COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

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

Ehrhardt, September 6.—Cotton is being picked as fast as farmers can get hands to do the work. If the weather remains fair and dry there Tuesday evening, to be held in the will be but little cotton left in the fields by the end of this month.

The Farmer's Union is busy in this section. Some talk that they have bought Capt. Dannelly's store and lot, and next year they intend to open up a store to supply their py thought of giving to young and

More than two hundred bales of cotton changed hands here last week from 12 cents to 12.30 per pound. It seems as if our town is the best market around here anywhere, at least cotton comes from other towns

Our cotton platform was not large enough to hold the cotton on Saturday. About thirty-eight bales had ans, ground out of violin and banjo to be placed on the ground and in a the breakdowns and love songs of

all travelers now.

Booze is being indulged in freely Work on the school house is going

on at a rapid rate, and it will not be long before it will be ready for work. The Misses Evans, of Branchville,

spent several days visiting Miss Elizabeth Roberts last week.

Mr. Henry Ehrhardt has bought the gin, saw mill and grist mill outfit of Carter Bros., formerly owned the gins now.

The Conrad Ehrhardt Co. ginned week.

Olar News.

Adams, of Savannah, was in our

town Sunday. Misses Ida Bessinger and Pauline Bennett and Mr. A. D. Williams at-Healing Springs.

Wednesday and Thursday.

at Bamberg with friends.

Miss Ettie Kearse, of Kearse, is

Sadler. Messrs. Chester Johnson and Willie Lain, of Augusta, spent a short while

in town Sunday. Miss Kathleen Kirkland entertained a number of her friends at her home on Ditch Avenue Thursday evening. All those present enjoyed the occasion very much.

Mr. P. H. Starr is now occupying his new residence on Long Street.

will take advantage of excursion rates to Savannah and Jacksonville

on Wednesday. Mr. Joe Kinsey is visiting near

Ehrhardt. Mrs. Mary Ayer is spending some

time with friends. Miss Annie Laurie Kirkland is spending some time with Miss Lees Black at Milletville.

Country Correspondence. Mrs. Hattie Smoak visited Mrs.

Emma Zeigler Monday. Mrs. Zeigler is on the sick list. Miss Lillian Sandifer, of Bamberg,

visited her brother, Mr. Simmie Sandifer, near Springtown, a few days ago.
Mr. Vealus Beard, who is attend-

ing Osborne's Business College, of Augusta, visited his mother, Mrs. William Hughes, on Sunday, returning to Augusta Monday.

Mr and Mrs. J. W. Hill and little Herman visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Gillam a few days ago. Mr. and Mrs. Gillam have been quite sick, but we are glad to know they are able to be out again. Miss Dean Gillam is still

on the sick list. Mr. Jeff Smoak, of Denmark, visited his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Smoak a few days ago.

Mr. David B. Hill, after spending his vacation at home, has returned to Clemson College.

Mrs. Rebecca Jordan visited her cousin, Mrs. F. E. Dozier, near Denmark a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Smoak spent several days last week at and near Denmark visiting their son, Mr. Jeff Smoak, and their daughter, Mrs. Clifton Sandifer. Mr. Smoak told your correspondent to-day that there the witness chair, "that the defendis a great deal of fever near Denmark, and one case is typhoid fever. Rev. O. J. Frier and Rev. S. P. Hair were among the guests who lated to the defendant?" visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Gillam last Sunday.

We believe it was last year some time when one Senator B. R. Till- husband's first wife's aunt married man, accused of dishonesty in the brothers named Jones, and they were Oregon land deals, was most heartily endorsed by our South Carolina leg-A fine bunch of resoluislature. tions, bubbling effervescing with mother's side were second cousins, great confidence and trust in the and his stepmother married my husworthy senator's integrity were passed unanimously and a copy of them, and my mother died, and his brother be done for you." neatly done up in pink ribbon, forwarded to the injured "statesman" (he calls himself a statesman now.) ink on the paper is scarcely dry when always looked on 'im as a sort of that ingrate turns on the worthy cousin." solons and "cusses 'em" with old Advertiser.

MOONLIGHT PICNIC.

'Old Timer" Writes Up Pleasant Occasion at Kearse.

September 6.—Three Kearse, cheers for the "Jolly Eight" for they do nothing by halves. For several days there was a mysterious movement, a few whispered meetings then active work began. Seats for two, arranged a safe distance from each other, booths erected and tables conveniently placed, invitations sent out for a moonlight picnic on beautiful grove surrounding the home of Mr. G. E. Kearse. Misses Ethel, Aline and Mildred Kearse, Cresida, Pearl, and Vena Breland, Evelyn Brabham, and Edna Chitty were the ones who hit upon the hapold a most pleasant evening.

Soon after the full moon was above the tree tops buggies, carriages, wagons, and motor cars began to arrive, bringing light-hearted lads and lasses, young men and young ladies, and a few old folks to take care of the children, and to help eat the dainties so lavishly provided by the "Jolly Eight." A band of music, composed of two old veterlong ago. Boys began to take to the Dry and dusty is the complaint of various groups glasses of fruit punch, that did not punch out the brains of the partakers, ices and ice cream, all by all the lovers of it. Makes them in such abundance as to make one think there was a factory near, and then the games for only a short conveniences.

Soon each lassie had her laddie seated in the grove, the lights of the lanterns and the pale light of the moon made a pretty picture as the score or more girls and young ladies chatted with their beaux and the children romped over the grounds, while an old man wreathed in smiles and happy thoughts, viewed the by Mr. Isaac Carter. He is working scene in silent admiration, thinking how blest it is to be young, and as the merry peals of laughter floated two hundred bales of cotton last over the calm evening air from some light-hearted boy or girl he would feel like clapping his hands for joy to see so many filled with life, hap-Olar, September 7.—Mr. George py and free. Three cheers for the o'clock came all too soon, then all began to leave for their homes, and tion Wednesday and Thursday at one felt like he was left in some banant thoughts of the evening spent in Misses Emma Bessinger and Belle such a merry throng. Not one hitch to consider the protests from Flor-facts over the telephone about as Cooke visited friends at Bamberg to mar the mirth. All left with light ence and Aiken counties as to the refollows: A white woman and severand happy thoughts to enliven the now far away, and the two old muspending some time with Miss Kate mortal man to be, being so proud of their achievements along the musical hibitionists. line, when to their mortification and grief they learned three or four only 48 votes. Calvin, a colored man who sings and plays at public gatherings. So mote

Sunday-school Convention.

OLD TIMER.

The Bamberg and Barnwell Sunday-school convention met at Healing A large crowd of the Olar people Springs on Wednesday, September 1, and continued in session until Friday afternoon. There were twenty-eight schools represented by delegates. The meeting was the best in the history of the convention. Speeches were good, to the point, and well prepared.

The success of the meeting was largely due to the presence of E. S. Reaves, of Fort Mill, C. E. Crossland, field secretary of Sunday-school board, of Nashville, Tenn., and J. D. Moore, field secretary of own State

board. One of the most important features of the convention was an object lesson Miss Clara L. Johnston taught a class of young men, last Sunday's lesson, and kept the entire convention intensely interested for thirty-Miss Bessie Willis. five minutes. although absent, sent in a well prepared and interesting paper on, "Organized Classes for Young Women," which was well read by J. D. Moore. The officers of the convention

were: S. P. Hair, president; I. H. Hutto and J. A. Jenkins, vice-presidents; W. G. Britton, secretary; and W. S. Mims, treasurer.

Hunter's schools.

Much credit is due to Healing rendered delightful music.

The next convention goes to Long Branch, Wednesday before the first Sunday in September 1910. W. G. B.

How She Was Related.

"You say madam," said the bespectacled lawyer to the woman in ant, is a sort of a relation of yours; 'will you please explain what you mean by that; just how you are re-

The witness beamed upon the

court and replied: "Well, it's just like this. His first wife's cousin and my second cousins to my mother's aunt. Then, again, his grandfather on his mother's side and my grandfather on my band's stepfather after his father Joe and my husband's brother Har-

ry married twin sisters. "I ain't never figgered out just But what has come to pass? The how closely related we are, but I've plied the proprietor.

> "Quite so," answered the lawyer. isfactory."

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

been postponed from the 15th to the 29th of September because the new dining hall has not been completed.

Dr. W. H. Brown was tried in the circuit court at Orangeburg this week on the charge of violating the dispensary law. He plead guilty, and was fined \$100, which he paid.

over the C., C. & O. arrives in that protecting the prisoner.

city. which will be some time in Sheriff Tatom, of Crenshaw councity, which will be some time in

The county board of canvassers declare the election for a new county out of portions of Clarendon and Williamsburg to be null and void on account of certain irregularities. The new county was to be named Rut-

ville. The structure will cost \$100, double crime. 000, and will be six stories high.

Governor Ansel has ordered a spepleas to be held at Barnwell, commencing October, 4th and continuing two weeks. Hon. W. B. Gruber, of Walterboro, will preside as special Only civil cases will be

There is an epidemic of burglaries in Spartanburg now as there was in Greenville a few weeks ago. One entered and \$200 worth or things there will be any attempt at lynching. Wednesday night a burglar stolen. tried to enter the residence of Rev. J. W. Speake while he was at prayerthe joy and happiness of so many in meeting, but a nurse in the house that one short evening. Twelve fired a pistol and scared him away. An attempt was made some nights ago to enter Congressman Joe Johnson's residence.

dispensary election. cent The majority the dispensary in Florence was days after, they were taken for blind dismissed by the board by a He went into the house and insulted county board seems to be in some- band. thing of a muddle over it. In the county are closed.

"Jolly Eight" Entertains.

Mr. G. E. Kearse was the scene of hand by the men who had gathered Eight" were there busily engaged in sheriff by telephone, but the line was making punch and cream, hanging out of order. lanterns, arranging seats and tables, and planning for the pleasure of their guests that evening. We say brought here by one man and withthe "Jolly Eight," though the "Jolly out handcuffs or being tied. Two Dozen" would sound more like it to a stranger passing by, as all the girls who happened to be away at the time this club was organized, consider themselves one of us, when not have been rushed to jail. It is number of farmers from every secthere is any fun to be had, or when there is any work to be done. The boys, too, are always willing to lend a helping hand. They were there this morning and a gentleman who Mr. Galloway, his secretary. His also and gave much good advice as has known him for a number of speech aroused much interest, esto the placing of benches where they years says he acted in an unusual pecially that portion devoted to the thought the shadows were likely to manner and that he did not talk like cotton situation. He stated that the fall thickest, (?) as well as helping himself at all. in numerous other ways. By sundown everything was pronounced "ready," and a happy set of young people left for their homes with little excitement in the neighborhood confronting the cotton raiser he felt The two banners were won by nothing to do but "look pretty" and Chapel and Bamberg meet again at nine o'clock.

At the stated hour our guests began to arrive and soon the grove was Springs for the manner in which they filled with a good natured crowd of entertained the convention, certain- young people and old people, little ly nothing was lacking. The choir people and big people, all enjoying themselves in their own way.

We feel greatly indebted to Messrs. L. A. Brabham and J. S. Breland, who with their violin and banjo and old time songs kept the crowd amused the entire evening. We have also to thank the good ladies, Mesdames J. S. Breland, G. E. Kearse, J. Lyons, H. Chitty, and others. And the six little girls who so kindly took all responsibility in serving the that the State superintendent is recream, and Miss Agnes Kearse who bowl.

and all and only hope you enjoyed it as much as did the "Jolly Eight."

The Helpful Bellboy.

For four consecutive nights the timid guest fill her pitcher at the water cooler.

lady.

KILLED STEP DAUGHTER.

Alabama Man Commits Double Crime-Lodged in Jail.

Troy, Ala., Sept. 3 .- Chased across two counties by two sheriffs, several deputies and a large posse of citi- One White Man Convicted and One zens, with the certainty of being lynched if captured by the latter, William Stinton, who this morning The Winthrop college opening has shot and killed his step-daughter, Miss Gertrude Vann, and seriously wounded his divorced wife near Grady, Montgomery county, was captured one mile South of Troy this afternoon and placed in jail. Upon criminal assault with recommenda- porch of Avant's home after supper advices that a mob of considerable tion to mercy and was sentenced to when they saw in the darkness numbers was nearing Troy at 8 o'clock tonight Sheriff Carroll called on the governor for military protec-The people of Spartanburg are tion and the Troy Rifles were implanning for a free barbecue, fire- mediately assembled in their armory, works, etc., etc., when the first train with orders to assist the sheriff in

> ty, advised Sheriff Carroll by wire that it was very probable that the body of men marching to Troy is the posse which chased Stevenson and he is of the opinion that the men will be satisfied when they learn that Stevenson is safely in jail.

Stevenson admitted the shooting and said it was the result of family handsome office building in Green- back and tried near the scene of his

This morning Stevenson stole a The building will have all modern shot gun and went to Mrs. Stevenson's home, where he sought reconciliation. Being denied an interview by his divorced wife, he opened fire, cial term of the court of common the first shot taking effect in Mrs. Stevenson's right side and completely severing her arms. The second load of shot struck Miss Vann in the abdomen, producing almost instant death.

About thirty members of the posse from Montgomery and Crenshaw counties, heavily armed, arrived here at 11 o'clock tonight. They apnight recently three houses on one peared to be satisfied when informed street were entered. A few nights that Stevenson was safely behind the later the residence of Mr. Hutto was bars. It is not now thought that

Negro Placed in Jail.

Bennettsville, Sept. 3.-Bob Ellerbe, a negro man about fifty years old, was lodged in jail here tonight on the charge of insulting a white The State board of canvassers held being the landlord on whose place olina. The store will be 226 feet a meeting in Columbia last Friday the alleged offense occurred, gave the front and will have a depth of 150 to consider the protests from Flor- facts over the telephone about as feet. The al of her small children were picking

for the woman. She and the children went to the The protest was house and Ellerbe followed them. majority of one. In the Aiken the woman. She got a gun, ordered case the board decided to remand the him off and sent a child to a negro's case back to the county board to take cabin near for help. Ellerbe left and testimony, and a hearing for this went to the gin house, where, week has been appointed, but the among others was the woman's hus-

Ellerbe sat about for awhile and meantime the dispensaries in Aiken then started in the direction of Bennettsville, but soon returned. In the meantime the news had reached the gin house and her husband hurried Kearse, Sept. 6.-Last Tuesday facts to be in keeping with the foreafternoon, August 31, the grove of going. Ellerbe had been taken in doubt get some contracts for the furmuch merriment for the "Jolly and an effort was made to reach the State.

Ellerbe made no effort to escape and when put in an automobile was

It is the opinion of the two gentlerumored that Ellerbe had a similar tion of the county. experience this morning with a negro woman. He was in Bennettsville Saluda last night, accompanied by

years ago from Richmond county, as an assault and no particulars were known.

Weak Schools Receive Aid.

According to a statement by State Superintendent of Education Swearingen 178 weak schools in the State have received aid from the State since the first of the year. The amounts given to each of the schools range from \$10 to \$100. The State legislature last year appropriated \$20, 000 for aid along this line and judging from the number of applications ceiving the amount should be at for an increased appropriation for We thank you, and say to our weak schools was made at the conguests we were glad to have you one ference of the superintendents re-

Kills Mother and Himself.

Pottsville, Pa., Sept. 2.-After hotel man had watched his fair, killing his mother, probably a week ago. George F. Simmons, 21 years of age, shot himself dead tonight at the "Madam," he said on the fifth home of Violet Hartroft, to whom he legislature is unconstitutional, and church have formed a "mum sonight, "if you would ring, this would had been paying attention. The body Secretary of State McCown held up ciety," or silent seven." They meet, "But where is my bell?" asked the of her home this afternon by the mandamus would be issued against time one speaks she is fined, the "The bell is beside your bed," re- door of the room was fastened with charter, and that in this way the act little girl out in Turkey. believed she was strangled.

THREE WHITE MEN TRIED

SPECIAL TERM OF COURT IN GEORGIA TRIES RAPISTS.

Acquitted-No Danger of Lynching.

special term of the Bartow county fessional visit to Avant's home, superior court here Jack Worthington, white, was today convicted of 20 years in the penitentiary. Dink Worthington, co-defendant, was acquitted. The case of Will Golden, another white man, charged with criminally assaulting a white woman is now on trial.

Although there was considerable excitement in the northern part of Bartow county following the commission of the assaults and threats of lynching were freely made, the excitement was appeased when the special term of court was ordered to try the cases. While the verdict in the Worthington case fails to meet the approval of many of the hun-The Masonic Temple Company of troubles. He told the sheriff that he dreds of citizens from the northern Greenville is preparing to erect a knew he would be lynched if taken section of the county, who are in attendance upon the court, it is not apprehended that there will be any attempt to do any of the Worthing tons any violence.

The spectacle of three white men facing trial at the same term of court, charged with criminal assault -a crime associated heretofore almost exclusively with a certain type of the negro-is unparalleled in the history of American courts. The details of the assaults upon the young women, as recited by them, were revolting.

It is certain that Judge Fite's ordering of the special term of court was all that prevented at least an attempt to lynch the three men. Howard Stakely, a negro, is in jail

and will probably be tried on the barreled shotgun between the shoulcharge of criminally assaulting a 7year-old negro girl. A verdict in the Golden case is ex-

Hartsville Has Mammoth Store.

pected tomorrow morning.

J. L. Coker & Co., of Hartsville, woman. Two of the leading citizens are putting up the largest depart-

m Columbia to-morrow and Tuesday down to the water front. Mr. Avant Mr. E. D. Bessinger spent Sunday dreams each had of the sweetheart board was in session all day, and the cotton near the house they live in, for the purpose of awarding con-Florence case was argued at length having moved there a few days ago. tracts for store fixtures for the equipsicians left as happy as it was for by attorneys representing both the Ellerbe was seen loafing near them ment of the building, for fire protecdispensary people and the pro- in the field and his conduct alarmed tion, heating, electric work, etc., and will look into the matter of arranging an ice making plant and refrigerator in the building. The store will have its own cold storage plant. Hartsville is a town of only about

3,000 inhabitants, but it affords an excellent example of what energy will accomplish. It is one of the prosperous manufacturing most towns in the South. Among its industries are cotton mills, paper mills, a silverware factory, a novelty manufacturing company where are made appliances used in most of the cotton factories of this country; a furhome to investigate and found the niture factory, a cotton oil mill, ginnery, etc. Columbia firms will no nishing of the big new store.-The

Hold Cotton Says Smith.

Laurens, Sept. 6 .- United States Senator E. D. Smith delivered a speech here today, the occasion being the monthly meeting of the Laurens men mentioned that the negro is County Farmers' Union association. crazy and if that had not been the The meeting was held in the court general opinion he would doubtless house and was attended by a large

Senator Smith came down from

crop was the shortest in 15 years Bob Ellerbe came here about three and the indications were that the yield would be at least 3,500,000 North Carolina. There seems to be short this year. With this situation though a great deal of interest has that he should advise the holding of been shown, as it was first reported every bale possible until a better price can be obtained, as is sure to be the case within a few months.

He discussed at length different national issues, including the recent tariff legislation and his position on the various schedules of the bill. He sought to find out what would be to the best interest of the South with reference to all proposed tariff schedules and made it his business to closed.

The Clinchfield Charter.

Columbia, Sept. 6 .- It is not probable that the Carolina, Clinchfield so gracefully presided at the punch least \$50,000. A recommendation and Ohio charter matter will be taken to the courts, at least not for the present. been no official announcement to this effect it is understood that the road's attorneys will not press the obtain- E. Peurifoy, colicitor. ing of the charter under the recent act of the general assembly. road is building now under a local charter.

gave an opinion that the act of the South of the mother was found in the attic the charter. It was expected that a sew, dance and play games, but every father, George F. Simmons, Sr. The the Secretary of State to grant the money going toward the support of a large screws, and the crevices were would be tested in the Supreme under the domestication act.

WIFE KILLED IN DARK.

Mrs.. C. B. Bigham Accidentally Slain Near Georgetown.

Charleston, S. C., Sept. 5.—Mis-taking her for a burglar, William Avant, a prominent planter of Georgetown county, last night shot and instantly killed Mrs. C. B. Bigham, who had accompanied her husband, a physician of Harpers, a small Cartersville, Ga., Sept. 7.—At a town in the same county, on a pro-'Sunny Side" plantation, on Murrell's inlet. Dr. Bigham and Mr. Avant were sitting on the front figure pass the house and go towards a nearby creek. Not being answered when they hailed, they got a shotgun and followed. They saw the figure apparently crouch near the creek bank, and hearing no reply when they called, Avant asked Dr. Bigham what he should do.

"Shoot it," said Bigham, and Avant fired both barrels at close range. Running back to the house they secured a light and returned to the creek bank to find Mrs. Bigham stretched there dead, the contents of both barrels having taken effect in her back, even the gun wads having penetrated her flesh.

Avant carried the news to Georgetown and accompanied the deputy sheriff and coroner back to Murrell's

TRAGEDY DEMANDS INQUIRY.

Many Believe Killing Was Due to Criminal Carelessness.

Georgetown, Sept. 6 .- One of the most shocking tragedies occurred in this county late Saturday evening that has ever been known to happen in this section of the State. About midday Sunday news reached here that Mrs. S. C. Bingham, of Florence county, a bride of only a few months, had been instantly killed by receiving the contents of a doubleder blades in the hands of W. B. Avant, Dr. S. C. Bingham, the husband of the deceased, having been accessory to the fatal act.

Immediately upon receiving the information Coroner J. C. Fletcher. in company with several gentlemen of the city, summoned a small boat and went to the scene of the tragedy at Murrell's Inlet, just across the Waccamaw river.

At the inquest it appeared that Mrs. Bingham, just after dark, was Mr. B. R. Coker is expected to be out strolling along a path leading and Dr. Bingham were sitting on the piazza at Mr. Avant's home when they saw an object slowly moving along the path about 20 or 30 feet from them. It seems that these gentlemen took the object for a ghost and became very much frightened, whereupon Mr. Avant went into his house and got a gun. He and Dr. Bingham followed the object for a few steps. Upon hailing no answer came, and at the suggestion of Dr. Bingham, Mr. Avant emptied both barrels of his gun into the

object. After the shots were fired both the men returned to the house for a lantern and then went back to the body to ascertain who or what it was. Upon examination it was discovered that it was Mrs. Bingham, wife of

Dr. and Mrs. Bingham are natives of Florence county and were spending their summer vacation on the Inlet with their friend, Mr. Avant.

Dr. S. C. Bingham.

sory thereto.'

The body of the deceased was brought over to the city this morning and carried back to Florence by this afternoon's train for interment. It is the consensus of opinion about the Inlet and also about the city that the tragedy was one of gross criminal carelessness and deserves more rigid inquiry. However, the verdict of the coroner's jury was that "the deceased came to her death by mischance at the hands of W. B. Avant and S. C. Bingham as acces-

A Laurens Woman.

Laurens, Sept. 6 .- Mrs. Bingham, who was shot and killed in a mysterious manner near Georgetown Saturday night, was, before her marriage last year. Miss Ruth Crisp, the accomplished daughter of Mr. Matthew Crisp, a prominent citizen of

Cross Hill, this county.

Law and Order League in Colleton.

Walterboro, Sept. 6 .- The Colleton county law and order league was organized here today; officers were elected and a constitution adopted. stay on the ground until the session The meeting was well attended and much interest was shown.

The league will endeavor to secure the enforcement of all law, and especially just now the enforcement of the prohibition law. A constitution, almost a duplicate of the Orangeburg county league was adopted and the following officers elected: M. P. Howell, Walterboro, presi-Although there has dent; J. J. Padgett, Williams, vicepresident; W. W. Smoak, Jr., secretary; E. L. Fishburne, treasurer; Jas.

Girls Who Won't Talk.

Reprimanded for whispering in Recently Attorney General Lyon church, seven young women of the Norwalk (Conn.) Baptist

he members are becoming very "That the bell!" she exclaimed. sealed with parafine. The body is Court, but from the present outlook proficient in the deaf and dumb code. "Why, the boy told me that was the in a horribly decomposed condition, this course is doubtful. It may be fire alarm, and that I wasn't to touch and it is impossible at this time to that the company will later decide the girls from the pulpit, says he will the course it along the course is doubtful. It may be for the course is doubtfu time vigor. It is to laugh!—Laurens "Your explanations are perfectly sat- it on any account."—Success Maga- learn just how she was killed. It is to press the obtaining of the charter not hesitate to do the same again if