

make some enquiry of you. Perhaps you are like Israel of old, strayed from the covenant, from the right way; and too much in love with the things of the world. Is this world a friend to us, "to help us on to God?" you must say not. Perhaps you may feel and say, I can hardly contain myself reading a chapter in the good book, rather read almost any thing else. I find I can read, or take much more time in reading newspapers, or other works of the day, than the scriptures of truth. It might be said of these, that it is well enough at times; but be sure not to neglect the more important matter. Search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life and they are they that testify of me. Brethren in the ministry, is this the case with any of you? Is there any neglect in reading the word of God? If so, no wonder that you are often so much at a loss for a text to prove the doctrine you are striving to maintain; not because there is not a text to prove it, but because you cannot recollect it. But perhaps the poor preacher will say, this is not the worst. It seems I have no life even to sing, or hardly return God thanks for the blessings which I daily enjoy, have no spirit of prayer; yea, and when it comes time to go to preaching, it seems that from some cause I hardly want to go; and if I go, it seems that I can't preach, and that every body wants me to quit; and in fact it seems that I had as well quit. Brethren in the ministry, remember Moses. God told him to go. And go you must, if God has sent you. Examine the old way spoken of, and see if you cannot find some circumstance or case that suits yours. Perhaps you have gone in forbidden paths, lusting after the things of the world too much.

Brethren, one and all, we find we are swelling this epistle too far, and must come to a close. We, of this Contentnea Association, profess to be a people taught of the Lord. It so, the scripture will recognize us as Christians. The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch. We shall examine the word Christian in a two-fold sense: first, the term, Christian, is applied generally, to all those nations and people that profess Christ. Secondly, and as we would be understood to mean, to those, and those alone, that are born again, born of the Spirit of God; those that walk in newness of life, that are really and truly believers in Jesus Christ, that are dead to sin. These we consider and no others are Christians and fit subjects for baptism, and that by immersion; and for members of Christ's church here on earth. Such we consider were the first Christians contemplated in his text.

Now, brethren, let us see what were their characters. We find them, Christ-like, always doing good; and although in the world, the world possessing but little of them. See them as ministers of Christ, earnestly contending for his truth even to death. Hear the Saviour to Peter: Feed my lambs—feed my sheep. Hear Paul, Acts, 20. 21—28: I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there. And to the brethren in the ministry: Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. Mark that, brethren, the Holy Ghost, not men, or boards of men, but the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers; to feed the church of God. If these were the only preachers among us, do you not think we should be better off. Hear Paul further in this same chapter: Knowing this, that after my departure shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Of these wolves, Christ also warns us to beware. And now, brethren of the Contentnea Association, we by profession have protested, as we think, against the work of these wolves; for we think we have seen their tracks, notwithstanding they have the sheepskin on; and have felt some of the effects of their teeth. The church in the scriptures is compared to many things—a woman, a garden, a city, and many others, among which sheep is one. See Christ to Peter, feed my sheep. Contemplate for a moment the difference in sheep and wolves. What a striking difference. In the character of sheep, we would be glad to comfort you a little before we leave you; and in doing so, what can we say more and better for your consolation, than to refer you to Christ's own words: See John 10: I am the good shepherd, the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. Contrast this with the hireling. See the difference. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. Christ: I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. Contemplate for a moment what we once were, and what we hope we now are. Once dead in trespasses and in sin, now dead to sin: Once out of the fold, now received into the fold: once enemies to God, now friends to God: once unreconciled to God, now reconciled to him by the death of his Son. See the everlasting love of God. I have loved thee with an everlasting love, therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee. God is love; we love him, God, because he first loved us. God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son; Christ so loved sinners, that he gave himself—he gave himself for us, that he might purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. See the love of Christ, he that was rich became poor, that we through his poverty might be rich. John says, love one another. Brethren, we ought to love one another, and Christians under a right exercise of faith, do love one another. Once more, the character and nature of sheep: they are harmless, inoffensive animals, feeding on green pastures in the spring and summer, have a natural disposition to be together, but are subject to many diseases; often get their fleece torn with briars, thorns; are easily scattered by wolves and dogs, and often killed; and very often get so much frightened, that they run from the shepherd himself; but in due time, by right management, they get back again. We notice that sheep chew the cud. We often see them, after feeding on the pasture for a while, lying under the shade apparently happy, were it not for the flies, chewing the cud, or food again. In the winter we see them feeding on buds, and the old dead straw of the pasture; and when they can get it, on grain from the hand of the shepherd. So Christians like to be together, unless torn apart by wolves and dogs, they in spiritual springs feed on green pastures, heavenly frames, and on the sincere milk of the world, but are often beset with difficulties, torn with briars; and evil thoughts like flies, when they are meditating on a good sermon which they have heard or are hearing; meditating on the dealings of God with their souls. But in a spiritual winter, all seems cold and lifeless with them; if they walk over the pasture and attempt to feed thereon, it all seems as dry straw; no substance in it. But when they can shelter under some of the precious promises, get a grain or so from the shepherd of the bread of life, that came down from God, that giveth life to the church, they revive a little. Now if we have an evidence that we are sheep, let us endeavour to live as such, be always ready to give a reason of the hope that is in us; endeavouring to be like our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, as much as we can; for we are a city set upon a hill that cannot be hid. Let us endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. Let us always, as much as in us lies, abound in the work of the Lord, showing our faith by our works; and with the words of Paul we for the present leave you: And now, brethren, we commend you to God, and to the word of his grace; which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. Farewell.



TARBOROUGH,

SATURDAY, NOV. 25, 1837.

**Tarboro' Races.**—The races over this course commenced on Tuesday last, and terminated yesterday.

First day, a match race, \$200 a side, mile heats; won at three heats by Mr. Wynn's b. f. Polly Carey, 3 years old, by Luzborough, beating David McDaniel's b. c. Black Warrior, 3 years old, by Tonsen. Time—1st heat, 2 minutes 3 seconds; 2d, 2m. 6s.; 3d, 2m. 12s.

1st heat.	2d	3d
Polly Carey,	1	2
Black Warrior,	2	1

Second day, part of Jockey Club purse, \$150, two mile heats; won at two heats by E. J. Wilson's b. m. Susan Lindsey, 4 years old, by Marion, dam by Fantail, beating Henry King's ch. h. Uncas, 4 years old, by Eclipse, dam by Shawanee—and John J. Daniel's b. m. Lady Bitter, 5 years old, by Marion, dam by Truxton. (Mr. J. C. Claiborne's b. m. Mary Lisle was entered, but drawn before starting, being out of order.) Time—1st heat, 4m. 12s.; 2d, 4m. 9s.

1st heat.	2d
Susan Lindsey,	1
Uncas,	2
Lady Bitter,	3

Third day, balance of Jockey Club Purse, \$350, three mile heats; won at two heats by E. J. Wilson's ch. c. Mediator, 4 years old, by Sir Charles, dam by Napoleon, beating Joshua K. Bulluck's g. f. American Maid, 3 years old, by Eclipse, dam Eliza Splotch by Sir Archie—Wm. M. West's b. c. Johnny, 4 years old, by Tonsen—David McDaniel's b. h. Pioneer, 5 years old, by Sir Charles, dam by Sir Alfred—and J. C. Claiborne's ch. c. —, 3 years old, by Eclipse, dam by Gallatin. Time—1st heat, 6m. 6s.; 2d, 6m. 2s.

1st heat.	2d
Mediator,	1
American Maid,	2
Johnny,	3
Pioneer,	4
Claiborne's ch. c. 5	dist'd

Fourth day, Handicap Purse, \$200, mile heats, best 3 in 5; won at three heats, by J. C. Claiborne's b. m. Mary Lisle, 4 years old, by Eclipse, dam by Alfred, beating Wm. M. West's Johnny, E. J. Wilson's Mediator, J. K. Bulluck's Uncas, and D. McDaniel's Pioneer. Time—1st heat, 1m. 58s.; 2d, 1m. 59s.; 3d, 1m. 57s.

1st heat.	2d	3d
Mary Lisle,	1	1
Johnny,	2	3
Mediator,	3	2
Uncas,	4	4
Pioneer,	5	5

The course was in fine order, the weather remarkably pleasant, the winners highly elated, and the company very numerous, among whom we were pleased to observe were several ladies. The utmost order and regularity prevailed, and nothing occurred to mar the sport save the transfer of a few shin plasters, which somewhat lengthened the visages of several of the spectators.

A correspondent has obligingly furnished us with the following particulars respecting the death of Capt. Thomas D. Gatlin, briefly noticed in our last paper:—His death was occasioned by a fall from his horse, his head striking a tree and causing a violent concussion of the brain. On Saturday last, he left home in good health and in the prime of

life to attend a Court Martial but a short distance from home, when towards the evening this fatal accident happened in consequence of one of his stirrups breaking, which caused him to lose his balance; and he was thus precipitated to the ground. On Sunday he was conveyed home on a bed to his distressed family, where he lingered until Tuesday morning near nine o'clock, when he was to be numbered with the pale nations of the dead. Thus has he been snatched from an affectionate and an amiable consort and four lovely and promising small children. On Wednesday evening his remains were conveyed to the grave, followed by a large concourse of his neighbors and friends of all sexes, ages and conditions, who had met upon this solemn and mournful occasion, where the tears and deep sorrow visible in every countenance showed that love and high esteem borne towards him by the community in which he resided. In all the relations of life, Capt. Gatlin was generous, kind, affectionate and humane; and it may be truly said of him, "that he visited the widow and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him." But whilst we dwell upon his many virtues and pass over in silence his faults and his foibles, the curtain must fall upon the tragic scene and the fatal hour. "The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him." (Habakkuk, chap. 2, verse 20.) Quiescat in pace.

**Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road.**—We learn from the Wilmington Advertiser of the 10th inst., that 53 miles of this road have been graded, and 45 are in a state of forwardness. Some of the most important bridges are completed, and among them one across the N. E. branch of Cape Fear, 10 miles from Wilmington. This bridge is 360 feet long; is made up of 3 spans, and rests on two stone abutments, and two stone piers built in water 36 feet deep.

**Federal Court.**—This body adjourned only on Saturday evening having had before it much important business on the Civil docket. The two individuals mentioned in our last, as implicated in a charge of mail robbery, were both acquitted—Smith, because the Grand Jury ignored the bill, and Loftis, because the only testimony against him was his own confessions, made under duress, and therefore rejected by the Court—*Raleigh Reg.*

**Mattamuskeet Lake.**—An act was passed at the last Session of the Legislature of the State, appropriating \$8,000 for damming Mattamuskeet Lake in Hyde Co. We are gratified to learn that this is in a fair way of being done, and at a cost considerably below the sum appropriated. A Canal, three miles long, and forty feet wide, has been dug, and the draining of the Lake commenced about three weeks ago. In the first ten days, it is estimated that the whole lake fell two inches, and of course, as the body of water diminishes, the rapidity of the fall will increase. When it is borne in mind, that from twenty to sixty thousand acres of Land, will, probably, be redeemed by this experiment and rendered fit for cultivation, and that, too, of the most fertile quality, the Legislature may well be recommended for the exercise of a judicious economy.—*ib.*

**Northern Lights.**—There was a beautiful, and in this region, a novel display of the Aurora Borealis, or Northern Lights, on Tuesday evening last, from twilight till nearly midnight. The coruscations, which add so much to the brilliancy of these phenomena, in more northern latitudes, are not perceptible with us.

*Raleigh Stand.*

**Troubles in Canada.**—The political affairs in Lower Canada are assuming an unpleasant aspect. The Montreal Herald says that the house of R. B. McGinnis, Esq. in the parish of L'Acade, has been town down by the "rebels," because he would not resign his commission as captain of Militia. The Toronto Correspondent, in a postscript of Monday last, says that an express arrived in that city the day before, with an order from Sir John Colborn to have every soldier at the garrison to be sent without a moment's delay to Montreal.

The interior of the Lower Province is much harassed by the struggles of the contending parties. A riot took place in Montreal on the 5th inst. The "Loyalists" vs. "the sons of liberty"—the former prevailed. It was with difficulty they were prevented from breaking into Mr. Papineau's house—but they broke into the printing office of the "Vindicator," and threw types, paper, &c. into the streets. The Royal regiment was called out to stop the riot.

**Ohio Pork.**—The Lebanon Star says, that they have now and then heard of four dollars per hundred being offered for pork. In Cincinnati we do not learn of any contracts having been entered into, but we are satisfied that our merchants will buy sparingly at that price. The country is full of pork, and the market is abundantly supplied at cheap rates. Nearly every other wagon, (and there are generally from two to three hundred in the market spaces,) contains many hogs. Porkers, as young roasters are called, which last year sold readily at one dollar and 25 cents, are plenty at from 62 1-2 to 75 cents each.

**New York Market, Nov. 15.** Cotton.—The sales include 700 bales old and new Upland at 9a 13; 400 Tennessee and New Orleans 10a 13, including 14 bales fine new at the last rate; and 150 Florida, at 10a 12 cts.

**Flour and Meal.**—The Flour market continues to improve; sales on Monday were made freely of common brands Canal at \$9.50.

**Petersburg Market, Nov. 21.** Cotton—not so brisk as last week, and a decline of a 1/4 to 1/2 cent, on last week's prices; we quote \$8 to \$10 1/2. Flour, \$9 to \$9 1/2.—*Int.*

**Washington Market, Nov. 21.** Turpentine, new dip, \$2 10;—Old \$1 85. Tar, \$1 50.—*Whig.*

**COMMUNICATED.** On the 15th day of Dec. next, Elder Humphrey Stallings is to preach at Spring Green m h; 2d, at Cross Roads; 3d, at Lawrence's; 4th, at Williams'; 5th, at the Falls Tar River; 6th, at Pleasant Hill; 7th, at Union; 8th, at Town Creek; 9th, at Tarboro'; 10th, at Conetoe; 11th, at Flat Swamp.

Elder J. J. Pucket is to preach at Gum Swamp m h. 17th Dec; 18th, at Little Conetoe; 19th, at Tarboro'; 20th, at Old Town Creek.

**MARRIED.** In this county, on Tuesday evening, the 7th inst. Mr. Leveling Staton to Mrs. Susan Hopkins.

In Pitt county, on Tuesday evening, the 14th inst. by Rev. John Singletary, Edmund B. Freeman, Esq. of Raleigh, to Mrs. Elizabeth Foreman, daughter of Dr. Robert Williams.

**DIED.** In this county, on Wednesday, 15th inst. Capt. Kinchen Cherry, aged 54 years, leaving a disconsolate wife and three children to mourn the loss of a husband and a father. But a short time before his death, he expressed a belief that he must die, stating that he was ready and willing to go.—Whatever may be said of his vices or his virtues, he died as he had lived, "an honest man, the noblest work of God."—*Com.*

Also, on Wednesday, the 7th inst. Mrs. Emily Cotten, wife of Mr. John L. Cotten, and daughter of James Savage, dec'd.

**Prices Current.**  
At Tarboro' and New York

NOV. 13	per	Tarboro', N.C.	New York
Bacon,	lb.	10	12
Beeswax,	lb.	20	25
Brandy, apple,	gallon	80	100
Coffee,	lb.	13	15
Corn,	bush.	60	65
Cotton,	lb.	8	9
Cotton bag's,	yard	20	25
Flour, sup.	hbl.	\$8	\$10
Iron,	lb.	4	5
Lard,	lb.	10	12
Molasses,	gallon	50	55
Sugar, brown,	lb.	10	12
Salt, T. I.	bush	65	70
Turpentine,	hbl.	150	175
Wheat,	bush.	90	100
Whiskey,	hbl.	50	55

**Immense Arrivals**  
FALL AND WINTER  
**GOODS,**  
At the cheap cash Store

JAMES WEDDELL.

RESPECTFULLY calls the attention of his customers and the public to his present very extensive and well selected stock of seasonable goods, which has recently purchased in New York at princially at the auction sales, at exceedingly low prices, and having been bought by the great sacrifice goods were made at to buy much more largely than he has done, feels confident he can offer extraordinary Bargains as usual, and to buy whose object is to get

**New and Fashionable**  
**GOODS,**

At astonishingly Low Prices. In his assortment will be found almost every article in the Dry Goods, Hats, Shoe, Hardware, Cutlery, Earthenware, Glassware and Grocery line. As he is determined to reduce his Stock as speedily as possible, BARGAINS! BARGAINS! will be given.

Only call and examine for you buy!  
Tarboro', Nov. 21, 1837.

**WASHINGTON**  
**Gun Manufacturer**  
John Prime,  
GUN MAKER

HAVING recovered from his indisposition, and having the satisfaction of superior northern workmen, is able to execute all orders in his line of shortest notice. Double and single rsted in the best style.

**Fowling Pieces**  
Made to order, and all repairs done in the neatest manner. Gentlemen having wrote barrels can have them fitted equal to new guns.

N. B. Customers who have had work in my shop are respectfully requested to call for it.  
Washington, Nov. 21, 1837.

**ATTENTION**  
**Edgecombe Cavalry!**

THE Corps styled the Edgecombe Cavalry has been disbanded—therefore, all persons holding the public bonds by the State in that troop, are requested to deposit them within 10 days, at the store of Messrs. Hymans, Tarboro, or they must be collected Constable.

R. E. Macneir, late Co. James Ellinor, 1st Lie.  
Nov. 20th, 1837.

**Shoes and Hats**

500 PAIR men's lined, high quarter'd Shoes, 87 1/2 cents upwards.

200 " boys' do. do. 50 cents

670 " men's and boys heavy " Shoes, very cheap.

300 " women's Boots and Shoes.

Men's, women's and misses fine and Shoes, in great variety.

100 pair men's stout winter Boots at 200 "

men's & boys' fur Hats at 18 dozen wool Hats, cheap.

8 " men's and boys hair and fur very low.

For sale cheap, by  
JAMES WEDDELL  
Tarboro', Nov. 22, 1837.

**LEMAY'S**  
AND  
**GALES'S**  
NORTH CAROLINA  
**ALMANAC**  
FOR 1838.

For sale at this Office at the following prices, viz: 10 cents each; 75 cents a gross; \$3 dollars for half a gross; 2 1/2 dollars a gross. November, 1837.