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OUR BOOK TABLE.

The Enquirer is again under special obligations to the publishers, for Lippincott's Magazine for June. The second paper on "Down the Rhine," is in this number and is very interesting and well illustrated.

Scribner's elegant Monthly for June also finds its way to our office. Scribner's is of all the elegant monthlies, probably our favorite; and this number is no bad representative of its issues.

Besides receiving regularly, Frank Leslie's elegant Illustrated Weekly Newspaper, we are under renewed obligations for his Pleasant Hours for June.

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HISTORICAL SKETCHES OF HERTFORD COUNTY.

BY J. W. MOORE.

Chapter XXXIV.

Andrew Jackson was unquestionably a great man and a patriot, but God had given him a passionate and imperious soul. He was as impatient of opposition as John Adams and first introduced the habit of wholesale removal of political adversaries from the Federal offices.

The animosities and divisions of Washington City had not in 1831 obtained much influence on the political movements in Hertford county. Everybody here professed to be strong Jackson men. Jacob Hare steadily refused to become a candidate for Senate Gen. Bridger Montgomery was again elected to that position.

In this Legislature Rowan county again sent both the presiding officers: David F. Caldwell in the Senate and Charles Fisher in the Commons. In the latter body also from the same constituency was Richmond M. Pearson.

that embittered his life. In his youth, for some trifling cause or offense, he and Thos. J. Stanley passed through our county and just beyond Somerton, over the Virginia line, had a hot meeting, in which Stanley died at the first fire—William D. Mosely, a descendant of that Edward Mosely, who had been so prominent as a lawyer of the province in Queen Anne's time, was again with L. D. Wilson and S. T. Sawyer, members of the General Assembly.

A great misfortune befell the State in June of this year. The Capitol was destroyed by fire. The carelessness of a mechanic engaged upon repairs of the roof was said to have occasioned the disaster. The loss of the building itself was of less importance than the destruction of the statue of Washington by Canova. This was a noble recumbent figure in Roman armor, and said to have been in the happiest style of that great sculptor.

This recalls the fact that a similar catastrophe befell the county of Hertford. On Saturday August 22nd, 1830, a man named Wright Allen was said to have procured an incendiary to burn the Court-House in Winton. Allan stood indicted for forgery, and was subsequently convicted and punished for altering the amount of a note given by Timothy Ridley of Maney's Neck. The culprit was a man of respectability and consideration, and his punishment at the whipping post created a great excitement in our midst.

The legislature of this year elected David L. Swain of Buncombe, late a Judge of the Superior court for the Edenton District, governor of North Carolina. The great natural endowments and unwearied assiduity of the young mountain lawyer, had already lifted him to fame and fortune. His massive and uncouth frame contained a heart, which overflowed with patriotism and devotion to his native state.

The tide of emigration from Hertford and other portions of our state was still unabated in 1831. Israel Pickers had gone to Alabama, and had become governor of that State. The same commonwealth had received William R. King of Sampson, and he was then a leading member of the U. S. Senate. Judge Hugh L. White of Tennessee in the same body, with Thomas H. Benton of Missouri and Spencer Jarnagan, a leading lawyer belonging to a Hertford family and many others were illustrating other lands with genius and abilities, which under happier auspices would have remained at home.

Death had been busy with some of our proudest names. In 1824 Dr. David Caldwell, the eminent Revolutionary patriot and divine died at home in Guilford. Let him not be confounded with Dr. Joseph Caldwell, so long president of the University. This great and useful man survived until Jan. 27th 1835. Judge A. D. Murphy, while still in his glory at the Hillsboro bar had died in 1829; James F. Taylor the Attorney, on June 27th 1828.

North Carolina with embarrassed finances and bitter sectional struggles, silently awaited the developments of affairs about Washington. An excitement far surpassing the agitation consequent upon the passage of the Alien and Sedition laws, was close at hand.

OUR GARYSBURG LETTER.

A local item appeared in the Roanoke News a week or two ago, and was copied into the Observer last week, which does injustice, or rather fails to do justice, to several Northampton physicians. I would like to make the correction through your paper as it has the largest circulation in the county.

everything that was necessary for the wounded arm, and some of them had returned to their homes. I suppose the mistake on the part of the News was unintentional. I hope you will publish this correction out of justice to our home doctors, as we don't like to see them left out in the cold in this way.

We return our thanks for an invitation to attend the celebrations of the Washington and Franklin Literary Societies of Randolph Macon College, which takes place on June 21st.

WANTED LICENSE.—We were interrupted from our editorial duties on Wednesday last, by the appearance of a smiling specimen of the ebony race, who inquired upon entering, if we had any marriage licenses.

Said Gossip one to Gossip two, "While shopping in the town— A friend of mine has just told me Smith bought his goods of Brown."

Said Gossip two to Gossip three, "With a frown, 'Old Mrs. Pry to me remarked Smith got his goods of Brown.'"

IN NORTHAMPTON.—Through the kindness of our esteemed friend, Judge D. A. Barnes who is always a friend to a pedestrian editor, we were enabled to be on hand last week at Jackson court.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Hertford county—Superior Court. W. J. Baker executor of Nancy Rea deceased and Sarah F. Baker.

AGAINST Anolis Cowper, Rowell L. Cowper, Pulaski Cowper, John Nash and wife Nancy, Joseph R. Woodley William C. Nash, Charles R. Nash, Farley P. Nash, Anna Nash, R. G. Hume and wife Sarah, Adam Trovelli and wife Mary, John C. Baker, Isaac H. Smith and wife Sallie, Branch N. Baker, Edward N. Baker, William L. Baker and Louis G. T. Baker.—Defendants.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court from the return of the Sheriff of said county and affidavit of the Plaintiff that the defendants Edward N. Baker, William L. Baker and Louis G. T. Baker reside beyond the limits of this State; it is therefore Ordered that publication be made in the MURFREESBORO ENQUIRER, a newspaper published in the town of Murfreesboro in said County for six successive weeks, notifying said defendants of this petition which is filed in the Clerk's office of said court, and let them take notice that if they fail to answer or appear to said petition, on or before the 3rd day of July 1877, the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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