MISCELLANEOUS.



From the New-England Magazine. THE DILEMMA.

Now, by the blessed Paphian queen, Who heaves the breast of sweet sixteen By every name I cut on bark Before my morning star grew dark-By Hymen's torch-by Capid's dart, By all that thrills the beating heart-The bright black eye, the melting blue, I cannot choose between the two.

I had a vision in my dreams-I saw a row of twenty beams; From every beam a rope was hung, In every rope a lover swung. I asked the hue of every eye That bade each luckless lover die-Ten livid lips said heavenly blue, And ten accused the darker hue.

I asked a matron, which she deemed With fairest light of beauty beamed; She answered, some tho't both were fair Give her blue eyes and golden hair. I might have liked her judgment well, But as she spoke she rung the bell, And all her girls, nor small nor few, Came marching in-their eyes were blue

I asked a maiden-back she flung The locks that round her forehead hung And turn'd her eye, a glorious one, Bright as a diamond in the sun, On me, until, beneath its rays, I felt as if my hair would blaze-She liked all eyes but eyes of green; She looked at me-what could she mean

Ah! many lids love lurks between, Nor heeds the coloring of his screen-And when his random arrows fly, The victim falls, but knows not why. Gaze not upon his shield of jet, The shaft upon the strings is set-Look not beneath his azure veil, Tho' every limb were cased in mail.

Well both might make a martyr break The chain that bound him to the stake, And both, with but a single ray, Can melt our very hearts away-And both, when balanced, hardly seem To stir the scales or rock the beam-But that is dearest, all the while, That wears for us the sweetest smile.

From the Newbern Sentinel. THE COMET OF 1832. Thou blazing courier of the sun, Contemning time and space,

Thy rushing pinions long have spun A lone and awful race; No prayers can curb-no threats restrain The flowing of thy blood-red mane; And nations stand aghast to see Thy wild and dreadful majesty.

Where and what art thou? cry aloud From yonder shoreless sea,-Shout-from beneath that crimson shrout Thy piercing jubilee:-A tyrant thou! -- below that crown

Of burnished flame -- thou dost but frown Ah! who so bold as not to fly The terrors of that scorching eye? Stay, stay! urge not thy thundering cours To crush our trembling sphere, Why dash with thine almighty force

One who beholds to fear; Wilt thou? then dragon of the sky, Come on-in all thy fury come To wrap us in one common tomb. When the last shock of death has past

Upon a withered world, Like lightning flash all headlong cast, Where night's dark banner broods un furled,

Then go thy way in mocking scorn And leave the universe forlorn, But know-that o'er thee hangs the rod Of thy avenging ruler, God.

THE COMET.

which distinguished the earlier a subject of general conversa- to the shop. ages, had fled before the supe- tion. In consequence of the rior intelligence of the present publication of some vague conday, and that even the vague jectures, the fears of the timid and fearful imaginings of the have been roused, and some otherwise profound Whiston, have imbibed the idea that our had failed to give permanency globe will be endangered by its to those frightful forebodings; approach. It is not our purcontemporaries show us that but to show that there is no we were in error, and that the cause of alarm. shadowy workings of the imagi-

incomparable arrangements of March 12, 76 years & 178 days. the Creator, than are many of It will be observed that the dies, are ranging at random physical causes. happen to approach! Were lution. Now by adding the this the case, then indeed might mean time of its revolution to centuries npon centuries tends er visit may be expected from it. quainted with this law; he even the earth .- Wash. Union. corroborated it by reconciling it with his system of gravity; yet strange as it may appear, like of the Paymaster General which many of the philosophers of the accompanies the report of the present day, he became wearied Secretary of War, that within of the satisfactory conclusions the last eight years, upwards of of calculation and experience nine millions of dollars have respecting their courses, gave been disbursed by that Departreason to the guidance of imagi- ment in small sums, without the nation, & entered into idle spe- loss of a single cent to the govculation on their uses. Among ernment, and without having other things, he supposed that had resort to a single coercive comets are intended to supply measure to compel a more the sun with fuel! To our limited comprehension it appears as preposterous to talk of supplying the sun with fuel, as of supplying the diamond with THE Subscribers have opened the wisdom.

Our limits admonish us to desist. As it may be interesting the most reasonable terms, viz: to some of our readers, we will hereafter pursue the subject, and lay before them some of the most prominent opinions of astronomers ancient and modern.-Newbern Spec.

The Comet, which is by some We had concluded that the expected to appear during the

We have lately consulted the nation are yet, in many cases, works of several eminent astroparamount to the natural de- nomers, on the subject of Com- tant branches of Mathematics, Natuductions of reason and experi- ets, and have more particularly ral and Moral Philosophy and Rhetoence. We perceive that even looked into the history of the our eastern brethren, who are one of 1759. According to that the various advantages attending generally supposed to be more Professor Winthrop, who has an institution of this kind, situated in devoted to the mysteries of ana- given us a very able and inte- a village and neighborheod noted for tocism than to profitless conjectresting account, this comet, (as health and morality, together with ture, are deep in the mazes of far as it is known,) has appear- close attention to business, will secure surmise respecting the danger ed seven different times. Its to which we may be exposed several appearances, and the Board, by the approach of the comet in times of its perihelion, are giv- Payable semi-annually in advance. June, while the Norfolk papers en as follows-1. 1305, April. Students will furnish their candles. and others, are contributing 2. 1380, about Jan. probably, their mite in the way of specu- 74 years and about 10 months. lation. The theory which pre- 3. 1456, June, 76 years and availed previous to the days of bout 5 months. 4. 1531, Aug-Aristotle, that comets were ust 25, 75 years and 2 months.

composed of myriads of stars, 5. 1607, October 16, 76 years drawn together by chance, was and 52 days. 6. 1682, Sept. 4, not more inconsistent with the 74 years and 323 days. 7. 1759,

the opinions that now prevail. periods of the comet have been How preposterous the thought, alternately greater and less; but that "the eternal works of na- their inequality is not greater ture," as Seneca calls those bo- than what may be attributed to

through the infinitude of space, Thus it has in 454 years comor governed, at best, by the in- pleted six revolutions, giving fluence of whatever they may 75 2-3d years for a mean revothe appearance of every meteor the period when it last appearstrike terror to our hearts, and ed, we find that we may not Cloths, Cassimeres & Vestings the fear of annihilation rob us again look for it until near the of repose. This, however, is close of the year 1834, at which not so; and the experience of time, the Professor says, anoth-

but to convince us of the incon- In order to show that no danceivable harmony of the uni-ger is to be apprehended from verse, the illimitable wisdom of its approach, in 1454 the moon Him who called it into exist- was eclipsed by a comet, which hope by continued exertion to merit a ence. Indeed we know not a must have passed within 200,000 share of public patronage. more conclusive and wonderful miles of the earth, and it produproof of this wisdom than the ced no effect either on the return, at remote, but certain earth or moon. Now with reperiods of those very bodies gard to this comet, the ascendwhich the thoughtless consider ing node of its orbit lies pretty as defects in the system. The near the orbit of Mars; and the planetary motion describes After the ascending node, it equal areas in equal times, ta- may possibly come within about tremely elliptical orbits of com- and after the descending, within the astonishing rapidity with descending node but nine days which they pass their perihelion later than it did. And these and vanish from our sight. The are the nearest approaches great Newton was perfectly ac- which it can possibly make to

> FIt is stated in the report prompt settlement of accounts.

Blacksmithing.

Blacksmith Shop formerly occubrilliancy, or the Deity with pied by Eli Howell, at the residence of B. H. BELL, and are prepared to execute all kinds of Blacksmithing on

For making Dagon ploughs of sheet iron. 95 cents-strapping do. 35 centspointing do. 25 cents. Making fluke hoes, 621 cents-new laying do. 40 cts. Laying axes, 40 cents-jumping do. 25 cents. Making grubbing hoes, 60 cts. laying do. 40 cents.

And all other work in proportion. Iron will be furnished customers at reasonable prices. Produce at market price will be received in payunfounded dread of comets present year, seems now to be faithful performance of all work sent

BENNET H. BELL, ROBERT PEPPER. Jan. 7, 1832.

Williamsborough Academy.

R. WM. P. FORREST, who has had considerable experience in the instruction of youth, has consentbut the columns of many of our pose to augment these fears, ed to succeed Mr. Wilson as Principal of this Institution. The exercises will be resumed on the third Monday in January next. The usual preparatory course of studies will be taught; also some of the most impor-Mr. Forrest has procured a to the institution a liberal patronage. Tuition, per session, (five months) \$12 50

> Leonard Henderson, William Robards, P. Hamilton, Trustees. Richard Sneed, Thos. Turner,

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new goods.

THE Subscribers are now opening at their Old Stand, a general

ASSORTMENT OF Seasonable Goods,

Which they will sell at their usual low prices for Cash or Country Produce. D. RICHARDS & CO. Tarborough, Oct. 20, 1831.

Anderson & Elwood DRAPERS AND TAILORS,

BEG leave to inform their custom-

they have just received, a small assortment of superfine

Also, a general assortment of the best TRIMMINGS that could be purchased in New-York, which they will dispose of on the most reasonable terms. All those who may favor them with their custom, may expect their garments made in the best manner and at the shortest notice. We

Those residing at a distance may have a suit of clothes made by sending their height, size of breast, and waist.

Tarboro', Dec. 12, 1831.

NOTICE.

celebrated law of Kepler, that descending, near that of Venus. THE community are hereby informed, that BOARD may be had in the vicinity of the School now in operation at Town Creek Academy, at ken in connexion with the ex- 12 million miles of the earth; Four Dollars to Four and half per month ... TUITION at One Dollar per lery, &c. Some few Dry Goods, ets, accounts most satisfactori- 5 millions; as it would have month for spelling, reading, writing, ly for their long absence, and done in 1759, had it come to its arithmetic, &c One Dollar and quarter for English grammar, geography, &c...Twenty Dollars per year for Latin and first rudiments of Greek.

MK. BENNETT.

20 Jan. 1832.

State of North-Carolina, EDGECOMBE COUNTY.

IN EQUITY. September Term, 1831. Margaret Brake, Dorris Brake, Barbara Brake, Wesley Brake, Willie Ricks and Polly his wife, formerly Polly Brake, and Henry Austin and Daniel Brake, of full age-of Mary Shirley, infant, by her guardian Nathan Shirleyof Dorsey Griffin, infant, by her guardian pro hac vice James Griffin-of Eliza, Matilda and Martha Brake, infants, by their guardian Dorris Brake, plaintiffs, vs. William Holland, de-

Petition for sale of Land. T appearing to the satisfaction of

the Court, that the defendant in this case is not a resident of this State: It is therefore ordered by the Court, that publication be made for six weeks, giving notice to the said defendant to appear at our next Superior Court of Law and Equity to be held for said county, at the Court-house in Tarborough, on the second Monday of March next, and plead, answer, or demur, or the petition will be taken pro confesso and set for hearing ex

Wilness, ISAAC NORFLEET, Clerk and Master of our said Court, at office, the second Monday of September, Anno Domini, 1831.

I. NORFLEET, C. M. E. Price adv \$3:50.

Randolph Macon College.

THE Preparatory School attached to Randolph Macon College, will be opened, and the operations will commence on the 16th of January, 1832, under the superintendence of the Rev. Lorenza Lea, A. M. Mr. Lea is a graduate of the University of North-Carolina, and for some time acted as tutor in that institution. The public may rest assured that no effort will be neglected by him to advance the students that may be committed to his care.

Tuition as follows, viz: English grammar, arithmetic, elements of astronomy and geogra-

fire, candles, &c. &c.) do.

phy, per session of five months, \$10 00 Greek & Latin languages, per do. 12 50 The above, with the addition of mathematics, do. Board, (including washing, lodging,

35 00

The Steward's Hall belonging to the institution is not yet finished; but board can be had at the above rates for a considerable number of students in a private family the most respectable; and on the 20th of April next another boarding house will be opened, at which any number can be accommodated at the same rates. There are two other very respectable families who will furnish board, &c. as above; but for which they will charge

\$40 per session. H. G. LEIGH, for the Com.

STORAGE.

At Hamilton.

THE Subscribers having just completed a large and commodious WAREHOUSE at this place, on the Roanoke, which is the head of steam boat navigation, will receive and ship Cotton or any other articles which may be sent to their care, agreeable to instructions. Those wishing to send produce to market by the way of Roanoke, will find it to their ad. vantage to deposit it at this place, as the steamboat can come here at all seasons of the year. Every attention will be paid to the receiving and delivery of such articles as may be forwarded to their care. Storage of Cotton, 121 cents-all other articles in proportion.

EXUM L. LOWE & CO. Hamilton, 30 Sept. 1831. 8

Copartnership.

IN consequence of Mr. BENNETT B. Bell having entered into Co. partnership with me, in the estable lishment

At Stantonsburg,

Which will be superintended by him in future, under the name of N. H. ROUNTREE & CO. I have returned to my old stand in Tarborough, where I intend to carry on a general

GROCERY BUSINESS,

And will constantly keep a supply of Sugar, Coffee, Molasses, Brandy, Rum and Whiskey - Oils, Paints, &c. Iron, Nails, Hardware, Cut. Hats, Shoes and Boots, together with many other articles not here named, all or any part of which I am disposed to sell as low or lower for cash, barter, or credit, than any house in the place; and will give the highest prices for baled or seed Cotton, in payment of debts or in exchange for goods; and hope by steady attention to business, together with my high prices for produce, and low prices for goods, to merit a liberal share of the public confidence and patronage.

N. H. ROUNTREE. Tarboro', 20th Dec. 1831.

Millinery, &c.

THE Subscriber informs her friends and the public, that she has just received her Fall Supply of articles in her line of business, viz: Pattern Velvet and Silk bonnets,

Leghorn, Dunstable, and Navarino de. Superb white and black ostrich feathers, Head dresses, ornaments, &c. Feathered and velvet Flowers, A great variety of ribbons, &c. &c.

The Subscriber still carries on the Millinery and Mantua-making business, in all its variety.

A. C. HOWARD. Nov. 5, 1831.

Gins & Fanning Mills,

THE Subscriber respectfully informs the public, that he continues to manufacture at his shop in Tarborough, near the bridge,

GINS & FANNING MILLS, Of the latest and most approved construction. He will make his work, as heretofore, in the best manner and as expeditiously as possible. Persons will please apply to Mr. BENJ. M. lackson, in my absence.

JOHN WILSON. Tarboro', Nov. 28, 1831. 15

PROPOSALS.

For publishing by Subscription, A CONCISE HISTORY OF THE Kehukee Baptist Association, From its original rise to the present time. BY ELDER JOSEPH BIGGS,

Under the supervision of a Committee appointed by the Kehukee Association.

PHIS work will be divided into two parts-Part 1st, will contain the History of the Kehukee Association from its first organization until the year 1803, as compiled by Elders BURKITT and READ, (omitting such parts of it as are considered superfluous.) Part 2d, will embrace a continuation of the History of the Association, until the present period, by Elder Joseph Biggs, &c.

CONDITIONS.

The work will be printed on good paper, with a fair type, and will make about 300 pages, duodecimo. It will be furnished to subscribers, neatly bound and lettered, zt \$1 per single copy, or \$10 per dozen. Nov. 7, 1831.

Persons holding Subscription opers will please send them, on or before the 1st of April next, to Elder Joseph Biggs, Williamstonor, to Geo. Howard, Tarboro' N. C.