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## MISCELLANGOUS.

THE PATRIARCH.

"Gently on him had gentle nature laid The weight of years. All passions that disturb Had passed away."-SOUTHEY.

Soon after my entrance upon clerical duties, in the State of North Carolina. I was informed of an isolated settlement, at a considerable distance from the place of my residence. Its original elements were emigrants from New England; a father and his five sons, who with their wives and little children had, more than thirty years before, become sojourners in the heart of one of the deepest Carolinian solitudes. They porchased a tract of wild, swamp-encircles land. This they subjected to cultivation, and by unremitting industry, rendered adequate to their subsistence and comfort. The sons, and the son's sons, had in their turn become the fathers of families; to, that the population comprised five ge erations. They were described as constituting a peaceful and virtuous community, with a government purely patriarchal. Secluded from the privileges of public worship, it was said, that a sense of religion influencing the heart and conduct, had hen preserved by statedly assembling on the Sabbath, and reading the scriptures, with the Liturgy of the Church of England. The pious ancestor of the colony, whose years now surpassed four score, had at their removal to this hermitage, established his eldest son in the office of lay-reader. This simple ministration, aided by hely example, had so shared the blessings of Heaven, that all the members of this miniature commonwealth held fast the faith and hope of the gospel.

I was desirous of visiting this peculiar people, and of ascertaining whether such precious fruits might derive nutriment from so simple a root. A journey into that section of the country afforded me an opportunity.-I resolved to be the witness of their Sunday devotions, and with the the earliest dawn of friend, where I had lodged, and who furnish-

praise to the Divine Architect.

Alighting I led my horse over the rude brid- ings for the winter. ges of logs, which surmounted the pools and ravines, until our footing rested upon the welcome the stranger. Then a cluster of cottages cheered the eye. They were so contiguous, that the blast of a horn, or even the call of a shrill voice, might convene all largest building I directed my steps. Approaching the open window, I heard a dissweat-by thy cross and passion-by thy precious death and burial-by thy glorious of the Holy Ghost.' The response arose fully her children.

Standing motionless! that I might not dis-

the Lord."

written on his brow.

hath put it into thy heart, to seek or these the continuity of the bark be preserved, or tion, he pronounced, with affectionate digfew sheep in the wilderness. Secuded, as the tree, thus shedding its life-blood, at nity, the benediction "the Lord bless thee God in his tempie, we thus assemble every laborers in this department are exceeding. shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee; estson. Several other mounds swelled around Sabbath to read the Holy Book, and to pray ly industrious and vigilant, there will still the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, them, most of which by their small size, told unto him in the words of our liturgy. Thus be considerable deposite adhering to the and give thee peace." have we been preserved from forgetting the body of the tree. These portions called The Patriarch, bowing down a head, head goodly company we bore him, who had Lord who bought us, and lightly esteeming "turpentine facings," are carefully separted vy with the snows of more than four score the rock of our salvation.

held the faith, and strengthened the hope of for it, readily obtains a market among the Autumn twilight my lonely walk for medita- And never have I more fully realized its those true hearted and devout disciples. | dealers in naval stores.

venerable Patriarch introduced me to all his resting people excite my affectionate solicitus all, lies stretched upon his bed. He takes consolation. posterity. Each seemed anxious to press tude, that not even their slightest concerns no bread or water, and he asks for you.my hand; and even children expressed, by seemed unworthy of attention. By merchants | Man of God, will you come to him?" affectionate glances, their reverence and love of the distant town, who were in the habits

hes as a flock. We earned our bread with that he had never known among his people, and to robe herself as if for humiliation. toil and in patience. For the intervals of a single instance of either intemperance or abor we have a school, where our little ones | profanity. gain the rudiments of knowledge. Our only books of instruction, are the bible and prayer

to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, and good will towards men." Never, by the pomp of measured melody, was my spirit so stirred within me, as when that rustic, yet tuneful choir, surrounding the white haired father of them all, breathed out in the forest sanctuary, "Thou, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us."

family, and was delighted with the domestic any variance arise, which the force of brothorder and economy and concord, that prevail- erhood may not quell. Strict obedience is ed. Careful improvement of time, and mod- taught in families. Children that learn thoerated desires, seemed uniformly to produce roughly the Bible lesson to obey and honor that he was not long to be of our company that consecrated day, I left the house of a among them, the fruits of a blameless life their parents, are not apt to be contentious in and conversation. They conducted me to society, or irreverent to their Father in Heaved the requisite directions for my solitary their school. Its teacher was a grand daugh- en. Laws so simple would be inefficient in a ter of the lay reader. She possessed a sweet mixed and turbulent community. Neither The brightness and heat of summer began countenance and gentle manners, and char- could they be effectual here, without the aid to glow oppressively, ere I turned from the acteristic simplicity, employing herself at the of the gospel which speaketh peace, and haunts of men, and plunged into the recesses spinning wheel, when not absorbed in the prayer for his assistance, who turneth the of the forest. Towering amidst shades which labors of instruction. Most of her pupils hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of almost excluded the light of heaven, rose the read intelligibly, and replied with readiness | the just." majestic pines, the glory and the wealth of to questions from Scripture History. Writ- Is it surprising that I should take my leave North Carolina. Some, like the palms, those ing and arithmetic were well exemplified by with an overflowing heart, of the pious Paprinces of the East, reared a proud column the elder ones; but those works of science, triarch and his posterity? that I should earof fifty feet, ere the branches shot forth their with which our libraries are so lavishly sup- nestly desire another opportunity of visiting heavenward cone. With their dark verdure, plied, had not found their way to this remingled the pale and beautiful efflorescence of treat. But among the learners was visible, the wild poplar, like the light interlacing what does not always distinguish better enof sculpture, in some ancient awe-inspiring dowed seminaries, docility, subordination, temple, while thousands of birds from those and profound attention to every precept and dark cool arches, poured their anthems of illustration. Habits of application and de-The sun was high in the heavens when I so trained up were they in industry, that arrived at the morass, the bulwark thrown even the boys, in the intervals of their lesby nature around this little city of the desert. sons, were busily engaged in knitting stock-Whatever I beheld in this singular spot,

served to awaken curiosity, or to interest firm earth. Soon an expanse of arable land feeling. All my enquiries were satisfied became visible, and wreaths of smoke came with the utmost frankness. Evidently, there lightly curling through the trees, as if to was nothing which required concealment. The heartless theories of fashion, with their riages among each other, striking root, like mage to the glorious hill of Zion, have testi time had begun to shed the luxuriance of when there is no farming or turpentine gathits raven locks. Unconscious of the presence ering, or tar making." Several abodes were echoes of memory. of a stranger, he supposed that he eye regar- at that time, in different stages of progress, ded him save that of his God. Kneeling marking the links of gradation between the hang on every word of Bishop Ravenscrovy, around him were his ' brethren according to the flesh,' a numerous and attentive congregation. At his right hand was the Patriarch call, somewhat emaciated, yet not bowed with years, his white hair combed smoothly can be around the finished of a primitive people. A field for the fountains of the soul! Listenover his temples, and slightly curling on his corn, and a garden abounding with vegeta- ing and weeping, they gathered up the manneck. Gathered near him, were his chil- bles, were appendages to each habitation. - na, which an audience satisted with the bread dren, and his children's children. His blood Cows grazed quietly around, and sheep dot- of heaven, and prodigal of angels food, might was in the veins of almost every worshiper. ted like snow-flakes, the distant green pas- have suffered to perish. With the hoary Pa-

lip, regarded a scene where was no wander- | peasantry of Europe from their effeminate | At the close of the communion service, | came back, associated with the lifeless imng glance. Involuntarily, my heart said, sisters of the nobility and gentry. Each when about to depart to his bome, the white age of his beloved sire. In the bitterness of "Shall not this be a Family in Heaven?" household produced or manufactured within haired man drew near to the Bishop. Grati- bereavement, he covered his face and wept. Parents, who are dis In the closing aspirations, "O Lamb of God! its own domain, most of the materials which titude for the high privileges in which he had The iron frame which had borne the hardthat takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us!—the voice of the Patriarch was heard, with strong and affecting ply, or their ingenuity construct, the pitch arch was heard.

After a pause of silent development of the materials which had borne the hard participated; reverence for the father in God, ening of more than half a century, shook like articles as their Plantations could not supply of the breast of an infant, when it sobbed out ply, or their ingenuity construct, the pitch held; conviction that his aged eyes could but its sorrows. I waited until the first shock in the breast of an infant, when it sobbed out ply, or their ingenuity construct, the pitch held; conviction that his aged eyes could but its sorrows. I waited until the first shock in the breast of an infant, when it sobbed out its sorrows. I waited until the first shock in the breast of an infant, when it sobbed out its sorrows. I waited until the first shock in the breast of an infant, when it sobbed out its sorrows. I waited until the first shock in the breast of an infant, when it sobbed out its sorrows. I waited until the first shock in the breast of an infant, when it sobbed out its sorrows. I waited until the first shock in the breast of an infant, when it sobbed out its sorrows. I waited until the first shock in the breast of an infant, when it sobbed out its sorrows. I waited until the first shock in the breast of an infant, when it sobbed out its sorrows. I waited until the first shock in the breast of an infant, when it so the br emphasis. After a pause of silent devotion, pine was their medium of purchase. When a little longer look on the things of time; of grief had subsided. Then passing my arm all arose from their knees, and I entered the the season arrived for collecting its hidden consciousness that he might scarcely expect gently within his, I repeated "I heard a voice of the usual price, or two Scholars as treasures, an apert are was made in its bark again to stand amid these children, to "be-"I am a minister of the gospel of Jesus and a box inserted, into which the turpen- hold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to in-Christ. I come to bless you in the name of tine continually cozed. Care was required quire in his temple," overwhelmed his spirit. to preserve this orifice free from the indura. Pressing the hand of the Bishop, and raising The ancient Patriarch, grasping my hand, tion of glutinous matter. Thus it must be his eyes heavenward, he said, "Lord now gazed on me with intense earnestness. A frequently re-opened, or carried gradually lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, for they rest from their labors, and their works welcome, such as words never uttered, was upward on the trunk of the tree sometimes, mine eyes have seen thy salvation." to such a height, that a small knife affixed to Bishop RAVENSCROFT fixed on him one of "Thirty and two years has my dwelling the extremity of a long pole is used for that those piereing glances which seemed to read been in the forest. Hitherto, no man of God purpose. Large trees sustain several boxes the soul; and tears like large rain drops stood has visited us. Praised be his name, who at the same time, though it is required that upon his cheeks. Recovering from his emowe are, from the privilege of worshiping the will of man, must perish. Though the lord make his face to the colony. Near her slumbered her young. and laid in a cone-like form, until they at- winters, breathed a thanksgiving to God, and all. With solemn steps, his descendants, The exercises of that day are indelibly en- tain the size of a formidable mound. This turned homeward, followed by all his kin- two and two, followed the corpse. I heard a graven on my memory. Are they not writ- is covered with earth, and when the cool- dred. Summer had glided away ere it was in the record of the Most High? Surely seasons commences, is ignited; and the li- in my power again to visit the "Lodge in the more tender of the train; but when the a blessing entered into my own soul, as I be- quid tar, flowing into a reservoir prepared the Wilderness." As I was taking in the burial service commenced, all was husbed .-

The services were protracted until the set- | Shall I be forgiven for minuteness of de- ing with hasty steps, accosted me : ting of the sun. When about to separate the tail? So strongly did this simple and inte- "Our white haired father, the father of brink of that waiting grave, poured forth its ica, Chiapas, and Yucaten, in 2 Vols, with no

> "Our young men have no temptations, and the old set a uniformly sober example. Still, upon our humble worship."

" Are there no quarrels or strifes among

" For what should we contend? We have no prospect for wealth, no motive for ambition. We are too busy to dispute about words.

Are not these the sources of most of the

this isolated domain ?

Soon after this period, a circumstance took place, which they numbered among the most interesting eras of their history. A small chapel was erected in the village nearest to their Fixing his eye on the others, he said, with settlement. Though at the distance of many an energy of tone which we thought had forsire for knowledge was infused into all; and miles, they anticipated its completion with delight. At its consecration by the late Bishop RAVENSCROFT, as many of the colonists as found it possible to leave home determined to be present. Few of the younger ones had ever entered a building set apart solely for the worship of God : and the days were anxiously counted, until they should receive permission to tread his courts.

The appointed period arrived. Just before the commencement of the sacred services of subterfuges and vices, had not penetrated dedication, a procession of singular aspect to this hermetically sealed abode. The Pa- was seen to wind along amid the interposing triarch, at his entrance upon his territory, shades. It consisted of persons of both sexes, their inhabitants. To the central and the had divided it into six equal portions, reserve and every age, clad in a primitive style, and ing one for himself, and bestowing another advancing with solemn order. I recognized on each of his five sons. As the children my hermit friends, and hastened onward to tinct manly voice, pronouncing the solemn of the colony advanced to maturity, they, meet them. Scarcely could the ancient Jews, invocation - By thine agony and bloody with scarcely an exception, contracted mar- when from distant regions they made pilgrithe branches of the banian around their pa- fied more touching emotion, than these guileresurrection and ascension, and by the coming rent tree. The domicile of every family less worshipers in passing the threshhold of was originally a rude cabin of logs, serving this humble temple to Jehovah. When the and devoutly in the deep accents of manthis, a house of larger dimensions was com- the voices of a select choir, gave " glory to menced, and so constructed, that the ancient | the Father, to the Son, to the Holy Ghost, abode might become the kitchen, when the as it was in the beginning is now, and forturb the worshipers, I had a fair view of the whole was completed. To the occupation ever shall be, world without end," the young lay-reader. He was a man six feet in height, of building they attended as they were able children of the forest started from their seats muscular and well proportioned, with a head to command time and materials. "We keep in wondering joy, while the changing color, beautifully symmetrical, from whose crown it, said one of the colonists for handy work or quivering lip of the elders, evinced that

But with what breathless attention did they

tion, a boy of rustic appearance, approach- surpassing pathos and power, than when

Scarcely had I signified my assent, ere he for him who ministered at the alter of God. of traffic with them, I was afterwards inform- vanished. With the light of the early morn- earth. They accompanied me to some dis-"The Almighty," said the ancient man, ed, that they were distinguished for integri- ing, I commenced my journey. Autumn had ath smiled on these babes born in the desert | ty and uprightness; and the simple affirma- | infused chilliness into the atmosphere, and came hither with my sons and and their tion of these "Bible and Liturgymen," as somewhat of tender melancholy into the companions, and their blessed mother who they were styled, possessed the sacredness heart. Nature seems to regard with sadness hath gone to rest. God hath given us fami of an oath. The lay-reader remarked to me, the passing away of the glories of summer,

As the sun increased in power, more cheerfulness overspread the landscape. The pines were busily disseminating their winged seeds. Like insects, with a floating mo-I cannot but only think our freedom from tion, they spread around for miles. Large At a signal they rose and sang, when about vice is chiefly owing to a sense of religious droves of swine made their repast upon this departing to their separate abodes-" Glory obligation, cherished by God's blessings half ethereal food. How mindful is nature of een her humblest pensioners !

As I approached the cluster of cottages which now assumed the appearance of a vil lage, the eldest son advanced to meet me. His head declined like one struggling with a grief which he would fain subdue. Taking my hand in both of his, he raised it to his wars and fightings' among mankind? Be- lips. Neither of us spoke a word. It was On the following morning I called on every sides we are all of one blood. Seldom does written clearly on his countenance, "come quickly, ere he die."

Together we entered the apartment of th good Patriarch. One glance convinced me His posterity were gathered around him in

"For drooping-sickening-dying-they began, Whom they ador'd as God, to mourn as man.

He was fearfully emaciated, but as I spake of the Saviour, who "went not up to joy, until he first suffered pain," his brow again ever living faith of those " few sheep in th ighted with the calmness of one, whose 'way | wilderness.' to eternal joy was to suffer with Christ, whose door to eternal life, gladly to die with him.' Greatly comforted by prayer, he desired that the holy communion might be once more administered to him and his children. There was a separation around his bed .-Those who had been accustomed to partake, Dwelling has a two story Piazza, the full size of the drew near and knelt around the dying. saken him, 'Will ye thus be divided, at the last day?" A burst of wailing grief was the

Never will that scene be effeced from my emembrance; the expressive features, and thrilling responses of the Patriarch, into whose expiring body the soul returned with power, that it might leave this testimony of faith and hope to those whom he loved, are among the unfading imagery of my existence. The spirit seemed to rekindle more and more n its last lingerings around the threshhold of time. In a tone, whose clearness and emhasis surprised us, the departing saint breahed forth a blessing on those who surrounded him, in the name of that God; whose eace passeth all understanding."

There was an interval, during which he seemed to slumber. Whispers of hope were upon those who hung over his pillow. His ing of Him who is the resurrection and the life. A slight shudder passed over his frame. and he was at rest forever! The lay reader pronounced, " the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the

Deep silence ensued. It seemed as if every heart was installing him who spake, in take a silent farewell; and some of the little ones climbed up to kiss the marble face.

I was left alone with the lay-reader, and with the dead. The enthus asm of the scene had fled, and the feelings of a son triumphed. Past years rushed like a tide over his memory. The distant but undimmed impression. Mingling with forms that evinced the ravages of time, were the bright locks of youth, and the rosy brow of childhood, bowed low in supplication. Even the infant, with hushed ted like snow-flakes, the distant green pasture. The softer sex participated in the horizontal fraction of the suffered to perish. With the hoary Patriarch, a throng of his descendants, who had been duly prepared for that holy vow and that once wild waste—the changes of those profession, knelt around the altar, in compression, knelt around the altar,

from Heaven saying, write from henceforth. blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." Instantly raising himself upright, he responded in a voice whose deep inflections sank First Class into my soul, " Even so, saith the spirit, for Second Class, which embraces all who ke do follow them."

I remained to attend the funeral obsequies of the Patriarch. In the heart of their territory was a shady dell, sacred to the dead. It was surrounded by a neat enclosure, and will be a public Examination of the School, at the second se of the Patriarch. In the heart of their teriplanted with trees. The drooping branches of a willow swept the grave of the mother of of the smitten flowers of infancy. To this been revered as the father and exemplar of convulsive and surpressed breathing among

Circumstances compelled me to leave his mourning community immediately after committing the dust of their pious ancestor to the tance on my journey, and our parting was with mutual tears. Turning to view them, as their forms mingled with the dark green of the forest, I heard the faint echo of a clear voice. It was the lay reader, speaking of the hope of the resurrection : " If we belive that Christ died and rose again, even so them also, that sleep in Jesus, will God bring with

from the centre of that deep solitude, on the

Full of thought I pursued my homeward way. I euquired, is devotion never encumbered or impeded by the splendor that sur rounds her? Amid the lofty cathedral—the throng of the rich styled worshipers-the melody of the solemn organ-does that incense never spread itself upon the earth, that be promptly attended to. should rise to Heaven! On the very beauty and glory of its ordinances, may not the spirit proudly rest, and go not forth to the work of benevolence, nor spread its wings at the call of faith?

Yet surely there is a reality in religion, though man may foolishly cheat himself with the shadow. Here have I beheld it in simplicity, disrobed of " all pomp and circumstance," yet with power to soothe the passions into harmony, to maintain the virtues in daily and in virtuous exercise, and to give victory to the soul, when death vanquishes the body. So I took the lesson to my heart. and when it has languished or grown cold, have warmed it by the remembrance of th

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May 16, 1842. . 41-6tw

NOTICE.

CALED Proposals will be received at the Execu tive Office of North Carolina, in Raleigh, until the 25th of May next, for making and constructing a STANDARD YARD MEASURE, and a complete sett of Standard Ounce Weights, for each County in the State, (say seventy-one) corresponding exactly with the Standard Yard Measure and Ounce Weights heard around his couch, that he might wake furnished the State of North Carolina by the Secreta and be refreshed. At length his eyes slow- ry of the Treasury of the United States, and now in ly unclosed. Their glance was long and kind the Executive Office for inspection; to be encased in lips mayed, but not andibly. Bowing my for safe transportation; and to be delivered to the orplace to be agreed upon, on or before the 1st Novem ber next. The Governor reserves to himself the pi vilege of declining the bids, if he does not appreve them. As it is believed the Matrix to the Yard Mes-sure may be dispensed with, Proposals will be receiv-ed for that, with and without the Matrix. JOHN M. MOREHEAD.

Raleigh, March 25, 1842,

PRINTERS NEWS INK FOR BOTH WIN the place of his father and the governor who had departed. Gradually the families relired to their respective habitations. Each individual paused at the pillow of the Patriarch, to ouragement to keep a deposit of the article for our WILL: PECK. Raleigh, April 12.

DOOKS WANTED, -Any person have return the same as soon as possible. May 21, 1842.

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piration of the third Session

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D. D. FRENCH Petersburg, March 6, 1842

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Raleigh, May 20, 1841.

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