

Meeting of the Alumni.

At an informal meeting of a few of the Alumni of Davidson College, on the 9th of August, Rev. S. C. Pharr, D. D., was called to the Chair, and Rev. P. T. Penick was appointed Secretary.

It having been ascertained that an association of Alumni had formerly been instituted, and from some cause or other had failed to meet in the last two or three years, it was resolved that a committee be appointed to seek out the Constitution and By Laws of said Association, and bring them before the meeting of the Alumni, to be called during the next Commencement of Davidson College; and if such a Constitution and By Laws cannot be found, to form, such as they may deem suitable, to be submitted to the next meeting of the Alumni. The same Committee was charged with the duty of securing an Orator, to deliver an Address before the Alumni at the next Commencement of Davidson College.

This Committee consists of the following gentlemen, viz: Rev. S. C. Pharr, D. D., Dr. E. N. Hutchinson, Rev. P. T. Penick, Dr. James Houston, and S. W. Davis, Esq.

The Rev. Dr. Pharr having brought to the remembrance of the meeting, the death of J. M. Kirkpatrick, Esq., an Alumni of Davidson College, it was Resolved, that Jas. L. Miller, J. R. McLean and Rev. R. N. Davis be a Committee to prepare a suitable minute touching his death, and have it published in the *Yankeetown Register, North Carolina Whig and Western Democrat*, and transmit a copy to the family of our deceased brother.

It was Resolved that Rev. P. T. Penick, Rev. S. C. Alexander and Dr. R. R. Barr, be appointed a Committee to prepare for publication, and as extensive circulation as possible, before the next Commencement of Davidson College, an Address to the Alumni of that institution, calling upon them to come to the aid of their Alma Mater, in the noble cause of learning and religion.

It was Resolved, that Mr. F. H. Johnston, be a Committee to consult with the Faculty of Davidson College, and secure some suitable time during the next Commencement of Davidson College for the delivery of an Oration in public by an Alumni of that institution.

It was Resolved, that the proceedings of this meeting be copied in such new-papers in North and South Carolina, as shall secure for them an extensive circulation.

The meeting then adjourned.

S. C. PHARR, Chairman,
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A Harvest Incident.

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The mares were harnessed to the "smidgen," a rare Dutchman, who had never seen a reaper, was put on to drive, and away they went; at the first revolution of the big reel, which they saw over their blinders, they became impressed with the idea that they were about to run wild like madame, and sure enough they did, through the big wheat field, in all possible zig-zag directions, cutting some, breaking down the balance, and scattering the grain far and wide behind them—The Dutchman clung to his seat for a while, yelling "wone!" in nineteen different dialects, until the truck of the reaper struck a stone, whereat he bounded some ten feet in the air, describing a parabolic curve, with a radius of inconvenient length, and finally brought up, full down, in the middle of the field.

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PATENT REAPER FOR SALE!

was to be seen posted on the front gate.

The Great Wadsworth Estate.

James Wadsworth owns about 8,000 acres of land in Avon, New York, as much more in Genesee, about 6,000 in the town of Rush, 5,000 or 6,000 in the town of Caledonia, and a great many thousands in other towns in this and other counties. And nearly all good land, the best in the State, and constantly increasing in value. He doesn't sell, but is forever buying. The effect is perceptible. There is a marked absence of rural taste, so generally inseparable from agricultural prosperity, and so important to domestic life, if not to individual morality and happiness.

While there is no large landholder in the world more liberal, wise or intelligent than Mr. Wadsworth, it would be far better for the country, and inculcably better for the smaller landholders, if the lands owned by him were owned by two hundred thrifty poormen, who would live upon their small farm and contribute to the general architectural, horticultural, and educational improvement of the country. There is a melancholy absence of those substantial farm houses, and tasty appearances so noticeable in other portions of Western New-York.

All Mr. Wadsworth's land is rented, not leased and rented for but a single year. This has been the rule since about 1840. Every lease is renewed every year—a rule which gives Mr. Wadsworth entire control of his property and its cultivation and management. A shiftless tenant would have no chance for a release. And not only is this rule strictly adhered to, but Wadsworth dictates the character of the crops to be sowed in the several fields of each farm—which shall be sowed to wheat, which shall be reserved for pasture, which allotted to meadow, &c.—thus preventing any overworking of the land, or any deviation from what has been accustomed to the best system of agriculture.

The result is that these lands are among the best cultivated lands in all this well cultivated region, and uniformly yield as heavy crops as any other in this prolific valley.

The rents, as I learn from "old settlers," are as follows: For the best wheat lands, \$ bushels of wheat per acre; for other wheat lands, from 5 to 7 bushels; and for lands used for meadows, spring crops, &c., from \$2 to \$4 per acre. And the land is easily sought for at these prices.

[Correspondent of Albany Journal.]

MARRIED.

Married, at Davidson College, on the 9th inst., by Rev. E. F. Rockwell, Mr. JOSEPH W. GUDGER, to Miss LOUISA S. ARMOUR, all of this county.

DEATHS.

Died, at the residence of his son, in Grenada, Miss., on the 19th of Augt., 1855, after a protracted illness, ROBERT BINGHAM, a native of Mecklenburg county, N. C., aged 80 years, 6 months 13 days.

In this county, on the 12th instant, Miss E. A. MOORE, only daughter of Mr. Samuel Moore, aged about 15 years.

In this place, on the 15th instant, ADELAIDE W., infant daughter of W. F. and Martha Phair, aged 1 year and 3 months.

Also at Carolina College on the 15th instant, Miss ELIZABETH, only daughter of Mr. Nathan B. Taylor, in the 17th year of her age. Miss Taylor was attending her literary courses at College when the fell destroyer marked her for his own. It must be a source of consolation to her surviving friends to know that she was prepared and ready for the Master's use.

"Why should we mourn departed friends,
Or shake at death's alarms?
Tis but the voice that Jesus sends,
To call them to his arms."

New Advertisements.

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An excellent house GIRL, and a good nurse. Aged about 35 years. For particulars apply to

T. A. BOONE,

July 28, 1855.

Notice.

THE citizens of Mecklenburg, and all who are interested in the success of the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Rail Road, are invited to attend a Rail Road meeting to be held at Hopewell Church on Friday, the 31st of August. The meeting will be addressed by gentlemen of distinguished ability, and it is to be hoped that the people will take advantage of the opportunity that they now have to hear them.

There will be a Rail Road meeting in Lincoln county, at Beale's Old Field, on Saturday, the 1st of September. The public are respectfully invited.

C. C. HENDERSON,
H. W. GUION,
B. S. JOHNSON,
Executive Committee for Lincoln county.

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