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OF THE INFLUENCE OF RETIREMENT ON THE MORAL AND RELIGIOUS CHARACTER.

Of all the various means, which have been recommended for the cultivation of the understanding, and the improvement of the heart, I know not of one more deserving of our adoption, than the habit of occasional retirement from the world.

But this habit of retirement, so salutary in every respect, is with regard to religion, a sacred duty. The saints of old have stamped it with their authority.

The hour of retirement is also that of self-examination. Here are no partial friends to flatter us, no pleasures to seduce us, no ever-changing vanities to distract our attention.

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unable to take her former flight; so are we, when our thoughts are clogged together by the world, unable to soar up to our Heaven in meditation. The pair of brothers must leave their nests, if they will follow Christ; Elisha his oxen, if he will attend a Prophet. It must be a free and light mind that can ascend this mount of contemplation, overcoming this height, this steepness. Care is a heavy load and uneasy; these must be laid down at the bottom of the hill, if we ever look to attain the top.

And now, let me entreat my readers to bring this subject home to their own bosoms, and to reduce to practice the lessons of wisdom and experience. You live, my friends, in a world of depravity, and you know that evil communications corrupt good manners; escape, then, while yet you have strength, before the contagion fasten upon you, and for a season at least, breathe a purer air.

It was a full conviction of these important truths that raised in the mind of the great poet of the Seasons, the following just and solemn reflections, which I have selected as a suitable conclusion of the present number:

Many persons appear to have an idea that an Editor should be a general aim-giver—that his tasks, services, and words should be freely and gratuitously rendered to every man and body of men who operate upon the public mind.

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Scarcely have we resumed our pen when the Secretary of the Society "for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge and the Promotion of Every Thing" walks in, and desires us to call attention to the grand meeting which is to be held at Hamburg Hall the next evening.

"You should leave your advertisement in the publication office, Mr Secretary." "O bless you, sir, I do not mean to advertise. It is a public object, you know, and you must find your reward, sir, in the satisfaction of having done a charitable action—forwarded our object, sir, which posterity!" "Stop, Mr. Snooks. Our time is precious. We have all possible regard for that very respectable body; posterity would not raise a finger to help us; we must be absolved for the present from diverting our means from immediate and more pressing claims."

"These rough hints, such as they are, we respectfully dedicate to all the Messrs. Slicks and Snooks who may be in the vicinity of these diggings"—not forgetting the selectmen of Barnstable.—New World.

AN EXCELLENT REPORTEE. A certain female, in one of the Atlantic cities, was prosecuted for keeping a disorderly house. She engaged a professional gentleman to defend the suit; but when the trial came on she appeared in court, and possessing a termagant spirit, she commenced a FLUX OF JUSTIFICATION in propria persona.

At a meeting last week in Barnstable, the town voted that the report of the School Committee, which was read to the meeting, be printed in the Barnstable Patriot and Xar-mouth Register, provided that those papers will publish it for nothing.

IMPORTANT DISCOVERY!—Hedge's cele brated Rheumatic Plaster, an infallible cure for Chronic and inflammatory Rheumatism, to be applied in all cases to the soles of the feet. Recommendations from Clergymen, Merchants and others, with full directions for using, accompanying each box. The above is for sale at the North Carolina Book Store, TURNER & HUGHES.

GRAND CAPITALS FOR SEPTEMBER. D. S. Gregory & Co. Managers. \$40,000!! VIRGINIA STATE LOTTERY, for the benefit of the Petersburg Mechanical Association.

VIRGINIA STATE LOTTERY, for the benefit of the Petersburg Benevolent Mechanical Association. Class No. 9, for 1840. To be drawn at Alexandria, Va. on Saturday, September 12th, 1840.

VIRGINIA STATE LOTTERY, for the benefit of the Petersburg Benevolent Mechanical Association. Class No. 10, for 1840. To be drawn at Alexandria, Va. on Saturday, September 19th, 1840.

ALEXANDRIA BOARDING SCHOOL, D. C. The sixteenth annual examination of the Students of this Institution has recently closed, and there is now a vacation until the 1st day of the 9th month, (September), at which time the scholastic duties will be again resumed.

TEACHING EVERY SUBJECT, care is taken that the students understand the principle of the sciences they are studying; they are then able to apply these principles to particular cases. One means adopted for accomplishing this object is, to have the students each day in classes explain every part of the performances of the preceding day, by which they not only become more careful, when pursuing their studies, to impress the principles upon their minds, that they may be enabled to explain them when called upon, but the constant exercise of their reasoning faculties, in explaining principles and conducting mathematical investigations, has a great tendency to strengthen and expand the mind—

ADMINISTRATORS SALE.—On Tuesday, the 22d day of September, 1840, at the late residence of ROBERT N. JEFFREYS deceased, all the perishable part of the Estate of the said intestate, consisting of about 60 or 70 Bunches of OLD CORN, OATS and FODDER, HORSES, MILKS, CATTLE, HOGS, and SHEEP, Farming utensils, HOUSEHOLD and KITCHEN FURNITURE. The property will be sold on a credit of Twelve months, bond and security required of the purchasers.

RALEIGH AND GASTON RAIL ROAD. Expedition increased and no detention.

The Raleigh and Gaston Rail Road is now completed and in full operation. This road connects with the Greenville and Roanoke Rail Road at Gaston, which road unites with the Petersburg and Raleigh Road at Salisbury. A continuous line of Rail Road and Steamboat communication is thus formed between Raleigh, N. C. and Boston.

TRAVELLERS FROM THE UPPER PARTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA and Georgia, the middle and Eastern portion of Tennessee, the South Western part of Virginia, and the Western part of North Carolina, wishing to go north, will find the route by the Raleigh and Gaston Rail Road cheaper and more expeditious than any other.

HAMILTONIAN SYSTEM.—The French Language taught in Fifty Lessons.—Mr. Hamilton, a native of France, and son of the late author of this system, respectfully announces to the inhabitants of Raleigh and its vicinity, that he is now ready to meet the classes of Ladies and Gentlemen for the purpose of communicating a knowledge of the above useful and fashionable language.

STAGE FARE reduced from Raleigh to Waynesboro' and Goldsboro'—From the date hereof, TWO DOLLARS only will be demanded from Passengers for Stage Fare from Raleigh to Waynesboro' or Goldsboro'. This Stage leaves Raleigh three times a week, via Smithfield, viz: on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

BOOTS SHOES AND BROGANS!—The Subscriber would avail himself of the present opportunity of returning his thanks to those who have extended to him that liberal patronage which he has so long received, and hopes, by a strict attention to business, to merit a continuance of the same.

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A THIEF! A THIEF!!—\$25 REWARD.—This is to warn all persons in Davidson County and elsewhere, to be on the look out for Thieves, and from trading for the following Notes, which were stolen from my house on the 16th inst. together with my pocket book, containing one dollar in cash—my name is written on it—whilst myself and family were absent. One note of George Tucker, of Cabarrus county, for the sum of \$243 1/2 cts; one on Josiah Brundy, of Montgomery county, for \$40, with a credit of \$15, I believe; one on Cornelius L. Birkhead, for \$27; one on Ashland Moore, of Moore county, for \$10; one on Peter Smith, of Davidson, for \$5; one on Silas Kern, of Randolph, payable to John White, of Montgomery county, for \$5 1/2; and also sundry other notes, and accounts, the dates of none of which I now recollect, together with the following receipts: one receipt in favor of James S. Birkhead, for \$7.6, I believe, given by Jesse Lewis, Constable of Randolph county; one given by Kinchon Stokes in favor of Alexander Smith; notes left in his hands, and which receipts and Smith left in my hands until he returned from the Western County, whether he has gone. There were a number of other papers in the pocket book of no value to any one but myself, such as receipts and memorandums. Also; a quantity of wearing apparel, viz: one mixed close bodied coat, covered buttons; one striped mixed vest; two pair of pantaloons, one a fine thread pair; two pair of drawers; two fine shirts, and three stock. I will give the above reward for the detection, and confinement or delivery of the Thief.

REMARKS: A man of very suspicious appearance was found early on the morning of last Sabbath, the 12th inst. in the piazza of Newsum & Spencer's Store, two and a half miles from the residence of the Subscriber. Mr. Newsom had a conversation with him. He says he is about 3 feet 10 or 11 inches high, stout built, with small black whiskers, and that he had on a blue broad cloth coat, somewhat worn, with a white hat rather badly worn, of the Russian kind, and a dark colored pair of pantaloons. He carried nothing with him but a blue umbrella. He stopped at the Store with the pretence of wishing to purchase some shirts and pantaloons, but on being informed he could not get them on Sunday, he inquired the way to Fayetteville, Stokes Ferry, and other places, and then went off in a very contrary direction to that in which he seemed most anxious to know about. His whole manner, appearance and behaviour, left the strongest belief on the mind of Mr. Newsom, that he was a man of very suspicious and doubtful character. Sometimes in the course of the morning of the same day, he was again seen a half mile from the Store above mentioned, but on the reverse end in which he left the Store by Mr. Beverly Suratt's of whom he also got breakfast. After he left Suratt's he was seen a half mile from his house on the Fayetteville road. Nothing more has been seen of him since.

WILLIAM A. BIRKHEAD, Davidson County, N. C. August 21, 1840. 69-31. FAVORABLE.—On Tuesday of Chatham Superior Court, in September next, I shall offer for sale on the premises, the House and Lot in the Town of Pittsborough, recently the residence of Mrs. Sarah Waddell, deceased. Also, 40 Acres of Land adjoining the above, and on which are situated Slaves, Negro Houses, &c. Also, 200 Acres of Land, or thereabouts, situated within a mile and a quarter of the Village, part of it cleared and the balance very finely timbered. The Lot is pleasantly located on an eminence overlooking the Village—has a commodious Dwelling House, and all necessary out-houses, and with a fine well of water and excellent Garden. The 40 Acres adjoining may be laid off into small Lots to suit purchasers. This property is as desirable as any in Pittsborough, whether intended for a permanent residence or a Summer retreat for gentlemen from the low country. It will be sold on a credit of 12 months, purchasers giving Bond, with approval securities. HUGH WADDELL, Executor. August 18, 1840. 69 STAGE FARE reduced from Raleigh to Waynesboro' and Goldsboro'—From the date hereof, TWO DOLLARS only will be demanded from Passengers for Stage Fare from Raleigh to Waynesboro' or Goldsboro'. This Stage leaves Raleigh three times a week, via Smithfield, viz: on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. E. P. GUION. Raleigh, April 4, 1840. 69 JAMES HERRO, CIVIL ENGINEER. Inventor of the improved construction of Railways. Address, Baltimore, Maryland.