

MISCELLANEOUS.



THE NEWSPAPER.

There is a friend I often meet,  
And still I'm glad this friend to greet,  
His varied converse is so sweet,  
The Newspaper.

I very often wonder why,  
So many men who stand quite high,  
Don't love this friend as well as I,  
The Newspaper.

Yes, some who represent the State,  
And think themselves quite wise and great,  
Scarcely ever own this friend await,  
The Newspaper.

Some merchants, though they ought to read,  
To ascertain the state of trade,  
Ne'er call upon this friend for aid,  
The Newspaper.

Some men who gravely do pretend,  
Our health and appetite to mend,  
Ne'er entertain this worthy friend,  
The Newspaper.

Some farmers, shall I say—Oh no!  
I'm sorry—but it is just so,  
That many—many do not know,  
A Newspaper.

They surely stand in their own light,  
To pass away each winter's night,  
And ne'er into their house invite,  
A Newspaper.

And even while they reap and sow,  
Or use the plough or ply the hoe,  
It would be well to read, I trow,  
A Newspaper.

I think the lawyers I'll excuse;  
They to a man will read the news,  
Though some do borrow to peruse,  
The Newspaper.

Lawyers in this are not alone;  
All classes we must truly own,  
Too often only get by loan,  
A Newspaper.

And I regret I here must say,  
Some people in the present day,  
Subscribe for (but 'tis not to pay)  
A Newspaper.

The different classes of mankind,  
To aid the Press should be inclined,  
Each one from it some good will find,  
A Newspaper.

But much I fear I shall do wrong,  
In lengthening out my humble song,  
I must not praise my friend too long,  
The Newspaper.

Yet I must not presume to slight  
The ladies—this would not be right;  
They do peruse, with much delight,  
The Newspaper.

One human being to offend  
I certainly do not intend,  
But only wish to recommend,  
The Newspaper.

I've not been able here I know,  
The value of the Press to show,  
So many goods from it do flow,  
The Newspaper.

So friends now let us join and say,  
We'll each subscribe and promptly pay,  
So take and read without delay,  
A Newspaper.

**American Colonization Society.**—It may be remembered by some of our readers, that during the last session of Congress, a petition by certain foreigners, in favor of the objects of the American Colonization Society, was presented to the House of Representatives, and led to a warm debate. By a letter, in the London Courier of 18th Sept. it would seem that this petition was a forgery. It will, therefore, become the member who presented it in the House of Representatives, to ascertain, if possible, the source of the imposture.

**Caution to Witnesses.**—At the late Circuit in Queen county, (N. Y.) an action was tried, in which John Pelletreau was plaintiff, and C. C. More defendant, for damages sustained by the plaintiff in consequence of the defendant's not having appeared as a witness in a cause pending between the plaintiff and C. R. Colden, at a Circuit Court, held at Troy in March last. The defendant had been subpoenaed and was a very material witness for the plaintiff in the action, and in consequence of his absence, the damages obtained were alleged to have been much smaller than they would have otherwise been. Several points were made on the trial, of no particular interest to the public; and we advert to the cause only as a

warning to witnesses of the consequences of disobeying legal process. The defendant undertook to prove sickness as an excuse for his absence, but the weight of evidence being against him, the jury after a clear and impartial charge by Judge Edwards, returned into Court with a verdict for the plaintiff of \$1457 damages, and cost of suit.

**Gold Mines.**—A Southern paper describes a mode of trickery employed in the sale of lands supposed to contain gold, which is quite equal to any thing, in the 'wooden nutmeg' and 'notion' line. The process is called 'salting'—which consists in sprinkling judiciously a few pennyweights of gold in places which have all other signs of containing the precious metal, except the gold itself. When the lucky spot is pointed out to the gold hunter, and it is 'panned' as the term goes, particles of gold salted in proper way are of course discovered, and the land is bid for accordingly. A gentleman not long since bid several hundred dollars for a small tract and after putting twelve hands to work for thirty days, extracted about thirteen dollars worth, being, we suppose, about as much as the seller of the land thought necessary for bait. It being impossible to prove the deception, there is no remedy, but to be less free in tasting the 'salt' of the earth.

**Perfectly Neutral.**—The Bergen County (N. J.) Courier, published in Jersey city, professedly neutral in politics, and which, by the bye, is a very interesting paper, supports both Jackson and Clay for the presidency. At the heads of different columns are placed the likenesses of Clay and Jackson, underneath which are the respective nominations of the opposition and administration parties, followed by "whole hog" electioneering articles on either side. By accident or design, the likenesses of the two rival candidates are made to face, looking quite gruffly at each other across the centre margin, while the neutral war of words is busily carried on beneath. This is the most active neutrality we ever witnessed. We wonder the two opposition pages do not have a "set to," and nullify each other.

**Ingenuity of Yankee Girls.**—The Boston Transcript says: We were shewn yesterday at Messrs. Rhoades' hat and fur store, a very handsome "ladies' cape," made from the feathers of the Guinea hen. It exhibited much dexterity and cunning workmanship, and appeared to us quite as valuable as the "far fetched and dear bought" articles imported from China last season, and sold at from twenty to thirty dollars each. It was made by a young lady of Ipswich.

**Kebukee Association.**—Extract from the "Minutes of the Kebukee Baptist Association, holden at Conoho Log Chapel, Martin county, N. C. the 6th, 7th, and 8th days of October, 1832."

SATURDAY, October 6th, 1832.

1. The Introductory Sermon, (agreeably to appointment,) was delivered by Elder JOSEPH BIGGS, from 2 Corinthians, 14 chap. 40 verse: "Let all things be done decently and in order." Prayer by Elder MARK BENNETT.

2. The Association then convened and being opened with prayer by Elder WILLIAM HYMAN, proceeded to business, and chose Elder WILLIAM HYMAN, Moderator; Elder JOSEPH BIGGS, Clerk, who called to his assistance Brother Joseph D. Biggs.

3. Brethren in the ministry from sister Associations, (of the same faith and order with us,) were invited to seats.

4. On motion, the letters of representation from the churches that compose this Association, were called for, and handed in by their messengers, when twenty-nine letters were read, and took the following account as stated in the table of churches.

[The table of churches states that during the past year, the total number baptised were 97—received by letter, 14—dismissed by letter, 46—excommunicated, 35—deceased, 34—restored, 11—number, 2014—contributions to the Association fund, \$38 82.]

5. Elder THOMAS DUPREE, from the Contentnea Association, handed in a quantity of their last Minutes, in which was found that himself, and Elder MARK BENNETT, were appointed messengers from that Association to this, and they took seats with us.

6. A petitionary letter for membership in this Association, was handed in from a church lately constituted at North Mattamuskeet, Hyde county, by their messengers, ASA SAWYER and John Jordan; the letter was read, and upon further information, the said church was received a member of this body, and demonstrated by the Moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

Another letter of same kind, from a church in Carteret county, at Hunting Quarters, was handed in by their messengers, Thomas Robertson and William Gaskill; the same was read, and upon satisfactory information of their faith and order, they were received a member of this body, and manifested by the Moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

7. The following committees were appointed, (viz:) Elders JOSEPH BIGGS, WILLIAM HYMAN, THOMAS DUPREE, and MARK BENNETT, to examine the Circular Letter. Brethren Joseph S. Battle and James S. Battle, on finance. Jos. D. Biggs to prepare a letter to the Contentnea Association. Brother James S. Battle to prepare one to the Little River Association. All to report on Monday next.

8. Elders JOSHUA LAWRENCE, THOMAS DUPREE and MARK BENNETT, were requested, (by private ballot,) to occupy the stage in preaching on the morrow, and that divine worship commence at 10 o'clock, A. M.

9. Resolved, that our next Association be holden at the Falls Tar River, Nash county, to commence on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1833, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Association was then adjourned until Monday next, 9 o'clock, A. M. with prayer by Elder THOMAS DUPREE.

SUNDAY, October 7th, 1832.

The brethren requested to occupy the stage this day, proceeded in the following manner, (viz:) Elder THOMAS DUPREE

preached from St. John, 10 chap. and part 10 verse: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Elder JOSHUA LAWRENCE preached from 37 Psalm, 39 verse: "But the salvation of the righteous, is of the Lord, he is their strength in the time of trouble." (Elder MARK BENNETT being sick,) Elder JOSEPH BIGGS prayed and dismissed the assembly. From the apparent attention of the large congregation, we hope the labors of love will not be lost.

MONDAY (morning) October 8th, 1832.

The Association being met agreeably to adjournment, was opened with prayer by Elder JOSEPH BIGGS, and then proceeded to business. The Constitution and Rules of this Association were read, the names of the delegates from the several churches were called, and the absentees marked.

10. The committees appointed on Saturday last, were called on to report, when Brother Joseph D. Biggs, who was appointed to prepare a letter of correspondence to the Contentnea Association, handed in one, which was read and approved, and Elders JOSHUA LAWRENCE and WILLIAM HYMAN were appointed messengers to bear the same to them. Brother James S. Battle, who was appointed to write to the Little River Association, handed in a letter which was read and approved, and Brethren James S. Battle and Joseph S. Battle, were appointed messengers to bear the same. Elder JOSEPH BIGGS, from the committee appointed to examine the Circular Letter, reported that some of that committee had done so, and recommended that the same be read in this Association, which was done and highly approved by this body, and ordered to be attached to these Minutes.

The Committee on finance reported that they find in the hands of the Treasurer, at the close of last Association, the sum of \$61 00  
Paid Elder JOSEPH BIGGS, for preparing last year's Minutes for the Press, superintending the printing, and transcribing one copy on our Association records, and distributing the Minutes to the several churches and sister Associations with whom we correspond, the sum of \$10 00  
Paying the Printer for striking 500 copies, 30 00  
40 00

Received in contributions from the churches at this Association, \$21 00  
Leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$59 82

The Association concurred with the report.

11. The biographies of the lives and deaths of Elders JOHN BOWEN and GREEN CARROWAN, were presented to this Association, and ordered to be spread on our Minutes.

12. Queries were called for, when the following were offered, read and received for debate, (viz:) First, Is it orderly for a member of the Baptist church, or more especially, one who pretends to exercise a public gift, to keep a tipling shop? Answer, We think it disorderly; for such a member is the cause or corrupter of the good morals of society, and an encourager of evil; and much more so in one who professes to preach, because better examples are expected of him. Second Query. Suppose a church, constituted upon the abstract principles of the United Baptist Society, should become so circumstanced after her constitution, that a majority does dissent from those principles, and thereby forces the minority which still adheres to the first principles of the church, to withdraw, or take letters of dismissions, or be excommunicated, which party is the original church, the majority or the minority? Answer, We think the minority is still the church; for it is our opinion that if there should be in this minority only three pious orderly white male members, that they are the original church, because they adhere to first principles; and we would further advise, that those three pious members choose from among themselves suitable church officers, and not admit any into their body, who may have been excommunicated for impious conduct, (although they may be of the same faith and order,) without satisfactory acknowledgments; but if there be not in such minorities three male members as before stated, we would advise them to join some other church; and we would advise any of the churches in our Association upon satisfactory evidence to receive them; and further, when those three (or more) members shall be properly organized, that they will stand on our list and be considered as the original church, and bearing the same name, or any name they may choose.

13. On motion, agreed that the publication of the History of this Association, as a continuation of that published by Elders JESSE READ and LEMUEL BURKITT, from the year 1803, up to this time, be deferred another year, and that subscription papers be sent to the different churches, to obtain more subscribers; and the churches are requested to return them to Mr. George Howard, of Taborough, or Elder JOSEPH BIGGS, of Williams-ton, by the first day of April, 1833; so that if the former and latter subscriptions will justify the work's being done, in that case the printing will then be attended to.

14. Elder LUKE WARD was appointed to prepare a Circular Letter for our next Association, on any subject he may select.

15. Elder WILLIAM HYMAN is requested to deliver an introductory Sermon to next Association, and in case of failure, Elder GEORGE W CARROWAN is requested to do the same.

16. Elder JOSEPH BIGGS is requested to transcribe, and prepare these Minutes for the press, superintend the printing of 500 copies, and distribute them as usual to the churches, and reserve and send to the Associations with whom we correspond, one copy for each church therein, and record one on our Association records.

The Association then adjourned, to the time and place appointed, with prayer by Elder JOSHUA LAWRENCE.

WILLIAM HYMAN, Moderator.  
JOSEPH BIGGS, Clerk.

**Methodists.**—"The Minutes of the several Annual Conferences" for 1832, present a statistical view of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States. The whole number of Methodists is 548,593—being an increase of 35,479 since the last year. Virginia contains 40,746—New York, 47,086, &c.