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Persons writing to us on business should confer a great favor by giving their Post Office address; also that of each individual for whom they write.

The Editor is absent on business this week. His Sub. is responsible for the original matter which appears in the present number.

The Recorder.

In the absence of the Editor, we will take the liberty of making an appeal in behalf of the Recorder. Should his gallantry take exceptions, why, on his return, he can just correct what is incorrect and better that which is bad. Whilst a volunteer scribbler may expect no thanks for his pains, he has the consolation of knowing that his readers cannot change him with being impelled by a selfish feeling in his well-meant effort to promote the circulation of our denominational organ.

The Recorder should be in every Baptist family in the State. It is the acknowledged organ of the church. It contains matter of interest to every Baptist—facts which all should possess. Hence, as we conceive, it is the duty of all, who are able, to subscribe for it. That family which takes no religious newspaper must be woefully ignorant of the condition of the church, and of what is transpiring in the religious world. To be without a religious paper is like being shut up in some dark corner, where only an occasional ray of light finds access. Ignorance of the state of the church and of christian progress, is one great obstacle in the way of the putting forth of that full and successful effort which the people of God are capable of making, and which they are bound by the requirements of the Gospel to make. For want of that kind of intelligence which is conveyed mainly through books and newspapers, many of our congregations are dwarfish, badly managed and positively inefficient. The family itself, in all its members, must derive great benefit and improvement from the weekly perusal of a good paper. The Recorder meets all our demands; and the above considerations should prompt all our brethren to subscribe for it.

There is another argument we cannot omit. The paper now belongs to a company of brethren who are trying to sustain it for the sake of the cause it advocates. They employ an editor and a publisher, and the profits arising from the payments of subscribers and the advertising department, have to support the enterprise. Now when it is known that the subscription list contains only two thousand names, and that the advertising is limited, it will evidently appear that the net profits of the concern are very small. All are interested in the prosperity of the Recorder, and they should come up manfully to the support of those who are bearing the burden. The paper ought to have ten thousand subscribers. The more it has, the better able will the owners be to furnish a large, well-conducted and useful journal; for the extent of patronage must in a measure govern the paper in these respects. It is a shame that in a State of such a large Baptist population as N. Carolina, the Recorder should have so few subscribers. The denomination is greatly dependent for its usefulness on the circulation of its organ. Up, then, friends! and with the beginning of the New Year, let us commence our efforts to see who can do the most to extend the circulation of the Recorder. All can do something.

A brother inquires "if it is right and according to scripture for a Baptist to have fiddling and dancing at his house, or for a member of the Baptist church to dance." We know of no principle in religion which makes it right, and of no precept of Scripture which enjoins "fiddling and dancing" as a christian duty! We would, therefore, conclude that it is unscriptural to "fiddle and dance," as a species of dissipation. Whether it be right for a christian to dance, we think depends on circumstances. For an individual to dance for exercise, as he would walk or ride, is certainly harmless. But to attend Balls and Parties where dancing is practised as an amusement or dissipation, we think is decidedly wrong; and members of the Baptist church, who persist in such conduct, after admonition, should be expelled from the church. Church members should either so act as to commend religion to others and avoid dishonoring the cause of Christ, or else go to the world where they will find more congenial associations. For our part we cannot see why the votaries of pleasure and folly desire to hold a place among christians, or why the church should hesitate to exclude such as soon as their true character is developed. In all cases where sins are not expressly forbidden in the scriptures, the church must exercise its best judgment in the application of the general principles of the gospel.

Rev. A. B. Alderman, sent \$2. but as he neglected to mention his Post Office, his name cannot be found. If subscribers who remit us money daily, will be particular to state their Post Office, it will insure due credit for amount sent, and save needless trouble and labor. Unless we know the Post Office, when money is sent, or a discontinuance is requested, it becomes necessary to look over two thousand names to find them, and as subscribers names are not at present alphabetically arranged, it consumes much time, and should there be 2 or 3 subscribers having the same name, we are at a loss who to credit. We have frequently made this request, and hope our friends will remember it. They will save needless passing at names and Post Office, by writing a plain legible name. If there was only an occasional letter received, which we cannot read correctly, or which requires us to look over the entire list to find a name. We would not say a word but about numbers of these reach us almost daily.

We acknowledge the receipt of the following Minutes:

Minutes of the 6th annual meeting of the Red River Baptist Association, held Sept. 1854, in Clark co., Ark. From the statistics we learn that during the year the churches received by baptism 169, by letter 84, and have in fellowship a total of 937.

Minutes of the 17th annual meeting of the Soline River Baptist Association, held Sept. 1854, in Dallas county, Arkansas. Additions by letter and baptism 198; in fellowship 1222.

These are both missionary bodies. They transacted much important business connected with the cause of Christ, which we have no room to notice in detail.

Minutes of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention for Missionary Purposes—This body held its 7th anniversary in Dallas co., the last of September, 1854. President, Jesse Hartwell, D. D.; Samuel Stevenson, Sec. It is a weak body, and is struggling hard in his infancy for an existence. Its objects are highly commendable, and we bid our brethren, who are its faithful friends, God speed, and fervently pray their efforts may prove successful.

REMARKABLE ADVENTURES OF CELEBRATED PERSONS.—This work we have just received from the Publisher, Robert Sears of New York. It is a beautiful illustrated volume of 410 pages, embracing the romantic incidents and adventures in the lives of sovereigns, queens, generals, princes, travelers, warriors, adventurers, voyagers, etc. eminent in the history of Europe and America. This is quite an interesting book, altogether moral in its tone, and well worth the perusal of any who may wish now and then to turn from sober mental labors to enjoy an hour in the shades of a refreshing literature. Its incidents are drawn from authentic history, and are intended to profit as well as please the reader. For sale by the publisher.

We learn, by a private letter from Mr. A. Nobles, that an affray took place in Columbus county, on the 25th inst., between Dr. Fellds, and Francis Stephens, which resulted in the death of the latter. He received three shots in the back with a knife, and then had his throat cut, dying in about two minutes afterwards. The Murderer made his escape, and was still at large, when our correspondent wrote.

The Rev. W. M. Kennedy will please accept our thanks for new subscribers, and funds sent this week. His wishes are complied with. Rev. W. M. Kennedy's correspondents will please direct their letters to Warsaw, instead of Kenasville, as heretofore. James Majett Jr., Newson's Depot, Va., is credited by \$2 received Nov. 3rd, and his name entered on our list, we know not why he does not get his paper.

Our thanks are tendered to Rev. E. Dodson, for another list of subscribers, and cash, which comes in good time.

S. W. Whiting, Esq., President of the Manteo Paper Manufacturing Company, died at his residence in this city, on Tuesday last.

The correspondents of Eller Aaron Jones, Jr., are informed that his address hereafter will be Clarksville, Va.

Letters have been received at this office from Bro. Yates, of China, Dr. Mrs. Anne Maring, and Wm. Yates, Esq., which will be sent according to directions.

We call attention to the advertisement of the American Baptist Memorial, found in another column. The offer of premiums is unusually liberal, and ought to enlist many agents for the Memorial, for the sake of the profits if nothing else. But the Memorial is a good Magazine of the kind, and claims patronage on the ground of its own merits.

See advertisement of the Springfield Male and Female Institution. The next session will commence on Monday the 8th of January.

We call attention to the advertisement of the Oxford Female Academy, under the supervision of S. L. Venable, Esq., found in another column.

COMMUNICATIONS.

For the Recorder.

Mr. EDWIN, Dear Sir.—On the evening of the 15th of December, we had the pleasure of attending the Concert of music, vocal and instrumental, given by the pupils of the Metropolitan Female Seminary, at the close of the second session. Owing to the alarm of parents, created by the reports of the prevalence of scarlet fever in the city, and other causes principally of an afflictive nature, several of the young ladies were withdrawn from the school just before the time appointed for the concert, which developed the performance of a great variety of pieces upon a very limited number. But we are sure, from the evident signs of approval, that the crowded auditor was more than pleased. We regarded it as a musical treat. The performances of the pupils, all of whom were very young, were in the highest degree gratifying, and clearly evinced the skill of their accomplished teachers and the industry of their own application. Indeed we have never witnessed a similar exhibition that was more completely successful, or that reflected greater credit upon those interested.

We are happy to learn that Mr. McDowell's School will open its next session under circumstances highly flattering and of bright promise. He is a gentleman well qualified for the position he occupies, and is assisted by a corps of competent teachers. His Seminary deserves, as we hope it will receive, a very liberal patronage. Those having daughters to educate, and who wish them to enjoy the advantages of the Metropolitan, may safely commit them to Mr. McDowell's care, fully assured that their moral and mental training will be wisely and faithfully managed. The temporary removal of the school, which existed during a part of the Fall, are now removed, and Raleigh may be regarded as one of the healthiest places in the section of the State. Similar occurrences may be expected in every town. No case of sickness occurred in the Seminary during the Session.

For the Recorder.

YANCVILLE, N. C., Dec. 15, 1854.

MY DEAR BROTHER:—On yesterday I received an excellent and interesting letter from sister Yates, the wife of the beloved representative of the North Carolina Baptists among the Chinese. It left Shanghai on the last day of July, reached San Francisco Nov. 16th, and in less than one month from that time was in my hands. The families of brethren Yates, Burton, Cabanis, Crawford and Pearey were in usual health. Both brother and sister Pearey still continue feeble, although able to attend to their customary avocations. The North Carolina Mission House and the dwelling formerly occupied by bro. Shuck were soon to be repaired and inhabited by the five Mission families. Both buildings had suffered from chance balls from the cannons of the contending Chinese. At the time of writing, brother Yates and family were in the habit of spending the day in our own Mission House, and the night in the house of the Methodist missionaries now occupied by Mr. Cunningham in the absence of Mr. Taylor, who is now in the United States. A guard of U. S. soldiers being near this Mission House, renders it safest night. In the day time there is no fear that the Chinese will attack the dwellings of the Missionaries.

The Presbyterian missionaries were daily expecting additional members, then on their voyage across this country.

A Chinese woman connected with the Baptist Mission was manifesting considerable interest in the teachings of the missionaries.

The visit of the vessel of war to Nankin had changed the opinions of many in respect to the religious phase of the rebellion. "Fanaticism seems rife, and success has wrought a spirit of haughtiness and insolence, which unless laid aside, will certainly bring trouble upon themselves."

"The time for the renewal of treaties with China is near at hand, and neither America, nor England, nor France will be satisfied with the privileges at present enjoyed. Troublesome times are before us. When we last heard from Ning-po they were in trouble there.

"I think it is nearly or quite a month since there has been a fire in the North part of the city. Some shots carelessly fired from the wall strike very near us sometimes—one fell on Mr. Cunningham's verandah the other evening. The officers declare that it is done without their knowledge, and indeed we do not suppose there is any wish to harm us. It is only a sort of bravado to the Imperialists encamped outside, and a shot intended to go West, is often sent North by the Imperialists gunners. There are frequent battles at the South gate."

In a note written subsequently, sister Yates says: "There was a grand attack upon the city early yesterday morning both by water and by land. The wall was blown up in two places near the South gate. The Imperialists are said to have penetrated nearly to Yok Jau Loong. There the rebels had placed a cannon which mowed them down like grass and sent all who escaped alive flying back. We have not yet received any reliable account of the loss sustained by either side. The Imperialists ought to know by this time that they cannot take the city by force of arms.

"As soon as it is quiet enough around here I intend to open my school for girls."

It is to be hoped that our brethren in this favored land will not cease to make mention in their prayers of the condition of the Chinese, beseeching the Great Ruler to direct the affairs of this poor misguided people, that the cause of Christ may be advanced, and many of the heathen turning from their dumb idols to serve the living God.

We ought not to despair because clouds now overshadow our prospects in China. These clouds will before long all be scattered, and we if patient and persevering, relying for success wholly on the right arm of the Lord, shall be permitted to hear of multitudes brought through our effort to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus.

May much success attend your labors in the chair editorial.

Fraternally, THOMAS W. TOBEY.

For the Recorder.

Mr. EDWIN, Dear Sir.—As most of my patrons are readers of your paper, and as some apprehension was felt by them at the close of the last session that I might be induced to accept an invitation extended to me about that time, to take the charge of another institution, I deem it proper to state to them that that invitation has been declined, and that I shall remain permanently in my present position, and employ all my means and energy to render my school here as efficient as possible. Though the situation to which I was invited, was one which promised much usefulness, and was in many respects desirable, yet I could not feel that it would be right to abandon a position so important as the one I at present occupy. The number and influence of the Baptist denomination in the State demand that they should have a strong and efficient church at the capital, and nothing, except an efficient ministry, can contribute so much to the attainment of this desirable end as a flourishing and well conducted school.

A school of high character here would not only add greatly to the influence of the denomination in the city, but it would attract the attention of visitors and strangers, and thus its influence would be felt to the remotest parts of the State. Well conducted schools of any equal facilities will be vastly more influential at the capital of the State than at any other place. Hence every Baptist must look with favor upon an effort to establish a school of high character at the Metropolis, whether it is in his power to patronize it or not. Hence also those who patronize the Metropolitan School accomplish a twofold object, they educate their daughters, and under circumstances most advantageous to them, and at the same time contribute in a larger measure to the influence of the denomination.

These are important considerations in which the whole denomination is interested, and neither private interest nor sectional preferences should be permitted to rob them of their force.

Fraternally yours, &c.

A. McDOWELL.

Raleigh, Dec. 23rd, 1854.

[For the Recorder.]

At a regular meeting of the Milton Baptist Church, held on Saturday before the 2d Sabbath in December, A. D. 1854, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS It has pleased Almighty God, whose ways are as inscrutable as wise, to remove from our midst, and from the scene of his earthly labors, our dearly beloved brother NATH. J. FALWELL; and whereas our departed brother was chiefly instrumental in gathering, organizing, and sustaining up

to the day of his death, the Baptist Church in Milton, as well as an ardent supporter, and an earnest advocate of our distinctive principles, and our denominational interests generally, therefore,

1st. Resolved, That in the death of brother Palmer, the denomination generally, and the church in particular, have sustained an irreparable loss, for we can truly say that "we have no man like minded."

2d. Resolved, That as a church, we will affectionately cherish the memory of brother Palmer, as an example of energy, activity, liberality, and self-sacrificing devotion, worthy of imitation, that we will endeavor to carry out and urge forward to the extent of our ability, the purposes he so fondly cherished, and the improvement he so earnestly advocated, that though we feel that we have lost a leader, whose counsels and whose faith, gave great efficiency to our efforts, yet we rejoice that we can yet stay ourselves upon God, that his blessed name is yet to us a "tower of strength," and that in him confiding we may yet continue earnestly to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints.

3d. Resolved, That while our deceased brother was by his promptness, energy, and industry, necessarily foremost in devising and urging forward every good work among us, yet we feel that it is due to him to say that he was ever as a brother among brethren; that he never urged his opinion or his purposes against the ascertained wishes of his brethren; that he ever studied "the things that make for peace;" that he was kind, conciliatory, and self-denying in all those relations in which as a member and an officer of a church of Jesus Christ he was called to act.

4th. Resolved, That while we bow with humble submission to this afflictive dispensation of divine providence, believing His "judgment concerning all things to be right;" yet we cannot but "weep with those who weep," and therefore tender our sincere condolences to the family and friends of our deceased brother, praying that God will sweeten this bitter cup of affliction with the consoling and sanctifying power of that Gospel which was to our brother an unfailing source of comfort in all his peculiar trials, of which he had many.

5th. Resolved, That the above preamble and resolutions be entered on the record of the church, and that a copy thereof be furnished the family of our deceased brother; and that another copy be sent to the Biblical Recorder for publication, with the request that the Religious Herald will copy.

In behalf of the church,

AARON JONES, JR., Chairman.

Milton, Dec. 16, 1854.

[For the Recorder.]

At a regular meeting of the Milton Baptist Church, held on Saturday, Dec. 16, 1854, the following preamble and resolutions were read and unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS We the undersigned, have been appointed a committee to prepare suitable resolutions, expressive of the feelings of this Church, relative to our esteemed pastor, Rev. Aaron Jones, Jr., leaving us. Therefore,

1st. Resolved, That we regard brother Jones as an able and efficient minister, and that he has discharged his duties as pastor faithfully and satisfactorily during the time he has been with us.

2d. Resolved, That this Church entertain for brother Jones the highest degree of esteem and christian love, and that whilst we regret his loss to our Church and Association, yet we pray that the new connection he is about to form will be blessed not only to his spiritual and temporal good, but that he may be the instrument in the hands of God of doing much good in his new field of labor.

3d. Resolved, That a copy of the above preamble and resolutions be presented to brother Jones; that a copy be sent to the Biblical Recorder for publication, and that they be entered on the records of the Church.

In behalf of the Church,

JOEL B. WALTERS, } Com.

Geo. W. THOMPSON, } Com.

A. G. STEVENS, } Com.

REVIVAL INTELLIGENCE.

REVIVALS.—A great revival has taken place in the State University of Mississippi; which has resulted in the conversion of seventy of the students. Also in Greensboro, N. C. a letter dated the 10th inst. says that fifty conversions of young ladies have taken place in the Edgeworth Female Seminary.

The Western Recorder reports a revival at Bethel church Kentucky, 45 received for baptism—five from the Reformers, and one baptized Methodist; at Caney Fork church, Ky., 63 were received into membership, 51 by baptism, the remainder from the Reformers and Cumberland Presbyterians with one restored. Flumb Creek church had received an addition of 21.

The Tennessee Baptist reports revivals at Mount Prairie church, Mo., 23 baptized; at Belview church, Texas, 15 baptized; Mount Olivet church, do, 12; in Nacogdoches county, do, 18; Salem church, Ala., 46, Oak Grove, church, Ark., 30; Ash Grove church, do., 18; New Hope church, do, 16.

BAPTISMS IN RICHMOND.—On Lord's-day, the 19th inst., Elder J. Porter, pastor of the Second Colored Baptist church, baptized 12 candidates; last Lord's day Dr. Howell baptized 3, and Elder Watkins 2, making 20 recently added to the church on Oregon Hill.

FALWELL CO.—Rev. Henry A. Wyer, late of Princeton Theological Seminary, and son of Rev. H. O. Wyer of Savannah was ordained as pastor, in Fauquier County, Va., upon the fifth of November last. We learn there has been considerable religious interest in the church over which Bro. Wyer has just settled, and that he has already baptized three candidates. Bro. Wyer is greatly beloved by all who know him, and we predict for him eminent usefulness in the ministry.

REVIVAL IN WASHINGTON.—The whole country is interested in the news of revival in Washington. The True Union states that a real work of the spirit is manifest in the First Church.

On Sunday night, Nov. 26, two persons were baptized. The night following seven more were buried with their Saviour. Among these has been a daughter of the pastor, and children of some of the older members of the church. Two or three students of the college are among the hopeful converts.

At the new church on 13th st., there has been quite an interest manifested. Five youths, three of them sons of the pastor, were baptized on Sunday night week, and three young ladies last night. A deep seriousness seems to pervade the congregations at the other churches, and there is an unusual spirit of prayer.

MORE BAPTISMS.—The Senior Editor of this paper has baptized three candidates at Mountain Page on Sunday last. One other was approved for Baptism, and a flattering prospect for many others soon.—Carolina Baptist.

MISCELLANEOUS.

What a Baptist!!

Not many days since, (as we are informed,) a Baptist was in town from an adjoining County, who brought with him a barrel of spirit-hull, to sell. "Well, what a Baptist!" We are commanded to "pray without ceasing, and in all things to give thanks." Wonder if this disciple gave thanks when he saw that his liquor bore a good head! He came from towards the east, but we suppose he was not a deacon of John the Baptist, for that old brother drank neither wine nor strong drink, and of course did not make brandy. We learn that he tarried in jail the night after he arrived—here—a more suitable place for such a Baptist than the sanctuary.—"We unto him that giveth his neighbor drink that putteth his bottle to him and maketh him drunken also." How long will some Churches continue to be partakers of the sins of those who make, sell, and drink strong drink? How long shall the withering wo, pronounced by the God of heaven against this abominable traffic, be applicable to Church members? Will not God hold the Church accountable which retains in her fellowship, men against whom he has pronounced a wo?—Carolina Baptist.

THE NEWS IN '91. Sixty-three years ago, when the present oldest inhabitant was young and vigorous, and Norfolk was rising, Phenix like, from the ruins of the fearful conflagration that had raged throughout its length and breadth, and like a sea of fire deluged and swept away the town, and the roar of the Revolution had died away, and peace and prosperity had commenced their reign, the citizens on opening the newspaper of the borough, the "Chronicle" of the passing events, of the day, often found, as at the present time, strange and interesting intelligence, foreign and domestic, local and general.

The following news appeared in the columns of the Norfolk and Portsmouth Chronicle, on the 1st October of the above year, and though nearly two generations have passed, and change after change in men, in States, kingdoms and empires, has taken place since it was sent forth from the press, it may be read with interest by some of the news-loving citizens of the present day:

On Tuesday, the 20th ult., the President of the United States, with his Lady, arrived, in good health, at Mount Vernon.

On Monday, the 19th ult., the Managers for receiving Subscriptions to the Dismal Swamp Canal met at the town of Halifax, in the State of North Carolina. On examining their books it appeared that a sufficient number of shares were subscribed to give effect to the law, as it respected the incorporation of the Company. The subscribers present then proceeded to the election of a President and Directors, and the following gentlemen were chosen, viz: ROBERT ANDREWS, Esq., of the City of Williamsburg, President; THOMAS NEWSON, and JOHN BORSUM, Esqs., of the town of Norfolk, and JOHN COPPER, and BENJAMIN JONES, Esqs., of the State of North Carolina, Directors.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman in Philadelphia, to his friend in this town.

"I am concerned to inform you we have this day received an account of the blacks having risen on the whites in Hispaniola, within 20 miles of the Cape, and that they had murdered a considerable number of them.

"A vessel was dispatched to America with this disagreeable information, and have it, it is said, applied to Congress for assistance. When the vessel was on her departure, fourteen plantations were set on fire by the negroes, and when this terrible destruction would end, there was no saying. An embargo was laid on all shipping, so that there was no knowing when they would get away; the vessels that were ready to leave this place, have declined going. If any information should be received I will use no time in sending it forward to you.

"In consequence of these disturbances the produce of that island has taken a rise of 25 per cent."

At the celebration of the Anniversary of the French revolution, on the 4th of July in the city of London, among the toasts which were drunk on the occasion, was, "Gen. WASHINGTON and the Liberty of North America."

The volunteers and inhabitants at large in the town of Belfast, in Ireland, celebrated the anniversary of the French revolution, in a very spirited and splendid manner. The day was also celebrated in like manner in other parts of Ireland. Among the toasts drunk on the occasion was, "WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON, and the Free States of America."—Largus.

Secular Intelligence.

The accident on the ice at Albany.

We have already noticed the breaking through of the ice of the Hudson River Railroad mail sleigh at Albany, and the narrow escape of a number of passengers, on Tuesday, but the following are additional particulars. Mr. Frederick Stabo, a German, who was one of the passengers, says:

"I was a passenger on the sleigh from East Albany which broke through—occupied a seat about midway from the driver and the end. As we entered the ferry cut, the rear end of the sleigh commenced sinking, and immediately the ice gave way, the sleigh continuing to sink. The horses also broke through the ice. I think there were about twenty persons in the sleigh at the time. Several persons jumped out on the ice. A young man who sat near me reached the solid ice, and I took hold of his coat and was helped out. I was in the water nearly up to my neck. When I reached the solid ice the heads of the horses were all that could be seen above water. I assisted two ladies out. One was almost entirely under water. I took hold of her clothing near her neck, and as I raised her up she grabbed my arm, and was thus drawn upon the ice. The second lady when she reached the water, was near the horses, I got hold of her arm and pulled her out. The ice near the sleigh sunk down, and the water covered it for some distance. While assisting the ladies out, I was in the water up to my knees. I think all were rescued. Several men from the ferry boats came to our assistance and helped a number of passengers out of the sleigh and water."

Three of the ladies who were in the sleigh at the time of the accident were in the Stanwix Hall, where we found Mr. Stabo. Their names were Mrs. J. Reynolds and niece, of Hudson, and Mrs. E. W. Wilson, of New York. The three were saturated with water, and very much chilled, but being provided with dry clothing by Mrs. Ditton of the Stanwix, and with attentive aid, they were rapidly recovering from their fright.—The whole party in the sleigh were in a dreadful condition, as they were pulled from the sleigh or through the water on the ice. The horses and sleigh were got out soon after the passengers were rescued.

The crossing is still kept up at the foot of State street, and at the North and South ferries, on the ice.

CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23. In the SENATE to-day Mr. Brothhead presented a memorial from the Philadelphia Board of Trade asking the adoption of measures for the relief of Dr. Kane. He also gave notice that he would call up the bill for the relief of the soldiers of 1812 next week.

Mr. Sumner submitted a resolution, that the Committee on Commerce be directed to consider the matter, if any legislation is needed to secure the wages of merchant seamen in case of shipwreck. Passed.

Mr. Douglas introduced a bill appropriating one thousand dollars for expenses incurred over the annual appropriation of the current year.—These expenses were unavoidable, in consequence of the decease of Gov. Burt, of Kansas. Passed.

A great many local bills were presented and referred.

In the HOUSE, a Senate bill re-appointing Messrs. Chota and Hawley, Regents of the Smithsonian Institute was passed.

Mr. Bridges moved the passage of a resolution preventing the importation of foreign paupers which was adopted.

Mr. Hunt moved that the Secretary of the Navy enquire into the expediency of establishing a Naval Depot at New Orleans.

Mr. Letcher offered a resolution which was adopted, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to enquire into the expediency of a Bill making null and void the law in Minnesota chartering the Northwest Railroad.

Mr. Colt introduced a bill amending the law of last session graduating the price of public lands. Postponed one week.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.

In the Senate a communication was received from the Secretary of War relative to improvements in Rock River Rapids. Mr. Johnson moved its re-consideration, pending the consideration of territorial bills, which was agreed to.

After transacting other unimportant business, the Senate adjourned.

In the HOUSE, Mr. Farley, from the Committee on Territories, reported back with amendments the Senate bill for the construction of a submarine telegraph from the Mississippi to the Missouri river to the Pacific.

The Senate bill continuing in force for a limited period the act for settling private land claims in California, was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on the army appropriation and post office bills and passed both under the operation of the previous question.

Mr. Noble introduced a bill making an appropriation for continuing the works of public improvement at Monroe, Michigan. The bill was appropriately referred, when the House adjourned till Saturday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.

The Senate met informally to-day, agreeably to previous arrangement, there being only a few members present, and without transacting any business of moment adjourned over until Tuesday. The House will meet to-morrow in the same way, and also adjourn until Tuesday.

Extensive preparations are making for celebrating the New Year. All business to be suspended. It is asserted here by those who profess to know, that Col. Steptoe will positively refuse to accept the Governorship of Utah—that the office will consequently go a begging.

TWO WEEKS LATER FROM CALIFORNIA.—A Million and a half in Treasure.

The steamer George Law, Lieut. Fox, U. S. N. Commander, left Aspinwall on the 16th inst. and arrived at New York on the afternoon of the 25th.

The George Law connected with the steamship Sonora, which sailed from San Francisco on the 1st inst., with \$1,851,275 gold on board.

CALIFORNIA MATTERS.

Mr. Edward Gavin died suddenly in the street at Sacramento, on Sunday evening, the 25th ult., from a hemorrhage of the lungs. Mr. Gavin formerly resided in Baltimore.

Dr. John F. Morse, of "Bon Ton Critic" notoriety, and his particular friend, David S. Dixon, were convicted yesterday, in the Court of Sessions, of stealing a watch from the room of a lodger at Wagon's Exchange, and sentenced, Morse to five years, and Dixon to one year's confinement in the State prison.

Three Indians, concerned in the recent murder of Mr. A. French, on the Klathath river, were brought to Crescent City on the 17th, and hung on the 20th.

The Indians are very troublesome to the whites in Shasta. They recently ran off with one lion and ninety head of stock, including a number of fine horses. At Oregon Gulch, Trinity county, they entered a tent and stole \$600, and a large quantity of provisions and blankets.

An affray recently took place near the Plaza of Los Angeles, between some native Californians and a party