

CHILDREN'S COLUMN

TO THE CHILDREN

My Dear Little Friends—The kind editor of the Watchman has tendered me this corner to his paper that I may have the pleasure every week of writing and editing something for you to read. If I were to see your parents and your large brothers and sisters sitting at the table and eating things that they liked and I knew that there was nothing for you to eat, I should think they were unkind to you. And just as when I see the older people reading the papers and cannot find anything in them for the children I think that you are not treated as kindly as you ought to be. So I have concluded to be your Editor myself; for I not only love to please my little friends, but I have a great many things to say to them that will make them wiser and better. I shall write some for you myself and I hope you have other friends in Salisbury who will use their pen for your pleasure and instruction. I shall find almost a great many things from books and papers that you do not see. I trust that we shall have a pleasant communion every week.

THE BIBLE

There are thousands of persons on earth and thousands in Heaven, who can happily adopt the lines upon the Bible, which I give below. It is a book of unchanging and eternal truth—it will never deceive us. If our Heavenly Father had not given it to us we could not have bought it with all gold of earth. There is no book so good or so great as it is. It teaches us many wonderful things about ourselves, our world, and the state of existence to which we go when we die. It teaches how to be happy here and how to be safe and contented and blessed forever after death. So I hope you will read your Bible every day and be able to join the poet in these thoughts:

Thou great friend man ever knew, Thy constant I've tried; When all were false I found thee true, My counselor and guide.

THE LOST CHILD

In the bloody battle of Belzoni in Spain, a little boy, the son of a Sergeant McCullum, was waiting on his mother who lay sick in a hospital. The poor little orphan was seized by the soldiers as a prisoner and carried away to France. His mother died about this time, and he was left at the age of seven years without any friends and anything to make him happy. But he was as kindhearted and well behaved as a little child with a good many persons became attached to him. One gentleman liked him so much that he begged and obtained permission to bring him to England. He carried him to the Duke of York, who took him upon his knee and talked with him a long time. The little fellow consented so promptly and seemed so good, that the Duke prepared to send him to the Military Asylum—a place where the orphans of soldiers were treated tenderly and sent to school. One day the gentleman who brought this child to England, was carrying him to another great man to get a paper that would give little charge a right to a home in the Asylum, when he met a soldier who belonged to the same regiment of this boy's father. He asked him if he knew a Sergeant McCullum who was killed at a certain battle in Spain. "No," said the soldier, "I know no McCullum who was killed; why do you ask me this?" "Because," answered the gentleman, "this is the boy whom I found in Spain." The soldier, full of joy, then ran to the boy, took him in his arms and embraced him, and cried, with tears streaming from his eyes—"Oh, sir, he is my child! Jamie don't you know me?" The scene that was thus suddenly presented so melted the heart of the gentleman that he turned away and gave vent to his feelings in many tears. The father was only wounded in the battle—he had not been killed. In this short history we see the merciful care of our Heavenly Father. He preserved a helpless orphan in the land of an enemy in the midst of a terrible war. He raised up friends to be kind to him. He guided him back to England and led him into a sweet discovery of that father whom he thought was dead.

THE BETTER LAND

The following beautiful poem was written by Mrs. Fannie Hamann, a most amiable English lady, and one of the sweetest of female poets. She wrote verses in her childhood and published a small book of poetry when she was only fourteen years old. Her husband held an office in the army and her five little children, like many in Salisbury, had to stay at home with their lonely mother while their father was gone to the army. It was, perhaps, with one of these dear children that she held the touching conversation which is so charmingly expressed in these lines:

"I hear thee speak of the better land, Then call it its children a happy band; Mother I oh, where is that radiant shore? Shall we not look for it, and yearn for more? Is it where the flowers of the orange bloom, And the fragrant plumes through the myrtle bloom? "Not there, not there, my child!" "Is it where the halcyon palm trees rise, And the date grows ripe under sunny skies? Or where the green banks of glittering seas, Where fragrant forests perfume the breeze, And strange bright birds on their airy wings Bear the rich bass of all glorious things? "Not there, not there, my child!" "Is it far away, in some remote old, Where the rivers wander o'er sands of gold? Where the burning rays of the ruby stars, And the diamond lights up the secret mine, And the pearl gleams forth from the coral strand? "Not there, sweet mother, that better land? "Not there, not there, my child!" "Eyes hath not seen, my gentle boy! Ear hath not heard its deep songs of joy; Dreams cannot picture it, would so far, Sorrow and death may not enter there; Time doth not breathe on its endless bloom, For beyond the clouds and beyond the tomb, "It is there, it is there, my child!"

When certain persons find fault with us and laugh at us or abuse us, let us ask ourselves what sort of persons and characters they admire; for we shall very often find this a consolatory question.

Burying a Man Alive—Singular Circumstances.—The Baltimore Clipper of the 6th tells the following:

On Thursday last an unusual occurrence transpired at the camp of the Wisconsin Fourth regiment, now encamped at Patterson Park, Peter Moore, one of the privates, had been ill for several weeks. He to all appearances died. A certificate of his death was handed to Major Belger, who ordered a coffin for the defunct. On Thursday morning Moore was placed in the coffin, and, just as the lid was being nailed down, he greatly frightened the bystanders by sitting up in his coffin and exclaimed that it was a shame to bury a man before he was dead. Of course he was removed from the box and once more placed under the care of the doctor. Moore had laid one day and a night as if dead, and came very near being buried before his time. His companion declares that, as he refused to be buried when the funeral was ordered by the Colonel, he has discharged orders, and that when he recovers he shall be court-martialed.

Drain and Beacon.—The New Orleans Delta, as we sorry to see, has been compelled to come down to a half sheet, like so many of the daily as well as weekly papers of the Confederacy. Some like since the Baton Rouge Sugar Planter, having ordered some paper, mentioned it from a dealer at the rate of over fifty dollars per ream, about three cents per sheet! This is the highest price we have heard charged, but we have seen other paper held at thirty dollars per ream. Not only is it dear, but it is exceedingly scarce. If the blockade is not raised the supply may yet be entirely cut off. As newspapers cannot well increase their charges, and as their advertisements are fast becoming diminished, they are, perhaps, the chief losers by the war. Is not their support of it to be held in contempt?—Allegiance Newbury.

Father's Humanity.—The Yankees at Port Royal have given the small post to the negroes there, and it is said their commander has sent a flag of truce to General Lee asking the removal of hundreds of them who are dying with it, and whom they say they can neither shelter, feed nor nurse. This is like the Yankees. If one of their "bols" at the North becomes sick, they forthwith discharge him or her, to live or die as they may. There is no legal obligation to shelter, feed or nurse their servants, and they acknowledge no moral obligation or human sympathy, and so leave them drift.—Fav. Observer.

Our University.—We are pleased to learn from the Standard, that the number of students at the University the present season is very encouraging. There are students from every State in the Confederacy, except Texas.

ALMANAC for 1862.

Table with 12 columns (days of the week) and 12 rows (months). It provides a calendar for the year 1862, showing the days of the week for each date.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE WINTER ARRANGEMENT FOR WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

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RAIL ROAD

The Passenger Train will leave Salisbury after the instant as follows: Leave Salisbury at 8:45 A.M. Arrive at Double Branch 12:30 P.M. Leave Double Branch 12:35 A.M. Arrive at Salisbury 4:15 P.M.

Administrators Notice

Having qualified, of August Term, 1861, of Rowan County Court, as Administrator of the estate of John W. Ellis, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said deceased to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against said deceased to present them, duly substantiated, within the time prescribed by law, or this notice will be filed in bar of their recovery. In my absence from Salisbury claims may be presented to James E. Kerr, Esq. JOHN HUGHES, Adm'r. Dec. 2, 1861. 7m52

JAMES HORAH, Watch-Maker and Jeweler

One door below R. & A. Murphy's Store, SALISBURY, N. C. KEEPS constantly on hand large assortment of WATCHES and JEWELRY of all kinds. Clocks, Watches and Jewelry of every description repaired in the best manner and on the most reasonable terms. February 14, 1861. 1y38

Wheat Wanted

Wanted to buy 5000 bushels good clean Wheat. The highest price will be paid. MURKINS & FOSTER, Jewelers corner. Salisbury, Nov. 20, 1861. 41

NOTICE

HAVING taken the possession of the stock of the late firm of Brown, Coffin & Mack, I respectfully announce that I have opened a Dry Goods Trade as heretofore with such additions of Stock as I may be able to procure. I respectfully request that the above trade entrusted to the care of me which I was abandoned, and hope by prompt attention to business to receive it. I shall receive in a few days from the stock house owned by the late firm occupied by Mr. A. Myers, No. 2, Granite Row. My terms will be strictly Cash on Delivery, on the present condition of the country will not justify making new accounts. J. B. BROWN Salisbury, N. C., Nov. 24, 1861. 107

DISSOLUTION

THE firm of McNeely & Young is this day dissolved by limitation. All persons indebted to us are requested to come and settle up. Accounts must be closed by cash or note. A. L. Young & T. C. McNeely are authorized to settle up the business of the firm. T. C. McNEELY, A. L. YOUNG, W. G. McNEELY. October 22, 1861.

NEW FIRM

THE business will be continued at the Old Stand by T. C. McNeely & A. L. Young, where they will be happy to see their old customers. (Our terms are positively Cash on Delivery.) T. C. McNEELY, A. L. YOUNG. Oct. 22, 1861. 106

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Brown's Livery Stable

It is hoped up as heretofore. It is gratifying to him that this establishment, begun, at first, as a doubtful experiment, has proved to the public a great desideratum and a complete success. Travelers, and others can always have their wants, in this line, well supplied. Cash prices paid for Provisions. And the subscriber is always ready to sell or buy good Horses. THOMAS E. BROWN. Jan. 1st, 1862. 1055



IMPORTANT ARRANGEMENT

MCCUBBINS & FOSTER HAVE bought out the extensive stock of HARDWARE formerly owned by James & Overman, and have added the same to their extensive stock of DRY GOODS, Groceries, Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps, Clothing, Draps, Paints, &c. which give them the best stock of general merchandise to be found in the State. Farmers and Merchants would do well to call immediately and supply themselves before it is too late. Call at Jenkins' corner. Salisbury, Nov. 20, 1861. 41

100 NEGROES WANTED

ON THE Western N. C. Rail Road. THE subscribers desire to hire for the ensuing year, 100 ABLE-BODIED NEGROES for the use of the Western North Carolina Rail Road, to be employed generally on Section, Train and Station hands, but to be used at the interest of the Company may seem to justify. Persons having such as hire will find this an admirable locality, and will please apply as this office. JAMES C. TURNER, Chief Eng. & Sup't. W. N. C. R. R. Salisbury, Dec. 24, 1861. 1059

Fish, Fish

THE subscribers will have in a few days, 50 barrels of SALT FISH for sale by the barrel. JOHN D. BROWN. Salisbury, Nov. 25, 1861. 20

Plum Farmers and Plasterers

ALMANAC for the year 1862 for sale whole and retail of J. J. STEWART'S Book Store, Salisbury, N. C. Nov. 11. 1048

NOTICE

THE UNDERSIGNED RECEIVED by the Sheriff of Rowan County, N. C., the property of the late firm of Brown, Coffin & Mack, and having taken possession of the same, he hereby gives notice that he will sell the same at public auction on the 14th day of January, 1862, at the Court House in Salisbury, N. C., at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. The property consists of a lot of land situated in the County of Rowan, N. C., containing about 100 acres, more or less, and also a lot of land situated in the County of Rowan, N. C., containing about 100 acres, more or less, and also a lot of land situated in the County of Rowan, N. C., containing about 100 acres, more or less. JOHN I. SHAWER, Sheriff of Rowan County, N. C.

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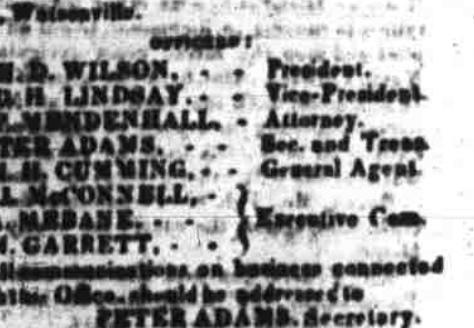
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