For the Highland Messenger. Duelling. Mr. Editor :- I have met with nothing in

my readings of late, that so well accords

Edneyville, N. C., Peb. 25, 1845.

"Do not confound the sacred name of hon of with this brutal prejudice, which places all the virtues in the point of the sword, and is proper only to make brave villians. In what s this prejudice consist? In the most extravegent and barbarous opinion that ever enuties of society are supplied by bravery; that a man is no longer a knove, a villian, or a slauderer; is humane, polite, and has every good quality when he will fight; that a lie es truth, robbery becomes lawful, perbecomes honesty, and infidelity laudable, then supported sword in hand; that an effrom is always repaired by a lunge, and that a man is never injured provided he is killed. There is, I acknowledge, another kind in nich gentility is mixed with cruelty, and ere persons are killed by chance only, I a fighting till blood is drawn only. Till od is drawn! Good God! and what d'st thou drink it?

s most valient heroes of antiquity never and of revenging their personal injuries light combat. Did Cæzar ever send a to Cato, or Pompey to Cezar, for ny reciprocal affronts, or was the greatnimedif to be threatened with a case. Dif-ferent times, different customs: I know it; but are there none now but good ones; and may we not sequire whether these customs are such as real honor requires? No; hon-or is invariable; it does not depend on prejudices; it can neither decay nor be revived; it has an internal force in the heart of the just man, and in the unalterable rule of his duties. If the most enlightened, brave, and most virtuous people in the world, had no knowledge of it, I insist it is not an institution of honor; that a detectable, burbarous fashion, worthy fellow-citizens to state, that while this testiof its savege original. It remains to inquire whether, when his own or another's life is at stake, an honest man follows the fashion; and whether there is not more true courage in friend, and can scarcely convey even partie thraving, than in complying with it. What evidences of their deep regret at your departwould a man do, who is willing to comply ure, much less compensate them for the loss with it, in places where a contrary custom which they will individually and collectively prevails? At Messina or Naples, he would sustain by your removal from amongst them; wait for a man at the corner of the streets, and less, and who will never show the least mark and prosperity may attend you and your fam-of cowardice, will refuse to soil his hands ily in the new home which you have selected. with manulaughter, and will, on that account, be the more honored; ever ready to serve his ing this invitation from your old friends to country, protect the helpless, fulfil the most meet them once more around the social board dangerous duties, and defend on every just and bog leave to add their individual solicita onurable occasion, what is dear to him at the expense of his life; all his actions are nied with that unshaken firmness, the assurance of a good conscience, he walks refeced and neither avoids nor seeks his WM. McENTIRE, J. J. ERWIN, semy; he fears dying less than doing a bad THOS. WALTON, tion; he dreads crime and not danger; if R. C. PEARSON, judices arise one moment agriest him. very day of his honorable life is a fresh witss which contradicts them, and in so content a conduct, we judge one action by all others. Men who are easily affronted d so ready to offend others, are, for the ost part, very dishonent people; who, for ptis which they are held, at famy of their whole lives, by so affairs of honor. Such a one makes an ef-fort, and pesents himself once, to obtain the right to hid himself the reat of his life; true courage hat more constancy and less engeris always what it ought to be, and seither to be excited nor restrained. The ood man possesses it every where; in battle mins: the enemy; in complete, in favor of acks of pain and death. The force of sou shieb inspices kim, is of use at all times; it ue constantly above events, and does in fighting, but in fearing nothing." was s celebrated Genevean phiober, born in 1712, and died in 1778.

DESTRUCTIVE PRE. This morning, at half past 2 o close, a fire was discovered bursting out from he interior of the large wooden building owed and occapied by Mesara. J. H. & J. Marine, the upper story as a Tin and Sheet-Iron lanufactory, and the lower with a large stor of Hardware, Oils, Paints, &c. The firmen and citizens were promptly on the spot but the fire had made not known. The orthy sufferers a sincere sympathy the whole com.

Mr. Z. Burroug again suffered by damage to his odds in remov.

— Fayetteville Obser, 19th wit.

consultance in being ampelled by imperative considerations to leave a society thus endeared to him.

I will not indulge my feelings on this occusion, but permit me to assure the Committee that I fully reciprocate the season.

For the Highland Messenger. Col. B. S. Gaither.

At a meeting of the citizens of Morgan ton and vicinity, held at the Court House on ith my own sentiments with regard to the Monday, the 17th uit, for the purpose of makbarbarous and unchristian practice of duelling, ing some public demonstration of their senti as the following from the pen of J. J. Rous. ments towards the above named gentleman Yours, dec. Yours, dec. Mai, J. C. Saves baving been called to oce Maj. J. C. SHYTE having been called to preide, and W. C. ERWIN to act as Secretary, the following preamble and resolutions, offered by B. P. Jones, were unanimously adopt-

Whereas, the unwelcome intelligence has eached us that our esteemed fellow citizen, Col. B. S. Gaither, contemplates a removal from our village; and whereas, we are untered the human mind; namely, that all the feignedly anxious to evince our high appreciation of his great worth and the warm personal regard which his many moral and social virtues could not have failed to excite wherev. er he has been known—therefore

> Resolved, That we, his neighbors and friends, on this occasion of his regretted departure from among us, do tender to him a Public Dinner, to be given in Morganton, at any time which he may be pleased to desig-

> Resolved, further, That a Committee be appointed who shall apprise Cul. Guither of the great gratification which his acceptance of the above proposal will afford us, and a the same time justly express to him the sin-cerity of those feelings in which it has its

After appointment of the Committee, the neeting adjourned, and having again convened for the purpose of its reception, a report was submitted by the Committee containing

the following correspondence:
Morganton, Feb. 17, 1845. Dear Sir :- The citizens of Morganto and its vicinity, having heard with un regret of your contemplated removal to Ashe-ville, and having determined on making some public manifestation of their high regard and esteem for you as a citizen, gentleman, and friend, convened in the Court House on this day and appointed the undersigned a Commi tee to tender to you in their behalf a Public Dinner at such time as may suit your conven-

The undersigned are instructed by you monial will be but a slight and imperfect expression of their respect and attachment for you as a citizen, companion, and persona personal consideration for yourself and famibeing killed yourself by your enemy, but in ly, and without availing themselves of an op-

> meet them once more around the social board. tions that the invitation may be accepted.

With high considerations of esteem at regard, and affected with sincere regret at which true courage alone possesses. Through your leaving us, we remain respectfully and

C. McDOWELL D. CORPENING. T. R. CALDWELL, W. M. WALTON.

MORGANTON, Feb. 18, 1845. Dear Sire :- I have the honor to acknow ledge the receipt of your commun the 17th inst., informing me that the citizen of Morganton and its vicinity are desirous of making some public munifestation of their regard and esteem for me as a citizen, genman, and friend, before my removal to Asheville, and tendering me, in their behalf, a public dinner, at such time as may suit my onvenience. I regret that my engages are such as to render it impossible to accept of such a manifestation of their kindness and respect, and that I cannot indulge mysell in the pleasure of meeting my friends around

one that I am under to the citizens of Mo inton and its vicinity, and duly appreciate this renewed evidence of their regard. It severing the food associations with which my sidence at this place has been connected thing effords me so much pleasure as the of those with whom I have been so intimately connected in all the relations of life.

I came to the county of Burke in 1825. school boy, an entire stranger, without an acmintance, and I can say with great propripromptly on the spot but the fire had made such progress before was discovered, that it was impossible to demore than save the neighboring buildings, which were in imminent danger, but with the exception of a small rear building, it were preserved. Searcely any thing we rescued from the store. The most imports of their account books were fortunately size dwellig of Mr. J. Martine. Mean, M. are insured \$9,0001 which we are grieve to learn is only about half their loss. Ho he fire originations to known. The orthy sufferers

Pennsylvania inquired ys, Ex.Gov.
Thomas, of Maryland, haid to be on
of presenting a pample in exposition
in political and private its of Senation. They are relative r marriage.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,

B. S. GAITHER.

To Measra McEntire, and others: The above proceedings, together with the sce, were, on motion, ordered to mitted with a request for public to the Editor of the Highland Mes Whereupon, the meeting adjourned, sin

J. C. SMYTH, CA'm W. C. ERWIN, Secy.

The State Convention of Louisiana, which charged with the duty of remodeling the State Constitution, on the 30th Jan., in i-cated its intention to make an important change in the qualifications of electors, by refusing to strike out a clause which prescribed a residence in the State of two years as one of the prerequisites to the right of suffrage. The vote on striking out was 23 years to 44 nays. This the Bulletin presumes to be the final de-termination of the Convention as respects the basis of the electoral franchise. Every white male citizen is invested with the privilege of voting, with the limitation that he be not a pauper, nor a felon, nor insane; and that he has been a resident of the Sture two years, (one of which in the parish where he offers to vote.) Besides a property qualification, the ald Constitution required one year's residence in the State and six month's residence in the parish.—National Intelligencer.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT - Bu and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Thomas W. Herndon, of N. C., to be Consul of the United States for the port of Galveston, Texas; vice Duff Green, resigned.

Washington Reed, of North Carolina, to be consul of the United States for the port of Sugua la Grade, in Cuba; vice P. J. Devine, rejected by the Senate.

It is rumored that Mr. Gardner, Tyler's prother-in-law, is to marry the ex-Presid

T. W. Fiske, of N. H., a midshipman, re cently returned from a cruise, committed sui-cide by taking laudsnam at Jones' hotel, in Philadelphin, a few days since. Cause—dis-appointment.

Mr. Jones, the Editor of the Madiso has disposed of his half that paper to S Laughlin, ex-editor of the Nashville Union It is presumed, therefore, that the Madisonian is to be the official organ of the new adminis ration, notwithstanding the exertions which have been made to secure that position for the

last evening, we learn that an affair of honor took place near that city last week, between Mr. John Partlow, of Abbeville District, and Mr. Burton, of Laurens District, South Carolina. The parties fought with muskets at ten paces, and Mr. Burton was killed.—Sep.

Willis says that the ladies of Parls are

A man is supposed to be tolerably well oc-cupied when he has his wife on one arm, a baby on the other, carrying a basket and cane in his hand, a cigar in his mouth, and a hope-ful heir holding on to the skirts of his coat.

EARLY MARBYING -After noticing th marriage in New Orleans of a young mar aged seventy years, to a lady aged only eigh-ty-four years, the Planter's Gazette then re-marks—" We are not an advocate for early marriages, and feel indignant at the paren of these children for permitting them to go or

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Intense study of the Bible will keep any

Married.

In Haywood county, on the 20th inst., Mr. W. D. Kilparkick to Mrs. Assi Hyarr, widow of Jes

In Henderson county, by the Rev. B. H. Mer man, Mr. Ett Gonne, of Newberry D

happy pair many long years of wedded to which the Devil responds "Amen."

In Columbia, S. C., on the 8th ult., Mim Sale. Ass, only daughter of the Hon. W. C. Presto

We are authorized and requested to announce A. B. Chunn, Esq., as a candidate for Clerk of the Superior Court of Buncombe county at the August election.

Brandreth's Pills.

on the fourth Monday in March next, the Court, to be permitted to take the benefit of the law for the relief of horest debtors in such case made and provided, and thereby discharge myn from arrest in one or more cases where Elisha Kin and others are plaintiffs and I am defendant.

Respectfully,

JOHN M. KINZEY.

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