

Mr. Editor: I perceive the 4th page of your paper to be chiefly filled with miscellaneous articles; should you think proper to devote a few of its columns to a particular and very important subject, I will furnish you with communications on that subject, as leisure from other duties may permit.

The subject is one that should be spread before the public in its full extent. Some of its past results were seen and deplored by all. Its incipient stages, and the extent of its evils, are hid from the view of many, and such as are in the greatest need of knowing them. Ardent spirits may be justly entitled the mammoth-destroyer of property, reputation, health, domestic peace, human life and the souls of men.

More to be said and written, and what is more and better, much is done, in some parts of our country, at the present time, to check the prevalence of this fell destroyer. It has done much execution among us, and is still doing much, and we have done but little to check its ravages. We cannot suppose this enemy will leave us until he is driven away; nor are we to hope that he will be driven off, until his odious character and horrible doings are exposed to public view.

It will be the object of this paper to show the expense of supporting this enemy to our dearest, best interests. I have purposely avoided using the word intemperance, because its meaning is vague and unsettled.

According to the Marshal's return in 1810, there were more than thirty-three million of gallons of spirits distilled and imported for annual consumption in the United States; as considerable quantities are brought in by smuggling, thirty-four millions would very probably be below the real estimate. If the consumption, since that time, has kept on in a ratio with the increase of population, the consumption of a single year would now be more than six hundred millions; but I will set it down at fifty millions. Considering that this estimate is below the reality, and taking the prices of the different kinds of spirits, and considering that vast quantities are retailed at advanced prices, we may fairly set down the cost to be fifty millions of dollars. Now what are the products of this expense? Idleness, contention, shattered constitutions, premature deaths, wretchedness, poverty, disunion in families; and the catalogue might be lengthened to fill a page.

To be more particular in this calculation, let us confine it to a small section of the country. Fifty millions is to the population of the U. States, as 75,000 to Rowan county, estimating the population of this county at 15 thousand. This ratio may not be precisely accurate; but it is sufficiently so to answer the purpose of yearly consumed in this county. These we will estimate at but 50 cents per gallon. Considering the different kinds of spirits consumed, and the way in which much of it is sold, it is presumed that this is a low estimate. 37,000 dollars annually expended for spirituous liquors. The time and grain consumed in the manufacture of this article should not be taken into this pecuniary calculation; but there are many other expenses attending it that should.

It is presumed that it is but fair to calculate that one half of the 75,000 gallons, is consumed by drunkards. One gallon will disqualify every common drunkard for labouring for at least two days. Multiply the 37,000 gallons by 2 and we will have 75,000 days' labour lost. It is not supposed that drunkards drink always in this systematic way; but it matters not as to the results, whether they consume some whole days in drinking two quarts (and, indeed, one quart will lay most of them up for a day,) or spend double the number of afternoons in drinking quarts or pints. Most of those who consume time in this way, are heads of families; it would then be but a moderate calculation to estimate the loss of this labor at 50 cents per day; 75,000 half dollars will make 37,500 dollars. As we lost 500 in the first calculation, we will add it here, and we will have 38,000; this added to the cost of the spirits, makes the enormous sum of 75,000 dollars expense annually to this county for that which, instead of being beneficial, is extremely pernicious. Let no one be astonished at these results. They are fairly made out, and are rather below than above the real state of the case.

We have not yet taken all the items into this calculation. Some one must take care of the intemperate. There is probably half as much time consumed in taking care of them, as they consume in drinking; as this unfortunately generally falls to the lot of the poor heart broken wives, we will estimate the pecuniary loss at but 25 cents per day, which would be 8000 dollars. Add this to the above, and you have 83,000 dollars.

It is asserted by those who have the best right to know, that nine-tenths of all criminal prosecutions arise, either directly or indirectly, from intemperance. A large portion of litigation springs from the same cause; and it is well known a large portion of the poverty throughout our land, arises from the same prolific

source. From those facts, it will be but a moderate estimate to suppose that 5000 dollars of the county tax goes to support intemperance;—add this to the above sum, and we have 88,000 dollars. This tax we bear very patiently. Was 5,000 dollars drawn from us annually, to promote some benevolent purpose, there would be a horrible grumbling, and perhaps rebellion. But when it is paid to support intemperance, it is borne quite patiently. To this might be added the loss of time by sickness brought on by intemperance; the loss of property by negligence; and the loss of human life by premature death. In all it would hardly amount to less than 100,000 to this county every year. We will place it at ninety thousand.

Suppose this sum appropriated to useful purposes. Twenty thousand of this sum would employ constantly eighty schoolmasters, at the rate of 250 dollars a year;—for this sum, respectable and competent teachers could be had. Eighty school-masters would be sufficient to teach all the youth in the county, between 10 and 16 years of age, six months in the year, allowing about 25 children to each teacher. Were the time and labour bestowed upon still houses appropriated to the erection of school houses, it would furnish a sufficient number of good ones, without any additional labour. Were the funds expended on distilling apparatus laid out in the purchase of books, every school house might be furnished with a good library. The benefit of such an appropriation to the rising generation and to the country, would be incalculable. To effect this good, were the patriot, the well-wisher to mankind and the christian, that is not willing to desist, not only from the intemperate use of spirits, but to adopt the principle of entire abstinence?

After the deduction of 20,000 from the 90,000, there remains 70,000. Ten thousand of this would afford competent religious instruction to every neighborhood in the county. It is not here insinuated that this should be imposed as a tax by Government; but that every man should appropriate such a proportion of what he expends for ardent spirits, as a free-will offering. The balance of 60,000 yet remains, which might be appropriated to feeding and clothing the poor, (but were there no spirits used, there would be few poor) to the establishment of public seats of learning and science, and to various proposals calculated to promote the intelligence, general improvement, wealth, and the happiness of the community. F. D. M.

MILITARY ACADEMY.

The following are the names of the five most distinguished Cadets in each class.

- FIRST CLASS. No. 1 Charles Mason, New-York. 2 Robert E. Lee, Virginia. 3 William H. Harford, Georgia. 4 Joseph A. Smith, Pennsylvania. 5 James Barnes, Massachusetts. SECOND CLASS. No. 1 Alexander J. Swift, New-York. 2 Walter S. Chandler, Dist. Columbia. 3 Wm. N. Pendleton, Virginia. 4 Francis Vinson, Rhode Island. 5 George W. Lawson, Tennessee. THIRD CLASS. No. 1 Roswell Park, New-York. 2 Henry Clay, Kentucky. 3 William A. Norton, New-York. 4 James Allen, N. Carolina. 5 Richard H. Peyton, Virginia. FOURTH CLASS. No. 1 Benjamin S. Ewell, Virginia. 2 Robert P. Smith, Mississippi. 3 Jacob W. Baily, Rhode Island. 4 George W. Ward, Massachusetts. 5 George C. Vance, Ohio.

UNION EMIGRANT SOCIETY.

It is with feelings of pleasure we inform our readers that this very important and useful Society has already commenced its operations. The office is located in No. 68 Mott street, at which information (if by letter, post paid) will be received from all parts of the country where labourers, mechanics, &c. are wanting, and where in like manner information will be communicated gratis to all emigrants arriving in this city, of those places in which they will find employment. Attendance is given from 10 o'clock a. m. to 1 o'clock p. m. We desire those papers which exchange with the Trutheller, to notify this to their readers and communicate the wants in their respective neighbourhoods.—We also request other benevolent persons to make us acquainted with the demands for labour in their vicinity. All letters addressed "to the office of the Union Emigrant Society, 68 Mott street, New York" (post paid), will meet with every attention. It will be perceived by a report of the meeting of this Society held in Masonic Hall, on Wednesday evening last which appears in an other column, that a subscription book is opened to aid in defraying the expenses incident to the business of the Society. Persons in the country desirous of contributing to so meritorious a work are requested to forward their benefactions to the Society's Treasurer, Denis McCarthy, Esq. No. 359 Broadway, New York, which will be duly acknowledged in the columns of the Trutheller.

Salisbury:

JULY 21, 1829.

ROWAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Rowan County Bible Society, will be held on Monday, the 3d day of August next, at Thysitra; where a Sermon may be expected from a Minister previously appointed. The importance of the Bible cause, and especially the encouraging aspect which it has recently assumed, will, it is hoped, insure a full meeting, and a large congregation. J. RANKIN.

CELEBRATION AT CHARLOTTE.

The citizens of Charlotte, after a short notice, met at Mr. Robert I. Dinkins, to celebrate the 34th anniversary of our independence. A splendid dinner was furnished by Mr. Dinkins; and after the cloth was removed, William Davidson, Esq. was appointed President, and Doctor M. Dougherty Vice-President. The following regular guests were then given, succeeded by the associated volunteers; during which time perfect good humor prevailed throughout the company. 1. The 4th of July, 1776; The glorious period of our independence; may each revolving year find us more patriotic and more united in the bonds of union and friendship. 2. George Washington, who like a rock upon the ocean's verge, withstood the flaming billows of tyrans, and left his name immortalized in the hearts of his countrymen. 3. The Heroes and Soldiers of the revolution; Honor to their memories and peace to the ashes of those that are gone; and honor, health, comfort and happiness to those that are yet on the stage of action. 4. The President and Heads of Department of the U. States; May the discharge of their official duties, prove them worthy of the high trust conferred upon them. 5. The Congress of the U. States, the constituted guardian of the sovereign people: may they impartially discharge their duties, and thereby promote the prosperity of the nation. 6. The army and navy of the U. States; The late war proved them worthy of their ancestors. 7. Our government and country; More than half a century has proved that an enlightened, virtuous people can live without a King. 8. The Governor and State of North-Carolina. 9. Militia of the U. States; If well organized and disciplined they are the bulwark of the nation. 10. The freedom of the press; Its use and not abuse, renders it invaluable. 11. Political and religious liberty throughout the world; May the whole human family enjoy those great blessings. 12. Agriculture, manufactures, and Internal Improvement, together with Commerce, are the great pillars of the prosperity and happiness of our government. 13. The Fair Sex.

VOLUNTEERS.

By William Davidson, President; The county of Mecklenburg: the first to declare independence, may it be the last to surrender it. By Doct. M. Dougherty, Vice-President; The Golden rule: may the influence of the precious metal never make the possessors of the soil forget that it was purchased by the blood of their ancestors. By William Smith; Public officers in all departments of the general and state governments: may virtue and merit shield them from political attacks. By Charles Carroll, the only surviving signer of the declaration of independence of the U. States: may his life long be spared to hear the benedictions of ten millions of freemen annually showering down upon his venerable head. By John Irwin; Husbands to maids, wives to bachelors, and children to those who wish them. By Doct. J. D. Boyd; Heads of Department; may they be governed by republican principles, instead of party spirit and political favoritism. By David Parks; May the citizens of Charlotte remember their independence and acknowledge their gratitude to the giver who has paved their streets with gold. By Jno. R. Hampton; May the intellectual resources of North-Carolina, when duly appreciated, be found to excel those of her gold mines. By Washington Morrison; Gen. George Washington: The sun who was first to salute our common ancestors in the garden, who has witnessed the rise and fall of empire; who has seen kingdoms crumbling into the dust and dynasties forgotten, never shone on a character in whom so many excellencies were combined. By F. M. Ross; Our next Legislature: may it be composed of men whose talents will do credit to the state and honor to themselves; and may their aim be our country's good, and their guide measures and not men. By Doct. F. C. Caldwell; our next Legislature: may it not forget to extend protection to the medical profession. By Herman Kehler; may the devil take the hard flint rocks, and leave the gold behind. By Frederick Folger; The fair daughters of Mecklenburg county. By P. Thompson; The memory of Dr. Witt Clinton: may it ever be cherished by the friends of internal improvement. By Col. John Sloan; General Thomas Sumpter, a native of Virginia, citizen of South-Carolina; distinguished for his revolutionary services, and the only American revolutionary general who now lives; may the well fought battle at the Hanging Rock, together with many other military achievements during the revolutionary war, equally meritorious, be gratefully acknowledged by every true hearted American.

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- 5. Charles Carroll of Carrollton. 6. The memory of the departed heroes and sages of the Revolution. 7. The President and Vice President of the United States; The chosen of the People. 8. The Heads of the Departments. 9. The Judiciary; The key-stone in the Arch of Liberty. 10. Our Army and Navy; Experience proves that they are invincible. 11. North Carolina; Her day is approaching; May the growing energy of her sons, and the wealth of her Gold Mines, soon place her in that rank which she has been so long denied. 12. Sound moral and religious principles; The grand constituents of dignified humanity. 13. The fair of our country; our wives, our daughters, and our sweethearts; their husbands their fathers, and their lovers, are their protectors; and cursed be the wretch that would cause a tear to wet their lovely cheeks.

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By R. Williams, Esq. President of the day; The day we celebrate; may it never be forgotten by the American people. By Col. John Hoke, the Vice President; The Constitution of the United States; May the thirteen branches that bore the fruit of Independence, and produced eleven twigs of Equality be always shaded by a top of wisdom and equity. By Vardy McBee, Esq.; Unanimity, Freedom of Speech, and Liberty of conscience; The bases of our government; contract them, and it falls. By Col. Daniel Hoke; Andrew Jackson, President by the voice of the people; The pledges of his administration meet their approbation; May he be continued at the head of our government for eight years, and then like Washington retire to his farm, blessed with the hearts of his countrymen. By J. L. Clarke, Esq. of Columbia, S. C.; The Soldiers of the Revolution. By Richard T. Brumby, Esq.; The county of Lincoln; may its inhabitants, equally free, virtuous and prosperous, always celebrate this day with equal unanimity and concord. By Robert A. Brevard, Esq.; Nathaniel Greene, of Revolutionary memory. By James T. Alexander, Esq.; The Post-Office establishment, but more particularly the Sunday mail; extinction to the party that shall oppose it. By Littleton Williamson, Esq.; Modern Greece; A little dim beclouded star rising in the East; May it borrow its light from the Western Sun. By B. J. Thompson, Esq.; The United States of America; It is here that merit is distinction. By John D. Hoke, Esq.; Governor Owen, of N. C.; when called to direct the helm of our government, like the patriot of the Hermitage, he was found at his farm; May intriguers and office-hunters learn a salutary lesson from such virtuous examples. By Reuben H. Reynolds, Esq.; American Freedom; Planted and nourished by the blood of our fore-fathers; May her altars never be polluted by faction, discord or disunion. By Mr. A. V. Brumby; George McDuffie; The Star of the South; May he be blessed with years to display his rising greatness. By Mr. M. W. Reinhardt; Mark Britain, of Burke; May the members of our next legislature possess his integrity and Independence. By Daniel Hoke, jun.; Greece; May her classic soil cease to be stained by the bloody footsteps of United States troops. The United States mail; urgent necessity requires its daily transportation. By Michael Hoke, Esq.; John Randolph of Roanoke; The political purifier of corrupt Administrations. By Vardy McBee, Esq.; The Orator and Reader of the day. By James T. Alexander, Esq.; The President of the day; The honest farmer, distinguished for his political honesty. By Maj. John Michal; The Mechanics, Farmers, Professional Characters and Merchants; May they prosper while they act honestly. By Vardy McBee, Esq.; May the Treasury of North Carolina not retard the progress of Education and the advancement of Agriculture. By Mr. Saunders; David Porter; May he return to his native country, an ornament to its Navy. By B. J. Thompson, Esq.; The 4th of July; when we cease to celebrate it, the pulse of freedom will begin to fainter. By Mr. A. V. Brumby; The Tariff of 1828; May it be buried in the mud-holes of South Carolina. By Mr. David Hoke; The Catholics of Ireland; The yoke of tyranny is thrown off; may every nation learn that religious tests are incompatible with freedom. By Mr. Milligan; The people of the United States; May they never encourage the trappings of royalty and aristocracy, the forerunners of monarchy and despotism. By Daniel Seagle, Esq.; Andrew Jackson, and John C. Calhoun; In their elevation, the will of the people was heard and obeyed; when the former serves eight years, may the latter succeed him. By J. T. Alexander; The memory of Wm. R. Davie, the statesman and soldier.

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From which place, after frequent marches and counter marches through the village, in an orderly procession, the company met at Mr. B. Chambers, precisely at 3 o'clock, P. M. where an excellent dinner was provided; and after the Ladies withdrew, and the cloth removed, the following Toasts were given, and read by the reader Mr. Coleman, seated at the head of the table, between the President and Vice President.

- 1st. The day we celebrate; It is ever memorable in the annals of History, for giving birth to a great nation. Tune, Hail Columbia. 3 cheers. 2d. The ever memorable 19th of April, 1775; on which the first blood was shed for Liberty. 3 cheers. 3d. The congress of 55 members, who put their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honors, in pledge, as it were, with halters round their necks, to support the independence of the United States. 3 cheers. 4th. State Rights, and Republican principles; may they ever be maintained. 5th. Civil and Religious Liberty, being what we contended for and obtained; we now pledge ourselves, this day, to hand down to our posterity, unchanged. 3 cheers. 6th. Our Revolutionary Heroes and Patriots; who bled and fell for our Liberties; may they ever be held in grateful remembrance; Tune, Yankee Doodle. 6 cheers. 7th. The memorable battle of the 8th of Jan'y. 1815, in our late struggle, which saved the Beauty and Booty of New Orleans; may it with those who achieved the same, be ever held in remembrance. Tune, Road to Boston. 9 cheers. 8th. The States of Ohio and Kentucky, who in defiance of intrigue, did honor to the man who risked his all in favor of the rights and navigation of the West. 4 cheers. 9th. The President of the U. S.; may his civil administration be as prosperous as his military career was glorious. 9 cheers. 10th. The memory of George Washington, 9 cheers. 11th. The Ex-Presidents. Tune, Bonny Jim of Aberdeen. 12th. Charles Carroll of Carrollton, the only survivor of the signers of the declaration of Independence; may we ever have him in grateful remembrance. 6 cheers! 13th. The American fair. 16 cheers!

After which, the following Volunteer Toasts were given:

- 1st. Col. Robert Love, President; May the Union and good government be examples and beacons to admonish our future Presidents as to what ought to be their duties towards the rights of the people. 3 cheers. 2d. By Maj. William Deaver, Vice President; The Hero who has triumphed over the designs of parizan demagogues, and whom the people have placed at the helm of government; may he conduct the vessel of State through the surfs and storms of the political ocean, safely into the harbor of prosperity. 3 cheers. 3d. Felix Axley, Esq. Orator; The people of Hay wood county, who, in 1824, gave the Hero of Orleans their united and unanimous vote. 3 cheers. 4th. Dan'l. Coleman, Esq. Reader; The President and Vice-President of the day, two of the surviving patriots of 76; may the evening of their age be serene and tranquil as their early days were perilous and eventful. 3 cheers. 5th. J. B. Finley; The Aurora Borealis, J. Q. Adams, the lesser light of our political hemisphere. 3 cheers. 6th. William Welch; Andrew Jackson; the sublime spectacle of a good and great man, who by his courage and skill having vanquished the foes of his country, is now by the moral force of his virtue subduing his private enemies. 3 cheers. 7th. Jas. R. Love; Benj. Franklin and Lafayette, co-actors in obtaining aid from France, in aid of our infant colonies, and the Liberty which we now enjoy; may they never be forgotten. 3 cheers. 8th. J. Deaver; Jacksonians, all fill again the cup; Drink to the great and good, Who nobly for his country fought, And firm old Hickory stood. 3 cheers. 9th. Felix Axley; John B. Finly and Reuben Deaver, Esqs.; for their officer like and gallant manner in which they discharged their duty as Marshals of the day.

10th. Wm. McClure; Col. R. Love, an honest man, and a sterling patriot; the best work of God. 3 cheers. [Col. R. Love rose, and returned his sincere thanks for the respect paid to him.] 11th. J. R. Allman; The 4th July, 1776; Wisdom pauses to admire, and liberty hails triumphantly the declaration of our Independence; immortality to the name of Jefferson. 3 cheers. 12th. Nelson Allman; Success to the Gold Mines in N. C. and may she and her sister States prove to be as rich as South America. 3 cheers. 13th. Wm. Johnston; Long may the spreading Hickory shade our land; Emblem of him our highest in command, Pride of our nation, champion of the age, Jackson, the Hero, Patriot, and sage. 3 cheers. 14th. Doct. J. P. Evans; The 4th of July, the anniversary of our American Independence; may it continue to be celebrated by all true republicans as the birth day of our liberty. 3 cheers. 15th. J. B. Loughery; May he who forsakes his country in the hour of danger, have his grave dug by the hands of his enemies. 3 cheers. 16th. The patriots of 76; may they be held in high veneration as the achievers of the liberty we now enjoy. 3 cheers. 17th. Hugh Johnston; To the memory of Dr. Witt Clinton; his honor and character a pattern to succeeding ages. 3 cheers.