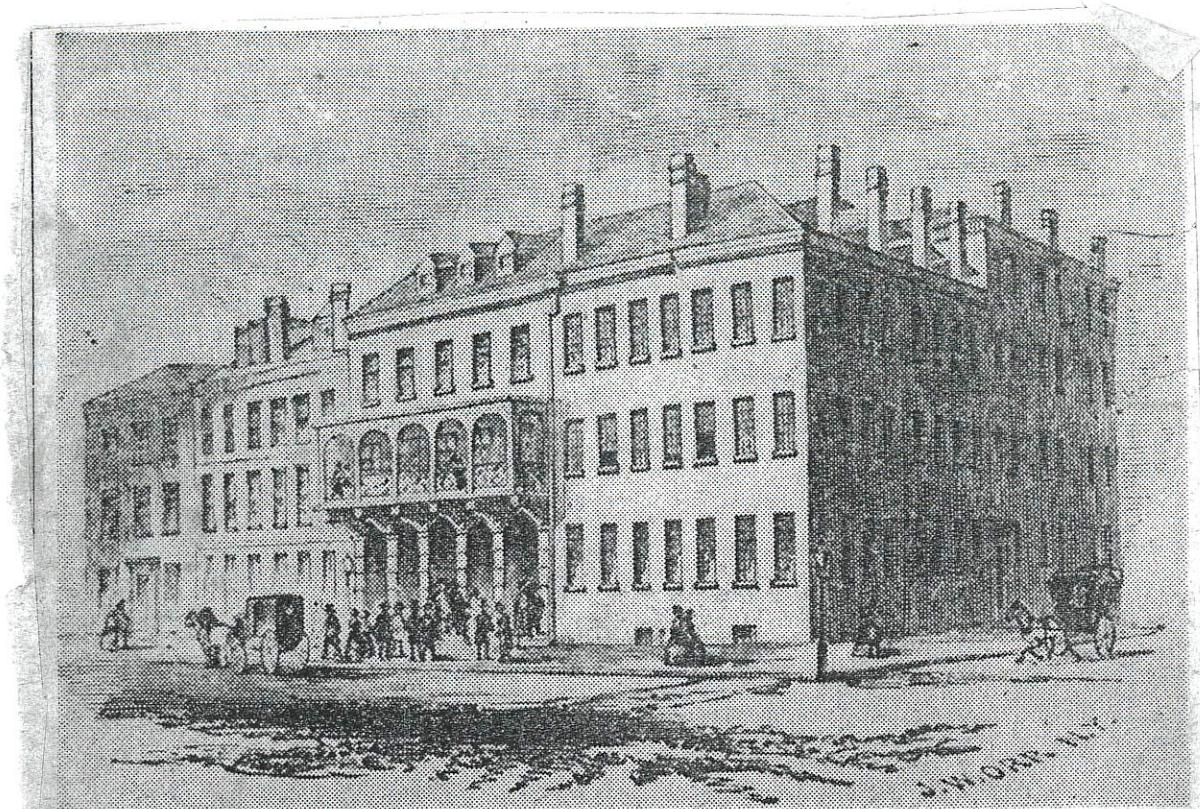


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THEN AS NOW—For those who have wanted to know how much the restored Dock Street theater resembles the old Planter's hotel, the answer is, "Very much indeed"—and here is the proof. This picture, showing the building in the 1850s, is taken from a bill-head, dated 1856 and presented the College of Charleston library by Donald D. Sams, an alumnus of the college. In 1856, the hotel was known as the Calder House and the proprietor was J. W. Gamble. One month's board cost only \$31. Mr. Sams has also presented the college library with some early invitations to attend programs of the Chrestomathic society, of the college which still exists; a photograph showing the college building after the 1886 earthquake; an advertisement of a roller skating rink which operated in the 1880s in Charleston and a picture of the first Calhoun monument. These items are now on exhibit to the public in the college library, Miss Mary V. Powers, librarian has announced.