

To meet the new arrangement of the Mails, the Registrar will be in future dated on Monday and Thursday instead of Tuesday and Friday.

The Committee appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the approaching anniversary of Independence, have contracted with Capt. Guion of the Eagle Hotel, to furnish the Dinner. The Citizens of the town and country are respectfully invited to attend.

The Declaration of Independence will be read by Doctor FABUS J. HAYWOOD.

We are gratified in stating that at night there will be a Concert in the Capitol Grove, which will be tastefully illuminated on the occasion. This will prove an agreeable finale to the festivities of the day and afford an opportunity to the Ladies of participating in the celebration.

The late Annual Commencement of our University.—We learn from a Visitor that the Exercises at the late Anniversary Commencement were well sustained by the young gentlemen of the College, and highly satisfactory to the Trustees and the large and respectable audience who attended.

On Monday and Tuesday evenings select Orations were delivered in the Chapel by competitors selected from the Junior, Sophomore and Freshman Classes, and on Wednesday evening by the Representatives of the two Literary Societies.

The Oration of Professor Hooper before the two Societies on Wednesday, according to previous appointment, is spoken of as a chaste and elegant production. He had selected for his subject "the present condition and future prospects of our Country"—and showed himself to be a deep and severe thinker, as well as a profound and eloquent rhetorician. The Oration is to be published under the patronage of the Dialectic Society, and from the character we have had of it, will be read with interest by every American.

The following is the Order of Exercises observed on Thursday, the day of Commencement, by the Senior Class:

- FORENOON. 1. Prayer by the President. 2. The Salutatory Oration in Latin.—Franklin J. Smith, Mecklenburg. 3. Honorary Oration on Natural Philosophy.—John P. Brown, Wilmington. 4. Honorary Oration on Geology.—Sidney X. Johnson, Lincoln. 5. A Forensic Dispute. "Ought daughters to receive as complete an education as sons?"—Morton F. Craig, Rowan. Osmond F. Long, Randolph. 6. Honorary Oration on Ethics.—David M. Lees, Mecklenburg. 7. A Forensic Dispute. "Is the present condition of North-Carolina to be ascribed to moral or physical causes?"—James E. Kerr, Rowan. James A. Johnson, Lincoln. AFTERNOON. 8. Honorary Oration in French. Modern Literature.—Richard M. Shepherd, Newbern. 9. A Forensic Dispute. "Would the independence of Greece prove beneficial to Europe in general?"—Thos. W. Dulany, Onslow. Wm. Eaton, Warren. 10. A Forensic Dispute. "Will the French Revolution, in the aggregate of its effects, present a beneficial influence on the destinies of mankind?"—Rufus A. Yancy, Caswell. Philip W. Alston, Edenton. 11. Valedictory Oration.—Richard R. Wall, Rockingham. 12. President's Address to the Graduates. 13. Degrees conferred. 14. Report of the Examination. 15. Prayer by the President.

The Senatus Academicus conferred upon the foregoing Graduates the Degree of Bachelor of Arts, and also upon the following young gentlemen. Alumni of the University, the Honorary Degree of Master of Arts, viz:

Matthias E. Manly, of Newbern; Archibald Gilchrist, of Robeson county; Dani M. Barringer, of Cabarrus; Victor M. Murphey, Sam. Stewart, Wm. E. Anderson, Samuel L. Holt, of Orange.

The Degree of Doctor of Divinity was also conferred upon the Rev. John M. Wilson, of Mecklenburg, and the Rev. John Robinson, of Cabarrus.

The whole occasion is understood to have been uncommonly brilliant and interesting.

We hope to see our University, now one of the most distinguished in the Union, become more and more an object of solicitude and State pride, and on each returning Commencement a place of fashionable resort.

The following Trustees attended:

His Excellency John Owen, President, Rev. Dr. Jos. Caldwell, Dr. S. J. Baker, Fred. Nash, Esq. John D. Hawkins, Esq. Col. Wm. Roberts, Charles Manly, Esq. John Scott, Esq. Jas. Mcbane, Esq. Dr. Jas. S. Smith, Arch. McBryde, Esq. Dr. James Webb, Rev. Dr. Wm. McPhee, and Rev. Jno. Witherspoon.

The Hillsborough Recorder announces Nathaniel J. Palmer of Orange, as a candidate to represent this district in Congress.

Supreme Court.—Since our last, John Winslow of Fayetteville, and Jas. Boggan of Anson county, have been admitted to County Court practice.

"Reform."—George H. Brent to be Collector of the Customs for the Port of Alexandria, in the place of Humphrey Peake. Mr. Peake having received one of Paddy's hints, resigned, to avoid being turned out.

A few days since, Dr. Thomas P. Jones, recently of Oxford, in this State, was removed by President Jackson, from his Office of Superintendent of the Patent Office—a situation for which he was perhaps more eminently qualified than any other individual in the country. His successor is Mr. John D. Craig, of Baltimore. The National Intelligencer in noticing the fact of his removal, expressed particular regret that he should have fallen a victim to the cruel sentence of extermination which seems to have gone forth. On the day succeeding the remarks of the Intelligencer, the following Card from Dr. Jones to the Editors appeared:

To the Editors of the National Intelligencer. GENTLEMEN.—You will oblige me by allowing me to prevent, or to correct, the erroneous impression which your notice respecting my removal from the Patent Office appears to me likely to make at a distance. It is altogether unnecessary for me to state the circumstances which led to the recent change, as the result renders it manifest that it was unconnected with any objections to me personally. After a free conversation with the President and with the Secretary of State, by each of whom I was treated with marked kindness, I consented to be transferred to the Bureau of Consular Correspondence, in the Department of State, which office I now hold. I am, very cheerfully, Your obedient servant, THOMAS P. JONES.

Washington, June 16. Most of the Editors devoted to the present Administration, have very eagerly published the above, for the purpose of showing, that the removal of Dr. Jones had been made the cause of complaint against the President unjustly. We were confident, on the first glance of the Doctor's note, that there was more in it, than met the eye. We have seen a gentleman within a few days, from Washington, who has explained to us the apparent mystery. He says, that soon after Mr. Van Buren's induction to the Secretaryship of State, he gave the most positive assurance to Dr. Jones, that he should not be dismissed. With this pledge, he remained satisfied, having no fears of being turned out, until the edict went forth. Mr. Van Buren was not consulted as to his removal, and was of course exceedingly mortified that it had taken place, his positive promise to the contrary notwithstanding. Some excitement seemed likely to be raised about the business, to allay which, the Doctor was transferred to the Bureau of Consular Correspondence, which step seems to have pleased all parties. There is no doubt that he was removed, and would have remained so, but for the interposition of Mr. Van Buren. This distinguished gentleman seems for once in his life, to have lost sight of his doctrine of "non-committal."

Liberty of the Press.—SHERIDAN, speaking in the British Parliament, of the restless influence of a free Press, said, "Give to Ministers a corrupt House of Commons—give them a pliant and a servile House of Lords—give them the key of the Treasury, and the patronage of the Crown; and give me the Liberty of the Press; and with this mighty engine, I will overthrow the fabric of corruption, and establish upon its ruins, the rights and privileges of the People!" In like manner, said Dr. CHALMERS, in his speech at a late public meeting in Scotland, on the Catholic Question, "Give the Catholics of Ireland their emancipation; give them a seat in the Parliament of their country; give them a free and equal participation in the politics of the realm; give them a place at the right ear of Majesty, and a voice in his councils—and give me the free circulation of the Bible, and with this mighty engine, I will overthrow the tyranny of Antichrist, and establish the fair and original form of Christianity on its ruin!"

It is reported that Gen. Lafayette has ordered so much of his Florida Lands sold, as will pay the debts of Mr. Monroe.

Fraud.—The Albany Daily Advertiser relates a most singular piece of roguery which was played off a few days since upon a man in that city. It appears one man gave another a note for a sum of money. The note was placed in a pocket book, and when some time after, he examined it, it was found that the signature of the note was entirely invisible. The fraud consisted in writing the name with spittle and throwing sand on it; the sand adhered until the spittle became dry, or it was rubbed off when no traces of the signature were seen.

The Rowan Bible Society, we understand, have it in contemplation to furnish every family in the county, which is not already supplied, with a Bible. It is estimated that there are 500 families in the county destitute of the Holy Scriptures. Yalikin Journal.

Mr. CLAY, in a speech recently delivered to a large concourse of his fellow-citizens at Lexington, made this memorable declaration—"Not an officer," said he, "under the government during the last 4 years, ending with the 4th March last, was removed from office on the account of political sentiments." What an honorable contrast to the course pursued by the present Administration, during the four months which it has been in existence! A proscription unparalleled, even in the annals of despotism, with perhaps two exceptions, has marked its brief possession of power: virtue and talents, long public services, Revolutionary claims and honorable wounds, have alike been disregarded; hoary-headed veterans, who fought and bled to obtain that freedom which is our boast,—freedom of opinion and of choice,—proscribed and punished for exercising it; in short, all who did not think that Andrew Jackson was better qualified for the Presidency than John Q. Adams, have been thrown, as it were, out of the pale of citizenship. Such has been the course of President Jackson; & odious as it is, how much more so does it appear, when compared with the conduct of Mr. Adams, during the four years he was in office. The contrast is in the highest degree honorable to that much abused and calumniated statesman and patriot; and well may his friends glory in the support which they gave him. Ibid.

The seventh annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of North Carolina, was held in this place on the 23d and 24th inst., when the following Officers were elected for the ensuing year:

- M. E. Robert Stronze, G. H. P. Fayetteville. E. James Norcom, D. G. H. P. Edenton. F. M. L. Higgins, G. K. Halifax. E. Alex. McRae, G. S. Wilmington. M. E. Jos. R. Lloyd, G. Tr. Tarborough. M. E. Ed. B. Freeman, G. Sec'y, Halifax. F. John Warrack, G. Chap. Tarborough. M. E. Anson Bailey, G. M. Fayetteville. M. E. Eck Arnold, G. Lect. Fayetteville.

The next Convocation will be held at Tarborough, on the 23d of June, 1839. Fayette. Obs.

Accident.—Several persons were hurt, one or two of them severely, on Tuesday last, by the fall of some of the timbers of the west land end of Clarendon Bridge, in repairing which, a number of hands were engaged. We understand that the defective part will be replaced & the Bridge be again passable in the course of a few days. Ibid.

Ship Building.—Capt. Vandusen, of Philadelphia, is now building at Campbellton, a schooner of 100 tons burthen. He expects to launch her in August and to descend the river upon some of the freshets, usual at that season of the year. If the river is high then, he will put up her masts here—if the water will not permit it, he will rig her & put up her masts at Wilmington. This will be the first rigged vessel ever built upon the Cape Fear river, above the head of tide water, and shows the progress of enterprize. Capt. Vandusen is an enterprising ship-builder, and in his opinion, the materials for ship-building, in this vicinity, are of an excellent quality.—N. C. Journal.

We have been informed, that on the 18th instant there was a thunder storm at Smithville, the duration of which has not been mentioned to us, but which it is stated, produced a most tragical termination of the life of a mechanic named Cassidy, who was employed at the works on Oak Island in the vicinity of Smithville. But few of the circumstances connected with this event have been communicated to us. We can therefore state in brief only that the unfortunate man appears to have been struck twice. One stream of the fluid, entered his mouth and opening his bowels, discharged itself on his right hip; another, struck on his nose and discharged itself on his left hip. We hear that he has left a family, which must have increased greatly the sensations occasioned by his instantaneous and awful death. Wilmington Recorder.

Distressing.—A little daughter of Mr. Jesse Banner, of this county, aged about 17 months, came to an untimely end on the 6th inst. by partaking of a poisonous liquid prepared for destroying flies. The parents were on a visit at a friend's, where the accident happened;—the child was discovered in the dining-room, having a saucer containing the poisonous composition in its hands, and appeared to have been drinking of its contents; a short time after she was taken violently sick, and died on the evening of the same day, notwithstanding every means were adopted to counteract the effects of the poison.—Salem Gleener.

A Premium for a Dissertation.—The Board of Directors of the American Peace Society offer the premium of 30 dollars for the best dissertation on the subject of a Congress of Nations for the prevention of War, which dissertation shall specify the particular object of the Congress, and the mode by which its stipulations may be enforced.

The dissertations must be accompanied with sealed papers, containing the name and address of the authors, with a signature or cypher on the envelope, to be sent free of expense, to the office of David L. Dodge, Esq. 227 Pearl-street, New-York, before the first day of May next. The successful candidate may take his choice of being made an honorary member of the society, receiving a gold medal, or the money.

Voted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Peace Society, May 14, 1839.

Baltimore, June 18. The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church was opened yesterday, 17th, at St. Paul's in this city, by the usual services and ceremonies of the Church.—The Right Rev. D. Bishop Chase, of Ohio, being on a visit to this city, officiated in the services, and we learn has been invited in the most respectful manner to attend the meetings of the Convention as an honorary member. No nominations have yet been made, as far as we can learn, of candidates for the office of Bishop, and but little business has been done beyond organizing the body, which is quite numerously attended from all parts of the State.—Patriot.

June 19.—The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church was still in session yesterday, and after five successive ballots for a Bishop on the part of the clerical order of the Convention, they were unable to make a nomination to the order of the Laity.

We learn that the Rev. Dr. Wyatt and the Rev. Mr. Johns of Baltimore, were first in nomination as candidates for that high station—after three ballots, Mr. Johns was withdrawn, and the Rev. Mr. Henshaw of this city was substituted with less hope of success. The Rev. Mr. Johns was again taken up, and the result was as ineffectual as before.

We learn further, that the Convention was yesterday, most laboriously engaged, as they sat from 9 o'clock, A. M. until half past 3. P. M. and renewed their session at 6 o'clock, and continued until after ten at night.—Ibid.

Cause of the explosion.—"The dead tell no tales," and we would charitably hope the explosion was, as usually termed, accidental. But the following circumstances which we have learned necessarily excite suspicion. A sailor by the name of Jack Hannan, a desperate wretch, had been for some days under guard, charged with robbing a trunk belonging to one of the midshipmen. The Commodore had during the forenoon satisfactorily ascertained that Jack was guilty, and had informed him that as his time of service had just expired, he could not be punished in the Navy Yard, but would be handed over to the civil authority, and that perhaps his punishment would be imprisonment in the state prison for life. Lieut. Breckenridge was the officer of the day, and when he permitted the magazine to be opened, adopted the usual precautions of placing a centry, &c. and expressly charged the gunner to be very careful.—But unhappily Jack Hannan was allowed to accompany him, his hopes of liberty being blasted, perhaps in despair he blew up the Frigate.

Providential Escape.—A Mrs. Montgomery, on board the frigate Fulton, and just before the explosion, retired to her hammock, being much fatigued by washing. Although she was very near the magazine, she was not injured, but only frightened and detained prisoner until the timbers above her were cut.

The following anecdote has been told us—whether correct or not we do not know:—At the time of the dreadful explosion of the steam frigate Fulton, an English sailor was on board, who had joined the navy a few days previous.—When the vessel was blown up, he was thrown with others, some distance in the air, but fell in the water and received no harm.—When he touched the element he sunk, but soon arose again, and the moment his head was out of the water he exclaimed with great sang froid, "There, I knew it, I knew it; I was sure the Yankee powder would not hurt me!" N. Y. Ev. Jour.

A new Destroyer.—The myriads of pigeons which have lately visited this country (upper part of New-York) are almost as destructive to the farmers' prospects as the swarm of locusts in ancient days to the ill fated husbandmen of Egypt. They seem to make clean work where they alight upon the corn fields, and the farmers in this and the neighboring towns are said to have had 6, 8, 12, and 15 acres of the young corn pulled up by these mischievous birds. Multitudes are shot and taken in nets; but a farmer in Fairfield has adopted a new way to "come Paddy over" them: he soaks his corn in whiskey, and scatters it about the fields—the pigeons become intoxicated, and are thus caught easily by the hand: A solution of arsenic is reported to have been some-times used—but this is an improper and dangerous experiment. Little Falls Friend.



The fourth demurrer to the indictment preferred against Mr. Watkins, has been sustained. The Grand Jury have found another, being the fifth.

There is a rumor brought by a vessel from Gibraltar, of the death of the Queen of Spain.—It wants confirmation.

The Silas Richards arrived at N. York, brings papers to the 24th. The manufacturing districts in England still suffer severely. Mr. O'Connell was not admitted to his seat in the House of Commons, and a new writ had issued for Clare. It is decided he could only be admitted to his seat after taking the oath of supremacy. This he declined—saying when at his request that oath was shown to him, "there is one assertion in this oath which I do not know to be true; there is another in it which I believe not to be true. I cannot, therefore, take this oath."

MARRIED. In Johnston county, on the 25th inst. by the Rev. Thos. P. Hunt, Adam G. Banks, Esq. of this county, to Miss Susan Leitch, of Johnston. In the vicinity of Fayetteville, on the 18th inst. by the Rev. A. Hanson, Benedict, Mr. David Shaw, Confectionery, to Miss Catharine A. Shaw, daughter of the late Coffin Shaw. In Orange county, on the 11th inst. Mr. Wm. W. Guess to Miss Frances Laws. Also, on the 14th inst. Mr. Eli Apple to Mrs. Frances Rich. In Salem, on the 17th inst. by the Rev. Mr. Shultz, Mr. John S. Mickey to Miss Gertraud E. Spaeh. In Stokes county, on the 11th inst. Mr. John Huff to Miss Martha Hicks. At Bethania, Dr. George F. Wilson to Miss Henrietta Sophia, daughter of the late John H. Hauser, Esq. In Burke county, Mr. Eli Shuford to Miss Evelyne Collins, daughter of Col. Bruce Collins, decd. In Chertaw, on the 3d inst. Dr. C. Ellerbe to Miss Elizabeth Powe, daughter of Mr. Thomas Powe.

DIED. At Old Town Creek, in Brunswick County, on the 8th inst. Mrs. Esther Poitrevant, wife of John Poitrevant, aged 39 years. Mrs. Poitrevant was a lady of deep and solid piety. She embraced religion at an early period, and lived a faithful servant of God, a member of the Methodist Church till she died. In the vicinity of Fayetteville on Sunday morning last, Mr. William W. Ballard, merchant, less a wife and two young children. In Salisbury on the 12th inst. of consumption Miss Sarah Dickey in the 51st year of her age. In Mecklenburg county, on the 23d ult. William Wallace, Esq. useful and highly respectable citizen.

Supreme Court Reports. J. GALES & SON have just published the Reports of Cases argued and determined in the Supreme Court of North Carolina, at December Term, 1838. By THOMAS P. DAVENPORT. The Index of the Vol. 1, can be had on application. June 27, 1839. 85

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State of North-Carolina, Martin County. In Equity.—Spring Term, 1839. Len H. Hare and wife, vs. Edward Griffin, Silas Bennett, Adm'rs of John Lutten and Luke Ross. Appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Luke Ross is not a resident of this State it is ordered, that he appear at the next term of the Superior Court of Equity for Martin county, the last Monday in August next, and answer, or else judgment pro confesso will be taken against him; and that publication of this rule be made for three months in the Raleigh Register. J. N. SLADE, C. J. dy3. BLANKS For sale at this Office.