

THE MUSE.

FROM THE NATIONAL JOURNAL.

BEAUTY.

What's Beauty?—Call ye that your own? A flower that fades as soon as blown.

Beauty is a fading flower, Pleasing to the wand'ring eye; Like the being of an hour, Only born to live and die.

Soon its charms begin to wither, As the pretty violet blue; And by! we cannot say, Oh! whither, Ne'er to please, remain the same!

When old age comes fast upon it, How it trembles at the sight; When misfortunes cannot slay it, Then, how rapid is its flight!

And when it flies, it leaves behind it But the relics of its fame; And man, who loves to seek and find it, Looks but for an "empty name."

WASHINGTON BARD.

FROM THE GAZETTE RECORDER.

PIETY.

Written in a Lady's Album.

'Tis pleasant when the orbs of night Hang o'er the glimmering ocean, And kindly, in their mingled light, The most serene devotion.

Yet these so brilliant fires we see, Still rising—still retreating, Are, as all earthly lights must be, Sweet; but alas! too fleeting.

But Piety, the star of life, In thy kind bosom cherished, Shall shine, when these, in Nature's strife, Have fled—have sunk—have perished.

MORAL and RELIGIOUS.

Report of the Board of Managers, to the Auxiliary Society of Rutherford, at its second anniversary meeting, on the 18th day of August, A. D. 1824.

The managers of this Society meet their constituents, at this second anniversary, with emotions of regret, and at the same time of gladness.

It will be recollected that this Society and its Board of Managers was formed and organized as such on the twenty seventh day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three, by the adoption of a constitution in which the third Wednesday of August is made the day of its anniversary meetings. The shortness of the time, which intervened from the commencement of its existence to its first anniversary, induced the Society to dispense with the requirements of a report from the Board, of their proceedings, during that time: no report having been since made by the Board, it is deemed proper, in reporting the proceedings of the closing year, briefly to state for the information of those members, who have not regularly attended the meetings, and others of its friends, what were the proceedings of the Board during that period.

On the 27th day of June, 1823, this board was organized and made to consist of the following persons, viz. The Hon. John Paxton, Gen. George Walton, Dr. James Hamilton, Robert McAfee, Benjamin H. Bradley, Joseph Bowen, Jacob Michal, Noble Hamilton, William Green, Rev. Berryman Hicks, Walter B. Rutherford, Joseph McD. Carson, Esq. Elijah Patton, Jun. George Watson, David Dickey, George Jones, Marvill Mills, Joseph Green, sen. Rev. Peimenter Morgan, Daniel Carson, James Graham, Esq. William McKinney, Rev. James Arthur, John McDowell, and Martin Shufford.

The first object that engaged the attention of your Board, was, to devise means to dispel the doubts which existed in the minds of some, as to the moralizing and christianizing tendency of such institutions, upon the people within the sphere of its operations, and the honest application of its funds; and thereby to expose to view the falsehoods and calumnies, which have been, and are continued to be, so lavishly bestowed on all charitable institutions. To this end, a commission of four persons was made, with instructions to prepare an address to the inhabitants of the county, and procure five hundred copies of it, together with a copy of the constitution of the society to each, to be printed. The committee in pursuance of such instructions proceeded to prepare an address, and to procure the printing of five hundred copies, with a copy of the constitution to each, as soon as was practicable; a portion of which has been received and are now on hand; the residue, the Board has had no opportunity to get on without incur-

ring an expense beyond what the means of the society would justify.

The Board of Managers present at the next meeting, which happened on the fifteenth day of July 1823, had ascertained from nearly all the persons who had been appointed managers, that they would cordially act in that capacity; therein the glad opportunity being offered, of an union of effort in the procurement and dissemination of the word of eternal life.

On the third Wednesday of August, which was the first anniversary of this society, an anniversary address was made, by the Rev. Jesse Richardson, explanatory of the views and objects of such associations generally, and of this, particularly, with his ideas of the good which its existence and continuance must necessarily produce in the morals and habits of the people within the sphere of its operations; for which a vote of thanks was given.

The Board was then adjourned to the fifth day of November, when there was a meeting: it was ascertained that there was no business to act upon, and the meeting adjourned to the second Tuesday of February, A. D. 1824: to this appointment there was no attendance by the managers: the second Tuesday in May was made the time for the next meeting, by constitutional requirement, and the officers were notified; and again there was no person attended. To what cause shall we impute this neglect, shall we say, that it was indolence, avarice, or parsimony? that, by withholding our attendance, we shall procure the extinction of an association, which, while it affords us no benefit, it is drawing for its support, from the means which afford us comfort? We trust not. Then let not the exertions which have been made, be lost in a careless, sinful apathy: but let us with renovated zeal push forward in the glorious work, which we have undertaken; and let our works shew forth to our opponents that we labour for the good of their souls, and the glory of God. Let us enquire whence it has come to pass, that christian nations, who for ages past have regarded the welfare of Heathens with indifference, and whose intercourse with them, has been regulated by the results of military, political and commercial calculations, have recently felt such unprecedented concern for the salvation of their souls, and simultaneously concerned in measures and means for that purpose? Whence has it come to pass that so many individuals of various professions and occupations, who in the ordinary course of human affairs, confine their speculations, resources and energies to the acquisition of temporal happiness and prosperity for themselves and families, have become so ready and anxious to supply heathenish strangers, in remote regions, with the means of obtaining eternal felicity? Who has opened their hearts to do these things? It will be acknowledged that worldly wisdom is little conversant with the transcendent affairs of that kingdom which is not of this world; and has neither ability to comprehend, nor inclination to further them. To what adequate cause, then, can we attribute these extraordinary events, but to the wisdom that is given from above?

Not Bible Societies only, but the various other Societies, who in different ways are forwarding the great work, have abundant reason to rejoice and be thankful for the many blessings that have prospered their endeavours.

Let us therefore persevere in obtaining and distributing the Scriptures without note or comment as far as our means will permit: We are assured that they are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. They contain the inestimable writings by which the inspired Apostles, who were commanded to preach the Gospel to every creature, have transmitted it through many ages down to our day. The Apostles were opposed in preaching the Gospel, yet they persisted: We are opposed by some in dispensing the Scriptures which convey the knowledge of it—let us follow their example. An eminent counsellor gave excellent advice to his adversaries: And his reasoning affords a salutary admonition to our opponents; that advice deserves our attention, and conclude, in these very remarkable words: "Refrain from these men, and let them alone, for if this counsel or this work be of men it will come to nought; but if it be of God ye cannot overthrow it—lest haply ye be found fighting against God."

A few days after the organization of this Society, a letter was prepared by the corresponding department, and placed in the hands of a person who said he was going directly to New-York; the object of this letter was, to inform the American Bible Society of the organization and existence of this Society, and to request its recognition as auxiliary to that National Institution, and at the same time to request a donation of Bibles and Testaments for the use of this Society, until its funds should become adequate to the purchase of such quantities as its future necessities might require. This letter was on its passage to New-York about ten months, the most of which time your board was kept in a state of painful suspense and anxiety, not knowing what had, or might be the fate of its requests before that body. On the 4th of June Mr. S. S. Woodhull secretary for domestic correspondence to the American Bible Society, writes, that the letter of this Society of the 10th July 1823, reached New-York on the 12th of May 1824; he expressed surprise, and regrets that it has been so long delayed in its passage; it was submitted to the Board of Managers on the same day on which it was received, that the Board was highly gratified at our establishment, and that we were cordially recognized as an Auxiliary to that Society; we should have been informed of our recognition immediately, but for the expectation that some further act would take place in regard to our establishment. On the 3d of June a donation of fifty Bibles and fifty Testaments was voted to this Society: and we are requested by that Board to accept them as evidence of its regard for our infant institution, and its disposition to aid and encourage us in our benevolent designs; stating that it would rejoice to learn that this act had increased our zeal and efficiency as a Society.

Mr. John Nitchge, agent and accountant for the American Bible Society, writes on the 5th June that he had shipped on that day to Mr. Thomas Flemming of Charleston, as the agent of this society in that City, per the ship Empress, Senclair master, a box addressed to this Society, containing specimens of Bibles and Testaments from the depository of that institution, the cost of which is five dollars and fifty five cents, which is charged to this Society. It likewise contains the donation mentioned by Mr. Woodhull of fifty Bibles and fifty Testaments, at the price of fifty three dollars and forty five cents, at the charge of the Society: he recommends sales instead of gratuitous distribution, except where the applicant is unable to pay any thing; and also, that if practicable it be ascertained what number of persons within the sphere of operations of this Society are destitute of the Scriptures. The box likewise contains a number of brief views, extracts, reports, &c.

This box of books, it is expected, has long since arrived in Charleston; but the danger to which persons from this section of the country would be exposed in visiting that city at this season of the year, has placed it beyond the power of your Board to get them on before the next quarterly meeting, which will fall in November next, the season will have so far advanced, that safety will be restored; and among the first opportunities that offer, the Board hope to procure the transportation of these books, and pledges itself to spare no exertions in so doing.

It appears that the amount subscribed to the society in the last year, is thirty nine dollars; of this amount twenty six dollars have been paid into the treasury, leaving a balance of subscriptions to the amount of thirteen dollars, yet due to the society. Out of the amount paid into the treasury, the sum of twenty four dollars and fifty cents has been paid out by order of the Board, for printing the constitution and address, and in procurement of books for the records of the proceedings of the Board and the Society. The cost of the books was three dollars and fifty cents. It was ascertained that one of these would be sufficient for the purpose of the society, and the Secretary was directed to sell the other; it has been sold according to the order of the board for two dollars. The number of persons who have become subscribers to this society is twenty five, three of whom have left the neighborhood of the society, and one is dead, leaving twenty one subscribers. The offices of two of the vice-presidents have become vacant by their removal, and the offices

of two of the managers have become vacant by their deaths. Thus, in the midst of life we are in death! The brief days of the past year have gone up with their accounts to God; and it may be well for us, to enquire what report they bore.

In closing this report, the managers desire, that they themselves, and their fellow members of the society, may be enabled to discharge aright their duties, while this hasty life continues. They humbly pledge themselves to unwearied exertions, relying on divine assistance; and they commit themselves and the society, and all those engaged in the cause, throughout the world, to HIM whose power is measureless, whose promises are full, and whose faithfulness is sure. "Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish thou the work of our hands upon us, yea the work of our hands, establish thou it."

A TURKISH FUNERAL.

Extract from the Journal of the Rev. Mr. Goodell, an American missionary at Palestine.

Feb. 20, 1824.—This morning a Turk of considerable distinction was buried. This event was early announced by the screams of the women as they passed mournfully along to the place of interment. They, being collected in great numbers, and in still greater numbers among the graves, wrapped, as they are on all occasions, in a large white sheet, smote upon their breasts or waved their handkerchiefs in the air, and addressing the deceased, cried, "You are gone! you are nothing! you are dead! You have no mother to weep over your grave! you have no sister to weep over your grave! Why did you die! O why did you die!" They would then vent their feelings in the loudest screams, and appear frantic with grief. After this had continued more than an hour, being repeated on every accession to their numbers, a large concourse of men appeared with the corpse, and with various garments and articles of the deceased, and with about twenty banners unfurled. They walked fast, all singing and bowing down their heads to the earth. The standards were placed, several together, in opposite points near the grave, and all the men arranging themselves around them, went through their service on a low key of voice, but with all their strength, and at the same time bowing their heads and bodies, with all the violence possible. The body is always, I believe, taken out of the coffin to be placed beneath the ground, and the coffin returned to the city for future occasions. Every morning and evening, for perhaps a month, the friends visit the grave; the women and children to strew myrtle upon it, and the men to say prayers with the vehemence above described. This burial-place I should think, contained not less than ten acres of ground. There are two others near the city, which are not so large. The graves are generally arranged with great order and neatness.

As we walked along, and viewed these numerous "grassy hillocks," on the right hand and on the left, and asked, "Where are now the souls that once animated the bodies of this great congregation of the dead?" it has been an awful reflection, that not one professed follower of the Lamb rests in gentle slumber here.

21. Our hearts were cheered by the arrival of the Rev. Mr. Cook, a missionary from England. He was sent out by the Methodist Missionary Society, and spent several weeks at Malta in the family of our dear brother Temple.

RULES OF LIFE.

Be not inconsistent in your expectations; and having chosen your walk through life, pursue it with patience, industry, and contentment; thus, if superiority in knowledge is your object, do not envy the accumulations of your thrifty neighbor: if wealth is your object, do not wonder that your character for knowledge, justice, and liberality stands not so high as that of others; and, if you must govern your passion, practice forbearance without repining, and consult the interest of others as much as your own.

"Pay to day—I'll Trust to-morrow."

Upon a black board, besprinkled with white tears, and hung up in a public house in England, is the following inscription:—"This Monument is erected to the memory of Trust, who was some time ago cruelly put to death by Credit; a fellow who is prowling about the country, plotting the ruin of all publicans."

Valuable Town Lots.

On Tuesday, the 23d day of November, 1824, will be sold at public sale, seven valuable town lots, belonging to the estate of Barnabas Kelder, dec'd. These lots are below the Lutheran church, adjoining John Beard, sen's, new row, and fronting the main-street. All the lots are under a high state of cultivation, and are worthy the attention of any gentleman who wishes to purchase town property.

Also, on the same day, will be sold at the dwelling house of the late Barnabas Kelder, dec'd, a variety of Household and Kitchen Furniture; and, also, all the stock of the dec'd, consisting of horses, cows, hogs, &c. Terms made known on the day of sale.

THOMAS HOLMES, Esq., Auctioneer, Nov. 6, 1824. 533

R. M. Baker, on the same day, will be granted for one year, the Tenure and Lot belonging to the late Barnabas Kelder, dec'd, and wherein he resided at the time of his death.

Doct. J. M. Slaughter,

HAVING settled himself in Salisbury, N. C. offers his services to the inhabitants of the Town and its vicinity, in the various branches of his profession. He may be found at his shop, one door north of the Post-Office, except when absent on professional business. Oct. 4, 1824. 56

Mansion Hotel,

SALISBURY, NORTH-CAROLINA, BY EDWARD YARBROUGH.

Who respectfully informs the public, and his friends, that he has taken the extensive and elegant establishment, situated at the north corner of the Court-House, (lately occupied by Mr. James Huie.) The convenience of this situation for business, is equal to any in the place. The House contains a number of private rooms, well calculated for the accommodation of Travellers and Boarders: the Stables are equal, if not superior, to any in the place, and attended to by obliging and attentive Hostlers; his table and bar, will be supplied with the best the market affords; and the regulations of his House, such as he hopes will give entire satisfaction to those who may think proper to call on him; and he assures them, that no pains shall be spared to render their stay comfortable and pleasing. February 24, 1824. 96

Store-House at Mocksville,

TO RENT. THE subscriber wishes to rent the following property, during one year, or for a term of years, to wit: A lot at Mocksville, Rowan county, on which a spacious store-house, with a good cellar, and a large two-story house, divided into convenient and useful apartments, are erected. Mocksville is near about in the centre of that section of Rowan, known as the Forks. As that part of country, both as to fertility of soil and population, is not inferior to any, a profitable result might be anticipated from a mercantile establishment at that place. Gentlemen in that business, and wishing a situation, are invited to call and view the premises, and judge for themselves. ELIZABETH M. PEARSON. Mocksville, May 22, 1824. 99

House and Sign Painting, &c.

GEORGE W. GUMES informs his friends and the public, that he will continue to execute all kinds of House, Sign, Coach, Windsor Chair, and Ornamental Painting, in a style of workmanship equal to any in the country. Gentlemen having work to do within 50 or 60 miles of Salisbury, can engage the subscriber's services on very short notice. The subscriber takes this opportunity to return his sincere thanks to all those who have generously extended their favors to him; and by his faithfulness and industry, in future, hopes still to merit their friendship and patronage. Salisbury, July 5, 1824. 74

N. B. The subscriber will keep on hand, for sale, all manner of paints and colors, prepared for the accommodation of those who may wish to do small jobs of painting; but who may not have the paints, or experience to prepare them.

State of North-Carolina,

DAVIDSON COUNTY.

IN Equity, October term, 1824. William Cornish and others vs. Polly Miller and others. Petition for sale of land. It appearing to the court, that Joseph Sullivan, Cornelius Sullivan, Thomas Sullivan, Betsy Sullivan and Nancy Sullivan, defendants in this case, are not inhabitants of this state, it is ordered, that publication be made in the Western Carolinian, that the above named parties appear at the next term of this court, to be held on the third Monday after the fourth Monday in March next, and plead, answer or demur to the said petition, or it will be taken pro confesso, and set for hearing ex parte as to them.

Test: EDWIN PASCHALLE, CTK. Price adv. \$1 50. 4633

State of North-Carolina,

IREDELL COUNTY.

COURT of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, August term, 1824: Robert Simonton vs. Edward B. Gaither; original attachment, returned levied on land, &c. It is ordered by the court, that publication be made for three months in the Western Carolinian, that unless the defendant appear before the next term of the said court, to be held for the county aforesaid, at the court house in Statesville, on the third Monday in November next, and plead, the plaintiff will be heard ex parte, and have judgment pro confesso. Test: R. SIMONTON, CTK. Price adv. \$4. 3mt37

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House and Lot, in Charlotte.

FOR sale, on accommodating terms, the house and lot in the town of Charlotte, which adjoins Mr. John Irwin's store, on the north corner. Apply to JAMES TORRENCE. Charlotte, May 7, 1824. 97