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Feb 23, 1856.

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ATTENDS the Courts of Cumberland, Harnet Wake and Johnston.

Address, Tower, Harnett Co., N. C.
Feb. 16, 1856. 85-y

BARTLEW FULLER,

Attorney at Law,

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.,

May be consulted at the Law Office of Jese G. Shepherd, Esq., on Green Street.
July 19, 1856. 7-tf

JOHN D. SHAW.

ATTORNEY AT LAW.

Rockingham, Richmond County North Carolina, will practice in the Courts of Richmond, Anson and Robeson. All business entrusted to his care will receive strict attention. July, 11, 1y-58

FOR SALE.

Five sevenths of the FARMING AND TURPENTINE LAND in Harnett county, known as the Parker and McNeill lands, joining Wm. Harrington's land on Upper Little River. There is some 200 acres of the best quality of low grounds on the River. The upland lands are heavily timbered with pines, and within six miles of the Fayetteville and Western Railroad.

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J. W. McKAY.

Nov. 1856 29, 26-tf

A. M. Campbell,

AUCTIONEER & COMMISSION MERCHANT,

East side of Gillespie street,

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.

October 1, 1855

MARBLE FACTORY.

BY GEO. LAUDER.

Nearly opposite to E. W. Wilkings' Auction Store
Fayetteville, N. C.
Oct. 1. 1856. y

Fall Stock, 1857.

B. F. PEARCE & CO.,

ARE now receiving a large and well selected stock of **DRY GOODS,** consisting in part of:

Black and Figured Silks;
English and French Merinoes;
Plain and Fig'd DeLanes;
French all wool Plaids;
Alpacas of all qualities;
Black Bombazine;
English, French and American Prints;
Chenille Shawls, (beautiful patterns;)
Ladies' Cloaks of every description;
Jaconet Edgings and Insertions;
Collars and Undersleeves;
Hosiery, Gloves, Belts;
Ribbons, Trimmings, &c.;
Cloths and Cassimeres;
Tweeds, Jeans and Sattinets;
White and Colored Flannels;
Bleached and brown Shirtings;
Allendale 10-4 Sheeting;
Bleached and Brown Drillings;
Plaid Linseys and Kerseys;
Marlboro' Stripes and Plaids;
Brown and Bleached Table Cloths;
Towellings of all kinds;
Negro Blankets;
Extra quality Bed Blankets;
Spiral, Brass and Whalebone Hoops;
Good assortment of Hoop Skirts;
Yankee Notions of every variety, kind, and quality;
Silk, Leghorn, and Straw Bonnets;
Moleskin, Cassimere and Wool Hats;
Boots, Shoes, Umbrellas, &c.

—*ALSO*—

A large and fashionable stock of

READY-MADE CLOTHING

All of which will be sold low for CASH, or on our usual time to punctual customers either at Wholesale or Retail. All persons are respectfully invited to give us a call.

B. F. PEARCE. J. W. PEARCE, Jr
Sep. 12 1857 67-tf

W. H. TURLINGTON,

General Commission Merchant.

NORTH WATER STREET,

Wilmington, N. C.,

Will give personal attention to the sale or shipment of all consignments of Naval Stores or other country produce, and any other business entrusted to his care, will be promptly attended to.

April 18 1857. 1y

Paints, Oils, Varnish, Brushes, for Sale by S. J. HINSDALE.
Aug. 15, 63-tf

NOTICE.

WANTED—Three first rate Workmen, for which the best of prices will be given, and study work. The price for making Boots, 3.75; for footing, 2.75; Shoes, 1 50. Wanted immediately.

Dec. 31, [illegible]-tf M. CAULK.

A CARD.

THE undersigned would respectfully inform his old friends and customers that he can be found at the Store of C. E. Leete, where he will be glad to see them.

J. R. McDONALD.
Jan. 17, 1857, 33-tf

THE MAGNOLIA RESTAURANT.

They say the Magnolia Tree is the handsomest growth south of Mason and Dixon's line, and it is evidently a fact. It is also said the Magnolia Restaurant on Green Street, between Dr. B. W. Robinson's Medical Establishment, and Mr P. Taylor's Store, and nearly opposite the Shemwell House, is the Finest and best kept of any other establishment in the South. Persons wishing to find cannot well miss it: it is the YELLOW BUILDING.

The subscriber would take this method of thanking the citizens of this place and the surrounding country, for the unprecedented liberality they have bestowed on him, and would solicit a continuation.

He has always on hand the VERY BEST LIQUORS, WINES and CORDIALS, that can be found in the United States, either by the quantity or otherwise. Also, Oysters, Sardines, Cheese, Chocolate, French Lemon Syrup, and many other good things, and flatters himself that he has the most polite, obliging, accomplished and *FRANK* vender to attend to his establishment, that can be found either North or South. Temperance drinks put up at the shortest notice. He would call attention particularly to his private rooms up stairs, which are large, comfortable, and in good order.

R. JONES.

Yellow Building, Greer St., Fayetteville, N. C.
May 16, 1857. 40-tf

R. E. HAUDE,

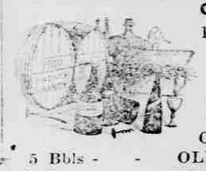
DEALER IN

Confectionaries, Perfumeries, Bread, Crackers of all kinds, Fruits Nuts, Fancy Articles, and a variety of articles in the GROCERY LINE.

Foot of Haymount, Fayetteville, N. C.
Oct. 24, 1857. 73-y

LIQUORS!

FOREIGN & DOMESTIC.



C. E. LEETE has on HAND at present a SELECT ASSORTMENT OF LIQUORS, Consisting in part o

5 Bbls - - OLD NASH BRANDY
5 do - - PURE old Rye Whiskey
3 do Scuppernong Wine; Vintage 1855

—ALSO—

50 Bbls - - - - - Domestic Whiskey
5 do - - - - - - - N. E. Rum
5 do - - - HOLLAND GIN

73-tf

"LOOK OUT FOR THE LOCOMOTIVE"

J. W. LETT

Has just received a large and general STOCK OF GOODS suited to the Fall and Winter trade, consisting of a choice selection of

Staple and Fancy DRY GOODS,

Boots and Shoes, with almost everything desirable in that line.

PRIME FAMILY GROCERIES always to be had

AT LETT'S.

Goods sold at the lowest prices for CASH, or exchanged for country produce.
Sept. 26. 1857. 1y-pd

NOTICE.

Persons indebted to Jas. C. McEachin, as Guardian of the heirs of John Morrison, dec'd, are hereby respectfully informed, that said guardian has in a great majority of instances endorsed and transferred their notes to the undersigned. Also, that our urgent necessities, apart from the requirements of the endorser compel us to collect as speedily as possible. All those indebted will therefore oblige us, and themselves too, by paying up immediately. We must and will sue where the money is not forthcoming.

A. D. MORRISON.
J. M. MORRISON
N. A. MORRISON.

Laurinburgh, N. C., March 7, 1857. 40-tf

J. S. BANKS,

COMMISSION AND FORWARDING

MERCHANT,

WILMINGTON, N. C.

January 1, 1856. 1y-pd

GLASS AND EARTHEN

SELF-SEALING JARS.

For preserving Fresh Fruits and Vegetables. Pints Quarts and Half-Gallons, at $2 40, $3 40, and $5 25, per dozen, respectively. For sale at the Crockery Store. W. N. TILLINGHAST.

Also, Fresh Supplies of CHINA, GLASS-WARE and Table Knives.
June 20, 1857. 55-tf

JAMES C. SMITH. MILES COSTIN

JAMES C. SMITH & CO.,

Commission Merchants,

Have removed their office to the second story of the building formerly occupied by the Telegraph Company where they are prepared to attend to all business in the Commission line.

All business entrusted to them will be punctually attended to.

Wilmington, October 1, 1856 y

SECOND STOCK!

STARR & WILLIAMS

ARE now receiving THEIR SECOND STOCK FOR THIS SEASON, embracing,—

Dry Goods,
Hats, Boots, Shoes,
AND MADE-UP CLOTHING,

To which they invite the attention of Wholesale buyers generally.

J. B. STARR.] [J. M. WILLIAMS.
Oct 10. 71-tf

FRESH TURNIP SEED.

FLAT DUTCH,
RED TOP,
ENGLISH NORFOLK,
LARGE GLOBE,
RUTA BAGA,

Just received and for sale by

S. J. HINSDALE.
July 11, 1857. tf

PROSPECTUS

OF

THE NORTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN.

The Presbyterian Church in North Carolina has long labored under a serious disadvantage from the want of a journal to advocate her claims and represent her interests. It is estimated that only 1000 Presbyterian Weeklies are taken in the bounds of our three Presbyteries. We have 13,000 Communicants, and it is safe to infer that there are 30,000 Presbyterians in principle in the State. Our Synod stands fifth in the Union in point of number, and her membership is greater than that of any Synod South or West of Pennsylvania.

Our sister States on the North and South, neither of which has a membership so large as ours, publish the Central, and the Southern Presbyterian, for the benefit of their people.

The time has come when the Presbyterian Church in North Carolina should likewise do her duty to her children. It is a conceded and important fact, that hundreds of our members will take a State paper who will take no other

The Paper is needed to be the organ of our Synod and Presbyteries— to elevate and enlighten the piety of our membership by diffusing evangelical knowledge—to promote the cause of Education—to develope the talents of our Ministry, and to strengthen the attachment of our people to the soil and sanctuaries of their own State.

If our Church in other States, and other Churches in this State, can supply their members with a religious journal, why may not we?

Are North Carolina Presbyterians inferior in talent, energy and patriotism to their neighbors on the North or South, or to Christians of other denominations at home? With the same or better opportunities of accomplishing this work, shall we leave it undone?. In the language of one of our most able and esteemed Ministers, an adopted son of our State, "it ought to have been undertaken 20 years ago but it is not too late to begin to do right."

In the last two or three months, a fund of about $5000 has been subscribed as a permanent capital. At a meeting of the contributors held at Greensborough on the 14th of May,—Rev A Baker, Chairman,—the Paper was unanimously located at Fayetteville, under the name and title of the NORTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN. Rev. Wm. N. Mebane and Rev George McNeill were elected Editors: Rev Messrs. George McNelll, Wm. N Mebane, A Baker and C. H. Wiley, and Messrs. George McNeill, Sr., John H. Cook and David Murphy were appointed an Executive Committee, to establish the Paper and manage its business affairs

It is our wish and design to make the NORTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN a journal of the first class, equal to the best in the country in typographical appearance and in adaptation to the wants of our Churches. Its columns will afford the latest intelligence, both foreign and domestic, and special care will be taken to give a full and accurate summary of State news. The name of the Paper is designed to be an exponent of its character and contents. From conviction, it will advocate the conservative, orthodox, Old School doctrines and order of the Church.

Our first appeal is to our own people—to N. C. Presbyterians. Whilst we rely confidently upon their favor, we trust that the native sons of North Carolina who have found homes in other States, and the adopted citizens of our State who form so important an element in our Ministry and membership, will take a deep interest in this enterprise, and give it their hearty support.

TERMS: $2 per annum in advance, or on delivery of the first number; $2 50 in six months $3 at the end of the year. To clubs of 25 or more, paying in advance and when the Paper is sent to one address, a discount of 10 per cent. will be allowed. Our Ministers and Elders are earnestly desired to act as Agents, and all others friendly to the cause will please assist in procuring as many subscribers as possible, and forward the names, by *August 1st*, to this Office. As soon as 1500 subscribers are obtained, the first number will be issued. If a faithful and vigorous effort is made in the next two months by those Who take a lively interest in this work, we will without doubt, be able to begin the publication at the end of that time with a paying subscription list of at least 3000.

☞ Address, Editors of the North Carolina Presbyterian, Fayetteville, N. C.

Fayetteville, May 20, 1857.

FOR SALE.

Heavy 4-4 Beaver Creek Sheetings.
Cotton Yarn, Warp and Filling, Nos. 5 to 10.

ALSO,

Belt, Picker, Roller and Lace LEATHERS.
Oils and Manufacturer's Findings.
Winter strained, Sperm, Lard and Linseed Oils.
Shuttlie's Isinglass, French Glue, Emory, Roller Cloth and Glass Steps.

J. H. HALL, Pres. B. C. M. Co.
July 26, 1856 8-tf

10,000 lbs. Tallow Wanted,

For which the highest cash price will be paid.
Oct. 1, 1856 A. M. CAMPBELL.

A. A. McKethan

respectfully informs his friends and the public that he has built up large substantial Brick Building at his Old Stand, expressly for manufacturing Carriages. Thankful for the very liberal patronage he has received for the last 21 years, he hopes by strict attention to business, with a desire to give satisfaction, to merit a continuance of the same. He warrants his work to be made of the best material and by experienced workmen in each branch of the business. His work will compare favorably with any made in the United States, for neatness and durability.

He is determined to sell and do any work in his line on as good terms as any work done elsewhere that is as well done. He now has on hand, finished, the largest stock of CARRIAGES, BAROUCHES, ROCKAWAYS, AND BUGGIES, ever offered in this place, and a very large stock of work nearly finished, which will be sold very low for Cash, or on short time to punctual customers. ☞He has on hand more than ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY Vehicles finished and in course of construction.

☞All work made by him is warranted 12 months with fair usage, and should it fail by bad workmanship or material will be repaired free of charge.

Persons wishing to buy would do well to call and examine fo themselves.

Orders thankfully received and promptly attended to.

Repairing executed at short notice and on very reasonable terms.

Fayetteville, Oct 1, 1856

HOWARD ASSOCIATION.

PHILADELPHIA.

A Benevolent Institution, established by special endowment for the relief of the sick and distressed afflicted with Virulent and epidemic diseases

The Howard Association, in view of the awful destruction of human life, caused by Sexual diseases and the deceptions practised upon the unfortunate victims of such diseases by Quacks, several years ago directed their Consulting Surgeon, as a CHARITABLE ACT worthy of their name, to open a Dispensary for the treatment of this class of diseases, in all their forms, and to give Medical Advice Gratis, to all who apply by letter, with a description of their condition, (age, occupation, habits of life, &c.,) and in cases of extreme poverty, to furnish Medicines Free of Charge. It is needless to add that the Association commands the highest Medical skill of the age, and will furnish the most approved modern treatment.

The directors, on a review of the past, feel assured that their labors in this sphere of benevolent effort have been of great benefit to the afflicted, especially to the young, and they have resolved to devote themselves, with renewed zeal, to this very important but [illegible] cause.

[illegible] Just Published by the Association, a Report on Spermatorrhœa, or Seminal Weakness, and other Diseases of the Sexual Organs, by the Consulting Surgeon which will be sent by mail, [in a sealed letter envelope,] Free of Charge, on receipt of two Stamps for postage.

Address, for Report or treatment, Dr. George R. Calhoun, Consulting Surgeon, Howard Association No. 2 South Ninth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

By order of the Directors.

G. FAIRCHILD, Sec'y E. D. HEARTWELL, Pres.
Jan. 9, 83-3m pd

CAMP HILL

HALE INSTITUTE

THE first Session of this Institute will commence on the 2d Monday in January, 1858. This Academy is located in the lower portion of Moore County, in the neighborhood of Kick Creek. The settlement is exceedingly healthy,—the citizens moral and intelligent. Being a very desirable locality, the subscriber hopes to merit a liberal patronage from abroad, as well as from the neighborhood. Parents and guardians sending to this Institute may rely upon his unremitted attention to advance the students in their text books. Another chief design is a moral training. The school will be conducted in the school house at the Poplar Springs until the new Academy is in a condition to go into—which is now being pushed to a speedy completion—and supposed will be finished in eight weeks. As many as may come from abroad can get board within a mile and a half of the Academy in the most respectable families. Board of the best quality not higher than $6 per month.

Terms of tuition per session of 20 weeks, $7 50 for English elementary; $10,00 for reading, writing and Emerson's 1st Art; $12,50 for English grammar, geography and Emerson's higher arithmetic; $15,00 for Latin, Greek and Algebra, &c.

For information address the subscriber, Long Street, Moore County, N. C.

WILLIAM RHODES, Principal.
Jan. 16, 84-5t

TROY & FULLER,

Attorneys and Counsellors

AT LAW.

LUMBERTON N. C.

ROBERT E. TROY & JOHN P. FULLER, have formed an association for the practice of their profession in Robeson co., only—R. E. Troy will also attend the Courts of Bladen and Columbus, and J P Fuller those of Cumberland.

Their Office in Lumberton will be kept open at ALL times.

January 9, 1858. 83-tf

NOTICE.

ALL persons indebted to the Estate of William Blount, deceased, by Notes executed to said William Blount in his life-time, to Joseph Thompson and Charity Blount his Administrators, at the sale of the Personal Property of said Estate, made on the 19th and 20th March last, and to Joseph Thompson, Guardian for the hire of slaves; are notified that I am directed to bring suit on all remaining unpaid on the 20th inst.

R. S. FRENCH.
Lumberton, Jan. 9. 83-4t

VALUABLE LAND FOR SALE.

THE Subscriber under authority of the County Court of Cumberland, will offer for sale at the Court House in Fayetteville on the Monday of the Special Term of the Superior Court in February next, A valuable tract of Land containing one hundred acres lying on the east side of the Cape Fear River joining Waddill's & others about a mile from the Clarendon Bridge. Said land belongs to the estate of Kinon Branch deceased, and is WELL WOODED and convenient to market. Terms at sale.

D. G. McRAE, Adm'r.
Jan. 9 83-ts.

FAYETTEVILLE HOTEL.

FRANK N. ROBERTS. & CO., having leased this Hotel, will be pleased to see their former patrons and friends, assuring them that they will use every exertion to please

F. N. Roberts.] [J. G. Smith
Jan. 9, 1858. 83-tf

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS

REWARD.

RANAWAY from the subscriber, on the 23d Nov. 1855, his boy DRED. He's 31 or 32 years of age, 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, complexion light (rather copper colored,) he has but little beard; was raised by Harbord Spencor of Montgomery County, N. C., and afterwards belonged to Noah Smitherman, and was brought to South Carolina by Mr James Page.

I will pay the above reward for the delivery of aid negro to Mr T H Tomlinson, Cheraw S C or if lodged in any jail in North or South Carolina, so that I get him. He has some relations in Chatham co. N. C. and may possibly be lurking about in that county.

J. A. BROWN.
Mars' Bluff, S.C.
Jan. 23. 85-4t

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE.

Pursuant to a Deed of Trust to me executed by Mr William Taylor, and for purposes therein mentioned, I will sell at public sale at the Market House on Wednesday the 27th Jan'y, the House and Lot on Haymount, at present occupied by Mr William Taylor. Terms made known at sale.

E. F. MOORE, Trustee.
C. E. LEETE, Auct'r.
Jan'y 32. 85-ts.

D. W. C. BENBOW, D. D. S.

Graduate of the Baltimore Dental College.

HAVING seven years practical experience in his profession, five of which have been spent in this place; Dr. B. would simply state that he is permanantly located here, that is from the 1st of Oct. to the first July each year, during which time he may be found at his pleasantly situated rooms, near the market in office hours.

His terms are STRICTLY CASH, no inducement will be held out to the community to call upon him other than that he flatters himself that in future all operations shall compare favorably with those previously performed by him.

Jan. 23, 85-tf

NORTH CAROLINIAN.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.

Report of the President of the Boston Matrimonial Association.

This is emphatically an age of progress and philanthropy, both practical and speculative. Hardly an object of human sympathy but has some wise and beneficial provision for its alleviation. The bonds of common brotherhood are daily strengthening, and the links of the golden chain of benevolence which binds society together, are kept bright. Nor is this philanthropy contracted in its sphere of action. Its sphere is not boundedby the metes of any one country, but comprehends in its circumferance one circle, a world of suffering. The far off [illegible] its labors; in fine, wherever human necessity or human misery calls for relief, philanthropy responds in the universal language of humanity. It has become cosmopolitan in its ministerings, world-wide in its influence, and universal in its application. But the objects of philanthropy are far from being all provided for, and its resources far from being exhausted. In truth its labors can scarcely be said to have more than commenced. New associations are being formed daily for new and important charities. Charity seems more than half disposed to clip the wings of philanthropy, and to invite her *home*. She has been recently engaging her attention towards the amelioration, in many instances, of the condition of *the female sex* in our society. With all our boasted enlightenment many undue burthens are sustained by the weaker vessel. A philanthropy at once fearless and investigating seeks them out, and aims to relieve them. What a field has it found, in opening new sources of employment for poor girls in the cities? How many has it taken from the disease-inviting sewing-stool, and placed in the factory and printing office? It has not shrunk from prying into our domestic economy, nor been frightened by the legal visage of our sage legislators. It has sought to elevate woman from marital nonentity, and to soften the hard conditions of the civil contract, which at once deprives her of personal liberty and private property. Among these efforts of associated philanthropy one class of suffering females seem entirely to have escaped the searching eye of the humanitarian. Why is it that there is no combined effort to usher neglected females into the bonds of that relation, which in some sort constitutes their real and only life? The whole country is studded with charitable institutions: the deaf, dumb, blind, insane, orphan, and indigent, all have asylums, and their wants, as far as may, be supplied. The blind have sight from the magic tone,—the dumb converse with manual speech; the orphan finds parents in attentive teachers; but who supplies or undertakes *husbands* for, *"for single ladies of a certain age?"* Is this not a legitimate object of philanthropy? Who can listen unmoved to the recital of struggles with a cold and unsympathizing race of bachelors; the taunts and jeers of gay an thoughtless mothers; and the crushing, grinding weight of hopeless celibacy! What bosom does not bleed at the thought of ardent hopes and bitter disappointments, long and patient watching and waiting, with no record but the prospect of lonely and indefinite maidenhood? What Christian philanthropist can behold that irrelevancy of nature, an old maid,—the virgin with her lamp extinguished, mourning in the dark over the tomb of her lost beauty, and withered hopes,—and refuse a helping hand to lift her to her proper sphere and seat her on the throne of the domestic circle?

How strange that there should not be in the broad limits of our land a single institution private or public, whose direct object is to afford relief to these acknowledged objects of sympathy. There are some it is true whose ulterior object it is to effect this relief, nor would I be understood to depreciate their laudable efforts in this direction; such are the, *"Boston Society for furnishing female teachers for the South,"* The American Woman's Educational Association," (of which Miss Beecher is president,)—"The Woman's Rights Society of Utica," and some others all bearing onward in a career of usefulness, and effecting much towards the regeneration of old maids. But yet their efforts mixed up as they are with other measures of reform, have not that extent and efficiency of design which the importance of the subject demands. Associated effort needs prompting in a directer line towards the accomplishment of its object. The reformer who is to fill the largest space in the eye of the nineteenth century, will be he who cures that anomaly in our society—involuntary celibacy? The ancients struggled against this evil by legislative effort, and the great American utilitarian philosopher, Benjumin Franklin, looked to that source for a cure of the evil among ourselves. Rome had her Poppæan law, by which the honors of the state were graduated according to the number of a man's children, and which excluded the unmarried man from half the privelges of citizenship. "Cæsar gave rewards to those who had many children. All women under forty-five years of age, who had neither husband or children were forbid to were jewels, or to ride in litters; an excellent method," continues the historian, "thus to attack celibacy by the power of vanity." But a most unreasonable one, he might have added, thus to punish in woman that which all experience teaches us is more her misfortune than her fault.

Franklin understood the principles of human nature better, when in the dim light of a then just dawning, but now soon to be developed philosophy, he expressed the wish that "the legislature would order an electrical machine, enough to kill a turkey-cock, at least, to be placed in every parish, at the most, and for the benefit of all the old bachelors of the [illegible]. But the individualism of this age will not permit us to rely upon legislative aid in curing the evils of our society. As humanitarians we are bound to take a more extensive view of the question than that of individual [illegible] served by philanthropic [illegible] maidens. We must [illegible] destiny of man. How will the successful execution of any project to provide husbands for single ladies of an uncertain age affect the advancing interests of our civilization? What tale will it tell upon future generations?

It was such a train of reflection as the above which led the writer of this report to the determination to set on foot a project for the accomplishment of a long cherished idea of effecting something in the behoof adverted to. He claimed no exalted rank in the scale of humanitarians, but simple position as an humble but ardent member of the universal brotherhood of Philanthropical Reformers.

Accordingly early in April last, he set himself to working out the outline for the plan of "The Marriage Promoting Association, for the benefit of Middle-aged and Elderly Single Ladies." Having satisfied himself of the eligibility and feasibility of the plan, he collected around him a band of chosen and tried confidential friends, and with their aid completed the details of the plan, and opened the way clearly for its execution. He has to thank Providence that the germ he so anxiously cultivated is now firmly established in fruitful vigor, and that his novel experiment is now a brilliant success.

The Association have founded an "Old Maid Asylum," the details in the plan and conduct of which are simple, but effectual. We have a large and commodious building in the heart of (Boston) city, with chambers, and drawing-rooms, elegantly, and fashionably furnished. Our Association is classified into Working and Sinecure Members, the former class being comprised in what we style The Executive Committee. This committee is subdivided into the Matrimonial and Bachelor committees, with duties assigned partly separate, and partly concurrent. The Executive Committee consists entirely of married gentlemen and ladies, to whom is entrusted the whole conduct of our institution; while our sinecure members consist exclusively of bachelors and widowers. The separate duty of the Bachelor Committee, is to hunt up bachelors and widowers of good character and standing, candidates for matrimony, and induce them to join our Association. Upon doing so, they record their names, connections, professions, and fortunes in the appropriate register, and then, upon performing certain initiatory ceremonies, the principal of which (as in most societies), is a pecuniary formality and promising to conform to our regulations, and faithfully to perform the duties imposed, they are entitled to all the privileges of membership. These privileges and duties are the following: they are bound to visit the asylum regularly, and as frequently as their business will permit: they must attend all parties, and entertainments given at the Asylum, unless prevented by reasonable necessity; they must be polite to the ladies, and particularly attentive to those recommended to their notice, and thrown in their company; they must cultivate an internal marriageable disposition, and a lively sentimentality, and endeavor to make themselves good conductors of animal magnetism;—in fine, we bind our members over in a sort of matrimonial recognizance to use all honest endeavors to get married, and select a bride from some of the ladies whose company they enjoy at our Institution.

A word on the regime of our institution, and our mode of selecting beneficiaries. Among the almost overwhelming number of applications, the Matrimonial Committee perform their duty honestly and fearlessly, by selecting only such as come up to our standard of education, position, age, &c. The Asylum is intended solely for the relief of old maids, and hence the applications of widows have been uniformly rejected,—long experience having taught us that they are abundantly able to take care of themselves. And here let me, once for all, remark as to the term old maid, which to some has, in its homeliness and familiarity, something of offence; the committee after mature deliberation, determined not to discard it, nor to sacrifice a term without a synonyme to silly prejudice. But our chief difficulty was in fixing upon the proper age at which this advanced stage of female single-blessedness should be said to commence. The various views entertained on this interesting point were really surprising. One thought twenty-five the proper chronological stand-point; while another contended that woman's life had only properly commenced at that age, and cited in support of this view the laws of European nations in latitudes not more northern than ours, which only allow ladies to be marriageable at twenty-five years of age.

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