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NO QUACKERY.

THE subscriber, conversant with the profession and practice of Medicine for several years past, and of late having studied the *new Thompsonian System* and having undergone an examination by the Examining Committee, and being approved, as qualified for general practice,—Taking this method of tending his Professional Services to his friends and the public as a *PHYSICIAN and SURGEON*,—combining when necessary, the old and new System together; but, with the weight of confidence in the Thompsonian System.

HUGH QUIN.
Near Lincolnton, Jan. 10, 1831.

NOTICE.

ALL persons are hereby forbid to purchase a *NOTE*, given by me to David Hardin, for the amount of Twenty-eight dollars; as said note was obtained by a conspiracy while I was drinking—and I never intend to pay said note.

NELSON TURNER.
Rutherfordton, Jan. 10, 1831.

COACH FACTORY.

THE subscriber respectfully informs the public in general, that he continues to carry on *COACH MAKING*, in its various branches, at his extensive establishment in Lincolnton, (Main street, a few doors west of the Court House), where he has considerable work finished, and a number of hands in his employ, both in the wood, blacksmith and other branches of the above business. Mail Coaches, Stages and Carriages of almost every description are kept on hand, or made to order on the shortest notice. Repairing of every description in the above line, punctually attended to.

M. C. PHIFER.
Lincolnton, Jan. 10, 1831.

COPARTNERSHIP.

THE undersigned have this day entered into copartnership in the *TAILORING BUSINESS*. They respectfully inform their friends and the citizens of this and the adjoining counties, that they will be always ready to execute any order in their line of business, at the shortest notice, and on the most reasonable terms. They deem it unnecessary to speak of their ability. They flatter themselves, however, that by their long practice—the facilities they have of obtaining the latest fashions, and their constant exertions to please, that they will receive a due share of the public patronage.

They will occupy, as a shop, a room over Twitty & Miller's Store.

VALENTINE MOONEY.
JAMES V. JAY.

Rutherfordton, Jan. 6, 1831.

NOTICE.

ON the 2nd Monday of February at 12 o'clock a meeting will be held at the Court House in Rutherfordton, to organize a Sunday School Union for this county. The immense benefits derived from those Schools elsewhere, in advancing the intelligence and improving the moral character of the rising generation, must be known to all, and the advantages to be derived from such an association consist in the increased facility of procuring and distributing information of the best modes of conducting such schools, and books adapted to their use—in systematic efforts to establish schools in destitute places—in giving aid to the feeble and stimulating all by visitations from committees of the society. For lack of those advantages many attempts to establish schools have proved ineffectual, and schools established have been less useful than they might have been—those engaged in the schools started in this county, although greatly encouraged by the success of their labors, have deeply felt the necessity of such a Union. At their request this notice is given—and all who have the future welfare of this community or the cause of religion at heart, of whatever denomination, are most cordially invited to attend the meeting, take an interest in the management of the Society and unite their efforts in this work of Benevolence.

By order of the Rutherford Sunday School Society.

W. H. WALTON, Secretary.
Rutherfordton, July 3, 1831.

N. B. Should the Court Room be occupied the meeting may be held in the Secretary's room, where the Sunday School Library, may be seen, and gentlemen will be enabled by inspection to appreciate the value of the books prepared for the use of those schools, adapted to the understandings of all ages usually attending, and which are loaned to the children during the week as rewards of diligence.

INFORMATION.

A LETTER was received sometime since, at the Post Office in this town, directed to Mr. Ezekiel Ambrose. Mr. Ambrose having left the county—the letter was not taken out of the Office, and was consequently sent to the General Post Office as a *dead letter*. The head of that Department has examined and sent back said letter, with instructions to the Post Master to take measures to deliver the letter to the person to whom it is addressed and obtain his receipt; as it was written by Mr. Harvey and Mrs. Johana Mathews, and originally mailed at Boston Mass. & although the letter is without an inclosure, yet as it is from Mrs. Mathews it is supposed to be very interesting to Mr. Ambrose. Mr. A. at the present time, is supposed to be engaged in the gold mines of Mecklenburg, Cabarrus or Davidson counties in this state, and is hereby requested to come forward and take out said letter and pay necessary charges, or it will be returned to the General Post Office after forty days.

GEO. WALTON, P. M.
Rutherfordton, Dec. 30, 1830. 46 ff

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

THE subscriber having been re-appointed by the Court as *STANDARD KEEPER*, for the County of Rutherford, is now ready to attend to the duties of his office.

JOHN LOGAN.
Rutherfordton, Jan. 12, 1831.

PLEASANT RETREAT ACADEMY.

THE Trustees of this Academy take pleasure in announcing to the public, that the exercises of this institution have closed for the present year, under the tuition of *Mr. Benjamin B. Dye*, with much satisfaction to all concerned; and that they will be again resumed, under his care, on the first Monday in January next. Mr. Dye, since his residence at this place, having devoted his whole attention to teaching, we believe no one has ever surpassed him in regular attendance, and that few if any, are better qualified to teach all the branches of *Literature*, which are usually taught in such institutions. This Academy is situated in one of the most healthy villages in the western part of North Carolina, where boarding can be obtained in good and respectable families, either in town or in the adjoining country, on moderate terms.

The prices of tuition, per session, will be as follows, viz:—
Reading, Writing and Arithmetick. \$5.00;
English Grammar, and Geography. \$7.50;
Latin & Greek languages & Sciences. \$10.00;
By order of the Board of Trustees.

JAMES P. HENDERSON, Secretary.
December 6, 1830. 45 6w.

State of North Carolina,

Rutherford County.

Superior Court of Law, October Term, 1830.

James J. Hoyt, John Ward
and William Ward

vs.

Waitman Disharoon and
Michal Hawkins.

Petition and sci. fa.
to
Vacate Grant.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that Waitman Disharoon one of the defendants, resides beyond the limits of the State: It is therefore Ordered by Court, that publication be made six weeks in the North Carolina Spectator and Western Advertiser, that unless the said defendant appear at the next term of said Superior Court, to be holden in Rutherfordton, on the third Monday after the fourth Monday in March next, that Judgment will be taken pro confesso against him.

Copy Tente. JAMES MORRIS, Ck.
Nov. 18, 1830. 42 6w pr. adv. \$2.50

State of North Carolina,

Rutherford County.

Superior Court of Law, October Term, 1830.

James J. Hoyt, John Ward
and William Ward

vs.

George Russel and
John Whitesides.

Petition and sci. fa.
to
Vacate Grant.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that George Russel one of the defendants, resides beyond the limits of the State: It is therefore Ordered by Court, that publication be made six weeks in the North Carolina Spectator and Western Advertiser, that unless the said defendant appear at the next Term of said Court, to be holden in Rutherfordton, on the 3d Monday after the 4th Monday in March next, that Judgment will be taken pro confesso against him.

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State of North Carolina,

Buncombe County.

Superior Court of Law—October Term, 1830.

John Roberts
vs.

Agnes Roberts.

Petition for Divorce.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the defendant, Agnes Roberts, is not an inhabitant of this State; It is ordered that publication be made for three months in the Raleigh Star and Western Advertiser, that the said Agnes Roberts appear at the next Superior Court of Law to be held for the county of Buncombe, at the Court House in Asheville, on the 2nd Monday after the 4th Monday in March next, then and there to answer, plead or demur to the petition filed against her by John Roberts, or the same will be taken pro confesso, and heard ex parte.

Witness, Joshua Roberts, Clerk of said Court, at Office, the 2nd Monday after the 4th Monday in September, 1830.

J. ROBERTS, Clerk.
43 3m Pr. adv. \$4.50.

State of North Carolina,

Buncombe County.

Superior Court of Law—October term, 1830.

Alexander Henry
vs.

Happy Henry.

Petition for divorce.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the defendant is not an inhabitant of this State, it is ordered that publication be made for three months in the Raleigh Star, and North Carolina Spectator, that the defendant, Happy Henry, appear at the next Superior Court of Law, to be held for the county of Buncombe, at the Court House in Asheville, on the 2d Monday after the 4th Monday in March next, then and there to plead, answer or demur to the petition filed against her by Alexander Henry, or the same will be taken pro confesso and heard ex parte.

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State of North Carolina,

Buncombe County.

Superior Court of Law—October term, 1830.

Sarah Wicaser,
vs.

George Wicaser.

Petition for Divorce.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the defendant is not an inhabitant of this State: It is Ordered, that publication be made for three months in the Raleigh Register, and North Carolina Spectator, that the defendant George Wicaser, appear at the next Superior Court of Law to be held for the county of Buncombe, at the Court House in Asheville, on the 2nd Monday after the 4th Monday in March next, then and there to plead, answer or demur to the petition filed against him by Sarah Wicaser, or the same will be taken pro confesso, and heard ex parte.

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J. ROBERTS, Clerk.
42 3m Pr. adv. \$4.50

NOTICE.

THE several kinds of grass seeds purchased at the North, by and for the use of the members of the Rutherford Agricultural Society, have been received and are ready for delivery, to those interested. By order of the Corresponding Secretary.
January, 7, 1831.

AMERICAN STENOGRAPHIC ACADEMY.

BY M. T. C. GOULD—PHILADELPHIA.
THE Proprietor of this establishment has visited the principal cities and colleges in the U. States, as a Reporter and Teacher of *STENOGRAPHY*, and is now induced by the solicitation of numerous respectable individuals, in various parts of the country, to propose a plan for communicating a knowledge of his art to all those who may consider it worth their attention, but who from their remote situation, cannot enjoy the benefit of his personal instruction.

The system, a knowledge of which it is proposed to communicate, may be considered the standard of *AMERICAN STENOGRAPHY*—it is almost the only plan used in the United States and is sold by most of the Booksellers, to the exclusion of all other systems. It has passed through seven large Editions, and has been recently much improved, stereotyped, and embellished with seventeen new copper plate engravings, illustrative of the theory.

A copy of this work will constitute the first three numbers of a contemplated series of printed lectures, or periodical numbers, to be published weekly, and sent, through the medium of the mail, or otherwise, to each subscriber, till a thorough knowledge of the art shall have been communicated.

It will be the object of these Lectures, not only to convey to each individual a complete practical knowledge of Short-hand Writing, but to point out the most eligible way to employ it as a labor and time saving method, for acquiring of it useful knowledge, by performing, in minutes and hours, that which must otherwise require days and weeks.

Should the above plan succeed, as there is reason to believe it may, these periodical numbers will be continued monthly, at one dollar per annum, under the following title, to wit:

THE AMERICAN REPERTORY

Of Arts, Science, and Useful Literature.
The object of this work will be to furnish, in numbers, to the rising generation, a *Miniature Encyclopedia, or General Cabinet*, embracing in its course a concise view or epitome of the most interesting topics of the age, with the exception of religion and politics. As a matter of great convenience, the contents of each page will be denoted by appropriate words in the margin—to which marginal words, a general index will be framed, upon the principle of Locke's Common Place Book, thus furnishing to each reader an infallible key to the whole, or any particular part which he may wish to re-examine—at the same time suggesting to the aspirant after knowledge, a method, which, if pursued, cannot fail to produce to him incalculable benefits, by an ultimate saving of time and labor:—for it is as asserted, without the fear of refutation, that a young man, who will first acquire a facility in Short-hand Writing, and then proceed to write daily in a Common Place Book upon the principles here suggested, will acquire more useful knowledge in one year, than it would be possible for him to obtain in three years, by any other plan that has ever been devised.

In carrying out this design, three important principles will be constantly in view—

First—To select from the great mass of human knowledge that only which is useful.

Second—To condense it as far as its practical utility will admit.

Third—To systematize and arrange the whole in such manner, that each and every portion shall be at immediate command.

The scanty limits of a prospectus forbid the addition of other considerations in this place.

For a full course of instruction, as above mentioned, \$2 50, payable in advance, or on the receipt of the first three numbers of the periodical.

All Postmasters are respectfully solicited to act as agents in their respective neighborhoods. If a Postmaster procure but one subscriber, he will be entitled to a gratuitous copy of the published system—if four subscribers, to a full course of instruction, or \$2 50 from the money collected and in like proportion for a greater or less number of subscribers, that is to say, a commission of 20 per cent, for his services. Those who wish for a more full explanation, or to see a specimen of the page, type, &c. to be used, may no doubt be gratified by calling on Postmasters, who have been generally supplied with an Introduction to the system above referred to; and also with a great variety of testimonials from those who have learned the art.

The issuing of numbers will commence early in July, from and after which, each new applicant will be supplied, at the time of subscribing, with a perfect set from the beginning.

N. B. Subscriptions received at this Office for the above work.

NOTICE TO GOLD MINERS.

THE subscriber having made several important improvements on the *rocker and riddle* principles and constructed a machine called *PALMER'S IMPROVED ROCKER*, for washing and cleansing gold from the earth, &c. connected with it, by means of metal sieves, &c.; by which the process of collecting gold is greatly facilitated, as this new machine may be placed in such a situation in the pits that those engaged in digging can throw the grit at once into the machine without any further labor, and its location be changed to suit the convenience of those employed,—and at the same time, from its formation, secure the gold collected by a lock and key, from pilage. A part of said machine may be attached with great advantage to machinery now in use. The subscriber intends to apply to the Patent Office, immediately, for a patent on his improvements—and hereby forewarns all persons from using or making the whole or any part of a machine upon his plan and invention: as the patent law will be enforced against such as infringe on his right and improvement.

GREENE B. PALMER.
Bridletown, Burke, Nov. 30, 1830. 42 4wp

PAPER FOR SALE.

THE undersigned, Paper Manufacturers, at the Houlston Paper Mills, can at all times furnish any quantity of

Imperial, } PRINTING
Super-Royal, } PAPER;
and Medium, }
Fools Cap, }
Letter and } PAPER;
Wrapping }
PASTE-BOARDS, &c. &c.

which they will forward on to any of the Southern States, on as reasonable terms for Cash as can be procured from the North.

Orders addressed to Marshall's Ferry, Gran

County, Tennessee—will be promptly attended to.

SHELDS, JOHNSTON & HICE.
Marshall's Ferry, Ten. Nov. 16, '30. 41 A

MORAL AND RELIGIOUS.

COMMUNICATION.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Extracts from the Sixth Annual Report of the American Sunday-School Union.

(Continued from page 199.)

"WHAT MANNER OF CHILD SHALL THIS BE?"—is a question, which in many most important bearings, is ordinarily settled at a very early period of its life.

Tell us if a mother's eye follows, and a mother's hand restrains, the waywardness of his infancy—Tell us if a mother's prayers are sent up to heaven for blessings on his childhood and youth—Tell us if his early footsteps are directed to the Infant and Sunday schools, and if his maturer years are blessed and brightened by the privileges of the Bible class and sanctuary, and with the counsel, example and prayers of a faithful minister of the Lord Jesus Christ; and shall we have any misgivings concerning the character of his manhood? Not one. He cannot be the subject of true moral education for a single hour without being impressed and elevated as a moral being. And so deep and enduring are the faintest impressions which a moral influence makes, that they are among the last to fade from the memory.

Assuming it to be desirable that such an influence should be exerted upon that part of our population, who, from age and circumstances, will be most likely to yield to it; and supposing ourselves to be assembled to determine what system of means shall be employed for this end, could we conceive of any system better fitted to the exigency of the case, than that which the AMERICAN SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION has been endeavoring, for six years, to establish and extend, through the world.

The present moment will be occupied in a very cursory review of the transactions of another year; and it may be well to remember how little such a sketch discloses of the actual influence of *Sunday-schools*. Our report, in this respect, is not unlike that philosophical instrument, which denotes with great exactness, the quantity of rain that has fallen in a given period; but has no power to reveal the secret influence, which it sends abroad through the vegetable world, filling even the wilderness, and the waste-ground, with life, and clothing the grass of the field with incomparable beauty.

The history of Sunday-schools in this country, as a system of religious education, embraces a period of less than fifteen years; and the present number of pupils connected with our institution is estimated at 400,000.

Probable number of teachers and superintendents, 60,000.

And if we include the teachers and learners in schools not connected with this institution, we shall have a total of at least 520,000.

No satisfactory estimate can be formed respecting the number of learners in *Sunday-schools* throughout the world; we have intelligence however respecting their establishment and prosperity, to some extent, in every christian country. There are among the islands of the sea, which were but just now covered with thick *Pagan* darkness, some that have more of their inhabitants under *Sunday-school* instruction, than can be found so situated, in any district of the *United States*, of the same size and population. And their wide and rapid extension was pleasantly illustrated within a few weeks, in a letter from one of our missionaries in the state of *Illinois*, who informed us, that he had just met a man who lived within two or three miles of *Raikes'* first schools in *Gloucester*, but never cared to attach himself to them; nor had he heard or thought about them since he left *England*, (nearly twenty years, since) until last summer, when it appeared that they had travelled so much farther and faster than himself, as to have found him out, in that wilderness, more than four thousand miles from his native land.

The present report of your Board, will embrace but two or three general topics.

1. The business of preparing, publishing and selling books. This is a department by itself. Aside from its depository, the *American Sunday-School Union* is a Society for the promotion of the universal moral and religious education of the young by means of *Sunday-schools*.

To attract and interest children, rewards were formerly bestowed in the useful and popular form of juvenile books. The variety of these was limited, and their character, for the most part, quite objectionable; and it therefore became necessary to resort to the original preparation and publication of books to meet the demand. It was soon seen that the same purpose, and much more, might be accomplished, without additional expense, by providing

a *Sunday-School Library*, and so successful has the expedient proved, that a library has now become an almost indispensable appendage to every school. One result of this change in the state of things has been exceedingly important to our business. Under the former system, every child who was rewarded, received the book as his own, and thus the actual consumption of the stock of books was very great and very rapid, while the variety was limited. But with libraries the case is reversed; the variety demanded, is great and the consumption slow—two or three copies of each book being sufficient for a school of several hundred children. That this change is exceedingly prejudicial to the pecuniary interests of the Society, and that in consequence of it a much larger capital must be absorbed by our business than would be needed under other circumstances, is sufficiently obvious.

It would be difficult to imagine any organization or arrangement better adapted than ours, to secure and extend the benefits of a *Sunday-School Library*. For,

1. As to the manner of our publications, it is well known, that the eight individuals to whom the business of publishing is committed, are selected, in equal numbers, from four denominations.

Not a sentence or a word bears the Society's sanction, until at least three members of this Committee certify, in writing, that they have read it; and that they approve it; nor then, until it has received the deliberate and unanimous approbation of the committee at some stated meeting—and all these several steps, are minutely recorded and reported to the Board of Managers, semi-monthly.

Though the number of this committee has been enlarged during the last year, the principles of its organization and rules have not been changed; and not less than two hundred and fifty distinct works, designed for the religious instruction of the young, or helps to their teachers, have been read, approved and published, on these principles and by these rules, since they were established.

Nor is it the least among God's mercies to the society, that, notwithstanding the vast number, and endlessly various character of the books, from which a selection has been made; and notwithstanding the obvious difficulty of avoiding every form of speech, in which suspicion might hope to detect some sectarian bias, the committee have been so graciously directed and governed in their course, as to be able to furnish at this hour, a *SUNDAY-SCHOOL LIBRARY*, of nearly two hundred bound volumes, each of which has undergone this scrutiny, and most of which are now in extensive and approved circulation, among Christians of every denomination.

(To be concluded next week.)

COMMUNICATION.

TEMPERANCE.

The public attention, in this county, seems at length to be turned to the evils resulting from *intemperance*. Not only have several Societies been formed for the promotion of Temperance, but our last Grand Jury have set a laudable example, as guardians of the public morals, in sounding the alarm and awakening our people to a sense of the danger and extent of the evil. The use of ardent spirits has, for a long time, been gradually increasing and extending its destructive effects thro' all classes of society—scarce a family is to be found which is not rendered miserable by the ruin and degradation of a son, a brother or near relative. Ministers have preached, moralists have written, parents and friends have entreated—but all in vain; unthinking youth, nay, men of age and judgment of all ages and talents, would continue to tempt their fate by commencing the habitual use of ardent spirits. The habit when formed, like every other fatal disease, has run its regular course, until, with few exceptions, it has ended in ruin and death.—A disease is produced in the stomach which continually craves more—the faculties are benumbed, the moral sense is blunted, while the subject is gliding imperceptibly from a temperate drinker, or more properly a sober drunkard, to a beastly one;—if he then gets alarmed at his case and makes resolutions of amendment, he is generally laughed out of it by his companions or led to the bottle again by the cravings of his stomach. After a few such ineffectual efforts to escape, his resolution is destroyed and he yields himself a willing victim to the tyrant passion.

No man was ever devised that promised any prospect of success in eradicating the evil until that of forming voluntary associations to suppress and discountenance the practice. Since ardent spirits are found to be totally unnecessary to the human constitution, except in rare cases as a medicine; to be a poison which creates a disease of the stomach, making the subject