

COMMUNICATIONS.

FOR THE MONTH.

THE TEN TRANS-ALLEGANY COUNTIES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The population in your columns of Dr. Mitchell's letter of March, 1886, to the Hon. Thomas L. Clingman affords a fair opportunity to direct attention to our extreme Western counties. No one else has disseminated so much information in relation to them, and now that he has passed away, the circumstances connected with his death will cause all that he has written to be sought for with greater avidity and read with more fixed attention than if he were still in our midst.

Divided, the eight-five counties into which the State is divided, ten are west of the Blue Ridge. These arranged in the order of relative white population, taking the number of votes polled at the last election as the basis of computation, are Buncombe, Ashe, Henderson, Cherokee, Yancey, Haywood, Madison, Macon, Mitchell and Watauga. The aggregate number of voters in the ten counties is something under ten thousand, and slightly less than a tenth of the whole number in the State. The aggregate white population, still, at the next census, to be found to be equal to a tenth of the white population of the State.

The comparative fertility of soil, if the valuation for taxes can be relied upon, is a safe guide will exhibit them, in the following order: Buncombe, Henderson, Ashe, Haywood, Watauga, Madison, Yancey, Cherokee, Jackson and Macon. The assessed valuation of lands in Buncombe and Macon is especially high, especially in the latter. The Valley River bottoms are extensive and fertile. The average value of lands per acre, is not quite \$3—in the entire State, nearly \$3.20.

It will be perceived, by the above, that the State falls into the valley of a single river and its tributaries constitute each of these counties. Their geographical position would be more readily comprehended, if they were known by the names of the rivers which they drain into the Valley. Watauga has in proper appellation; Yancey should be called Caney River; Henderson, Buncombe and Madison Upper, Middle and Lower French Broad; Cherokee, Jackson and Macon, the Tennessee; Macon, Tennessee; and Cherokee, Hiwassee.

No one of these counties has ever been fully explored, much less clearly described. Jackson is the only one which has been so. It is the only one the latter will be much more generally and accurately understood as a distant day. Asheville, the county seat, is one of the most thriving villages in the State, and one of the prettiest in the South. It is the only one in the State. The Holston Conference Female College has an ample corps of instructors, and more than two hundred and fifty pupils. The College buildings are fine, well arranged and well adapted to the purposes for which they are designed. It is the only one in the State. The Holston Conference Female College has an ample corps of instructors, and more than two hundred and fifty pupils.

Mr. Mitchell closes his fall and interesting account of the rocks and minerals of the region with the acknowledgment of his regret that he did not visit the beds of limestone near Asheville, and his inability therefore to say anything in relation to them. They had been worked successfully for a long time, and the quality of the stone is of the highest. It is the only one in the State. The Holston Conference Female College has an ample corps of instructors, and more than two hundred and fifty pupils.

Dr. Mitchell remarks that on the subject of the scenery of the mountains, he would be merciful to the region. It is the only one in the State. The Holston Conference Female College has an ample corps of instructors, and more than two hundred and fifty pupils. The College buildings are fine, well arranged and well adapted to the purposes for which they are designed. It is the only one in the State.

AN AMERICAN DEFEAT.

SUFFERING FROM THIRST.

A long letter appears in the Dallas (Texas) Herald concerning the passage of McCullough's emigrant train across the state, plain to the Rio Grande, from which we take the following extracts.

ADDITION ON THE TELEGRAPH.

In the 241st number of the Spectator is a playful suggestion by Addison in regard to absent lovers, which, although written early in the eighteenth century, has found its realization in the middle of the nineteenth.

THE BAPTISTS.

The Baptist Almanac for 1859 has just been issued by the American Baptist Publication Society. We gather from it the following summary of the Baptists in the United States:

CURE FOR BRONCHITIS.

One of our clearest and most reliable friends, says the Holly Springs (Miss.) Herald, informs us that common mullen leaves make an excellent cure for acute bronchitis.

WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENT, IF TRUE.

General, a French mechanist, has it is said, perfected his aerial navigation, and has made a voyage to Algeria, Africa, and back, with it—a distance of fifteen hundred miles from this starting point.

YELLOW FEVER AT NEW ORLEANS.

There were eighty-nine deaths from yellow fever on Saturday.

AYER'S CATHARTIC PILLS. MEDICAL. HEMPHOLDS' GENUINE PREPARATION. COMPOUND FLUID EXTRACT BUCHU. JOY TO THE AFFLICTED! It cures Nervous and Debilitated Patients, and removes all the Symptoms, among which will be found, Indigestion, Constipation, Loss of Power, Loss of Memory, Difficulty of Breathing, General Weakness, Horror of Disease, Weak Nerves, Trembling, Headache, Dizziness, Lassitude, Cold Feet, Wakefulness, Dimness of Vision, Langour, Universal Lassitude of the Muscular System, Oily Humors of the Face, Peppish Symptoms, Hot Hands, Flushing of the Body, Dryness of Skin, Painful Urination, and Irritations on the Face, Pain in the Back, Headaches of the Throat, Frequent Spitting of Blood, and a host of other ailments.