

Miscellaneous.



FOR THE FREE PRESS.

NEW YEAR.

Addressed to the Brethren of Concord Lodge, No. 58—and Companions of Concord Chapter, No. 5, Tarboro'.

May ev'ry return of the year prove a blessing,
And find you united, contented, serene;
The love of your friends, and your brothers
possessing,
And your working through life be a gay gilded scene.

But think on the WIDOWS and ORPHANS
deserted,
And doom'd in the wilds of affliction to roam;
No kind hand extended—each eye is averted,
"They sigh with regret for the comforts of HOME."

Oh! think to what hardships and wants
they're expos'd!
Their journey through life, all surrounded
with thorns;

While the favorites of fortune in plenty re-
pose,
And the mild blushing rose, every pathway
adorns.

And are they forsaken? Oh no! for their Fa-
ther,
"Who rides in the whirlwind—directeth the
storm;"
Protects them in need—does to himself ga-
ther,
When the fair face of Nature, chill winters
deform.

Of strangers the shield, and of orphans the
stay,
To the meek, lowly widow, prompt help he
oft sends;

Supplies all their wants—turns night into day,
For the humble and lowly he ever befriends.

Be cheerful and gay, may each object look
bright,
Afflict not yourselves then, with care or with
sorrow;

For the face that is gloomy, and clouded to-
night,
May be gilded with smiles, by the dawn of
to-morrow.

But let not the pleasures of life so invite,
That pain from the life that's to come you
would borrow;

For the form that is healthy and blooming
to-night,
May be laid in the grave, by the eve of to-
morrow. MARMION.

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Fire! Fire!

'Twas that gloomy and silent hour of night,
When every grave lets loose its sprite;
The weary laborer now was snoring,
And the cock upon his roost was crowing—
Both master and slave asleep were lying,
When rous'd by some who thus were crying:
FIRE! FIRE! and the bell was toll'd,
And along the streets the engine roll'd.
All hands, though dead, from their couches
sprung,

All naked they, 'tween wake and sleep,
Their bolted doors wide open flung,
(All frantic now) to take a peep,
To know, what the matter was.

'Twas Fire in truth—and Fire! all sung,
And the Hotel bell most dismal rung;
Large flakes now shower'd thickly down,
'Pon every part o' the frighted town;

And to the shocking scene all hands repair'd,
Lamented, weep'd, and gaz'd, and stared;
For this was all that could be done,
As the victim house was too far gone.

So great was the blaze, the din, the hum,
I thought, bless God! doomsday had come;
But I remember'd that the Scriptures tell,
Old Gab. has a trump, instead of a bell;

So I rested easy upon that head,
And after a little, resum'd my bed.
'The only spoil (as I next day learnt)
Was a blacksmith shop, and forges burnt;

And when all was o'er, each homeward stept,
And each resum'd his couch and slept.
The Wag at the Corner.

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A Tobacco Seller, somewhere,
Has a Tom cat, so very rare,
That strange to tell! he'll catch a mouse,
If one dare peep about the house!
And stranger yet, 'tis said he will
Eat a mouse, and be saucy still.
Eat it! yes, poor hungry soul,
He does more—he swallows it whole.
This is not all that "Tom" can do,
He can stand 'pon his feet and mew;
And sometimes with tail rais'd high,
He goes and drinks, because he's dry.
'Tho' strange it seem, it must be so,
For Tom's master has said, you know,

That he sometimes sleeps! after that
He wakes, I 'spose—to do what?
Why nab a cat, or raise a fight,
Which makes his master, out of spite,
Denounce him as a ringtail fust,
And threaten soon to hang him up.
Why poor Tom should be punish'd thus,
Or why his master makes a fuss,
To me seems odd—but this I know,
Tom's to suffer a day or so.
Poor soul! I hope some pity yet,
May reach thy master's breast, and set
All matters right 'twixt you and him—
May 'scape hanging—he the sin.
HALIFAX.

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To a young man of my acquaintance,
who has lately taken to hard drink.
Wretch! wilt thou thy fame destroy?
Thine early virtues blast?
Thine youthful days of sparkling joy?
And die despis'd at last?

In thy breast, virtue once a seat had found,
But now 'tis fled;
Thy name was once a gentle sound,
But now 'tis dead.

May heaven grant our feeble pray'r,
And grant thee rest awhile;
We humbly pray thy soul may find a refuge
there,
And we'll bestow one gracious smile.
SOLON.

Congressional Committees.—The U. S. Telegraph, printed at Washington City, remarking on the organization of Committees in Congress, states that Mr. Carson, of N.C. in the House, and Mr. Randolph of Va. in the Senate, have both been exempted from serving on any Committee—the first it is presumed for his speech on the Billiard Table, in the President's House; the second for his known hostility to the administration—the following passages are extracted:

"The note of preparation, in the organization of the Committees in the Houses, has prepared us for desperate movements.

In the Senate, the old established parliamentary rule, that each Committee shall choose its Chairman, has been broken down, and transferred to the whole body. The subsequent voting proved that this was a concerted movement. There was an organized corps, who moved in solid phalanx, counting TWENTY-THREE.

It is also easy to see that all the changes have been made to favor power—that the claims of the ablest men of the Senate, of the States of Virginia, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and of the West, have been disregarded. Why was the venerable Republican, Mr. Macon, displaced from his situation as Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Relations? He has had the confidence of Madison and Monroe, and was the compatriot and fellow-labourer with Jefferson. He was one of those faithful pilots who steered through the storm of '98—and we rejoice that he yet lives to command in the more perilous storm of 1826. Jefferson's warning voice calls loudly from the grave; and the living example of Macon and Randolph will arouse the Republicans of the North and the South, the East and the West, to action.

All this management, like the Alien and Sedition law of '98, will fail of its purpose. The voice of truth cannot be suppressed. An independent press and an intelligent people, cannot be thus put to silence. They will speak and will be heard.

Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.—The very respectable convention of delegates from the states of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Ohio, &c. which recently met at Washington, adjourned sine die on Saturday week. The committee appointed to inquire into the

estimates and the actual cost of the materials, labour, &c. made their report a little before the final adjournment of the convention. It appears that offers have been made to contract for the completion of two hundred and eighty-six miles of the canal, including all the eastern and western, and fifteen miles of the middle sections, for three millions and a half of dollars, on the dimensions of the Pennsylvania canal, or about four millions according to the dimensions contemplated in the report of the board of internal improvement. Only a little more than fifty miles of canal, or twenty-two of rail way or portage, would then remain to be completed to connect the extremities of the canal.

Tornado.—The neighborhood of Leading Creek, in Ohio, was visited on the 29th of October by a violent tornado, which blew down the academy, the houses of Messrs. Benedict and Kemble, unroofed others, destroyed fences, fields of corn, orchards, cattle, and almost every thing that it passed. A man by the name of John Sexton was carried off by the wind, and had not been heard of twelve days afterwards.

Unparalleled fecundity.—Dr. O. F. Paddock, a respectable physician of Fort Covington, Franklin county, N. Y. gives in the Franklin Telegraph, an account of an extraordinary birth of five children at one time from the same mother—three daughters and two sons. Four of them were born alive, but lived only a short time. The birth was premature by about three months; but they were perfectly formed and well shaped. The average weight was about two pounds, and there was not much difference in their size. Their parents lately emigrated from Ireland, and arrived in this country in August last. This is rendered more remarkable by the fact, that the mother of these five, was delivered of two children on the 20th of last February—making in the whole seven children in less than nine months. These last were born on the 25th of November, 1826.

Masonry.—The WOMEN of Wheatland, Monroe county, N. Y. have had a meeting about the Morgan affair. An address was delivered by one of the number, after which several spirited resolutions were passed, among which are the following:

Resolved, That the time and money spent in Masonic orgies, is robbing their families and connexions of their natural and just claims, and is calculated to excite distrust & create discord in families.

Resolved, That every Mother should duly consider the degrading disadvantages and unmerited contempt to which they consign their daughters by their union with Free Masons—men arrogating to themselves light and knowledge, with which our sex may not be entrusted!—Canadaigua Rep.

From the Flemington, (N. J.) Gazette. NOTICE—Oct. 25th, 1826
My wife in the fall, she pack'd her goods all,
She left me, she went in a bluster;
Now plainly I say, her debts I'll not pay,
And you run your own risk if you trust her.
SAMUEL H. SNIDEC.

Clerks of the Superior Courts.

AND other Gentlemen holding Subscriptions to the New Map of North-Carolina, are requested to return the same by the 1st of January next. They will be so good as to present them, in the mean time, to such persons as will be likely to patronize the work, who have not had an opportunity of doing so already. The price to non-subscribers will be \$10. Very few, however, more than those subscribed for will be printed. To remove any objection that may be urged against subscribing, the Publisher wishes it to be understood, that none of the Subscribers will be held bound, if the Map is not correctly drawn, finished in the best manner, and of the best materials.

From the returns already received, the Publisher is warranted in believing, that a subscription of not less than one thousand names will be obtained in North-Carolina, among whom are, His Excellency the Governor, all the Officers of the State Government residing at the metropolis, the Members of both Houses of the Legislature, a liberal proportion of the Professional Gentlemen, a large number of that most respectable class of citizens, the Farmers, and generally the Merchants and Traders of our Towns, to whom a correct Map of our State is particularly desirable.

The Publisher takes this opportunity to acknowledge his obligations to the polite attention which has been uniformly paid to his applications for assistance in the prosecution of his work, and especially to those gentlemen who have interested themselves in procuring the surveys of the several counties. Any information calculated to benefit the work will still be thankfully received.

JOHN MAC RAE.
Fayetteville, Dec. 18, 1826. 18-2

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Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions,
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