

**MISCELLANEOUS.**



**WHAT IS THE WORLD?**

What is the world, and all its joys?  
Fleeting shades without a form.  
What are pleasure's gilded joys?  
It tinsel wears with every storm.  
What's the ball-room's giddy throng?  
Envy, care, and jealous fears.  
What's the play house' thrilling song?  
An interlude to mad'ning tears.  
What's the gambling house of woe?  
The carnal tomb of blasted fame,  
Where ambition's deadly blow  
Stabs the wretch—then steals his name.  
What's the goblet's ruby wine?  
Disgrace, with its attendant train,  
Where borrowed wit will often shine,  
Drawn from the fever'd throbbing brain.  
What is pleasure?—A name for pain.  
And happiness?—Ideal joy.  
What is love?—An iron chain,  
Drawn by a fickle, foolish boy.

**WHAT IS MASONRY?**

'Tis not to scan  
Thy fellow man  
And drive him from your door,  
Because one sin  
Is found within  
And he is old and poor.  
'Tis not to view  
A brother true  
Expos'd to winter's storm,  
Nor yield relief  
To sooth his grief,  
Of bread and garments warm.  
'Tis not to dry  
The widow's eye,  
With calculating care,  
Nor yet to hear,  
With careless ear,  
The orphan's anguish'd prayer.  
'Tis not to know  
A brother's woe,  
From slander's sharpest tooth,  
And join the cry,  
To aid the lie  
That triumphs over truth.  
But 'tis to be  
Of charity  
The herald and the hand;  
To feed the poor  
That seek your door,  
And clothe the naked band.  
And 'tis to know  
The widow's woe,  
To feel and to relieve,  
To wipe sincere  
The orphan's tear;  
And soothe the hearts that grieve.  
Freemasonry  
Is charity  
Upon a general scale,  
That feels for all,  
Both great and small  
And ne'er on earth can fail.  
From realms of light,  
In glory bright,  
The lovely genius came,  
Great nature smil'd  
Upon her child,  
And first pronounc'd her name.

**EPITAPH.**

Here lies my dear wife, a sad slattern  
and shrew:  
If I said I regretted her, I should lie too.

Extract of a letter from Mr. Jefferson to Major Cartwright, dated  
**Monticello June 5, 1824.**

With respect to our State and Federal Governments, I do not think their relations correctly understood by foreigners. They generally suppose the former subordinate to the latter. But this is not the case. They are co-ordinate departments of one simple and integral whole. To the State Governments are reserved all legislation and administration, in affairs which concern their own citizens only, and to the Federal Government is given whatever concerns foreigners, or the citizens of other States; these functions alone being made federal. The one is domestic, the other the foreign branch of the same government; neither having control over the other, but within its own department. There are one or two exceptions only to this partition of power. But, you may ask, if the two departments should claim each the same subject of power, where is the common umpire to decide ultimately between them? In cases of little importance or urgency, the prudence of both parties will keep them aloof from the questionable ground; but if it can neither be avoided

nor compromised, a convention of the States must be called, to ascribe the doubtful power to that department which they may think best. You will perceive by these details, that we have not yet so far perfected our constitutions as to venture to make them unchangeable. But still, in their present state, we consider them not otherwise changeable than by the authority of the people, on a special election of representatives for that purpose expressly: they are until then the *lex legum*.

But can they be made unchangeable? Can one generation bind another, and all others, in succession for ever? I think not. The Creator has made the earth for the living, not the dead. Rights and powers can only belong to persons, not to things, not to mere matter, unendowed with will. The dead are not even things. The particles of matter which composed their bodies, make part now of the bodies of other animals, vegetables, or minerals, of a thousand forms. To what then are attached the rights and powers they held while in the form of men? A generation may bind itself as long as its majority continues in life; when that has disappeared, another majority is in place, holds all the rights and powers their predecessors once held, and may change their laws and constitutions to suit themselves. Nothing then is unchangeable but the inherent and unalienable rights of man.

**Nullification in Alabama.**—At Mobile, lately, an action was brought before one of the county Justices by the Postmaster against the Captain of the steamboat Star, trading between Tuscaloosa and Mobile, for the recovery of the penalty prescribed by the 6th section of the post office law for carrying and delivering letters, without handing them over to the post office to be charged with postage. The justice declared that part of the act unconstitutional, and decreed that the penalty could not be recovered, and advanced some strong arguments in support of his decision. *Kal. Star.*

The Selma (Alabama) Argus says that Solicitor Eli B. Terry, jr. was killed on the 19th ult. while attempting to arrest a Mr. Reel.

**A Disclosure.**—By an advertisement in the Norfolk Herald, it appears that the mysteries of Mons. Chaubert are to be unveiled. Mr. Houghton, the celebrated American Fire King, promised to explain to all, who would attend his performance, the means by which his fiery experiments may be effected without injury, also the antidote to the poison, a mystery with which Mons. Chaubert has so long astonished the world. Mons. Chaubert intends publishing by subscription a work on chemistry, in which he discloses his antidote for poison.

**Blacks in Ohio.**—It will be recollected, says the Zanesville (Ohio) Gazette, that a pretty severe bill was reported last winter, but it was postponed to the first of December next. The law therefore stands as contained in the revised statutes of the preceding term. By that law it is provided that no resident of the State shall employ, harbor or conceal any black or mulatto person, who has not given security according to law, under

a penalty of \$100, one half to the informer, and the other half to the poor of the township in which the colored person shall reside. And the employer, moreover, makes himself liable for the maintenance of the negro should he become unable to support himself. It would be well for those interested to consult the law at large.

**Answer to a challenge.**—The eccentric H. H. Brackenridge, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, when a young man, was challenged to fight a duel by an English officer, when he answered as follows:—

"I have two objections to this duel matter. The one is lest I should hurt you, and the other is lest you should me. I do not see any good it would do me to put a ball through your body, for I could make no use of you when dead, for any culinary purpose, as I would a rabbit or a turkey; I am no cannibal to feed on flesh of men. Why then shoot down a human being of which I could make no use? For though your flesh might be delicate and tender, it wants the firmness and consistency which takes and retains salt. At any rate, it would not be fit for a long sea voyage. You might make a good barbecue, it is true, being of the nature of a raccoon or possum: but the people are not in the habit of barbecuing any thing that is new, now. As to your hide, it is not worth taking off, being little better than a two year old colt. So much for you. As to myself, I do not like to stand in the way of any thing that is harmful. I am under the impression that you might hit me. This being the case, I think it most advisable to stay at a distance. If you want to try your pistols, take some object, a tree or barn door, about my dimensions. If you hit that, send me word, and I shall acknowledge that if I had been in the same place, you might have hit me."

**A seven-fold intermarriage.**—A pretty considerable piece of matrimonial business has lately been transacted at Saco, Maine. On Christmas Eve, the Rev. Wm. Jenkins married Theophilus, Richard, Thomas, Titus, Jonathan, Ebenezer, and John Hutcherson—to Miss Martha, Eliza, Sarah Ann, Mary, Judith, Virginia, and Peggy Wells.

**Literary Notice.**

THE HON. WILLIAM GASTON will deliver the Annual Address before the two Literary Societies at Chapel Hill, on Wednesday, the 20th of June next, (the day immediately preceding Commencement day.) A comment on the competency of that gentleman to discharge the duty assigned him is deemed unnecessary—But it is hoped, from the pre-eminent station which he occupies as a jurist, a politician, a scholar and an orator, that the attention of the public, and especially the Alumni of the University, will be sufficiently attracted to ensure a respectable concourse of visitors on that occasion.

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**State of North-Carolina,**

EDGECOMBE COUNTY.  
*Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions,*  
FEBRUARY TERM, 1832.

Benjamin T. Stanton & others,  
vs.  
Lemuel D. Berry, Adm'r of  
James Stanton, Sen. and  
James M. Stanton,

Appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that JAMES M. STANTON, one of the defendants, is not a resident of this State: *It is therefore ordered.* That publication be made in the North Carolina Free Press for six weeks, that the said James M. Stanton appear at the next term of this Court, to be held at the Court-house in Tarborough, on the fourth Monday of May next, then and there to answer the allegations of the said petition: otherwise the said petition will be taken pro confesso as to him, and set for hearing accordingly.

Witness, MICHAEL HEARN, Clerk of said Court, at office, the fourth Monday of February, 1832.

MICHAEL HEARN, C. C.  
Price adv \$3: 50. 33-6

**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.

**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 do. 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.

**CHARTS.**

**E. P. NASH & CO.** have for sale the following **CHARTS** of the very latest edition:  
Chart of the West Indies,  
do. of Bahama Banks & Florida Coast,  
do. Southern coast of the United States from New York to St. Augustine,  
do. North East coast of N. America,  
do. of the Mississippi,  
do. of the Western ocean,  
do. extending from New York to Havana, embracing the surveys made by order of the government of the United States of the coast of North Carolina,  
do. East coast United States,  
As well as a number of others equally valuable.  
ALSO, Ward's Lunar Tables, Blunt's American Coast Pilot, Nautical Almanacks, Bowditch's Navigator, &c.  
Norfolk, Va. March 28, 1832.

**A Patriotic Discourse,**

**DELIVERED** by the Rev. Joshua Lawrence, at the Old Church in Tarborough, on Sunday, 4th of July, 1830, (second edition) for sale at this Office. Price, 10 cents single, or \$1 per dozen. Tarboro', 1832

**\$25 REWARD.**

RAN AWAY from the Subscriber, in May Court week last, a bright mulatto boy named

**JOHN,**

About 19 or 20 years of age, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, thick set and well built—he has a scar under his jaw, (I think the left jaw,) and thick ankles. He is a shrewd fellow, and will perhaps alter his name and attempt to pass as a free man. His father is a free negro, named Hardy Lassiter, living on Toisnot. The above reward will be given for John's apprehension, if delivered to me in Edgecombe county, or secured in any jail so that I can get him again. All persons are hereby forbid harboring, employing, or carrying off said boy, under the penalty of the law.

**SAMUEL FARMER.**

Nov. 28, 1831. 33  
The Roanoke Advocate will insert the above three times, and forward acc't to this office.

**List of Letters,**

Remaining in the Post-Office at Tarborough, on the 1st day of April, 1832, which if not called for and taken out before the 1st day of July next, will be sent to the General Post-Office as dead letters.

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| Anderson Joshua L. | Lawrence P P             |
| Baker Moses        | Lawrence Wright          |
| Barnes Newsom      | Lively Geo W             |
| Baxter Mrs M B     | Mann Daniel              |
| Bell Bythal I      | May Drury Esq            |
| Bell Ricky         | May Drury or next friend |
| Bullock Robert     |                          |
| Ceach Miller       | Mercer Jacob jun         |
| Collins Patrick    | Parker Thomas            |
| Cromwell Eliz'h    | Philips Miss S E 2       |
| Daniel Dempsey     | Philips Dr Eth'd         |
| Dew Zachariah      | Pitt J P                 |
| Draughton Wm 2     | Potts Dr J W             |
| Dunning Lorenzo    | Procter Wm               |
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| Frizzle Henry H    | Sawyer Isaac 2           |
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| Harrell Jesse      | Smith A T Esq            |
| Hays Jesse         | Thigpen James            |
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| Hopkins Miss Mar   | Walton Dr James          |
| Horn Wm            | Ward Rosley              |
| Hunter Miss AMCG   | Warren Joshua            |
| Hyman Arthur B     | Worsley William          |
| Jackson Mrs Prisa  | Worrell Ferraby          |
| Johnson R M        | Wilkerson Ben'jn         |
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60 J. R. LLOYD, P. M.

Constables' Blanks for sale AT THIS OFFICE.

**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. JACKSON, in my absence.

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

**NOTICE.**

ALL those indebted to the Subscribers by account, are requested to call and close them by cash or note.  
**KING & GATLIN.**  
Tarboro', Jan. 19, 1832.

**NOTICE.**

BY virtue of an Act of the General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina, passed at the last session, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Tarborough and Hamilton Rail Road Company," the undersigned Commissioners therein named, give notice that Books will be opened for subscriptions on the 31st day of March next, at the following places, under the direction of the following persons, viz:—at Tarborough, under the direction of Michael Hearn, Theophilus Parker and Spencer D. Cotten—in the town of Hamilton, under the direction of James L. G. Baker, William R. Bennett and Exum L. Lowe—in the town of Williamston, under the direction of James B. Slade, James Shaw and Henry Gray—in the borough of Norfolk, Va. under the direction of James Gordon, John Newton and John B. Roy—in Elizabeth City, N. C. under the direction of John L. Bailey, William Gregory and Charles R. Kinney.

It is confidently believed that no stock has heretofore been offered to the citizens of North-Carolina, which has had so many claims to their attention as the present Rail Road, whether individual profit or the general prosperity of the country be taken into the estimate. It will connect two rivers and make a safe and speedy market for all the produce which shall be collected at Tarborough, the most prosperous town on Tar river. The distance is short, the intervening country level, and the most durable timber is to be had conveniently on the whole route. When this Rail Road shall be completed, our neighbors of the counties of Nash, Franklin, Wake, Greene, Wayne and Pitt, will find a ready market for all their surplus produce at the highest price, either at Tarborough, Hamilton, or Norfolk. We deem it useless to say more to induce subscriptions to this stock. The Company will be organized when 300 shares shall be subscribed. The Commissioners will make returns to us of their proceedings and amount of stock subscribed, with the names of the subscribers, by the first day of June next.

Michael Hearn, }  
Theo. Parker, } Com'rs.  
S. D. Cotten, }  
Feb. 27, 1832. 28

The Raleigh Star, Elizabeth City Star, and Norfolk Herald will please insert the above until the 1st June next, and forward acc't to this office.

**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.

THIS 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, at \$1 per single copy, or \$10 per dozen. Nov. 7, 1831.

Persons holding Subscription papers will please send them, on or before the 1st of April next, to Elder JOSEPH BIGGS, Williamston—or, to Geo. Howard, Tarboro' N. C.