into be seen still, with mute but loyal his net from untold hardships and fortitude, standing guard over the

been understood that she was to let rection of seeking to better their ma-John C. Calhoun, of New York, and terial condition by removal from their mangy-coated mongrels to desert the Pat Calhoun, of Atlanta, Ga., have native soil has has resulted disastrously to them. Take, for example, the great exodus into Kansas some tell of the last rest resting place of ten years ago, which resulted in a the kindred of those who have volunmer home. They at once set about to | call for Government aid to succor the | tarily sought new homes in the disunfortunate creatures and save them | tant Southwest. Once in a while a They contended that Clemson was from starvation and freezing during damaged coon pelt flaps in the breeze emigrants from this State been safely blacks received instructions in the landed in the Mississippi region before an unprecedented overflow en- now a lonesome testimonial of adceptance of the Clemson bequest was sues, inundating almost the entire section into which they have removed, for the election of the Legislature of and precluding all likelihood of making a crop this season.

Already the apparently inevitable cry of distress has been sounded, and its reverberations are echoing now from every village and hamlet 1876. The farmers won and sent a throughout the deserted districts in So also is the store closed and barred, this State. At Goldsboro, Winston, College to the Legislature, but the Tarboro, Halifax, Scotland Neck, bill providing for the State's accept- Snow Hill, Plymouth and various bill providing for the State's acceptance was carried through both the House and the Senate. The Government of the last few days, letters the most nor, however, refused to sign the bill. urgent are shown from negroes who He is allowed by the constitution the have but recently gone from these right to hold over a bill until the first vicinities, begging for money to bring three days of the next session, if he them back. And yet in the face of all wishes. He exercised this right on this there are 400 deluded blacks at now and then, as is also a pig or two the ground that he did not care to Scotland Neck, 600 at Plymouth and make the State a party to the cause 800 in Beaufort county, packed and The road itself shows that there has then in the United States court. But encamped, awaiting agents to come when the Legislature reassembled in and remove them. But up to this with the advancing spring, weeds and last December, the Governor sign-ed the bill, thereby accepting the be-from the present demoralized state of swath the pathway in a track of living the traffic there is small that those 3,800 negroes will find

> In addition to the check put upon the movement by the overflow in the generally have combined to stop the operations of the emigrant agents. and have been moved so to do as if they had been. In and about all of much out of consideration for the the cities and towns there is an abundwelfare of the negroes themselves as ance of negro labor, which, but for to retain what available farm labor the demoralizing effect of town life on stance of this occurred a few days in restoring the waste places and resince at Scotland Neck, where a Mr. habilitating the planting interests. McNeil, of the firm of McNeil & Pax- now at a standstill. If it was possiton, Josselyn, Ga., turpentine and ble to properly distribute the surplus naval stores producers, who had gone and burdensome negro elements of met by a committee of citizens and districts now lying waste the exodus quietly but firmly admonished to would prove a blessing to the State, desist from interfering with the ne- which has for so many years suffered

> Just here it is proper to cite the to do it, none who knows the towngrants and the turpentine emigrants. the difference being that the former go to stay, and the latter-who are sophical view of the situation, and the taken to Central and Southern Geor- more foreseeing agree that the effect of gia-only go for the season, it being the exodus will ultimately be benefiexpressly stipulated in their contracts | cial to the State in every way. that when their services are no longer required they shall be furnished transportation back to their homes.

Geo. W. Price, Jr., a representagone thither with about two hundred families. He tells me that the enthat in consequence there is great side in time for the making of a crop,

To get an accurate idea of the desolate condition of the counties from roads—in the vicinity of which there is always more or less life-and by country roads. As a general thing the country roads in Eastern North Carolina are not inviting to travellers piney woods these rural thoroughfares wind and twist about in the most bewildering and provoking fashion, while your steed or span of horses struggle through the sand, varying from one to ten inches in depth. constituting the roadbed.

The eastern counties of this State have been, up to the time of the negro exodus, the most populous, and there are still people enough in them to till and make productive almost every acre of farming lands. But the labor s not properly di-tributed. The from these centres no emigrants have

Immediately neighboring on that live little town but few negroes were induced to remove, but in the more remote regions to the northwest of that point vacant cabins, with their smokeless chimneys, broken fences and a general air of desertion become oppressively apparent. One small farm after another is passed, and now and then an extensive plantation, upon which no signs of life appear. Evidence of recent and hasty removal are everywhere visible. Parts of broken furniture, cracked or broken cooking utensils, old brogan shoes, and various remnants of wearing apparel, all in a shape of having been carelessly and hastily thrown aside, bear testimony to the hurry and flurry with which the late inhabitants took their departure. Occasionally a vagrant cur dog, which, as a general empty home of his whilom friend and master. The country is full of these It is a curious fact that every great miserable brutes, which were of necoaxing will induce the sad-eyed hearthstone. Here and there little mounds, with plain board markings. against the gable of the empty hut; blue black speller on week days, is vantages enjoyed in homes they have

> tained again. Still further on one comes to cross roads, and here again all is hushed and silent as a churchyard. The blacksmith shop is nailed up, the forge is gone, and with it the smith. the goods removed, and the storekeeper with them. So contagious was the exodus epidemic that one or two white families, formerly resident here, caught the infection and went along with their colored neighbors. A stray domestic fowl, which probably roosted in some sequestered spot vainly searching for its former mates. been no recent travel over it, and,

> left, which may not be so easily ob-

the desolation wrought by the exodus, but of course they are only to be met within the more remote sections. From the vicinity of all towns very few negroe, have removed, for the double reason that they were not wanted and would not have have gone the colored citizen, might be utilized this will be done, or that it is possible

But even as matters now stand, the landowners are taking a very philo-

has ordered a favorable report to be tive negre, who has become an emi- made upon Henderson's bill to amend grant agent, returned from the Yazoo the internal revenue laws. The bill Mississippi delta on Monday, having removes the min mum penalties now provided by law for the punishment of offenders against revenue laws. formation to those sworn to by the demoralization and dissatisfaction collector, deputies or revenue officers among the emigrants. It is hoped, and to those made upon sworn comprohibits the payment of fees unless the prosecution is approved by the United States Attorney or conviction upon warrants before the nearest Courts to appoint commissioners to act upon warrants and admit persons to bail and finally empowers the commissioners of internal revenue to comhorseback or vehicle traverse the promise civil or criminal cases or re-

duce and remit fines. She Raised Eleven Good Democrats

Wilson & Bishop's Rink, in New York, was filled Saturday with 167 of the descendants of Aunt Amah Chard, who assembled to help the old lady celebrate her 101st birthday. Mrs Chard was in the best of health and spirits, and was greatly pleased on receiving the |congratulations of her friends and relatives. In the evening religious exercises were held, and over three hundred people were present. Mrs. Chard was born in Brandywine, Pa., in 1780, on the very spot where the battle of Brandywine was fought. She takes pride in pointing out the fact that she has raised a family of eleven boys, who are all

Bullets Steeped in Garlie. In a trial in New York, on Thurs-

Italian women, for an assault on since very many could have been Guiseppe Allianello, the facts were brought out that the husband made Take the city of Wilmington, for ex- the wife fire at her lover with bullets last hard word. They committed and wretched. "Then," said the county, Alabama. She counts her lived there quietly and plainly. When the foremost ranks of the great na- and at least one-half of these are not ants that to steep a bullet in garlie employed four months out of the puts its effectiveness beyond all doubt. But the superstition failed Driving out from Goldsboro one is in this case, as the bullets did not respects desirable aspect of the coun- the penitentiary for three years.