

The Advocate.

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Indisposition of the Editor.

A very painful, though not dangerous indisposition, confines the Editor to his room.

It is with difficulty he can look over exchanges, and supply "copy" to the printer. He is compelled to postpone all other business for the present, and asks the indulgence of correspondents.

Commencement at Greensboro' Female College.

We last week attended the annual literary festival of this favorite Institution.— During much of the time we were not able to attend upon the exercises, on account of indisposition, under which we have been suffering for two weeks past. But we make up so much of the following sketch as is not based upon personal observation, upon information which we believe is in every respect perfectly reliable.

The weather was unfavorable; but there was a large number of persons in attendance from various parts of the State, as well as several from the adjoining States. The exercises were held in the new chapel, which occupies the whole of the second and third stories of the new West Wing of the College. This addition to the College building is so far completed; but the chapel was not yet completed as to accommodate the audience, for the occasion.— When plastered and painted, it will be one of the neatest and most commodious chapels in the Southern country. For the present however, its occupancy placed the pupils under a disadvantage before the audience, because they had not been accustomed to exercise their voices in so large a room, and because the unplastered walls were covered with tapestry and paintings, which, though delightful to the eye, contributed to render the soft voices of the pupils, so excellent a thing in woman, scarcely audible to a large portion of the audience.

Nevertheless we are assured that the impression made was highly favorable to the incense prosperity of the College. On Tuesday night we preached the annual sermon; and at 3 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, the Literary Address was delivered by J. Parker Jordan Esq., of Perquimans. For about one hour he held the attention of a large, appreciative audience, while he set forth in his own peculiar style the sphere and duties of woman in a manner which has elicited the applause of the press in Greensboro'. As this address is to be published, we must economize the space which an attempt to analyze it would require; and proceed to notice the EXAMINATION. During Tuesday and Wednesday the classes were subjected to an impartial and searching public examination.

The result was satisfactory to the friends of the Institution, and creditable to the pupils and instructors. All the classes, and nearly all the pupils sustained themselves well. Several in every class gave evidence of an uncommon degree of proficiency, while all manifested that their teachers had done their duty. The examination of the graduating class in Trigonometry and Mensuration was of such a character as to extort the unqualified approbation of all who could appreciate it. These exercises were enlivened by occasional music, vocal and instrumental, which prepared us to expect something unusually excellent in that way, when the Concert should come off; nor were we disappointed.

The CONCERT. On Wednesday night the large chapel was filled to its capacity. The pupils represented a school to which a holiday day has been given. They conclude to spend the day in a stroll through the country. Amid song and flowers, they elect and crown Josephine, Queen of the May. Scarcely a note, or look, or fancy, pertinent to such a May scene, but was spoken in Music and presented in the scene, as to transport the audience into the very life and spirit of innocent joy befitting the occasion.

But we forbear an attempt at description. If the reader was there he knows how inadequate are words to reproduce the scene; and if he were not there, he missed an occasion which would have lifted the shadow of years from his heart.

COMMENCEMENT.—The Commencement exercises were opened on Thursday before a large and delighted audience, by reading the scriptures, and an appropriate prayer by Rev. Dr. Deems. We append the names of the graduates, with the titles of the compositions or essays read on the occasion:

Miss Mary Wade Speed, Granville. "Scatter ye Seed."
Miss Julia C. Lindsay, Davidson. "American Genius and Talent."
Miss Amelia A. Robbins, Randolph. "Gather the Rose, and tread lightly on its Thorns."

A Good Plan—Corn.

The Patriot and Flag states that the Magistrates of Guilford County Court last week, adopted a plan to supply the people of that county with corn. To accomplish this purpose, Mr. James Sloan was appointed the agent of the county, and directed to purchase a sufficient quantity of corn to supply the wants of the citizens, which he is to sell at no higher price than is necessary to defray the cost and charges. He is to have the use of the county funds, not exceeding \$3,000 at any one time; and the credit of the county is pledged to carry out the order of the court in the premises.

Would it not be well for the Magistrates of Wake, and of other counties, to adopt a similar plan, to supply the people with corn, until the next crop is gathered in? It strikes us that it would prevent much suffering, and save a large amount of the people's money. There is great scarcity, which will be alleviated, but not removed, by the wheat crop.

Perhaps we deserve to suffer want, no less for our folly than for our wickedness. It has been the practice of the farmers, for several years past, to sell and ship off for exportation, all their spare grain, as soon as it could be harvested, because it was bearing a good price.

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2. When subscribers become indebted for one year, the paper will be discontinued. Those who wish the paper to be discontinued, will please write to the Editor, being particular to give the name of the office to which it is to be sent. If no notice is given, the paper will be continued; no notice of discontinuance; no attention will be paid to any papers so returned.

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4. We respectfully solicit all subscribers to continue their patronage, and to exert their influence to extend the circulation of the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

It is the first and only Conference paper ever published in the State. It costs less, and contains a more complete summary of general news than any other church publication. It excludes patent medicine advertisements; admits less advertising, and contains more reading matter, than any other paper published in North Carolina.

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MISCELLANY.

Horses Killed. Three horses belonging to Mr. Hollman, in Iredell, were killed in the stable by lightning, on Thursday the 14th inst.

Siamese Twins. A gentleman from Surry, states that the Siamese Twins have engaged with a New Yorker to commence a tour of six months' travelling to commence next Fall, for which they are to receive \$3,250. To increase the attractions of the exhibition, each of the twins is to be accompanied by one of his children.

A Baptist writer in East Tennessee says: "There is one thing in connection with our brethren in the eastern portion of North Carolina, which I very much regret to find; and that is their rapid transition to the whirlpool of Arminianism.—Several preachers, and a great many of their members, hold and preach the doctrine of falling from grace, or apostasy."

Dancing. The Watchman and Evangelist says: "We never saw a sensible man dance in our lives; and never expect to, if we live a thousand years."—"A Traveller," in the Southern Literary Messenger, states that no percentage of the higher classes in Siam is ever guilty of dancing for himself, but all have it done for them by their slaves. Perhaps a better reason for this personal abstinence might be found, in their aversion to physical effort which frames itself into the adage, "No man will run when he may stand, stand when he may sit, or sit when he may lie down."

Practice vs. Principle. Ex-President Tyler, in his address at the Jamestown celebration, when referring to slavery, spoke of the injustice of the North in reference thereto. He said he had knowledge of the fact, that the marble palace of Stewart, in New York city, was built upon the sale of three thousand slaves, who had been sent to New York to be emancipated.

A Novel Event. A book-store has recently been opened in one of the principal streets of Damascus, where Bibles, Testaments, religious books, tracts, and school books are sold at low prices by a native Christian, being the first book-store in that city for the Christian population for 1,200 years.

Profligate. There is a man in White Co., Illinois, who has a wife that has borne him sixteen children; the first six came by twos, the succeeding nine by threes—while the last one, poor, helpless, lonely thing! came into this world without company. Sixteen children at seven births!

How to Return a Blow.

Mr. Marsh, of Missouri, relates of an Armean, named John, that when living at Con-tantople, he was hired by nobility Americans, to strike a watchman. The latter upon receiving the blow, nobly prayed, "God bless you!" This remarkable answer was effective; for, said John, in allusion to the affair, "I could not strike again, and at night I said to the money, 'Instead of my eating you, you will eat me.' John soon gave occasion for friends and foes to say of him, 'Behold, he prayeth!' Thus was the power of a soft answer strikingly illustrated.

Religious. About thirty persons joined the M. E. Church, South, at Alexandria, Va., on Sunday morning, and while collectively standing around the altar, were impressively exhorted by the Rev. J. A. Duncan.

Good Gracious! Among the items of intelligence by the last arrival from Mexico, it is stated that a Mexican woman of the capital was, on the 20th of April, delivered of seven male children at one birth!

A Printer's Prouder. Rev. Albert G. Williams, formerly editor of the Lancaster County (Pa.) Farmer, has been appointed by the Pittsburg Conference to the charge of the Methodist church, at Washington, Pa.

Charlotte Saxo Horn Band. Sons of Temperance. Citizens and Strangers. Committees. Clergy. Invited Guests. Soldiers of 1812. Members of Congress. Judges of the Supreme and Superior Courts. Governors and ex-Governors of States. I. O. O. F. Vice President. President of the Day; Orator; Reader. Chaplain.

Having reached the spacious grove of the Presbyterian Church, bright with a concourse of lovely ladies, the procession approached the stand in inverted order, and after a burst of music from the band, the exercises commenced with an eloquent prayer by the Rev. D. Lacey, D. D. LL. D. Gen. Young then introduced the Hon. Mr. Osborne, who after a short but eloquent address, read in a peculiarly happy style, the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence of the 20th of May, 1775. The assembly was again regaled with soft music, and the President of the Day, Hon. Frederick Nash, Chief Justice of North Carolina, introduced the Oration of the Day, Rev. E. L. Hawks, D. D., LL. D., of New York. This distinguished divine, in an able and eloquent address of three hours and a half's duration, fully sustained the reputation he has won for talent and oratorical powers. In a few felicitous remarks, he claimed North Carolina as his native State, and the life long home of his affections; exclaiming in the language of the captive Israelites, "I forgot thee, O Jerusalem, may my right hand forget her cunning." More than once he moved a portion of his audience to tears. He then entered into a detail of the historical bearings of the subject; how his own researches had traced the battle of Lexington every mile of the way from New Jersey to Charlotte; how the lion-hearted son of Old Mecklenburg had assembled at the Court House, on the reception of the tidings, and scorning the taint and penalty of treason, boldly declared themselves independent of Great Britain and of the world. This, it will be remembered, was more than a year before Congress declared for freedom; and the paper here pronounced, was undoubtedly the model on which Jefferson framed the Declaration of July, 1776. In an able and well sustained argument, the speaker then utterly falsified and refuted the traducers who have, with a semblance of truth, denied the existence of the Declaration. Those who heard the Oration, will ever remember Dr. Hawks, as an able and accomplished orator, and a profound student of American history.

After the oration, the meeting adjourned to the public square, where some patriotic band had hung out the venerated emblem of old Mecklenburg, an immense 'horne's nest,' tastefully decorated with ribbons.

At 4 o'clock, we all proceeded to the depot, where a most sumptuous dinner had been prepared, by Messrs. Young & Williams of the Mansion House. There were three immense tables, groaning beneath every delicacy which the most fastidious taste could desire.

A Quotation to Ponder on. The question is the earth growing colder? is at present attracting the attention of scientific men, and exciting considerable issues both among those who feel interested in the matter. It may not have entered into their minds that the change of seasons which we now experience is but a precursor of that eternal change which is rapidly drawing nigh:—Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow, or hast thou seen the treasures of the hill, which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war? Job 38 chap. 22 and 23d verses.

Drunkenness. Drunkenness is a flattering devil, a sweet poison, a pleasant sin, which whosever hath, hath not himself, which whosever doth commit, doth not commit sin, but he himself is wholly sin.—St. Augustine.

High Price for Tobacco. A small lot of tobacco, grown in Caswell county, N. C., was sold day before yesterday, by Samuel Ayres, Commission Merchant, to F. L. Claiborne, manufacturer, at Franklin Court House, Va., for \$99 per 100 lbs.

LOVE FEASTS.—A Baptist minister writes from Bloomington, Ia., to the Witness, that he has introduced the love-feast in his church with excellent success.

CHURCH REFORM IN MEXICO.—The Archbishop of Mexico has issued instructions to the clergy to the effect that they are to exact no charges for any ministerial duties; they are to be content with voluntary contributions for their support, and to abstain from politics in and out of the pulpit. There is a little rebellion among some of the subordinate clergy against this reform, but it is supposed the archbishop, backed as he is by the government, will be generally obeyed.

Impudence. A man has no more right to say an unclean thing, than to act one; no more right to say a rude thing to another, than to knock him down.—Johnson.

The Boat. A Protestant lady, married in Brazil to a Protestant, had left her husband lately and married a Roman Catholic. She afterwards became a member of the communion, and the Church has declared the first marriage void, and the second legal. This decree caused much excitement.

Another High Price. A lot of tobacco was sold in Danville, Va., a day or two since, at \$47.25 per cwt.—raised in Caswell county, N. C.

Effects of Family Intermarriage. Speaking of the effect of intermarriage among blood relatives, the Frederickburg, Va. News says: In this county, in which we were raised, for twenty generations back, certain families of wealth and respectability have intermarried until there cannot be found in three or four of them a sound man or woman! One has sore eyes, another scrofula, a third is an idiot; a fourth blind, a fifth lankly legged, a sixth with a head about as big as a turnip, with not one out of the number exempt from physical defects of some kind or other.

I Love You. George B. Smith, a young man, fell dead in the street in New York, killed by the effects of intermarriage. On his left arm the words "I love you," were tattooed in large letters.

Each Lady Plant a Tree.

The present noble Queen of England, before she ascended the throne, planted by her own hands an oak at Chatsworth. * * * In our country, where all are born sovereigns, it is to be hoped that, ere long, every lady will deem it her duty to imitate England's Queen in this, and plant at least one tree. When our ladies shall do this, then will the work be done, and throughout our broad land the reproach of neglect, in this respect, have passed away.

Emigrants. The Schooner Elizabeth, Capt. Duchen, arrived in Norfolk, Friday, from Newberne, N. C., with 18 emigrants for Liberia. They were all free. There are in Portsmouth 27 others, for the same destination, 23 from Tennessee, 1 from Alabama, a d. 3 from Hanover county, Va., all having been emancipated by their owners. They are in charge of Rev. Wm. H. Starr, the active Agent of the Virginia Colonization Society.

For Liberia. The Wilmington N. C. papers notice the passage through that place of over a hundred negroes, formerly the property of Gen. McKay, for very many years the representative in Congress from that district. The negroes are on their way to Norfolk, to be sent to Liberia, in pursuance of a will made many years since.

High Price for Corn. We learn, a gentleman of this country was offered for his entire stock of corn, which amounted to 3000 bushels, \$1.50 cts. per bushel.—Granada (Miss.) Republican.

RATTLE FOR A BABY!—The Dalmarco Express relates that a woman recently come to the Minnesota House, in Danville, with a young child, and after stopping a day or two, suddenly left, minus the baby and did not return. The landlord happened over to Dalmarco, and mentioning the circumstance to a couple of friends, married, but childless, one of them proposed to adopt the little one as his own. The other immediately made the same proposition, when a dispute arose as to which of the would-be parents should have the infantile wail. Finally an appeal was made to the dice-box. Quite a number of people gathered around the table, interested spectators of the singular contest, and the winner, named Bester, was greeted with a shout of applause. The child is a pretty little girl, three weeks old, and its new found parents are brimming over with happiness.

MOKE FILLBUSTERING.—A Washington letter writer says: "Private advices were received here from California by the last steamer stating that the clipper ship Ocean Bird had sailed from San Juan del Sur with 243 men, well officered, equipped, and provisioned, to aid Gen. Walker. Considerable excitement prevailed at San Francisco, and the Californians were determined to take forcible possession of the Nicaragua route, to insure the safety of travel and the transit of its treasure. Whether Walker is 'twipled out' or not, they are determined that the Costa Ricans shall not hold possession of the right of way to their exclusion."