

**Mattamuskeet Lake.**—An act was passed at the last Session of the Legislature of this State, appropriating \$8,000 for draining Mattamuskeet Lake in Hyde Co. We are gratified to learn that this is in a fair way of being done, and at a cost considerably below the sum appropriated. A Canal, three miles long, and forty feet wide, has been dug, and the draining of the Lake commenced about three weeks ago. In the first ten days, it is estimated that the whole Lake fell two inches, and of course, as the body of water diminishes, the rapidity of the fall will increase. — When it is borne in mind, that from twenty to sixty thousand acres of Land will, probably, be redeemed by this experiment and rendered fit for cultivation, and that, too, of the most fertile quality, the Legislature may well be recommended for the exercise of a judicious economy.

**Register.**  
The Legislature of Georgia assembled a few days ago. Robert M. Echols V. B. was elected Speaker of the Senate by 9 majority over Peter Lamar. John T. Lamar re-elected Secretary. In the House of Representatives, Joseph Day, V. B. was elected Speaker by 14 majority over J. A. Merriwether. Jos. Sturgis re-elected Clerk.

**Aurora Borealis.**—We had a beautiful display of Northern Lights on Tuesday night the 14th inst., which lasted several hours. The Fayetteville Observer says, that some of its friends were inclined to regard it as an illumination in honor of the glorious victory in New York.

**Wilmington Rail Road.**—Fifty-three miles of this Road have been graded, and forty-three are in a state of forwardness; twenty-three and a half miles of rails have been laid, and thirty are in a state of forwardness. Some of the most important Bridges have been completed. Among those involving the greatest difficulty, and attended with the greatest outlay, is that across the Northeast branch of Cape Fear River, ten miles from Wilmington. This Bridge is 360 feet long.

**Editorial Convention.**—We this week publish the proceedings of the Editorial Convention, which convened at Raleigh, on the 1st Instant. We very much regret that we had it not in our power to attend; as it would have afforded us much satisfaction to have taken so many of our professional brethren by the hand. We have carefully perused the proceedings, and take great pleasure in expressing our entire approbation. We believe that a close adherence to the rules there laid down, will be beneficial to the whole press of the state.

**Lincoln Transcript.**  
The Raleigh papers contain the proceedings of the Editorial Convention, held the last week in that city. We shall publish them in our next paper, and we are happy to add, that they meet with our hearty concurrence.

**Turbo's Press.**  
FOR THE SOUTHERN CITIZEN.  
**TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.**  
[Published by request.]  
Pittsburgh, N. C. Oct. 25, 1837.

According to notice previously given for the meeting of a State Temperance Convention, delegates from several Temperance Societies assembled in this place, and having been called together in meeting, the Convention was opened by reading a portion of Scripture, singing and prayer by Rev. M. D. Freeman. The delegates were then requested to take their seats in order and proceed to the election of officers, when Dr. R. C. Poe was nominated and chosen President, and J. Thompson and Isaac Clegg Secretaries.

The number of delegates being small, an invitation was given to all members of Temperance Societies present to take part in the deliberations of this meeting. It was moved and seconded, that there be a committee appointed to receive intelligence from the delegates of all societies represented in this meeting, and report thereon to-morrow. The President announced Rev. T. S. Campbell, Charles Pooshoo and James McDade as that committee. And on motion, a committee was also appointed to arrange business for the action of this convention on to-morrow, consisting of Rev. M. D. Freeman, Rev. W. J. Finley, Rev. W. Snipes, W. C. Campbell, Jesse Hinshaw, J. Thompson and Dr. R. C. Poe.

On motion, it was agreed that there be a temperance meeting held in the Methodist Church to-night at 7 o'clock; and the following were appointed to address the meeting, with such other persons as choose to assist.—Rev. Messrs. Freeman, Finley, Snipes, and Campbell.

The Convention then adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

**Oct. 26, 1837.**  
The convention met according to adjournment, and was opened by reading a portion of Scripture, singing and prayer by Rev. Dr. Carter.

According to appointment, the Temperance meeting was held last night, and was well attended. The following resolutions were submitted, discussed and unanimously adopted.

Addresses were delivered on them by those appointed; also by Rev. Dr. Carter.

**Resolved,** That the manufacture and use of ardent spirits, as a drink, is a gross immorality, and destructive to all the interests of man: Physical and mental; social, civil, and moral.

**Resolved,** That all true philanthropists, patriots and christians ought to unite their efforts and combine their influence to sustain and promote the cause of Temperance.

**Resolved,** That the objection to Temperance Societies, and the Temperance cause, are futile, and often founded in error and prejudice.

**Resolved,** That the ladies are deeply interested in the success of the Temperance reformation, and could they be induced to give it their united support the cause would every soon triumph.

The committee appointed yesterday to obtain information from the different societies represented in this meeting made the following report; which, after some discussion on certain points in it, was adopted.

That they regret that so few societies are represented in this convention, and this they attribute to the irregular manner in which this meeting was called, and the probability that many societies were not aware of it. And in view of those circumstances this cannot with propriety be called a "State Temperance Convention," but rather a convention of the societies represented in this meeting. The opinion is extensively prevalent, both among some of the friends and advocates of Temperance as well as its opposers, that the cause is on the wane; but your committee are of opinion, from the statements and facts before them, that this is false; that whatever may be said of the cause in other States, it is not on the decline in this State; and we also think it is equally as prosperous in other States as in this, and perhaps more so. It is true—and we are sorry to say it—that the cause has seemed to languish in some places, owing doubtless to the neglect of its friends to hold regular meetings; but there is no doubt with your committee, when taking a general view, that the cause is progressing. There is not now, it is true, so much ado made about it as formerly, yet it is silently winding its way, like the leaven hid in three measure of meal; and its sacred and self-preserving principles are becoming more and more deeply rooted in the minds of both old and young, male and female.

We also think that in most places where the cause has suffered from delinquencies or inconsistencies among its professed advocates, such improprieties have generally originated with those who were not its real friends. And your committee also believe that many of those who have avowed the cause, joined the society for the purpose of bringing it into disrepute; that they had no idea of adhering to the pledges when they subscribed it. Such conduct deserves the most unqualified censure of every friend of temperance, and of all the sincere and candid of every name and party.

We are sorry that we are unable to report accurately the number and state of the various societies in the State; but we think the facts we shall present will fully justify us in the remarks already made.

1 The Pittsburgh Temperance Society was formed in 1834. Regular meetings have not been held lately, and though the principles of Temperance are popular, the number of members has not been increasing. The present number is about 25.

2 Chapel Hill Temperance Society formed Dec. 25, 1834. Several distilleries have been stopped, and there is now none nearer than 12 or 14 miles. Through the influence of the Society a law has been passed by the legislature prohibiting the sale of ardent spirits in the village, or within two miles of the college. At the time the society was formed, there were five houses that sold spirits; but there is now none licensed. The number of members at first was 180, but a good many have been expelled, and some have removed so that there are now only 90.

3 Antioch Temperance Society, Orange Co. 200 members; meetings are held quarterly and new members added at almost every meeting; and there are now but few respectable persons in the

neighborhood that do not belong to it.

4 Sandy Field Temperance Society, Orange Co. organized Dec. 1834, 70 members. The cause has the ascendancy in the neighborhood, and several distilleries have been stopped.

5 New Garden Total Abstinence Society, Guilford Co. Formed Jan. 1834; 136 members, and only one of all who have joined has violated the pledge of total abstinence. Three distilleries have been stopped, and only two others remain in the limits of this society.

6 Shiloh Temperance Society, Chatham Co. formed Aug. 1834, 18 members; the cause advancing.

7 Mount Gilead T. Society, Chatham Co. formed in 1834; 100 members. It has done much good, and is still prosperous.

8 Mount Pleasant T. Society, Chatham Co. Meetings have not been held regularly, and consequently there is not so much interest manifested as formerly. It was formed in 1833, and numbers 50 members.

9 Mineral Spring T. Society, Chatham Co. organized in Nov. 1836, with 30 members, but now numbers 40, and still increasing.

10 New Salem T. Society, Randolph Co. formed in 1834, 20 members; some distilleries have been stopped in the neighborhood, and several retailers have discontinued their business.

These are all the facts which we are enabled to collect from official sources but it does appear to the satisfaction of your committee the cause is progressing in the State generally. In view of several circumstances which in our judgment, operate to the prejudice of the Temperance cause in the State, we beg leave to submit the following resolutions.

1. That those courts in the State that still grant license to retail ardent spirits, should be regarded as hindering the progress of Temperance reformation and as aiding the cause of Intemperance; and that the license system should be regarded as a fruitful source of most of the evils which flow from intemperance.

2. That the retailing of ardent spirits is both immoral and debasing, and should not be engaged in by any good citizen.

3. That the final success of the Temperance cause under the blessings of Heaven, is dependent upon the continued, united, and unflinching efforts of all the friends of Temperance.

Respectfully submitted by the  
**COMMITTEE.**

The committee appointed to arrange business for the action of this convention made their report which after some discussion and several alterations and amendments was adopted as follows, viz:

1. **Resolved,** That all the members of this convention now in session do hereby recommend the establishment of a State Temperance convention to meet annually.

2. **Resolved,** That the first meeting of the contemplated convention be held in the city of Raleigh on the second Wednesday of March 1838.

3. **Resolved,** That a committee of five be appointed, whose duty it shall be to prepare a brief circular, addressed to the several Temperance Societies within the State, requesting each of them to send at least one delegate to the proposed convention. On motion the following were appointed a committee to prepare the circular: Rev. Messrs. Freeman, Carter, Finley, Snipes and Dr. R. C. Poe.

On motion it was ordered that the Secretary furnish a copy of the proceedings of this meeting, with the circular attached, to the Editors of the following papers, requesting an insertion of them: Temperance Advocate, Southern Temperance Star, and Biblical Recorder, and the Rev. T. S. Campbell was appointed to assist him in preparing them for publication.

It was also requested by the convention, that other papers in the State friendly to the objects of this meeting; publish their proceedings, or at least a compendium of them, with the resolutions calling a State convention and the circular.

On motion the meeting adjourned sine die.  
R. C. POE, Pres.  
J. THOMPSON, } Secretaries.  
L. CLEGG, }

**CIRCULAR.**

To the various Temperance Societies within the State of North Carolina:—By reference to the proceedings of a Temperance Convention, held according to previous notice in Pittsburgh, it will be seen that it was made our duty to address you briefly in the form of a circular.

The only object of those who have appointed us, is the combination of moral strength in order to the concentration of effort for the purpose of rescuing our fellow men of the present age, and those who are to succeed them in ages to come from the deleterious effects of intoxicating liquors. And it does appear

to us that a convention, such as the one proposed, would greatly facilitate the Temperance reformation, by uniting our energies, and bringing about a cement of action with all the Societies throughout the State. Such a cement could, in our judgment collect information from the different societies in the State, that would be at once both gratifying and encouraging. And how can information of the state and prospects of Temperance among us be obtained, and then circulated in the community, without such a convention? At the same time such plans and measures could be adopted as would strengthen the hearts and renew the aims of all the friends of the cause; and thus prepare them for the war of extermination, already waging against the fell destroyer.

Much has been accomplished in this behalf, by the friends of the cause; but much yet remains to be done; and as the next measure to be adopted by us in this State to secure the objects already expressed, we affectionately invite and earnestly entreat you to send from each of your respective bodies a delegate, for the purpose of organizing a State Temperance Convention, in the city of Raleigh on the second Wednesday of March 1838.

You, brethren, profess to have realized the importance of our cause, and how desirable it is that it should prosper, but as no cause, however good, can be effected without suitable means and proper exertion, we again entreat you, in the use of means deemed by us, and those who appointed us, both suitable and necessary to the accomplishment of the desired end, to come up with us to the help of the Lord, against the mighty.

R. C. POE,  
WM. J. FINLEY,  
M. D. FREEMAN,  
WM. CARTER,  
WM. SNIPES.

FOR THE SOUTHERN CITIZEN.

**Mr. Editor:**

There are two numbers, which, if added together, the sum will be 4; but if the greater number be divided by the lesser the quotient will be 16.363. **Quere**—the numbers!

Also give us a plain, simple, unerring and general rule, to solve all questions of like nature. **W. P. L.**

We find the following solution in the Lincolnian Republican.

"The numbers are, 27699 nearly and 2301 and a small fraction over.

We cannot present the calculation for want of the proper characters. The rule by which all like questions may be solved is:—Divide the sum of the two numbers by the given quotient plus 1 and the quotient thus obtained, will be the less number, subtract this number from the sum of the two numbers, and the remainder will be the greater number."

**Dean Swift's rules for conversation.**

"Conversation is but carving.—  
Give no more to every guest  
Than he's able to digest;  
Give him always of the prime,  
And but a little at a time;  
Carve to all but just enough;  
Let them neither starve nor stuff;  
And, that you may have your due,  
Let your neighbors carve for you."

"Papa," said a little boy to his father the other day, "when a fellow strikes another, haint he got no right to strike back?"

"Certainly he has," replied the father, "the laws of self defence sanction it."

"Well, then, I'll tell you what it is," said the boy, "the next time you box my ears I'll hit you a devil of a poult under the fifth rib."

**Smiles.**—"Modesty to the female character is like saltpetre to beef, imparting a bluish while it preserves its purity."

**Notice.**

THE Subscriber having qualified in Randolph County Court as executor of the last will and Testament of Isaac Redfern deceased, and also as Administrator of his widow Mildred Redfern, hereby gives notice to all persons having claims against the estate of the said Isaac or Mildred to present them properly authenticated within the time prescribed by law, otherwise this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

JOHN RAINS, Exe't. of Isaac Redfern & Adm. of Mildred Redfern.  
Nov. 5th 1837.—45-1f

**BLUM'S CAROLINA & VIRGINIA Almanac, for 1838,**  
Just received, and for sale, wholesale and retail, at this office.

**NORTH CAROLINA State Lottery,**  
For the benefit of the Salisbury Academy.  
CLASS No. 20, 1837.  
To be drawn at Fayetteville, Cumberland County, on Thursday, the 7th of December, 1837.  
75 number Lottery 14 drawn balls.  
**Lilly & Wheeler, Managers**

**SPLENDID SCHEME.**  
1 Prize of 10,000 Dollars.  
1 do. of 4,000 do.  
1 Prize of 3,000 do.  
1 do. of 2,500 do.  
1 do. of 2,000 do.  
1 do. of 1,500 do.  
3 Prizes of 1,000 do.  
10 do. of 500 do.  
10 do. of 400 do.  
Besides many of 300, 200, 100, 90, 80, 60, 50, &c. &c.  
Amounting in all to \$247,300.  
Whole Tickets \$5  
Halves \$2 50  
Quarters \$1 25.

A certificate for a package of 25 Whole Tickets in this Lottery will cost \$65 50  
Half do. 32 75  
Quarter do. 16 87 1/2

To be had in the greatest variety of numbers, either by the Package or single Ticket, of  
**R. J. WEST,**  
Asheborough N. C.

**NEW GOODS.**  
THE SUBSCRIBERS are now receiving and opening their  
**Fall & Winter Goods.**

Which, in addition to their former stock, will be found to comprise as general an assortment, if not more so, than has heretofore been offered in this market. As for QUALITY and CHEAPNESS, we only ask our friends and customers to call, examine and decide for themselves.—While feeling grateful for past favors, they foster themselves that, by renewed and personal attention to business, to merit a continuance of the same.  
**COFFIN & CLARK.**

N. B. The subscribers have now been in business twelve months, they therefore request all those having open accounts standing on their Books to call and close them, either by cash or note; as they wish to verify the old and true saying, that honest settlements make sore friends.  
G. & C.  
New Salem, N. C. Nov. 17, 1837.—47-6

**Stolen—\$20 Reward**

**STOLEN** from the stable of Nathan Hunt, in Guilford, on the night of the 4th Nov. a large cheap sorrel horse, 15 hands high, 9 or 10 years old, 1 white foot behind, large feet and legs, his mouth a good deal worn by the bridle, shod all round about six weeks ago.

I will give the above reward for the apprehension of the thief and horse; or half the amount for the horse alone. Any information—to be addressed to N. Hunt at Hunt's Store, or to me at Madison, Rockingham County, N. C.  
**MILTON STAMPS.**  
Nov. 8, 1837. 45-3

**TURNER & HUGHES,**

HAVING purchased the remaining copies of the "MAN OF BUSINESS," offers them for sale at the North Carolina Book Store in Raleigh. Those who wish to purchase the work ought to apply soon, as it is growing scarce. **November 10, 1837.**

**CIDER.**

**FIRST RATE CRAB CIDER** can be had by the quantity at 12 1-2 cts. per gallon, (casks found by the purchaser) from  
**ALEX. GRAY.**  
Nov. 18th, 1837. 47-4

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