

MISCELLANEOUS.



The following song is taken from *Dermot Mac Morrough, or the Conquest of Ireland*; an Historical Tale of the Twelfth Century. By JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.

Nought shines so bright in beauty's eyes,
As the bold warrior's gallant bearing;
The proudest deems his heart a prize;
The fairest would his fate be sharing;
Let Truth, let Valor be thy guide;
And faithful Love, thy priceless jewel—
Thou ne'er shalt lack a lovely bride;
Nor find a female bosom cruel.

Tis true, the soldier's life is short;
But what is life, depriv'd of action?
The craven coward's base resort;
A universe, without attraction.
Then, urge thy courser to the field,
And thou shalt gain renown in story—
Compel the fiercest foe to yield;
Or die upon the bed of glory.

WHAT IS LOVE?

Who shall tell me what is Love?
What his shape, or size, or air;
On what pinions doth he move—
Smiles or tears, say, doth he wear?
Is he sprite or fairy round me;
In sweet bowers doth he rove;
Hath he in his paths e'er found me;
Am I known to little Love?

Can none tell me what is Love,
Where his home or dwelling lies—
On the salt deep doth he move,
Or exists he in the skies?
Hath he empire, hath he fame—
Who has seen his bow and dart?
Hath he ought that he can claim,
Save fond Woman's trembling heart?

Portsmouth and Roanoke Rail Road. We are informed by the Norfolk Beacon, that C. Crozet, Esq. Engineer of the Portsmouth and Roanoke Rail Road, has made his report to the Directors, which is about to be published in Norfolk. The Report is represented as presenting the most animating views of the entire practicability of the enterprise, and the great facilities for construction which are offered by the country through which the road is to pass, over most other locations of similar roads, and the great benefits which are to result from its accomplishment, not merely to Norfolk and its neighboring country, but to the whole range of counties in Virginia and North Carolina, bordering on the Roanoke river. The distance between the two points of termination, is reduced from 24 to 16 miles,—and the road has been marked out for nearly the whole distance. The cost is estimated at about \$450,000.

Military Movement.—The Norfolk Herald of the 12th inst. says: Two full companies of artillery have been ordered from Fortress Monroe, to proceed without delay to Fort Moultrie, Charleston harbor. They will embark on board the schr. Empire, on Wednesday next.

We perceive that the opposition prints are giving, as intelligence, intimations spread abroad by the Telegraph, to make the impression that the President is taking measures to blockade the port of Charleston, by revenue cutters, and is marching troops to make war upon the Nullifiers. There is not the slightest pretext for the supposition, that any one considers such precautions necessary, to secure the collection of the revenue. No resistance, by force, to the due administration of the laws, is apprehended.

But a little while ago, the nullifying papers gave it out, as a fearful sign, that the President was about to remove the United States troops from South Carolina, and leave the State in danger of an insurrection from its slaves. Indeed, it was falsely stated, and made a grave against him, that he had said he would withdraw the troops, for the purpose alluded to. Now he is accused of sending a handful of regulars to conquer the Commonwealth!—*Wash. Globe.*

The Bond Case.—The United States, it seems, tho' they succeeded in obtaining a judgment against Messrs. Holmes & Manzyck, have found it impossible to

make the money. A house of Mr. Holmes' was sometime since levied upon by the Marshal, put up for sale, and knocked off to a State Rights man, who refused to comply with the terms of sale, on the ground of the unconstitutionality of the Tariff laws. After much consultation and deliberation among the officers of the government, the house was again put up for sale yesterday, on account and risk of the former purchaser, but not a single bid could be obtained. Such is the state of public opinion here, in respect to the Tariff. It has been already practically nullified by public opinion. We ought to add that the Bond in this case was given for duties on an importation of Woollens, in which the duties were imposed so exclusively for protection, as to be prohibitory, and that the goods in question were imported by Mr. Holmes expressly for the purpose of trying the question.—*Charleston Mercury.*

Mr. Samuel McKean, who heads the Jackson Electoral Ticket of Pennsylvania, has published a letter to the Editor of the Montrose Register, (dated on the 15th September,) stating that "a deep-laid plot" is on foot to transfer "a part, if not the whole of the electoral vote of Pennsylvania to Mr. Van Buren." He is vehemently opposed to Van Buren, of whom he speaks with great asperity; declares that he will never vote for him as Vice President, under any circumstances—and that if he should be induced to look for a Vice President out of the State, he would decidedly prefer P. P. Barbour, of Virginia.—*Richmond Enq.*

The State Convention in Mississippi, to revise the Constitution, have inserted a provision that the Judges of the Supreme and Circuit Courts, Attorney General, and District Attorneys, shall be elected by the people.

Cholera.—The city of New Orleans has been most afflictionally visited by this awful scourge of humanity. Upwards of 200 die daily—in fact they die so rapidly, that no time is left for their burial—as will be seen from the extracts of letters taken from the Charleston Courier. In Charleston no new cases have occurred, and we now seize the opportunity of correcting an error which we unaccountably fell into in our last paper, in stating that 40 cases and 16 deaths had occurred in that city; at no time, we believe, had there occurred more than 2 or 3 cases and as many deaths, and now we are happy to be able to state that no new case has occurred for the last three or four days.—*Fayetteville Jour.*

Another Robert Matthias.—The Hillsborough (Ohio) Gazette says: A Mormon preacher at Marietta has published a pamphlet, in which he asserts that he "is the great comet which has come to burn up the world"—"that he is a brother to the Emperor of China," &c. He recommends something which he calls his "elements of Astrology, to the people and says they have been revised by seventy-two of the most learned men in the United States—that he intends to have them stereotyped, the plates deposited in every city on earth in a pyramid, on which is to be kept burning an eternal fire, with a priest and priestess in continual worship. He signs himself "Edward Postlethayt Page, Emperor of the World."

CONTENTNEA ASSOCIATION.

Extract from the "Minutes of the Contentnea Baptist Association, held at Bear Creek Meeting House, Lenoir county, N. C. the 27th, 28th, and 29th of October, 1832."

SATURDAY, October 27.

1. Pursuant to adjournment of last year, the Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder THOMAS DUPREE, from 1 John, iii. and 1: "Behold what manner of love the father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God."

2. The Association then convened for business, and being opened with prayer by Elder MARK BENNETT, proceeded to choose Elders THOMAS DUPREE, Moderator; MARK BENNETT, Clerk; and GEORGE W. WALLACE, Assistant Clerk.

3. Brethren in the ministry, present, from sister Associations, who were not messengers to this, were invited to sit with us.

4. Letters from fifteen churches were read, their delegates' names enrolled, and their state exhibited in the following table.

[The table of churches states that during the past year, the total number baptised were 62—received by letter, 4—restored, 4—dismissed by letter, 38—excluded, 10—dead, 9—number, 698—contributions to the Association fund, \$26 34.]

5. Petitionary letters were called for, whereupon one, from White Oak Church, Edgecombe, was handed in and read, and said church was received a member to this Association, by the Moderator's giving the right hand of fellowship.

6. Letters of correspondence from sister Associations were called for;—one was handed in from the Kehukee; and verbal information received from the Little River, by Elder WILLIAM WALL: the intelligence from both of which was soul-cheering. More than two hundred have been added to the latter by baptism, since their last session.

7. Resolved, that in future, our Association continue three days in succession, beginning on Saturday.

8. Appointed brethren, Sherrod Tice and Rufus Daniel, a committee of finance;—to report to the Association on Monday; and that the report be spread on our Minutes.

9. The Circular Letter was called for, read, and received.

10. Resolved, that our next Association be held at Tyson's M. H. in Pitt county, to commence Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1833, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Elder GEORGE W. WALLACE is requested to deliver an introductory sermon; if he shall fail Elder MARK BENNETT, to do the same.

11. Elders DUPREE, WALL, and BENNETT, were appointed by private ballot, to preach on the Sabbath,—worship to begin at 10 o'clock, A. M.

12. Adjourned till Monday morning, 9 o'clock: prayer by Elder BYNUM.

SUNDAY, October 28th.

The services of the day were introduced by Elder DUPREE, who preached from 1 Cor. xv. chap. 22 verse: "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming." He was followed by Elder BENNETT, from Matt. xiii. chap. 30 verse: "Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn." Elder SWINSON, to whom Elder WALL chose to give place, concluded by preaching from 2 Cor. v. chap. 1 and 2 verse: "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heaven. For in this we groan."

General interest appeared to be taken in the word preached; and we hope the labor was not in vain.

MONDAY, October 29th.

Met pursuant to adjournment:—prayer by the Moderator.

13. Agreed that, the Ministers sent as messengers to visit sister Associations be compensated for their services.

14. Agreed that, Elders THOMAS DUPREE and BENJAMIN BYNUM be appointed to visit the Kehukee Association; and that we send by them to that Association 40 copies of our Minutes; and Elders BYNUM, DUPREE, and WALLACE, to visit the Little River; and that we send by them to that Association 20 copies.

15. Elder ICHABOD MOORE is requested to write a Circular Letter, in behalf of this Association, to be attached to our next Minutes.

The committee of finance report that, they find in the Treasury, \$36 56 Received by contributions this year, - - - 26 34

	Making	\$62 96
Paid for printing these Minutes,	-	\$10 00
Paid Elder DUPREE for attending the Kehukee Association,	5 00	
Paid Elder GEORGE W. WALLACE for attending the Little River Association,	-	7 00
Allowed the Clerk for services,	-	10 00
	Making,	32 00
Balance remaining in the treasury,	-	\$30 96

SHERROD TICE, }
RUFUS DANIEL, } Com. Fin.

17. Elder MARK BENNETT is requested to transcribe and prepare these Minutes for the press; to have 400 copies struck, and distributed as usual; and to record one copy on the Association book.

18. Called over the list of delegates.

19. Resolved that, the Confession of Faith, recorded in the History of the Kehukee Baptist Association, be annexed to these Minutes, that the churches and brethren composing this Association may have an opportunity of examining, and of considering the scriptural ground of that Confession; and that, they express, in their several letters to our next Association, their approbation, or disapprobation, to said Confession.

20. The Minutes were then read and assigned by the Moderator, and Clerk.

21. Adjourned to the time and place above named.
(Signed.) THOMAS DUPREE, Moderator.
MARK BENNETT, Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Contentnea Baptist Association, assembled at Bear Creek Meeting House, Saturday and Sunday, the 27th and 28th days of October, 1832, to all the brethren of our Association, send Christian love and exhortation.

Brethren, love one another; without dissimulation; in deed and in truth; with a pure heart fervently. Be kind; be courteous, condescending and humane. Love your enemies. Entreat them not as enemies. Do them no harm. Show them in your body the marks of the Lord Jesus. If they do you an injury, do them a favor. Hate no man. Despise no man. Be kind to all. Remember the poor,—of the ministry, of your brethren, of your neighbors. Put on bowels of mercies. Be piteous. Visit the fatherless and the widows in their afflictions. Visit the sick. Let them see your faces; let them hear your conversation; it will comfort them, it will make their pains lighter.

Be not partial; do not make little of the poor; do not envy the rich. Seek contentment; show moderation. Try to be quiet, and peaceable. Let humility be your clothing; and let gentleness keep you company continually. Be sober. Be temperate; do not drink too much spirits. Guard against covetousness; it is a legion of sins. Do not defraud one another, nor cheat one another. Do not tell lies; big lies, nor little ones. Do not swear—vulgar swearing, nor modest swearing. Remember the tongue a hundred times a day. Avoid idleness; sin waits by its side. Flee slothfulness, it is the harbinger of evil. Brethren, watch. Your path is full of the world; your flesh, on all sides; Satan every where. Do not bite, nor backbite one another. Don't speak evil of each other. Beware of jealousy, and evil-surmising. Entertain strangers; use hospitality. Enquire for the old way; and walk in it. Look cautiously at new doctrines, and new forms. Read the scriptures; and keep near them in faith and practice. Brethren, pray; and often ask God in secret for what you want. While there, think whether your brother has any thing against you; and whether there is any you cannot forgive. Do not forget that your bodies are the temple of the Holy Ghost. Recollect, if any man defile this temple, him shall God destroy. Flee fornication; keep clear of reproach from that quarter. It is the most dangerous rock in your voyage. To your wives yield up the best affection of your hearts. Be fathers to your children: reasonable to your servants. Finally, brethren, do not fall out by the way: your journey is not of very great length. The Lord give us all more grace. To Him be glory forever, Amen.