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## DOMESTIC.

**University of North Carolina.**—We are indebted to a correspondent of the Harbinger for the following account of the exercises at the late Commencement of our University:

The public exercises commenced, as usual, on Monday evening. The speaking on that and the following evenings showed evidently that a better taste is gradually introducing the chastened, natural fervor of the polite orator for the ranting, mouthing and style of "Bombastes Furioso." Most of the speeches were well humored and delivered in good taste.

The Annual Address [delivered by Gen. James Iredell] to the two Societies was enthusiastically received by a crowded house, and would call for further notice, did I not know that in a short time it would appear in print, to receive from the public that judgment which it so richly deserves.

On Wednesday forenoon a meeting of the "North Carolina Institute" was held. And in the afternoon, the members of the Institute, and audience generally were entertained by an Address from Professor Mitchell, on the subject of common schools, in which there was much profitable matter, seasoned by several happy touches of his peculiar humor.

It was gratifying to every friend of the Institution to see in their places a goodly number of Trustees, with our public spirited Governor at their head, and to hear them express a determination to do all in their power to promote its interests.

The exercises of Commencement Day were conducted in their usual order, the candidates for Degrees acquitting themselves very much to the gratification of the numerous auditory—Thirteen young gentlemen received the Degree of Bachelor of Arts. The next Degree of Master of Arts was conferred on Cicero P. Hawks, James W. Bryan, Samuel Smith, John R. J. Daniel, Jonathan Haughton, and Thos. Hoskins. That of Doctor of Divinity on Rev. Andrew Syme, of Petersburg, Virginia; and that of L. L. D. on Rt. Rev. Levi S. Aves, Hon. Chief Justice Thomas Ruffin, and Hon. George E. Badger.

The following was the Order of Exercises:—

**Forenoon.** 1. Prayer by the President. 2. Salutatory Oration in Latin—James B. Shepard, Newbern. 3. Oration on Astronomy—William P. Gunn, Caswell. 4. Oration on the Drama—William P. Bond, Windsor. 5. Forensic Debate—Would the general Introduction of Manufactures be beneficial to the Southern country?—Thomas G. Haughton, Edenton; Thomas J. Williams, Halifax, Va. 6. Forensic Debate—"Does a Student derive more benefit from an attention to his Collegiate studies than from devotion to general literature?"—Sam'l R. Blake, Fayetteville; Samuel Williams, Halifax, Va.

**Afternoon.** 7. Oration on Political Economy—David M'Alister, Cumberland. 8. A Forensic Debate—"Would the establishment of a Medical Board in North Carolina contribute to the improvement of the Medical profession in the State?"—William B. Carter, Caswell;

Albert G. Anderson, Caswell. 9. Should Institutions for education be under the patronage and control of the State?—Henry W. Miller, Buckingham, Va.; Harrison W. Covington, Richmond. 10. Valedictory Oration—Abraham F. Morehead, Rockingham. 11. Address by the President. 12. Degrees conferred. 13. Report of the Examination. 14. Prayer by the President.

**The Experimental Rail Road Company.**—This institution has declared a dividend of twenty-five per cent. for the six months ending on the 1st instant. *Ral. Star.*

**Bank of Cape Fear.**—A dividend of three per cent. of the profits of this institution has been declared, payable on this day (3d instant) at the Principal Bank, and on the 7th at its offices.—*ib.*

**Episcopal School.**—We are gratified to state that this School, the operations of which commenced less than a month ago, has so increased its numbers as to render the immediate erection of another Building necessary.—*Ral. Reg.*

**Death by Lightning.**—We learn that during a violent storm at Wadesborough on Sunday the 15th June, Mr. James Patrick, a young man of that place, was killed by lightning. Two horses were also killed by the same stroke.—*Fay. Obs.*

**Specie.**—The quantity of specie now in the country, is estimated at forty millions of Dollars; the importations having been about twenty millions since the removal of the deposits.—Verily, the "experiment" works well. We shall soon have a metallic basis, sufficient to enable the State Banks to discount freely, and relieve every thing like pressure in the money market.—*Petersburg Con.*

The new novel of "the Kentuckian in New York," states that it is part of the Moravian political economy to require all young gentlemen of the sect to be enrolled on one list, and all the willing young ladies on the other; and the first gentlemen on the list must marry the first lady—so that they are drafted for marriage as the militia are drafted for service. When they come to marriageable and discreet years, they must pair off in regular couples, and pass their lives together *volens volens.*

**A Thrilling Incident.**—A Greenfield (Mass.) paper says: "A few days since a child of Mr. E. Ryther, in this place, about 3 years old, was discovered in a well into which it had probably fallen by seizing the bucket and carrying that down with it. When Mrs. Ryther discovered it, it was holding by the side of the bucket with its little hands, and crying for "mother." The mother ran to a neighbour's for assistance; but before she could return, a girl in the house had raised the bucket with the child clinging to it the whole way, and supporting its weight by the mere power of its arms and hands. After it was safely landed, there was considerable difficulty in disengaging its hands from their convulsive grasp of the bucket. The well was more than twenty feet deep, with 12 feet water.

Alderman Talmadge, of New York, recently made a report to the Common Councils of that city, touching the state of Lauren's street; from which the following is an interesting extract:

"He had been called to that quarter, in his official capacity, to quell a riot as a health warden, and had been at the pains to investigate the condition of the inhabitants. House No. 33, he had found inhabited by twenty-one whites, and ninety-six blacks, and in a small building in the rear, by 10 blacks—the next house contained 30 whites and sixteen blacks,

the rear 15 blacks—the next in order was inhabited by 42 whites and 42 blacks, and the ten houses adjoining each other, commencing with No. 33, he found to be inhabited by no less than 230 whites, and 173 blacks, being in all 453, and an average of 45 persons in each house."

The porter of the Canal Bank of New Orleans, who absconded with \$50,000 of the funds of that institution, was apprehended on the coast, after a chase of three days, by the indefatigable exertions of Mr. Edward Yorke, a director of the Bank, and all the money except \$145 recovered.

**Folly and its consequences.**—A Foucher, Jr. guilty of extensive forgeries at New Orleans, and whom it was supposed had escaped, it appears committed suicide. When found by a party of negroes, his body was in a state of decomposition, supposed to have been dead some days. He had shot himself through the head.

**Suicide.**—Daniel L. Adams, a worthy and much respected citizen of the town of Pittsfield in this county, committed suicide by hanging himself in his corn house on the morning of the 13th inst. It appeared that he stood on a half bushel, and wound the rope, which was tied around his neck, twice around a beam above, and held the end in his hand. It is stated that his embarrassed circumstances had caused a mental derangement, and that he resorted to this means to free himself from trouble. He was between 50 and 60 years of age.

*Otsego (N. Y.) Rep.*

**Shocking Occurrence.**—The Norris-town (Pa.) Herald states that on Friday last, a daughter of Mr. B. Hoffman, near the Broad Axe Tavern, of Montgomery county, who was subject to spasmodic attacks, unfortunately while engaged in feeding some hogs, fell into the pen, and was partly devoured by the ravenous beasts. When found, life was extinct.

**Sudden Death.**—We learn with deep regret, that Col. Cyrus Baldwin, brother of the celebrated engineer, died yesterday morning at his residence in Middlesex Village. He appeared to be in his usual firm health the evening previous. The cause of his sudden decease was attributed to an affection of the heart, and we understand a *post mortem* examination was to be made to-day to ascertain the fact.—*Lowell Journal.*

**Louisville, (Ky.) June 12.**—**Melancholy Occurrence.**—Extract of a letter to the Editors of the Philadelphia Herald.—A shocking occurrence took place here last week. A Mr. C. married Miss Buckner last week, a beautiful and interesting woman, of one of our most respectable families. On that evening, Mrs. Buckner, the mother of the bride, had a large quantity of custard made, and sent to the houses of her married children.—On Sunday, Mrs. Foster (her daughter) was taken ill, and died in a few hours. While the company was assembling for her funeral, a daughter of her's became suddenly ill, and the funeral was postponed, that both might be buried together. Before this took place, Mrs. Buckner died—and, one after the other, 3 have died, and 9 more are dangerously ill.

Poison having been suspected, the servants are all in prison, but there is no evidence, external or internal, to prove the charge. The contents of the stomach show no appearance of poison. The symptoms in all resemble those of Asiatic Cholera—yet no one else in town has been attacked, and none of that devoted family who avoided the custard. All who ate of it have died or are ill. The physicians and magistrates are all in alarm and bustle, and no two people seem

to agree in opinion as to the true cause of this melancholy visitation.

**Avalanche!**—A very curious migration took place in this vicinity on Wednesday night last. About a quarter of an acre of land on the eastern bank of the Kennebunk river, near the house of Mr. Benjamin Durrill, in Kennebunk port, slid into the river, carrying away half of the Kennebunk bridge, (a draw bridge,) and nearly filling up the channel for a rod or more.—Where on Wednesday a ship of the largest size might have laid afloat, the river may now be forded without difficulty. The land moved in a solid mass, and the apple trees upon it looked as flourishing and seem to be as firmly imbedded in the soil in their new situation, as they did on the spot where they were reared. The slide was accompanied with a noise resembling the rumbling of an earthquake.—*Kennebunk Journal.*

The good people of West Hartford, Conn., lately tore down their old "Meeting House," for the laudable purpose of building a new one upon the spot. The old edifice was erected in 1714, and of course was 120 years of age. The venerable pastor of the church, the Rev. Dr. Perkins, is himself a most interesting remnant of antiquity, having been settled in this very parish for sixty-two years. On the Sabbath preceding the demolition of the building, he delivered a very interesting discourse from the text, "If thy presence go not with us, carry us not up hence," in the course of which he stated, that he had preached 4000 written and 3000 extemporaneous sermons, and admitted 500 to the communion of the church, and had survived all the members of the society living at the time of his settlement. Dr. P. is in his 86th year, and is still in the enjoyment of good health, and of his mental faculties. He graduated at Princeton in 1769, and was a class mate of Thomas Jefferson.

Difficulties, it is feared, are again about to occur between the Mormons, and the citizens of Jackson, (Mo.) in case any steps should be taken by the Mormons to return to their old homes. It is anticipated that blood will be shed. Several of the merchants and others, having armed themselves—some even with cannon, are prepared to resist the efforts of the combined brethren, whom it is said, have been collecting from all parts of the country.

A Miss Decker, a young lady about seventeen years of age, was literally burnt to death, by her clothes catching fire, near the Horse Head, Tioga County. Her clothes caught while she was in the act of stooping, while near the fire; and all her efforts to put them out, were unsuccessful.—She then ran a distance of about sixty rods, to her father, her clothes enveloped in flames, and parts of her flesh were actually seen in a blaze; making a noise similar to meat, in the act of frying.

On the anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill, a number of young men of Ipswich, raised a subscription and invited all old soldiers of the revolution in the town to partake of a collation. The number present was twenty-seven, and the aggregate of their ages upwards of 2100 years—being an average of 80.

**More Shipwrecks.**—The Montreal Gazette, of Thursday, contains some particulars of two other losses at sea, not hitherto reported. One, the Proselyte, of Limerick, with 223 passengers, all of whom have been safely landed at Richibucto, (Nova Scotia,) in a lamentable state of misery, and the other name unknown, but described as being from the west of England, with 280 passengers, 7 of whom only are saved.