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POETRY.

PROGRESS OF OUR NEW CHURCH.

As yet no organ rolls, no church-bell rings,
But in and out the darting swallows past;
While distant hands prepare the pictured glass,
Through vacant quatretoils the hodman sings.
But when the House is built, the altar spread,
Enter, O broken heart! and tell thy sin,
Prime guest of Jesus! enter, and begin
The Church's mystic life, one cup, one bread:
And when to these crush'd graves the spring shall give
Once more their common bond of daisies sweet,
So may all flat and barren souls revive,
In one white field of common graces meet;
While bells, organ and sweet hymns combine
To draw them lovingly to rites divine.

Good Words. CHARLES TURNER.

The Lost Comet Found.

[From the London News.]

One of the most remarkable astronomical events which has appeared for many years has just been announced. It is, indeed, altogether unprecedented in the annals of science. Our readers will remember that the splendid shower of meteors which fell on November 27, 1872, was ascribed in our columns to the lost comet named after Biela. Very soon after this the opinion—first announced, we believe, in our columns—was confirmed in several independent quaters, and at the last meeting of the Royal Astronomical Society, Mr. Hind, Superintendent of the Nautical Almanac, indicated how closely the phenomena of that wonderful shower accorded with the theory that we were passing through the meteoric train of Biela's comet when the shower occurred. But a Continental observer did more than that.

The idea suggested itself to him that since the earth had passed through the train of the comet, the actual course pursued by the comet was indicated (though after a fashion hitherto unknown in astronomical practice). A new method of observing comets, truly, that astronomers should aptly be whirled by the earth through the train of a comet which had "passed that way" several weeks before! But the astronomer Kirkenfuse acted on this idea, calculated where the comet must be, and sent a telegram to Pogson, the Government astronomer at Madras, containing the following startling announcement. "Biela touched earth on the 27th; search near Theta Centauri." For the comet had gone Southward, and according to calculations was in a part of the star sphere which only just rises above the southern horizon of London (and that an hour in November and December when the stars can not be seen). So the message had to be sent to the southern observatory, where the glories of the Centaur, with the gemmed feet upon the splendid Southern Cross, raise high above the horizon. Pogson recieved the telegram in due course, and, on the first clear morning looked out for the comet near the left shoulder of the Manhorse. The time for the search was short, for in December the Centaur does not rise at Madras untill near sunrise. And the weather was unfavorable. For two mornings Pogson saw nothing. But "on the third attempt I had better luck," he writes to the astronomer royal. Just about a quarter-past 5 a blue space in the heavens enabled him to find Biela, and in four minutes (so great is the delicacy of modern telescopic observation) Pogson had found that the comet was moving; in other words, that the object was not one of those star cloudlets which fleck the star depths but remain unmoving and unchanging for centuries. We may venture to quote Pogson's words as to his recognition of the comet's motion, for, though technical, they have an amusing sound. He says: Though I could only get four comparisons with an anonymous star"—an anonymous star!—"the comet had moved over such and such a distance in four minutes, and that settled its being the right object." The next day the comet still presented a circular aspect, with a diameter more than half as large again as on the former day—"a bright nucleus," and this time a faint but distinct tail, about as long as the fourth part of the moon's apparent diameter, and spreading. Whether the companion comet was there or not, Mr. Pogson had no time to tell. Daylight came on with rapid strides, and the next morning clouds and rain had returned.

The Raleigh *Sentinel* and *News* are still discussing the matter of public printing. The Raleigh press is setting the *provincial* press a very bad example. That public printing business ought to be dead matter by this time. As Mark Twain said to the guide at Genoa, when he was shown the great Egyptain mummy 2,000 years old, "who wants to see your old dead man? if you've got a fresh corpse, trot him out!"—*Western Expositor.*

"The Select Coachmen," of New York, gave a musical recently at the National Assembly Rooms, advertising that the ball had "great *facilities* for entertaining guests," and that the entertainment was "for the benefit of the sick and *deceased* members of the society."

FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKING.

F. M. SHELTON

HAVING greatly increased his Stock of FURNITURE which consists in part of

Parlor Suits, Black, Walnut Painted Chamber Suits, French and Cottage Bedsteads, Spring Beds, Bureaus, Washstands, Tenpoys, Folding Tables, Ladies Work Tables, Extension and Centre Tables, Whatnots Safes,

Excelsior and Cotton Mattresses, Chairs and Stools of various styles and many other things not necessary to mention.

The Undertakers Department is complete from the cheapest Poplar Coffin to the Finest Hexigon Head and Foot Walnut Casket Half Glass Top, finished and trimmed in the most approved style, will be kept constantly ready for use, all of which will be sold at a most reasonable price.

Returning many thanks for past favors I most respectfully ask the citizens of Charlotte and surrounding country, who have need for anything in my line to give me a call before purchasing elsewhere.

South Trade Street opposite the Market House, Charlotte, N. C.

jan 1st 1873-1y F. M. SHELTON.

Special Notice to the Public.

AS a great many changes have taken place this year, I respectfully beg to inform the citizens of Charlotte and the public in general that no change has taken place at my establishment. I am still at my old stand, No. 24 Tryon Street, David Parks' building, with a large and well selected stock of the finest and latest styles of custom-made clothing for Men, Youths and Boys wear, also on hand a fine stock of Gents' Furnishing Goods, Shirts, of Ballard's make, the best fitting shirt in the world. The very latest styles of Hats, Scarfs, Bows and Ties, Umbrellas, &c., &c., and I will still sell them at prices to defy competition.

I expect to leave for New York City in a short time to lay in my stock of Clothing and Piece Goods, for my Tailoring Establishment and will also bring with me an experienced Cutter and Tailor, and will be ready by Spring to cut and make to order at my own establishment and under my own supervision and at lower prices than the same quality of goods can be made up in this or any other city, this side of Baltimore.

Being thankful to the citizens of Charlotte and the public in general for the liberal patronage heretofore bestowed upon me, I most respectfully ask a continuance of the same. Respectfully,

jan 9 E. SHRIER.

Home and Democrat copy.

250 Sacks Country Flour, different Grades, for sale at
jan 21 R. M. MILLER & SONS.

TO THE LADIES.

SOME NEW STYLE HATS, JUST RECEIVED BY EXPRESS THIS MORNING AT MRS. QUERY'S

nov 30

BRIGGS & BROTHER'S ILLUSTRATED FLORAL WORK!

For January, 1873, Now Out, Issued as a Quarterly. The four numbers sent to any address, by mail, for 25 cents. The richest and most instructive Illustrated and Descriptive Floral Guide ever published. Those of our patrons who ordered Seeds last year and were credited with 25 cents, will receive the four Quarterlies for 1873. Those who order Seeds this year will be credited with a subscription for 1874. The The January number contains nearly "400 Engravings, Two Superb Colored Plates," suitable for framing, and also "Tinted Plates" of our gorgeous Floral Chromos; information relative to Flowers, Vegetables, &c., and their cultivation, and all such matter as was formerly found in our Annual Catalogue. You will miss it if you order "seeds" before seeing Briggs & Brother's Quarterly. We challenge comparison on quality of Seeds and prices and sizes of packets. Our "Calendar" Advance Sheet and Price List for 1873," sent free.

Address BRIGGS & BROTHER, Seedsmen and Florists, Rochester, N. Y.

jan 22-4w

English and Classical School.

MESSRS. Aldrich & Barrier would respectfully inform the citizens of Charlotte, that the Spring Term of their School commences on Monday of the ensuing week, February 3rd. The school is conveniently located in the basement of the Lutheran Church on Tryon street between 8th & 9th streets, where they will be happy to receive all applications for admission. Rev. Mr. Aldrich would also give notice that he has complied with the law regarding Public Schools and is now ready to receive all male white children into his department who may desire to be admitted.

jan 31-1f

LOT of No. 1, Copying Press Letter Books, at
jan 29 TIDDY'S.

Kraut, Kraut.

JUST received a Bbl, of nice White Saur Kraut, for sale by
jan 29 SYMONS & CO.

FINE SALT.

100 Sacks Factory filled SALT on hand and for sale by
STENHOUSE, MACAULAY & CO.
nov 21

The Change.

HAVING notified our friends and customers some time since, that our business would change January 1st, 1873, we are pleased to say that the change has taken place, and it is to be strictly CASH or 30 DAYS CREDIT. Those who do not pay promptly need not expect any favors. If you are in arrears—don't ask for credit, save us the unpleasant duty of denying you.

To our many friends and patrons we return thanks, and ask a continuance of their favors—believing that by a strict application of the above rules, we will be able to sell goods cheaper than those who credit.

All bills are due and payable on the 1st day of each and every month.

GRIER & ALEXANDER.
jan 1, 1873, 1y

SIMONTON HOUSE.

STATESVILLE, N. C.

THE Proprietor of the above named Hotel respectfully invites the people of Charlotte and the public generally to call on him when they visit Statesville. He will spare neither pains nor money to make the SIMONTON HOUSE *a first class* HOTEL, and worthy of public patronage.

T. A. PRICE, Proprietor.
nov 25-1y

F. SCARR,

Chemist and Druggist

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Prescriptions prepared at all hours of the Day and night.

Choice Green and Black Tea,

Selected especially for Family and Invalids, at SCARR'S
june 29 Drug Store.

FRESH SPICES.

Just received, a lot of select Spices for Pickles, Preserves, &c., at F. SCARR'S
june 29 Drug Store.

Pure Salad Oil.

Finest article in Market, at F. SCARR'S
june 29 Drug Store.

For Sale.

TWO Acres of land adjoining the City of Charlotte, very finely situated in a rapidly improving neighborhood. Will be sold entire, or in lots to suit purchasers, at a very reasonable rate. Apply to
JOHN T. BUTLER,
oct 22 Opposite Mansion House.

FOR SALE.

A Lot of fine HORSES and MULES, in splendid order. At DAVIDSON'S LIVERY STABLES. Horses and Mules for sale are kept on hand constantly.
nov 16-tf

Oats.

FIFTEEN Hundred Bushels Mountain Seed Oats, for sale by
STENHOUSE, MACAULAY & CO.

HOMINY and Grits, fresh and good. Goods sent to all parts of the City.
SYMONS & CO.
jan 21-tf Near the Charlotte Hotel.

EXCELSIOR!!

THE BEST IS THE CHEAPEST!!!

TO PLANTERS.

WE Offer the following Fertilizers: Patapsco Guano, Chesapeake Guano and Watson & Clarkes Super-Phosphate.

We have pleasure in again tendering to our Farmers the above first-class Fertilizers.

To those who have used them so many years we need only say that they are guaranteed to be fully up to their previous high standard.

And to such as have not yet used them one trial will convince them that they are superior to all others; so make sure of a supply and please hand in your orders early, as the consumption exceeds the manufacturing power.

For sale in any quantity by
STENHOUSE, MACAULAY & CO.
jan 10

Just Received.

100 Bushels Mountain Irish Potatoes, Warranted sound and good at $1.60 per bushel.
SYMONS & CO.
jan 21-tf

A CARD.

To Our Friends and Acquaintances.

WE the Undersigned beg leave to thank our friends and acquaintances for their liberal patronage bestowed upon our Employer, Mr. E. Shrier for the past year, and most respectfully ask a continuance of the same as we are still at the Temple of Fashion. Respectfully,

J. A. YOUNG, Jr.
A. H. TATE.
jan 9

NEW FURNITURE.

GOOD FURNITURE! CHEAP FURNITURE!!

ARRIVING DAILY AT

DAVIDSON'S FURNITURE ROOMS,

TRADE ST., OPPOSITE BREM, BROWN & Co.'s DRY GOODS STORE.

WHERE WILL BE FOUND EVERYTHING KEPT IN A

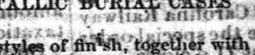
FIRST CLASS FURNITURE HOUSE.

EMBRACING: Chairs, Tables, Bedsteads, Bureaus, Dressing Cases, Wardrobes, Sideboards, Book Cases, Desks, Hat Racks, Etageres, What Nots, Cradles, Cribs, Safes, Tete-a-Tetes, Sofas, Lounges, Mirrors, Glass Plate, &c., &c.

ALSO A

FINE STOCK of Parlor Furniture, Dining Room Furniture and Chamber Suits, all varieties of style and finish. This House also keeps a full stock of Spring Beds and Mattresses, and a Large Assortment of

METALLIC BURIAL CASES



And Caskets of all sizes and styles of finish, together with Mahogany, Rosewood, Walnut, Poplar and Pine Coffins, from the plainest and cheapest to the finest Octagon Cases and Caskets, with full glass tops, trimmed in the most elaborate style, furnished with heavy Silver Mountings. Special attention given to furnishing Dwellings, Hotels and Colleges at a small advance on MANUFACTURERS' RATES.

CALL, SEE AND PRICE BEFORE BUYING.

January 21st, 1873. ROBT. F. DAVIDSON.

FALL STOCK.

1872. 1872.

MEACHAM'S SHOE STORE

SIGN OF THE BRASS BOOT.

NATIONAL BANK BUILDING,

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

WHOLESALE & RETAIL DEALER IN BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, CAPS TRUNKS, LEATHER and SHOE FINDINGS.

I NOW invite the WHOLESALE and RETAIL Trade to my large and varied assortment of BOOTS & SHOES, which have been selected with care.

MY Experience in business makes me confident that my prices and the quality of my goods will compare favorably with those of any other house in the City or elsewhere.

S. B. MEACHAM.

P. S. I AM NOW PREPARED TO OFFER GOODS TO THE WHOLESALE TRADE on LIBERAL TERMS and LOW PRICES.

August 21st, 1872 6m

Lancaster Ledger copy six months.

BOARDING.

MRS. A. W. MILLER is prepared to accommodate Boarders with room and meals, or with meals only, as the Boarder may desire. The building, Gray's, on the corner of Trade and Church streets, is a new one; the rooms are cleanly, comfortably, neatly furnished, and well attended.

The table is as good as the market will afford.

Terms most liberal, to suit clerks who are working for moderate salaries.

jan 1-tf

NOTICE.

WE have this day sold our entire stock of Groceries, Liquors, &c., to Messrs. W. H. H. HOUSTON & CO., and in retiring from business, respectfully ask a continuance of the liberal patronage bestowed upon us to our successors.

GREGORY & WILLIAMSON,
W. J. BLACK & CO.
jan 1, 1873.

Having purchased W. J. Black & Co's and Gregroy & Williamson's entire stock of Goods, we have opened at Gregory & Williamson's old stand, next door to McMurray, Davis & Co's, at which place we will constantly keep a complete Stock of

GROCERIES, LIQUORS, &C.,

And would respectfully ask a call from the public.

W. H. H. HOUSTON & CO.

P. S.—W. J. ORR and T. D. WALSH, formerly with Gregory & Williamson, and McD. ARLEDGE, formerly with W. J. Black & Co., are with us and will be pleased to see their friend and customers.

W. H. H. HOUSTON & CO.
jan 7

J. Y. BRYCE.

General Commission Merchant,
CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Particular attention paid to selling all kinds of Produce, Cotton and Tobacco.

Highest cash prices paid for Cotton.

All orders from a distance promptly attended to.

J. Y. BRYCE.
dec 21-72

ARNOLD'S WRITING FLUID.

Arnold's Copying Ink,
Carter's Combined Writing and Copying Ink, Hooves' Toilet Ink,
French Copying Ink, David's Brilliant Carmine Ink, At
jan 29 TIDDY'S.

LARGE LOT SHOULDER SCARFS, NILSON TIES and Bows, all Colors, at greatly reduced prices, just received at
nov 30 MRS. QUERY'S.

New Orleans Sugar and Molasses.

5 Hogsheads Bright New Orleans Sugar.
10 Barrels Choice " Molasses,
Also 2 Hogsheads Demerara Sugar.
2 " " Molasses in store and for sale at prices to suit the times by STENHOUSE, MACAULAY & CO.
dec 17

FOR SALE.

J. W. WADSWORTH, has at his livery and Sale Stable, opposite the City Clock, HORSES and MULES, for sale and Kept constantly on hand.
nov 30

NOTICE.

THOSE persons to whom we have extended credit during the past year will confer a favor upon us by calling at once and settling their accounts, as this must be our last appeal. REMEMBER IT.

R. M. MILLER & SONS.
jan 11

GARDEN SEEDS.

JUST opened and for sale a complete assortment of Buist's Celebrated Garden Seeds, consisting of every variety of Vegetable Seeds grown in the Southern States.
jan 18 F. SCARR.

PURE POWDERED BLACK PEPPER, Free from Adulteration, at
dec 18 SCARR'S.

Clover Seed.

A Supply of Pennsylvania Red Top Clover Seed, at
STENHOUSE, MACAULAY & CO.
jan 9

JUST RECEIVED AT SCARR'S DRUG STORE,

TAPIOCA.

MACARONI ITALIAN.

SAGO.

POWD BLK PEPPER.

FRESH SAGE.

jan 31

MORE of that elegant Sour Kraut; come up running or it will all be gone before you get any.

Also another lot of Good Chestnuts, not many worms.

J. F. BUTT.
jan 23

THE CHARLOTTE FAIR AT J. T. BUTLER'S!!

NEW GOODS.

Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Diamonds, Silver and Plated Ware, Spectacles, &c.

MUSIC BOXES AND MANY OTHER ARTICLES TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION.

—AT—

J. T. BUTLER'S

OPPOSITE THE MANSION HOUSE.

October 22

A. R. Nisbet & Brother

HAVING completed an improvement in their Commodious Store Room on Trade Street, one door west of Smith & Hammond's Drug Store, Charlotte, N. C., are now receiving a well selected stock of Groceries, Musical Instruments, Toys, Cigars, &c., which has been bought by one of the firm, at a time when the market was most favorable. They therefore feel satisfied that they can sell all goods in their line as low as any firm in Charlotte, for cash or to punctual customers.

They invite Merchants to give them a call, (as they had a special eye to their wholesale trade,) and feel warranted in saying that they can sell so as to make it a saving to them in their purchases.

They return their thanks to their friends and the generous public for past favors, and solicit a continuance of the same.

A. R. NISBET & BRO.

FAMILY GROCERIES.

B. M. PRESSON'S

Trade Street, next door to the Post Office, Sign of the Elephant.

JUST RECEIVED.

A Fresh Lot of Sausage, Minced Meat, Pork, Butter, Chickens, Eggs, &c., &c.

FLOUR a specialty.

Produce sold on commission.

jan 3-1y

BUCKWHEAT CAKES all smoking hot, covered over with yellow, rich, good Goshen Butter. What is more palatable for Breakfast? Well we have just received an elegant Lot of the material to make them, and we will sell the receipt for a small price.

ALSO,

Just received, Irish Potatoes, Cabbage, Chestnuts, &c., at
dec 31 JOHN F. BUTTS, Market.

Cigars, Smoking & Chewing Tobacco.

50,000 CIGARS of various and choice brands, Chewing and Smoking Tobacco in quantity, and of various brands, and different quantities. Wholesale and retail by
A. R. N. & BRO.
sept 19

HAIR Brushes, Tooth Brushes, Nail Brushes.
Wm. K. BURWELL & CO.
dec 21 Springs' Corner.

KEROSENE LAMPS.
BURWELL & CO.
dec 21

Just Received.

A Choice lot of Smoked Sugar Cured Shoulders, at
jan 21 R. M. MILLER & SONS.

CHOICE CHEESE,

TOOK the highest premium at the Fair of the Carolinas, at Charlotte, N. C., October, 25th, 1872, made by P. J. Kimberly, Buncombe county, N. C. for sale by
A. R. NISBET & BRO.
nov 5

CHOICE Old French Brandy for Medicinal purposes, at F. SCARR'S.
jan 3

Writing Paper.

MERCHANTS visiting Charlotte, will find Writing Paper and Envelopes very cheap, at PUREFOY'S.
jan 4