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DOMESTIC.

ANNIVERSARIES AT NEW YORK.

American Seamen's Friend Society.—The 5th anniversary was held on the 5th ult. in Chatham street Chapel, and was well attended. A. Van Sinderen, president, in the chair. From the report it appeared that the receipts of the society for the past year was \$9,226, and the expenditures \$9,300; and that \$3,000 are wanted to meet the demands of next month. It further appeared that there were at least 100,000 seamen in the U. States, and that 5 years ago they were the most demoralized class in the community: Now in every seaport they have Churches for their use, & many are well attended. In some seaports they have Temperance Boarding Houses, and a great improvement is observable in their manners and habits.

In the U. S. Navy about 4000 men are employed of 1007 men last summer in the Mediterranean squadron, 319 had stopped their liquor rations.—On board the corvette John Adams, not a man drew his grog, and of the crew of the Dolphin, only 9. A crew is now enlisting by order of the secretary of the Navy, who are to do without liquor entirely. Several Sabbath Schools and Bible classes are taught on board our National ships and means are taking to distribute Bibles and Tracts among them more generally. In the whale fishery about 4000 seamen are employed, and reformation is perceptible among them. Of 97 ships that sailed from New Bedford, 75 carried no ardent spirits, and a fishing company has been formed, on condition that the crews rest on the sabbath.

The American Temperance Society.—This society celebrated its 6th anniversary on the 3th ult. and was numerously attended.

The following is an extract from the report of the Executive committee, giving the present state of the reformation: "A million have united in Temperance Societies, and pledged themselves not to use it, or to furnish it, and in all suitable ways, to discountenance the use of it throughout the community. The number of these societies in the U. States exceeds 500, and more than 20 of them are State societies, at the head of which in many cases are the first men in the community.—More than 2000 men have ceased to make it, and more than 6,000 have ceased to sell it. More than 7000 vessels now float on the ocean that do not carry it, and though they visit every clime and at all seasons of the year, make the longest & most difficult voyages, and not unfrequently circumnavigate the globe, the men are uniformly better, in all respects than when they used it."

The American Tract Society.—The 3th annual meeting was held on the 8th ult. From the report it appears, that during the past year the society has published 35 new tracts making the total number printed by them 648. The receipts during the year amounted to \$62,443 50: and the expenditures, within \$140 32 of the amount of the receipts. The total number of branches & auxiliaries amount to 4,595, and have 16 agents

American Home Missionary Society.

The anniversary of this society was held in the Chatham street Chapel, on the 8th ult. Gen. Van Rensselaer, president in the chair. By the treasurer's report, it appeared that during the past year, the receipts amounted to \$68,621, being \$15,000 more than the year previous: and that the whole amount and \$170 42 over were expended. From the annual report of the committee it appears that they have had in their employ during the past year 605 ministers in 800 different congregations, in which 6041 persons have been added during the year: And 770 Sabbath Schools, with 31,140 scholars are also under the supervision of the missionaries. Several speeches were made on the occasion, in which the claims of the south on the society were strongly urged on the ground that the Southern States, with a population of 5,500,000, had only 1572 ministers, whilst the western States with 2,000,000 less had more than 1800.

During the 7 years existence, the missionaries employed by it have labored equal to 1775 years, and 17,579 souls have been added to the churches.

The American Bible Society.

—The 17th anniversary of this institution was held on the 9th ult. From their report it appears that during the past year 14 new auxiliaries have been formed, making a total of 302. The receipts amounted to \$84,935 48. That with this it has paid off its debt of 20,000 dollars; made large appropriations for printing the scriptures in foreign languages, and are procuring new stereotype plates. During the last year there were 91,168 copies of the scriptures, in various languages, issued, making a total since the formation of the society of 1,533,668. Since the resolution to supply the destitute with Bibles, about half a million of copies have been circulated; yet but few societies formed for this purpose have fully effected that object. With the permission of the War Department, Bibles have been distributed to the destitute soldiers of the army; and numbers have been distributed among destitute seamen.

American Sunday School Union.—This Society celebrated its 9th Anniversary on the 9th ult. at Philadelphia. It appeared from the annual report of the Treasurer, that the expenditures of the past year in salaries, interest, printing, &c. were about \$127,379. It was stated there were about 14,550 schools, with 760,000 scholars in connexion with the Union.

Methodist Missionary Society.—The anniversary of this society was held in New York on the 25th ult. From the report it appears that it has 30 missionaries employed among the Indians, 14 school teachers, 500 scholars and 3000 church members. 3 missionaries are shortly to go to Liberia. It has also 50 domestic missionaries in different parts of the country, among them 3 in Georgia and 3 in South Carolina. Receipts of the year \$16,375, expenditures \$19,687.

United States' Temperance Society.

—The General Convention, which assembled at Philadelphia on the 24th ult. adjourned on Tuesday last. Near 400 Delegates attended. We cannot spare room for their proceedings; but we think it proper to state, that the Convention absolutely refused to disclaim connexion with the emancipation of our slaves "on account of the very absurdity of such a supposition." The charge no doubt was unfounded; but the imputation having been made, and the subject brought to notice in a respectful manner, by the Delegates of a Southern Society, it became the Convention we think to answer directly, and not give the question the go by in a mere general disclaimer. However conscious they may be of the purity

of their own motives; yet none of us can see into the bosoms of our fellow men and when we ask an explanation of their views, it is but reasonable that a candid response should be made.

Petersburg Times.

Mail Robbery.—A youth who carries the mail, from this place to Salisbury, on horseback, was arrested a few days ago, on suspicion of robbing the mail which he had in charge, of a letter containing \$65. On examination before Judge Potter, \$45 were found upon him which he acknowledged to be a part of the money thus obtained. He was committed, to await a trial.—*Fay. Obs.*

Bank Defalcation.—The Georgia papers announce that the Cashier of the Greensborough Branch of the State Bank of Georgia is found to be a defaulter to the amount of about \$71,000. It is stated that the credit of the Institution cannot be affected by this circumstance; as the securities being good, the eventual loss to the Bank cannot be great.

☞The Salisbury Watchman, despairing of the success of any of the plans for a Rail Road from the sea board to the mountains of North Carolina, earnestly recommends the extension of the Petersburg Rail Road to Salisbury.

☞The Grand Jury for the late Term of Mecklenburg Superior Court, presented the present County Court System, as one of the grievances under which they labor. They say:—"We are of opinion that were they dispensed with as Courts of Law, it would contribute much to the administration of Justice, and prevent in a great degree, that litigation which, under present rules and regulations, they are calculated to increase, besides a great saving of expense to our county, and relieve us from the very great inconvenience of attending those Courts as jurors and witnesses. We are therefore, of opinion, that there is no further use for them, more than for Courts of Probate, which can be so regulated as to do the business of our county."

An impudent Quack.—A "professed bone setter" advertises in a Western paper that "his method of treating patients is so pleasant, and his success so certain, that many persons who have applied to him for relief, have afterwards disjointed, and even broken their own limbs purposely, in order that they might enjoy the luxury of undergoing another operation at his hands!"

☞We learn that Mrs. Frances Silvers, whom we advertised last week, as having escaped from Burke jail, a few days ago, was apprehended on Wednesday last, on Sandy Run, in the south eastern part of this county, and has been taken back to Jail. She was accompanying her uncle, a resident of Anson county, who had been for a short time engaged in peddling in Burke. She was dressed in men's apparel and had cut her hair short. We learn that her father and uncle have both been committed to Jail, as accessories to her escape.

Rutherfordton Spec.

The Jurist is the title of a new work about to be commenced at Washington, by Duff Green. It is to be issued weekly, to contain reports of all important law cases in this country and Europe, the laws of the U. States, &c. to contain 64 pages each, or 3328 pages annually, price \$10 per year.

☞The bridge now building across the river Potomac, between Washington City and Alexandria, will be one of the most magnificent structures in the world. The piers, arches and abutments are to be of granite, and to be founded on piles

or on the solid rock according to the nature of the bottom. The number of arches will be 40, and piers 42. There will be two draws; and the whole length of the bridge will be a mile.

Raleigh Register.

A Counterfeiter apprehended.—A man of genteel deportment and appearance, who gave his name as Isaac M. Daniel, and who stated that he had recently visited the town of Lynchburg, but came last from Monroe county, was apprehended at the Half Way House between this place and Richmond and temporarily committed to our jail on Thursday last. On his examination, it appeared that he had passed on the 22d inst. a counterfeit Ten Dollars U. S. Bill on Capt. Samuel I. Morgan, of Nottoway, who on discovering the circumstance immediately pursued him, and found after enquires on the road that he had passed other Notes on Messrs. Southerland and Jones in Dinwiddie county. The three having united in the chase traced the gentleman through Petersburg to Mr. Hatcher's Tavern in Chesterfield, where he was taken as above stated, \$2600 in Counterfeit U. S. Bills, chiefly \$10 Notes, (nearly all of the Norfolk Deposit) besides about \$200 good money were found in his possession; but as it did not appear that he had passed any in this place he was on Saturday turned over to the authorities of Dinwiddie, to take his trial where he had committed the offence. While here, he betrayed nothing like apprehension, but on the contrary manifested considerable self possession, refusing to answer any questions which could possibly lead to his own crimination. He no doubt belongs to an association, whose ramifications extended to nearly every section of the State; and probably he is not the least shrewd member of the fraternity.

Petersburg Int.

☞The Editor of the Portland Gazette, who has recently traveled from Washington to Alabama, says in one of his letters:—"I have omitted to mention above the great number of emigrants whom I have passed. It would seem as if North and South Carolina were pouring forth their population in swarms.—Perhaps I have gone by in the Creek nation over three thousand persons, all emigrating, including negroes of course. The fires of their encampments made the woods blaze in all directions. The lands of the Carolinas are being exhausted, and as there the art of nourishing and invigorating lands is little practised upon, the planters are going to an untilled and to a more fertile country. Politics in South Carolina have had much to do in accelerating this emigration."

☞About three weeks ago, a soldier's wife passing up the Long Sault, (U. C.) had a quarrel with her husband, and became so furious that she threw her infant into the rapids, and then jumped in herself. One of the soldiers present saved the child, but made no exertion to save the woman, who was consequently drowned.

☞The U. S. Gazette gives the following anecdote of a Sailor, who visited the blind fair, lately held in Boston.

The accomplished Mrs. O. was attracting all eyes to her table, when a sailor bore down towards her, with strong symptoms of becoming a purchaser of some of the rich articles before her. He drew from his pocket a ten dollar note, and after looking steadfastly upon the lady, he laid the money on the table, and was about to withdraw—"Will you not take some article for your money," said Mrs. O. to him. The honest fellow turned again towards her, and looked—then with an expressive hitch, he sheered off saying "no, I've had my money's worth."