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WN and CLINTON, which moved up Fayetteville Street,

and around Capital Square, to the Presbyterian

Church.

On reaching the Church, which was filled to over-

flowing, the auditory having become seated, the Sermon

of Grace was addressed by Rev. DRURY LA-

YER, in a manner becoming the devout offerings of a

free people to the God of their Fathers, and the guar-
antor of all their Civil and Religious blessings.

The Oration on Independence was then read by Mr.

CHARLES DEWEY, Jr., at the conclusion of which, a

National Air was played by Capt. FRAZIER'S

Band. JAMES SYKES SMITH, the Orator of the

day, then rose, and delivered an Address, occupying

nearly an hour's time, which, for fervid patriotism,

and religious feeling, beautiful imagery, and rare

facility of language, has seldom been equalled.—

Breaking the beaten track, and hacked them,

on similar occasions, he struck out for himself

a new and original path, and well did he illuminate it

with the purity of his style, the richness of his thought,

and the rise of his eloquence. Not the least merit

of the performance, was the fidelity with which he

had committed it to memory—a circumstance, which

enabled him to look upon his auditory, to gather informa-

tion from bright eyes and approving glances, and to display to the best advantage, the real graces of

his Oratory. In short, our young friend executed his

task with so much taste and ability, that the audience

were unable to restrain their expressions of satisfac-

tion and pleasure, but repeatedly interrupted his elo-
quent flights by bursts of applause.

After leaving the Church, the Cavalry and Infan-

try went through a variety of evolutions and firings,

and embraced the occasion to pay their respects to

Gov. GRAHAM, who received and

entertained them with the frankness and hospitality,

becoming the Chief Magistrate of the "Old North

State."

But the most interesting feature, perhaps, of the

day, was the Sabbath School Celebration, which took

place in the afternoon at the Presbyterian Church.

A more gratifying exhibition, to those who are interested in the moral improvement of the rising genera-

tion, could not be presented. The Methodist School

numbered 105 children; the Presbyterian 71, and the

Catholic 71—also all bearing beautiful and appropriate banners. To witness the happy faces of such a

group of young immortals, many, and perhaps most

whom, but for the benevolent institution of Sunday schools, would never have been lighted with a single

spark of intelligence, and whose minds would never

have imbued a perception of moral and religious

truths, was sufficient to excite and stimulate the sympa-

thies of the most insensible. Addresses were delivered

at the occasion by Messrs. M. A. BURKE, W. J.

CLARK and S. W. WHITING, and the Musical Exer-

cises under the direction of Mr. OAKES, were of the

most delightful and exhilarating character. The fol-

lowing Original Hymn, composed, we learn, by the

Rev. Mr. EDWARD, of the Methodist Church, was

one of those prepared for the occasion:

HYMN.

With cheerful voice, and hearts elate,
These hollow'd courts, again, we tread;

And with these children celebrate,
The virtues of the honored dead.

This day we've heard how firmly stands,
Great Freedom's cause, on "Bible ground,"

Then let us nerve these little hands,
To wield the truth—and sin confound.

The Sabbath School pours streams of light,
On those who find its blessing most;

They break the gloom of error's night,
And reach the mind to virtue's last.

They stand aloft like peacock trees,
And gild the path by Patriots trod—

They teach these children how their sires,
Served both their country and their God.

O! may our country's youth obey!

The precious record God has given;

And through their feelings lives display,

The virtues that conduct to Heaven.

The most agreeable part of the Exercises to the

children, however, was that which followed, in the

shape of substantial and elegant Collation, prepared

by the fair hands of the Ladies of the respective Con-

gregations, to which ample justice was done in the

shape of consumption.

CHEAT POSTAGE.

The following is from Thorson's Bank Note Re-

porter:

\$1.15 cents American coinage, in Silver, weighs 1 oz.

55 " " " " " are almost

equal to 3 oz.

2 sheets of light French paper, folded together, 5 cts.

4 " " " " " 5 "

10 Bank notes in a common letter paper, 5 "

15 " " " " " 5 "

A half Eagle, 10 "

A quarter of a Dollar, in common paper,

A child's cap, in French paper,

5 " " " " " 5 "

A " frock," 10 "

A lady's handkerchief,

5 " " " " " 5 "

One full brooch, (no flowers,) 10 "

Ten pins, 10 " " " " " 10 "

Ribbons to trim a bonnet fashionably, 5 "

100 pinches of snuff, in French paper,

If the distance is more than 300 miles, the post-

age letters will be one short to unravel these mysteries

that are around these and above these.

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