patronage as the only evening daily is increasing by leaps and bounds. Mr. R. P. McClammy is the proprietor, Mr. James H. Cowan is editor, and Mr. William E. Lawson is city editor.

Dr. T. B. Kingsbury.

A chapter on the newspapers of the Lower Cape Fear in these *Chronicles* would be incomplete without particular reference to the career of our veteran journalist and scholar, the late Dr. Theodore B. Kingsbury, whose memory is venerated by those who were his contemporaries and by our citizens generally, who regarded him with great respect and admiration. We learn from Captain Ashe's fine tribute in his *Biographical History of North Carolina,* that early in life after Mr. Kingsbury left the University of North Carolina, he published a literary weekly at Oxford, North Carolina, under the name of the *Leisure Hour,* which attracted much attention and drew high commendation from John R. Thompson, editor of the *Southern Literary Messenger,* then the most meritorious literary magazine published in the South, and from Paul H. Hayne, the poet, then editing *Russell's Magazine,* a large monthly of genuine merit, published in Charleston, South Carolina, and from other gifted editors. In June, 1859, he was elected to the chair of literature in Trinity College; but his thoughts and religious fervor led him into another field, and he entered the ministry, and continued in that calling until 1869. It was about that time, in March, 1869, that he was employed as an associate editor of the *Raleigh Sentinel,* then conducted by Hon. Josiah Turner, and for two years and more he continued in that capacity. While on the *Sentinel,* a momentous crisis in public affairs was precipitated by the Republican administration of the State, and Josiah Turner, with unequaled boldness, made the *Sentinel* the champion of free government and of the traditional liberties of the people. No greater service was ever performed by any press than that rendered to the people of North Carolina by the *Sentinel.* In those exciting and perilous times Dr. Kingsbury wrote much, and with strength and patriotic fervor, for the editorial columns of the paper, and he deserves to share in the great fame that is so justly awarded Josiah Turner for his bold and resolute editorial work. On three occasions Dr. Kingsbury declined the editorship of the *Raleigh Christian Advocate;* but he edited *Our Living and Our Dead* for several years, a publication of a high order of merit, begun by Col. S. D. Pool; and he also edited the *Educational Journal* in 1874 and 1875, doing much to advance the cause of public education at that time in North Carolina. His contributions to *Our Living and Our Dead* were noteworthy, especially his literary criticisms. About that time he was offered a position as editorial writer on the *Wilmington Star,* and, accepting it, began a long career of journalism that gave great satisfaction to his friends and the patrons of that paper. He continued with the *Star* for nearly thirteen years, when he became editor of the *Wilmington Messenger,* with which he remained for about as long a period, having had an experience in journalism in Wilmington of more than a quarter of a century. As an editor, Dr. Kingsbury brought to the discussion of his subjects a large store of varied learning, and his productions were read with great avidity by a host of admirers and received the warm commendation of many of the ablest men and best thinkers of the State. In particular were his literary articles valued by the most cultured among the readers of his papers. The teachers and the professors of the various colleges, the lawyers, and the ministers of every denomination were generous and unstinted in their praise, while his work was not without the appreciation of the editorial fraternity. His style was clear and perspicuous, elegant in diction and remarkably forceful, and there ran through all his editorials a strain of patriotism, a love of North Carolina, an appreciation of the excellence of her great men, that was a distinctive characteristic of his work. In particular was he as an editor at pains to perpetuate the memory of the great feats performed by the North Carolina soldiers in the War between the States, and to instill into the minds of the present generation a correct understanding of the causes that led to the bloody contest. Indeed, no other editor of the State has been more patriotic than Dr. Kingsbury, and none has excelled him in elegance of diction and in a large vocabulary and literary merit.

THE WILMINGTON BAR.

The Wilmington Bar has always been one of strength and power, even from colonial days. Among the earlier members who stood high were William Hooper and Archibald Maclaine;