METHODIST CHURCH STATISTICS.

A Statement of What Was Accomplished the Past Year Along Certain Lines.

The following statistics were read at the session of the South Carolina conference of the Methodist church

in Columbia. The statistical secretaries submitted a report of the tabulated results of their work, as follows: There are in this conference 84 local preachers, and 83,597 lay members, an increase 2,137; 1,598 infants have been baptized, and 1,504 adults; 680 Sun day schools with 4,717 officers and teachers and 42,471 scholars; 764 churches valued at \$1,344,707; 190 parsonages, value \$334,703; 10 district parsonages, value \$45,500.

Three colleges and three fitting schools whose total valuation reaches the sum of \$545,000; total endowment, \$104,402.52; total number of professors, 63; of pupils, 1,066.

The joint board of finance reported through Judge J. Fuller Lyon, the treasurer. The following figures will give an idea of the financial status of the church for the past year:

Collected for bishop's fund, \$2, 363.06—an increase over last year of \$78.74; conference collections, \$10,-998.27, increase of \$262.10; foreign missions, \$18,044.59, increase of \$480. 22; domestic missions, \$15,161.79, increase of \$518.01; church extension, \$5,059.46, increase of \$190.37; education, \$6,565.79, increase of \$910.22 minutes, \$823.95, increase of \$21.20; Paine and Lane college, \$571.41, increase \$13.94. The total amount handled by the board of finance was **358,576.15.**

Young Lady Attacked by Negro.

Columbia special in Charlotte Observer: An unknown negro attacked Miss Elizabeth Yopp on her way home in Laurel street at a late hour last night. The negro got away with her purse containing \$3, a part of her wages for the week at the 10 cents store where she sold candy. Miss Yopp put up a game fight, her struggles resulting in the loss of much of her apparel. Two negro hackmen, Charles English and Jim Gray, have been arrested, and it is thought that theient evidence, though it is not particularly strong, has been secured to connect them with the affair.

Shooting in Laurens.

LAURENS. December 15.—Luther Hughes and Ludy Willis, two wellknown young white men of this county, became involved in a difficulty at the home of Mr. T. Jeff Bramlett, five miles North of Laurens, last night at 10 o'clock, and Hughes shot Willis in the head with a pistol. The wound is not considered dangerous.

It appears that both men were drinking and, while scuffling, Willis threw Hughes, who became enraged and, drawing his pistol, fired at Willis.

Union Meetings Barnwell Association. To be held on the fifth Sunday.

The following is the program for the different churches: TOPICS.

No. 1-Our obligations to support

foreign missions. No. 2-How may we improve

union meetings.

ROSEMARY.

Introductory sermon-C. M. Bill-

Topic No. 1-F. P. Lee, W. L. Merritt, G. W. Garner, and R. P. Galphin.

Topic No. 2-R. M. Mixson, G. W.

Boylston, C. M. Billings. Mission sermon-G. W. Garner.

BETHESDA.

Introductory sermon-A. J. Foster. Topic No. 1-J. H. Felder, Chas.

Rentz, W. M. Jones. Topic No. 2-A. J. Foster, M. R.

Cooper, M. M. Benson. Mission sermon-M. M. Benson.

BETHEL. Introductory sermon-H. J. Snider

Topic No. 1-C. M. Edenfield, W G. Britton, S. P. Hair.

Topic No. 2-J. A. Jenkins, J. C. McMillan, Sr., H. J. Snider.

Mission sermon-S. P. Hair.

Dinner on ground.

Speakers for Sunday school mass meeting to be chosen at the meetings.

Drowned in a Washtub.

GREENWOOD, Dec. 12.-The little five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ellis, who live ten miles south of here, was drowned this morning in a washtub. The little child climbed up in a wheelbarrow standing by the tub and fell in the tub of water. She was there twenty minutes before being discovered. Dr. Ward, the nearest physician, was telephoned for, but the little the public long enough to be warchild was dead before he could get ranted?"-Tom Mason in the Decem- arrived yesterday morning, and we Mr, Al. Fletcher, for whom

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

INTERESTING OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading Pungent Paragraphs About Men. and Happenings.

Five of the congressmen, Aiken, Finley Johnson, Legare and Lever, have filed their returns for the income tax.

who disappeared last week, has turned up and will be committed to the insane asylum. An automobile exploded in Colum-

bia one day last week, seriously injuring two boys. The machine was an old style steam machine. The State says that state taxes are coming in slowly. The State treasu-

rer has already borrowed \$325,000 and may have to borrow more. Twelve thousand pounds of tea were raised this year on a plantation

in Colleton county. The tea has just been put on the market and it is said to be very fine. Commissioner Watson says that the next German Lloyd ship which

sails for Charleston the latter part of this month will bring one thou- here to-night at which there were sand immigrants. past year has been with the Pee Dee Advocate at Bennettsville, has disposed of his interest in the paper to

has gone to Winston, N. C. Court was adjourned in Walterboro last week on account of the serious illness of Maj. M. P. Howell, one of the leading lawyers there. He suffered a second stroke of paralysis and it is thought he can survive but

his partner, Mr. R. L. Freeman, and

a short time. The grand lodge of Masons in session in Charleston decided to build a Masonic orphanage. The trustees will have this year \$10,000 for this purpose. They are J. R. Johnson, Geo. S. Mower, G. T. Bryan, C. E. Sawyer, and the grand master ex-

One of the State constables shot Tuesday that was drawing a wagon committee. ioad of contradand iid stable had ordered the driver to stop, and he refused. The horse belonged to Sottile Brothers, notorious blind

Jack Henderson, a two-year-old white child, died in Greenville last Friday as the result of drinking some carbolic acid. He and some other other children were playing in a vacant house in the McGhee mill vilage, and the boy found a bottle of carbolic acid and drank its contents before he could be stopped. He died before a physician could reach him.

L. F. Evans, a printer of Columbia wandered off last week and left a note to his wife on the banks of the canal soying he was going to drown himself. However, his body could not be found in the canal, and is presumed he left for parts unknown. He was married only a few months ago. His health was bad, and he had been taking morphine, which, it

is thought, unbalanced his mind. Solicitor J. Monroe Johnson, Marion, died last Monday night in John Hopkins hospital at Baltimore where he had gone for treatment The burial took place at Marion Sunday afternoon. He had been Solici-tor of the fourth circuit for eighteen years. He was well-known all over the State, and had many friends, his intellect and ability being recognized by all with whom he came in contact

Love a La Mode.

The Magazine Heroine sighed as she put her hand on the shoulder of the Magazine Hero.

"Billy," she said, "where did you

get that hat?" He smiled.

"Turn over to page 116 of the advertising section, and you will see. The finest hat for the money in the world. And yours?"

"At Madame Ricou's, the milli ner's. Her ad. is on page 41, Front Section."

He gazed at her a moment in speechless admiration, at her faultless shirtwaist (notice of sale was given in these columns last month). at her wonderfully hanging skirt (see McGregor's display ad., second inside cover) and at her neat shoes

(colored insert). Then he said: "Dolly you are all to the good. There is nothing about you that don't like.'

She tossed her head (McBurn's Hair-dressing Establishment) proudly as she nestled close to his waistcoat (Banger's Tailoring Emporium,

"I can say the same thing of you," she whispered (go to Jackard's for engagement wedding rings-page parlor of the church. 128), "for, dearest, have we not both of us been tried and tested by ber Delineator.

LITTLE NELLIE ROYAL KILLED. Her Mother Was a Native of Ander-

son County.

ANDERSON, Dec. 12.-News has been received here of the clubbing to death of little Nellie Royal, the ten-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Royal, independent missionaries to China. The child was playing on the banks of a river near her home at Shanghai and was clubbed to death by three Chinamen. L. F. Evans, the Columbia printer

Mrs. Royal was a Miss Sullivan, of near Pelzer, before her marriage, which took place in China. She has visited this city and the little girl was here about five years ago. The news of the terrible death of the child came from a paper published in Zion City, Ill.

PRESS ASSOCIATION MEETING.

The Executive Committee Met in Columbia Last Week and Selected June 28 as the Day for the Visit to Jamestown.

COLUMBIA, December 14.—There was a meeting of the executive committee of the State Press Association present: President Elbert H. Aull, Mr. A. F. Perkins, who for the R. L. Freeman, J. C. Mace, William Banks, C. M. Galloway and August Kohn. The meeting was called to consider three matters. The first was in regard to the effort of the postoffice department to require the payment of postage on newspapers distributed in the counties of publication. At present a newspaper does not have to pay postage on its home circulation, but pays postage on all papers going outside of its home

The committee requested the president to communicate with the Senators and Representatives from this State and protest against such a ruling and find out the real situation. If necessary a committee will go to and killed a horse in Charleston last Washington to appear before the

The executive committee decided upon June 28th as the day for the Press Association to visit the Jamestown Exposition. The Jamestown authorities have been anxious to get a date for the South Carolina editors, and it was decided to-night to make one gala day of it. The South Carolina commission has selected June 28 as Carolina Day.

The State Press Associaton will go to Charleston, according to a previously accepted invitation, some time between May 6 and 16. The exact date will be agreed upon after a conference with the Charleston

committee. The matter of newspaper transportation in view of the new rate bill was discussed, but no formal action was taken on the matter, as it was thought best, for the present, for each newspaper to make its own arrangements.

There will be a meeting here next Thursday evening at 8 o'clock to consider legislation with regard to a libel law. The importance and necessity for such legislation is deemed to be vital.

Petition for Pardon.

A petition has been filed with the Governor for the pardon of Charles Zissett, who is serving a life sentence for murder. He was sentenced to be hanged, but his sentence was commuted by Governor Ellerbe and he has now been in the penitentiary for about eight years. Zissett was tried in Bamberg before Judge Watts, the prosecution being conducted by Solicitor G. D. Bellinger. His father is a native of Switzerland, who came to this country in 1849, was naturalized and fought in the Confederate army. The attorney for Zissett, Col. Robert Aldrich, desires to appear before the board of pardons next month and present the case.—Columbia correspondence News and Courier,

Presiding Elder Coming.

The new presiding elder of the Orangeburg district, Rev. James W. Kilgo, will make his first official visit to the Bamberg Methodist church next Sunday, and will preach in the evening and possibly at the morning service. The first quarterly conference for the new year will be held next Monday morning in the ladies'

Our additional printer, Mr. J. T. Greenwood, of Clifton Forge, Va., will now turn out work promptly.

COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS.

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere. Ehrhardt Etchings.

EHRHARDT, December 17.-Our town hasn't an empty house in it. More dwellings are needed to supply the demand.

Mr. F. H. Copeland's dwelling wil soon be ready for the paint brush. He will not be able to eat his Christmas dinner in it, however.

Dr. Kivy Pearlstine, of Branchville, was in town Sunday evening.

The children are in great glee, writing letters to Santa Claus and throwing them in the fire, telling him what they want for Christmas. If old Santa Claus could read and supply all their wants, what would they do with all the things.

Our school will give an entertain ment in the school building on Friday night, the 21st instant, and sell oysters, etc., to raise some funds for some things the school wants to put in for their use. They hope to have a large crowd and a hungry one also. Some few turkeys are being stall fed for the 25th of this month.

Turkeys are scarce in this section, however, and high priced, so back bone and rice will have to take place of turkeys for Christmas dinners in this section.

Colleton county Saturday to be present at the burial of his wife's sister, Mrs. Rosa Griffin. She has been ill for sometime. Extensive preparations are being made for the ball which will come

off on the 26th instant. Invitations have been sent out and music procured and the hall floor waxed and re-waxed, so as to have everything in apple pie order for the occasion.

We are having warm weather to ure our bacon so far. It is hoped that we will have some cold weather

Mr. I. W. Copeland will move to town today. Glad to have you with us again, Isaac.

Mr. J. B. Ramsey, who has taken the agency for the A. C. L. Railway Co. at this place, has procured two rooms from Mr. J. W. Priester, and will move his family today.

Dr. J. H. Roberts was in town Saturday. He was on his way to Mr. Perry Varn's, where his wife was visiting, and gave us a hand

shake and a smile and passed on. There is young man in town that s very nervous. Says he thinks he has some heart trouble, but think he has to step to a wedding march to be played for him and his best girl on next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

There is talk of a stock company being formed to build a railroad from here to Denmark or Augusta, so as to have some other connection, to enable our merchants to get better rates to and from here. We hope the company will be successfuly in this undertaking, and soon get the road under headway.

Entertainment at Govan.

Govan, S. C., December 17. Editor Bamberg Herald, Dear Sir-Please announce through The Herald that a festival and Christmas tree will be given at Govan school house on Monday evening, December 24th. The public is cordially invited to at-J. E. CHANDLER,

Principal Govan High School.

Negro Fined for Striking a Lady. Monroe special to Charlotte Ob-

server: Henry Robinson, a young negro, was before Magistrate M. L. Flow this morning charged with having struck Mrs. Marion Tucker with a hickory stick last Saturday evening. Mrs. Tucker said she was driving on the road south of town; when she met two wagons and had to drive down into the ditch beside the road to pass them, and Robinson, who was walking alongside of the second wagon, struck at her with the hickory, hitting her in the back. She was not hurt, she said, but

was considerably frightened. Robinson pleaded not guilty, but refused to go on the stand. His brother Will, however, who was in the first wagon, saw him strike Mrs. Tucker and so testified. Henry was fined \$50 and costs, which were paid by

PRINCIPAL DEAD.

Death of Lizzie Menafee, Founder of Voorhees Industrial School.

News was received last Saturday of the death of Elizabeth Wright Menafee, colored principal of the Voorhees Industrial School for negroes at Denmark- Her death occurred last Friday at a sanitarium in Battle Creek, Mich., where she had been for some time in the hope that her health would be restored. She was about thirty-three years old. She had been in bad health for several months, and during the past summer told us that her health was gone and she was going away for treatment. First she went to the hospital in Augusta, but she got no better, and went on to Battle Creek for treatment. The body was brought back and buried at the school this

Lizzie Menafee was a good woman In all our business transactions we had found her one of the most prompt and reliable persons we had ever dealt with. Her word was her bond, and her sound common sense and fine business judgment enabled her to make a success of the school at Denmark, where ninety out a hundred would have failed. Her ideas on the race question were sound, and she believed in training the negroes to work, only giving them enough education to do their work intelligently. In April 1897, nearly ten Mr. Isaac W. Carter went down in years ago, she came to Denmark without a cent, to found an industrial school for negroes. She started with nothing, yet in ten years she has built up a school whose equipment is worth about \$50,000. Although a woman, we regarded her as a great leader of the race, and she worked along the lines of Richard Carroll and a few others. She was married last June to Martin A. Menafee, treasurer of the school.

Honor Roll Denmark School.

First grade-Weters Califf. Clara Wyman, Mildred Lee, Hoyt Kearse. Second grade-Fitz Hugh Cox, John Martin, Christabel Mayfield, Virginia Hutto, Leon Roton.

Third grade-Abram Hallman William Hallman, Walker Hog, Earl Cain, Agnes Goza, Willie Califf, Wolsey Kearse, Jesse Folk, Marshall Gillam, Counts Smoak, Helen Milhous

Charlie Arledge, Maud Ellzey. Fourth grade-Josephine Faust, Ethel Wicker, Reynold Wiggins, Virginia Faust, Annie Hacker.

Fifth grade—Tindal Califf, Wildon Cain, George Hallman, Hammond Crum, Leon Watson, Stanwix Mayfield, David Folk, Julia Goolsby, Tom McCrae.

Sixth grade-F. H. McCrae, Jen nie Hallman, Roy Tyler, Martha Ray Malcolm McCrae, Annie Collins, Lois Ray, Onie Brux, Claudia Nix.

Seventh grade—Olive Pearson. Eighth grade-Azile Nix, Ruby Guess, Sadelle Guess, Marion Riley, Walter Rice.

Folk, Harry Wroton, Alston Wroton. Tenth grade-Lottie Kearse.

Fitting School Notes.

We are now in one of the most critical and trying periods of the school year—that of examinations. "The horrid things," as they are sometimes called, are now in full blast and it is only the thoughts of Christmas and of being home in a few days which dispel the gloom and brighten the sad hearts.

Work will be discontinued on the 21st, when the holidays will begin and last until January 3d. The campus is full of Christmas talk and all are looking forward with much pleasure to the "home going."

At the last meeting of the Kilgo and Sheridan societies officers for the second term were elected. They were as follows: Kilgo, Prof. W. D. Roberts, president; John Huffman, vice-president; Rhett Ott, first critic; Isaac Anderson, second critic; Ernest Hiers, censor morum; Eugene Ackerman, floor monitor; Richard Addison, secretary. Sheridan, Prof. I. C. Guilds, president; Miss Katie Carter, vice-president; Miss Adrine Padgett, critic; Miss Janie Belle Saunders, secretary; Miss Lizzie Rhode, treasurer; Miss Beulah Dukes, censor morum; Miss Ida Muller,

Among our visitors this week were are always glad to have our old students come back to see us.

Mormons, gold mines or Mexican senoritas.—Carolina Spartan.

ARRESTED IN AUGUSTA

J. A. TYLER, A YOUNG WHITE MAN, UNDER SERIOUS CHARGE.

Accused of Stealing a Horse and Buggy at Denmark-Went to Police Barracks to Get a Place to Sleep.

J. A. Tyler, a young white man who looks to be about 18 years of age, is locked in a cell at police barracks on the charge of horse stealing. The horse and buggy which the officers say he stole from a man in Denmark, S. C., are in a livery stable near the barracks.

Tyler's case is a peculiar one, as he came to the barracks last night of his own volition and said that he had no money and wanted a place to sleep. Sitting by a cheerful fire which Lieut. Hopkins had built and in the presence of several officers Tyler told his story of why he was without funds.

He said that he came from Kansas City and had travelled all over the west and finally coming to Augusta in a horse and buggy which he could not dispose of, he found himself penniless and wanted a place to sleep. Lieutenant Hopkins listened to his story occasionally asking him a few questions, until finally the lieutenant asked Tyler where he came from when he landed in

Augusta. Tyler said that he came from Den-and then changed the name of the place and finished his sentence by saying that he came from Thomson, Ga. The description given of the alleged thief from Denmark, S. C., tallied in every particular with that of Tyler and the gold teeth described in the Denmark letter as being in the mouth of the alleged horse thief from that place also tallied with the gold teeth seen in Tyler's mouth when he forgot himself and

laughed. He was locked up not as a stranger having no funds, but as a thief, and charges have been preferred against

The officers say that the case of horse stealing against Tyler is as plain as daylight. They claim that he stole the horse and buggy from a neighbor in Denmark, S. C., drove him to Augusta in one day, almost killing the animal, and then tried to sell the outfit at a very small sum of

money. Not being able to sell the horse and buggy on account of the appearance of the horse, which was almost dead from the drive of 60 miles, the officers claim that he turned the animal loose in the woods at Monte Sano and it was discovered, together with the buggy, and brought to the barracks early this morning by Marshall Heckle of Summerville.-Augusta Herald, Thursday, Decem-

ber 13th. We have not been able to learn anything definite as to the above matter from Denmark. Only a rumor that the young man had taken Ninth grade—Pansy Smoak, Alma a typewriter as well. Who the prop-olk, Harry Wroton, Alston Wroton, erty belonged to or what disposition has been made of the case, we have not been able to ascertain.

Dispensary War in Springfield.

COLUMBIA, Dec. 13.—Conditions at Springfield, in Orangeburg county, are serious, on account of a dispensary war that is raging fiercely in

Recently a series of incendiary fires has occurred and among other buildings, that in which the dispensary is located, was burned down. It is intimated that the anti-dispensary people caused this latter blaze and the anti-dispensary people declare that they will shoot anybody who makes that charge. Chief Constable Hammett sent an officer to investigate but this inquiry has developed nothing material in the line of evidence,

A delegation has requested Gov. Heyward to close the dispensary, but the governor has declined to take this action, declaring that the authorities of Springfield are the proper people to maintain law and order. The intendant, who is understood to

be anti-dispensary, wants it closed. Since the governor's refusal to interfere in the matter, it is not known here what steps the Springfield intendant and other officials will take to bring about a cessation of the

Editor Hugh Wilson, of the Abbeville Press and Banner, is making a Western tour. He visited Salt Lake, several of the States and territories Messrs. Sheddie Arant and Creighton and is now in Mexico. It is not Skinner, two former students. We known whether he investigating the