

POETRY.

'Tis the gift of POETRY to hal- low every place in which it moves: to breathe the round nature of our more exquisite than the perfume of the rose, and to shed over it a more magical than the blush of morning.

THE FAREWELL.

He will return—but now the mo- ment's bring The time of parting with redoubled wing; The why, the where, what boots it now to tell? Since all must end in that wild word—farewell? Lo! 'tis the bugle—Juan shrilly blew— One kiss—one more!—adieu! She rose, she sprung, she clung to his embrace, Till his heart heav'd beneath her hidden face; She dared not raise to his that deep blue eye, Which downcast drooped in tear- less agony. Dark—peals the thunder of the sig- nal gun! It told 'twas sunset! Again—again—that form he readily press'd. When mutely clasped, imploringly caress'd; And tottering to his couch, his brow he bore One moment gaz'd—as if to gaze no more! Felt—that for him, earth held but her alone, Kiss'd her cold forehead, turn'd, is Conrad gone? And is he gone? How oft that fearful question will intrude, 'Twas but an instant past, and here he stood! And now without the portal's porch she rush'd, She then at length her tears in freedom gush'd; Bright and fair, unknown to her they fell; But still her lips refused to send— farewell!

THE MAIDENS CHOICE.

Genial in personage, Conduct and equipage, Noble by heritage, Generous and free. Brave, not romantic, Learn'd, not pedantic— Prolie, not frantic— This must he be. Honor maintaining, Meanness disdainng, Still entertaining, Engaging and new. Neat, but not finical, Sage, but not cynical, Never tyrannical, And ever true.

From the Newbern Spectator.

HON. THOMAS BLOUNT.

An eminent biographer re- marks, that gratitude alone, perpetuates the memory of the illustrious dead. If oblivious silence were permitted to reign over their heroic achievements, both in politics and arms, succeeding posterity would lose the benefit of their wisdom and ex- perience, and the improvement of the world, instead of being progressive would remain fixed and unalterable. The task of the biographer is therefore "twice blessed." A grateful kindred hold in dear remem- brance the gratuity of the duty, and an admiring posterity, give the homage of their gratitude. But for some such feeling, the subject of this notice would have been gathered to his fathers, unnoticed and unknown. To rescue from oblivion, the name of one who stood so high and honoured among us, and to herald him up to posterity as a bright example of talent and worth, is the object of the fol- lowing sketch:

THOMAS BLOUNT, took an early and active part in favour of the rights and liberties of his country, at an early age. Whilst a boy, at the age of six- teen, he entered into his coun- try's service a volunteer in the Revolutionary army, in which he served in various capacities until the conclusion of a peace.

We are not acquainted with the rank he held at the close of the war, but such was the con- fidence of the state in his patri- otism and military talent, that he was raised by success- ive promotion, to the highest rank, in the militia of that state, in which capacity he commanded universal approba- tion. General Blount had been a member of congress for many years, with occasional inter- vals. As a politician, whilst he was justly considered the in- flexible and ardent friend to his country, he never departed from that gentlemanly deportment which characterised the man. He was an honourable and worthy man, and in him North Carolina lost one of her most useful and respected citizens. Intrepid as a soldier, firm and consistent as a politician, he united the qualities of a states- man and warrior, with those of the patriot and scholar. He died at the city of Washington, on the 8th February, 1812, in the 53d year of his age, whilst attending his duties in congress, and as a representative from the state of North Carolina. His remains were interred in the public burial ground, on the 10th February, with military hon- ours. His funeral was atten- ded by the military, and mem- bers of both houses of congress; and the solemnity and length of the procession which accom- panied it to the silent tomb, afforded ample testimony to the general sensibility for the loss.

A FRAGMENT.

To enter this world without a welcome; to leave it without an adieu—to suffer and be un- able to communicate your suffering—to stand a sad and silent monument amid the joys of others, which you cannot un- derstand nor conceive of—to be shut out of life—to carry with- in your bosom the burial seeds of happiness which are never to grow, of intellect which is never to burst forth, of usefulness, which is never to germinate, to find even your presence afflic- tive, and not known whether you excite compassion or hor- ror; a whole existence without one cheering sound; without one welcome accent, without one exhilarating thought; with- out one recollection of the past, without one hope of the future. O! what a cloud of wretched- ness covers, surrounds and over- whelms such a deplorable victim of sorrow.

Now to throw over such a benighted being the sweet rays of intelligence, to open the intel- lect, and let it gush forth in streams of light and joy—to rouse the affections that they may know and love God, the giver of all things, and merciful in his chastisements; to en- lighten the soul that it may see its origin, and destiny; to cause the lips to smile, though they cannot speak; the eye to glisten with other emotions, than those of sorrow, and the mind to un- derstand, although it cannot hear. O! what a beautiful sup- pliment to the benevolence of Heaven!—W. Crafts.

THE MECHANICAL AGE.

A writer in the Edinburgh Review says, "Were we requir- ed to characterise this age of ours by any single epithet, we would be tempted to call it, not an heroic, devotional, philo- sophical or moral age, but, a- bove all others, the mechanical age. It is the age of machine- ry, in every outward and in- ward sense of that word; the age which, with its whole un- divided might, forwards, teach- es, and practises the great art of adapting means to ends. Nothing is now done directly or by hand, all is by rule and calculated contrivance. For the simplest operation, some helps and accompaniments, some cunning abbreviating pro- cess is in readiness. Our old modes of exertion are all dis- credited, and thrown aside.— On every hand, the living ar-

tizen is driven from his work- shop, to make room for a spec- tator, inanimate one. The shuttle drops from the fingers of the weaver, and falls into iron fingers that fly it faster.— The sailor furls his sail, and lays down his oar, and bids a strong, unwearied servant, on vapour wings, bear him through the waters. Men have crossed oceans by steam; the Birming- ham fire-king has visited the fabulous east; and the genius of the cape, were there any Camoens now to sing it, has again been alarmed, and with far stranger thunder than Gama's. There is no end to ma- chinery. Even the horse is stripped of his harness, and finds a fleet fire horse, yoked in his stead. Nay, we have an artist that hatches chickens by steam; the very brood hen is to be superseded! For all earthly, and for some unearthly purposes, we have machines for mechanic furtherances; for- mining our cabbages; for cast- ing us into magnetic sleep. We remove mountains, and make seas our smooth highway; nothing can resist. We war with rude nature and, by our resistless engines, come off al- ways victorious, and loaded with spoils."

"The child is born," said Oliver Evans, more than forty years ago, "who will travel from Philadelphia to Boston in one day."

"I AM ENGAGED."

"The American Indians are not more remarkable for their severe conjugal fidelity than the girls are for their constancy to their engagements. At parties I have often had young ladies pointed out to me of eighteen or nineteen, who had been en- gaged, and of whose future husbands, one was in Europe pursuing his studies, another in China, attending his com- mercial business, and a third dangerously employed in the whale fishery, in the most dis- tant seas. Young girls thus engaged, hold the middle place in society between their still disengaged companions and the married ladies. They have already lost some of the thoughtless gaiety of the for- mer, and assumed a slight tinge of the other. The numerous aspirants designated here by the name of beaux, which, at first surrounded them, and were received until a choice was made, still bestow upon them delicate attentions, but by no means so particular as formerly, and should one of them, either from ignorance or obstinate hopes, persist in offer- ing his heart and hand, the answer "I am engaged," given with a sweet frankness and an indulgent smile, soon de- stroys all his illusions, without wounding his pride. Engage- ments of this sort preceding marriage are very common, not only in New York, but throughout the United States, and it is exceedingly rare that they are not fulfilled with reli- gious fidelity. Public opinion is very severe on this point, and does not spare either of the two parties which may dispose of themselves without the con- sent of the other."

Lavasseur's Journal.

Washington—After the sur- render of York Town, while the continental troops were pre- paring to receive the British, who were to march forth from their arms, the commander in chief was heard to say, address- ing himself to the division of the army to which he was at- tached, "My brave fellows, let no sensation of satisfaction for the triumphs you have gained, induce you to insult our fallen enemy; let no clamorous huz- zing, increase their mortifica- tion. It is sufficient satisfaction to us that we witness their hu- miliating Postivity will huzza for us!"

RELIGION—I envy no qual- ity of the mind or intellect in others; not genius, power, wit or fancy; but, could I choose what would be most delightful, and I believe most useful to me, I should prefer a firm religious belief to every other blessing; for it makes life a discipline of goodness—creates new hopes when all earthly hopes vanish and throws over the decay, the destruction of existence, the most gorgeous of all lights; a- wakens life even in death, and from corruption and decay calls up beauty and divinity; makes an instrument of fortune and of shame the ladder of ascent to paradise and far above all com- bination of earthly hopes, calls up the most delightful visions of palms and amarauts, the gardens of the blest, the secu- rity of everlasting joys where the sceptic views only gloomy decay, annihilation and despair!

The first printing press in this colony was brought by James Davis from Virginia and set up in Newbern in the year 1774. Even the laws, before this, existed only in manuscript.

We have in our possession, printed by this same Davis, "The office and authority, of a Justice of the Peace, and also the duty of sheriffs, &c. &c collected from the Common and Statute Laws of England and the Acts of Assembly of this province. By J. Davis, Es- quire, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Craven. printed at Newbern, by James Davis, M, DCC, LXXIV." (1774.) This is probably the first book that was printed in North-Carolina.

The town of Halifax was settled in the year (1749.) Newbern Spectator.

SHIPWRECK.—A schooner supposed to be the Fanny, Capt. Ashbee, from Baltimore this place, was seen off Cape Hatteras a few days ago, bot- tom upwards. The Fanny left Baltimore on the 24th ult. and was no doubt in the late blow; as she is out of time and nothing having been heard from the crew, we fear they are all lost.

THE LAND OF PLENTY.— Indian Corn (maize) is selling in the State of Ohio at twelve and a half cents per bushel; and a bushel will support a family or a week.

Quantkey Academy.

Four miles from Halifax, N. C. The Trustees of this institu- tion, have appointed THOMAS J. VAIDEN, principal thereof; this Gentleman comes highly recom- mended by several very distin- guished citizens of Virginia, and by the Faculty of the Virginia University, where he was em- ployed as a Tutor for the last three years.—

The ACADEMY will be opened on the first Monday in January, for the reception of scholars. Branches of Education will be such as are taught in the most popular institutions of this kind. Youth may be prepared there for any College, and particularly for the University of Virginia; several branches of the Mathematic's will be taught—of the modern lan- guages, only the French.

PRICES of Tuition are \$20, or \$25, for the scholastic year, or 10 months, according to the Branch of studies pursued by the pupil.— Board may be had, convenient to the Academy at \$30 per session per 5 months, including Washing, Lodging &c. Tuition and board to be paid at the end of each ses- sion.—The Trustees pledge them- selves to attend as formerly to the morals and deportment of the youth placed at this institution.— RICH. B. PIERCE, JOHN PURNELL, } Trustees. JAMES BISHOP

Lavallee Academy.

MRS. LYDIA PHILIPS in- forms her friends and the public generally, that the exercis- es of this institution will recom- mence about the 15th of January, at a particulars made known in due time.

Midway Academy.

Franklin county, N. C. Tuition pr. Session \$10 Board do. 10

THESE terms include every necessary expense except candles. Books will be fur- nished at the Petersburg retail prices. Every student will be required to bring with him a pair of Sheets, Counterpane and a pair of Blankets. The exercises of this Institution will be renewed on the first Monday in January, and the first session will close by a public Examina- tion on the first Thursday and Friday in June. The 2nd ses- sion will commence on the fol- lowing Monday and close with- out an Examination, on the 2nd Friday of November.

The system of studies is reg- ulated by the plan of our Uni- versity. The subscriber will devote his whole attention to the duties of his School. C. A. HILL, A. M. Dec. 1, 1829. 41-42

A Private Female School

UNDER the direction of the subscriber, will be opened in the Town of Halifax, by Miss JULIA ANN BRYAN, late of Wil- liamsburg, Virginia. She is an accomplished, and competent young Lady, to instruct girls, and small boys, in Spelling Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic, English Grammar, Geography, History, Logic, Rhetoric, Needle work &c. The school will commence on Monday the 11th of January next, at the rates of one Dollar per month, board can be had with the subscriber, for six dollars per month. The attention of par- ents, and guardians, is particu- larly invited to this institution, as the very best order, and decorum will be strictly observed, with an untiring exertion, to advance those committed to our care, as rapidly as the nature of things will permit. In this school, the children will not be oppressed by too many studies, being forced upon their weak, and tender minds at one time. Entries can be made for as many months, as parents may think safe; and all children may be taken from school, at any time, by paying up all arrears. MARTIN READ. Dec. 10, 1829.

NOTICE

is hereby given, that, under the authority vested in me, by the President and Directors of the Roanoke Navigation Company, I shall on the 12th day of January next, at Eaton's Falls, near Wilkins' Ferry, on Roanoke River, be prepared to lease for a term of years, the right of us- ing the water in the Canal at that place, for milling purposes. The contractor or lessee will be required to enter into bond with approved security, for the fulfillment of such condi- tions as may be agreed upon. A. JOYNER, Agent. Weldon, Nov. 5, 1829.

State of North Carolina.

HALIFAX COUNTY In the Court of Equity John R. Pierce vs Robert F. W. H. Perkins, James Bishop, and Robert A. Jones, admr. &c. Original Bill.

It appearing to the satisfac- tion of the Court that Robert F. W. H. Perkins one of the defendants mentioned in the Bill is not an in- habitant of this state. It is there- fore ordered, that publication be made for three months, in the newspaper printed in Halifax, that unless the said Robert F. W. H. Perkins appear at the next Superior Court of Law & Equity, to be held for the county of Hal- ifax, at the Court House in the Town of Halifax, in the fourth Monday after the fourth Monday in March next, and there plead answer or demur to said bill the same will be taken pro confesso and heard ex parte as to him. Witness Edmund B. Freeman Clerk and Master in Equity the fourth Monday after the fourth Monday in September A. D. 1829 EDM B. FREEMAN C. M. E.

ELIAS

Neatly executed at this office.

HENRY S. HAYNES & CO. New Cheap Store.

HAVE opened in the store opposite Messrs Hawkins & Co. an elegant assortment of Staple and Fancy L. GOODS, suitable for the present season and of the latest style. And also an extensive assortment of SHOES, HATS, CROCKERY, GLASS, GROCERIES &c. And will continue to receive fresh supplies, throughout the season; all of which, will be sold low for CASH or barter for produce. N. B. The subscribers invite their friends and the public gen- erally to call and examine for themselves, as the whole of their GOODS were purchased for (CASH.) the prices they wish offered at cannot fail to please!!! H. S. HAYNES & Co. Halifax Nov. 11, 1829. 41-42

STAPLE & FANCY DRY GOODS

Cutlery & Hardware. THE subscriber in order to close the concern of JAMIE- SON & HALLIDAY, offers for sale, at the House occupied by Mr. James Halliday, WELLS SELECTED ASSORTMENT of Staple & Fancy DRY GOODS, Cutlery & Hardware. The whole of the stock was lately purchased for cash in New York, and will now be offered at a very reduced price. J. JAMIESON. Surviving Partner of JAMIESON & HALLIDAY Nov. 5th 1829. 41-42

BLACK SMITH.

hereby give notice, that all persons indebted to Black- smith ANTHONY, the prop- erty of the heirs of John A. Irwin Dec'd, are requested to make payment to MICHAEL FERRALL of the Town of Halifax, he being duly autho- rised to receive the same. HENRY L. IRWIN Admr.

NOTICE.

THE Subscribers having com- menced business at Ply- mouth N. C. in the name of J. C. NORCOM & Co. will transact any business on GO. MISSION committed to their care.— They have WARE HOUSES and BOATS at command. J. C. NORCOM. W. M. R. NORCOM. Plymouth N. C. Nov. 1829. 41-42

The Celebrated Race Horse and STALLION.



WASHINGTON, by Timoleon out of the celebrated race mare Ariadne, by Lexington, will stand again in this place the ensuing season at my stable. Particulars will be made known in due time. JOHN C. VANHOOK. Leasburg, Caswell county, } Nov. 19, 1829. }

THE Copartnership heretofore existing, under the firm of

Clark & Litchford.

has, this day, been dissolved, by mutual consent, and the books & papers placed in the hands of Thomas Ousby Esq. as agent, for settlement.

All persons, indebted to the concern, will call on him and close their accounts by bond or other- wise between this and the 1st day of January or they will be placed in the hands of officers for collec- tion.

Persons having claims against the firm will also make applica- tion for payment. W. M. F. CLARK. A. A. LITCHFORD. Dec. 11, 1829. 3w-42

WILLIAM A. STITH

HAS removed to his former stand lately occupied by H. S. HAYNES & Co. where he will always be pleased to see his old customers and such others as are disposed to encourage the best exertions of a native citizen.