

MISCELLANEOUS.

TAKING CHARGE OF A LADY. OR MRS. CHEVILTO'S MISHAPS.

After passing a night in Albany, whither I had been called on business, some months since I was leaving my hotel early in the morning...

But I cannot leave it. It was the gift of my late husband? There was nothing to be done but to go back and get it. Accordingly I did so, found it, and on returning...

From the ladies' cabin,' answered the bride. 'You told me half-past four, but I tho't I'd make sure and come at four.'

'DENISTRY--A HARD CUSTOMER. In the way of denistry, Dr. Tushmaker, the intimate friend of John Phoenix, of the Pioneer Magazine, goes ahead of all competitors. Nothing appalled him, and he was as ready to pull a tooth as large as a Polyglot Bible, as to extract one of a child's front teeth.

He did so, and returned to his legal friend. 'And now I can't see how I am going to be the better off for this, if I get my second hundred back again, but how is that to be done?'

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AID FOR NORFOLK AND PORTSMOUTH.

The following sums were collected in the churches in this city last Sunday, for the sufferers in Norfolk and Portsmouth:

Table with 2 columns: Denomination, Amount. Includes Episcopal (\$175.00), Baptist (\$50.00), Methodist (\$40.00), Catholic (\$50.00).

There was no service in the Presbyterian church, and the collection was made without notice in the Methodist church.

Fellow-citizens, let this sum be largely increased, for there never was an occasion when more powerfully appealed to christian people.

PANATICISM RUN MAD.

The tendency of the age and of parties appears to be to run into the wildest and most ridiculous extremes. Some men seem so constituted that they cannot dwell on a subject without carrying it beyond bounds, making it absurd and even monstrous.

There is a man in Missouri who, if he is reported correctly, has gone quite as far on another side. The Rev. James Shannon, D. D., and President of the Missouri University, said lately before the Proslavery Convention in that State:

'Convince me that slavery is a moral wrong, and I pledge myself to preach infidelity all the rest of my life and to prove that God is an impostor.'

This is revolting and impious in the extreme; no man with a properly balanced mind could possibly use it. How this reverend Doctor of Divinity ever obtained the post of President to a State University is to us a mystery.

The St. Louis Democrat, from which we take the above quotation, says he was originally a Presbyterian clergyman from Ireland; that, emigrating to Georgia, he became a Baptist, then a Campbellite, then a Millerite, and now he has taken to the hustings to advocate Slavery.

We know very little and care less for the opinions of this Dr. Shannon, but the criticisms passed upon his language by some portions of the press seem to us to have confounded his doctrines and sentiments rather too much. His mode of treating the subject of slavery is certainly disgusting, but that should not drive us to the opposite extreme of affirming that slavery is a moral wrong. It is no such thing. In our humble opinion almost all the fanaticism engendered in this controversy, is due to the false assumption that slavery must necessarily be morally wrong, or morally right. Men might just as well wrangle and dispute, ad infinitum, on the question whether divinity was morally wrong or morally right, or science, or politics, or any other comprehensive term of the kind under which a multitude of acts and circumstances are grouped for convenience. Such questions are not susceptible of solution in one single unqualified answer. We insist upon it that Dr. Shannon's error does not consist so much in his doctrine, as in the spirit with which that doctrine is enforced.

If those proud professors of abstruse moral philosophy, the editors of northern antislavery papers, could only be made aware what profound nonsense their morbid disquisitions amount to, we might enjoy perhaps a little respite from the everlasting dispute about slavery, which seems almost to have unhinged the national mind. If nations can become insane, we are certainly on the verge of a monomania on this subject. We are fast approaching the condition of those unhappy inmates of some of our asylums, whose thoughts revolve in endless perplexity around some absurd and unintelligible abstraction.

The state of things at Norfolk and Portsmouth is almost too awful to contemplate. We turn with horror from the reports we have received in the last few days. But the scene must soon close. The monster must cease to devour for the want of victims. We trust that in our next issue we may be enabled to record the fact that its ravages are abating.

AGRICULTURAL FAIR AT HENDERSON.

This fair will commence on the 10th of October next, and continue for three days. John S. Dancy Esq. has been engaged to deliver an address. The occasion will doubtless be one of great interest.

SEVERE--Mr. Punch of London, can be very keenly severe when he tries. In a brief criticism upon the operations of the British navy last summer and till this Spring, he remarks that 'the principal distinction acquired by the admirals in command, in a war which as yet has yielded little distinction of any kind, consists in the fact that Napier was expected to do something, and he didn't; whilst Dundas was expected to do nothing, and he did it!'

Most Triumphant.

The last letter of Prof. Morse to Bishop Spalding in relation to the opinion of Lafayette, that if ever the liberties of this country were destroyed, it would be the work of Jesuits, or Romish priests. In this letter the Professor produces another living witness in the person of Mr. Charles Palmer of Richmond, Va., who fully corroborates the festive statement of the Rev. Dr. Van Pelt of New York. Mr. Palmer's letter is as follows:

RICHMOND, VA., July 24, 1855.

DEAR SIR:--I duly received your note by the hand of our mutual and respected friend, and have reflected over the long past, that I might give answer the more correctly to your inquiries.

It was my good fortune in early life to make the acquaintance and friendship of Mr. J. A. C. a distinguished son of France, who was sent to this country as an agent of his government of many prominent citizens who had aided our Revolutionary struggles for independence, and was an intimate friend of Washington and Lafayette. It was at his house that I first met the illustrious Lafayette in 1821. On several occasions I had the honor to dine with his wife and family of my friend Mr. C.'s last time I think, was in October, as that time before the late at Yorktown.

While at dinner, some sympathy was expressed by the family for a poor old Mademoiselle, who was quite old and in much trouble on account of the absence of her husband, who had been called or ordered to some other congregation, I think.

Genl. I am, in a quiet, yet peculiar manner, distinguished by the name of 'The Old Man'.

Her loss is small and a blessing in disguise, as you know it; these Romish priests are dangerous men, and will destroy the liberties of America if they can. These were his words as well as I can remember, I say, yet emphatically expressed. In a short time after, I was one of the Masonic fraternity who invited him to a dinner given at the Union Hotel, in this city, an occasion ever to be remembered. We first met him in Lodge, John Marshall, Chief Justice of the United States, and Past Grand Master of the State of Virginia, presided, and Gen. Lafayette was made an Honorary Member of this Lodge, No. 19, having been a member of No. 22, at Alexandria, of which Gen. Washington was Master. The old patriarch, clad, as with the signature of Washington, was introduced and looked upon by Gen. Lafayette and Marshall, and all of us, with deep interest.

I have frequently spoken of these incidents of life, which I presume, called for this communication by you. I desire to offend no man, nor his religion. I am not a Romanist, but respect the religion of all who piously and conscientiously aim to do justice and love mercy and human liberty.

I know not why you have asked me for this communication, yet I give it out for a response; remaining most respectfully, your very obedient servant.

CHARLES PALMER, To SAM'L F. B. MORSE, Esq., Pokokese, N.Y.

CORRESPONDENCE.

It will be seen from the following correspondence that Chas. C. RABOTEAU, Esq., has been selected to deliver an address before the Raleigh Typographical Society, at its first Anniversary to be held on the 15th inst.:

Raleigh, Sept. 18, 1855.

DEAR SIR:--We, the undersigned, were appointed a committee to select a speaker to deliver an address before the Raleigh Typographical Society, at its first anniversary, on the 15th inst.

The committee have selected you to be the Speaker on that occasion, and hope you will do them the favor to accept.

Yours very respectfully, J. W. GOSWELL, J. W. WOODRUFF, A. D. G. WOODRUFF, J. N. BENTLEY, W. W. WILFONG.

To CHAS. C. RABOTEAU, Esq., Raleigh, 18th Sept. 1855.

GENTLEMEN:--Your note informing me that I have been selected to deliver an address upon the Anniversary of the Raleigh Typographical Society, on the 15th inst., has been received. I have a short time allowed for preparation might write me from responding to your wishes, in this respect; but the honor conferred upon me by the Society here, renders me unwilling to do this, and I shall hardly be able to justify your expectations in the selection.

Very respectfully, CHAS. C. RABOTEAU.

To Messrs. Chadwick, Womble, Lumbo, Buning and White, Committee.

SPARE YOUR EYES.

A miraculous combination of strength and delicacy. Related to the vast material world by the extensive range of its powers, it is at the same time most intimately connected with our own spiritual part, and is the radiest avenue to the soul. That such an organ should be carefully preserved from injury, accords with the instinctive sentiments and rational judgments of every intelligent being. That it is often subjected to the most trying experiments, and tasked beyond its powers, for the sake of some personal gratification, or in the pursuit of some imagined duty, is a matter of general experience and observation. The eyes are indeed frequently sacrificed for objects infinitely below them in value, and subjected to risks from which jewelry and relics would be carefully preserved. To trifle with such noble endowments, and expend them upon things of inferior value, is however one of the strangest perversities of human conduct--a folly which neither religion nor reason can excuse.

THE STATE FAIR.

On the 16th of October the third annual Fair of the N. C. State Agricultural Society will be held in this city. What preparations are the people at a distance making for this great occasion? It is time for them to be making their arrangements ahead, so that when the day is near, they may be ready to make a proud demonstration of their agricultural skill. We hope our immediate fellow citizens will be prepared to receive them with an enthusiastic greeting. Let not apathy or unreasonable misgivings operate to detain any at home who may have an opportunity to come. The cause of agricultural improvement is worthy of our most earnest devotion, and should command quite as much zeal as party politics. Remember the day, and be sure to come.

USE WAFERS.--It has been properly suggested that in the transmission of money by mail the adhesive matter on the envelopes should not be trusted, as it is easy to open and close them without exciting suspicion. Wafers should be generally used for the purpose, and indeed ought to be employed generally, as their presence might otherwise indicate the character of the contents of the letter.

We regret to learn the death of Edwin A. Heatt Esq. the junior editor of the Hillsboro Recorder.