WHOLE NUMBER 1242

MISCELLANY.

GILBERT STUART. The Yankees have become notorious for their question-asking propensity, yet some. on Green street times John Bull exhibits so remarkable a development of of this trait, we must conclude that Jonathan and John are at least cousins. A good anecdote is related of Gilbert Stuart, a celebrated American porquisitiveness of his English travelling companions, in their attempts to find out his injuries.

calling. On one occasion, Stuart was travelling in a stage-coach, in England, with some all of whom were sociable and full of animation. His brilliant conversational now. 84.060. mation His brilliant conversational powers attracted much attention, and his companions became desirous to know who and what he was. They asked many round. about questions, to find out his calling or her alphabet, lately came to live with us .times dressed gentlemen's and ladies'

'You are a hair-dresser, then' remarked one of his companions, inquiringly. 'What!' said he; 'do you take me for a

may I take the liberty to ask what you are,

'Why, I sometimes brush a gentleman's coat or hat, and sometimes adjust a cra-

'O, you are a valet, then, to some noble 'A valet? Indeed, sir, I am not. I am not a servant; to be sure, I make coats and waist-coats for gentleman.'

D, you are a tailor? 'Taylor! Do I look like a tailor? I assure lishman enquiringly.
ou I never handled a goose, other than a "I reckon so," said the captain. you I never handled a goose, other than a

roasted one.' By this time the passengers were all in a roar; and one of them exclaimed, 'What

are you, theu? 'I tell you,' said Stuart. 'Be assured all I have said is litterally true. I dress hair, much like spunk." brush hats and coats, adjust a cravat, and make coats, waistcoats and breeches, and man?" inquired Yankee. likewise boots and shoes, at your service.

'Oho! a boot and shoemaker, after all.' 'Guess'again, gentlemen I never handled boot or shoe but for my own feet and stranger. I'll jest tell you one thing---I'll be legs; yet all I have told you is true.' We may as well give up guessing, then,

remarked one of the party. After checking his laughter, he said to them, very gravely, 'Now, gentlemen, I will not play the fool with you, but will tell you, upon my honor as a gentleman, bona severely was beaten off by the negroes befide, my profession, I get my bread by mak. longing to a man named Todd. The overing faces.' He then screwed his counten- seer went out with dogs and a party of mules ance, and twisted the lineaments of his to hunt the beast, when it attacked him, kil visage in a manner such as Samuel Foote | led nine of Todd's mules, and finally escapor Charles Mathews might have envied. ed.

When his companions, after loud peals of laughter, had composed themselves, each took credit to himself for having, all the revered Father in God, and an intallible while, suspected that the gentleman be- successor of the chief of the Apostles. Marlonged to the theatre; and now they all aulay, in his new volume, tells us that the knew that he must be a comedian by pro- holy Pope, finding that he could not directly fession But to their utter surprise, he as cope with a gang of out-laws, who had got sured them that he never was on the stage, and very rarely saw the inside of any theatre. His companions now all looked at him and at each other with astonish-

panions, Gentlemen, you will find that all among the mules and packages. I have said of my various employments, is comprised in these few words: I am a portrait painter. If you will call at John Palhat, dress your hair a la mode, supply you, if in need, with a wig, of any fashion or dimensions, accommodate you with boots make faces for you.'

On parting with him at the inn, they them; where then?' was their eager inqui-

'I was born at Naraganset,' was his reply Where's that?

the spot where the famous battle with the low fever---which sum would be forwarded Pequots was fought.'

'In what part of the East Indies is that, sir?' was the response.

State of Rhode Island, between Massachu- Perchance. "A singular name for your pet. setts and the Connecticut River.' This was all Greek to his companions; and he left them to study a new lesson in

geography, affording another instance of speaks of it, and says, Perchance my dog the ignorance respecting men of genius, whose vernacular tongue is the same as that of Bacon, Newton, Locke, Shakspeare. Milton and Pope.

DREADFUL ACCIDENT AT LOUISVILLE. About nine o'clock on Friday morning 8th inst, the citizens residing near Main and Sixth streets were alarmed by a loud and terrible crash, and a dense volume of dust which followed it. Thousands rushed at once to the place of the catastrophe. which proved to be the Louisville Hotel -The front part of the hotel and the two old wings in its rear are now undergoing extensive repairs, and are not occupied — It was the intention of the hotel company to let the old walls of the wings stand, and only to raise the floors so as to make them correspond with those in the front of the

A large number of men were at work on the building, but there were only a few in the east wing which fell. One man named John Ryan was got out alive from the ruins, but he is very badly hurt. He was partially protected by a rafter. Shortly afterwards, the lifeless body of a man named John Carigan or Carig was found .-Carigan was an Irishman and had no fam-

were buried under the ruins. They were got out alive, but the boy, who was an Italian, subsequently died at the hotel. He was an orphan and lived with an Italian

The girl was conveyed to her home .-Her name is Anne Hearn. She is about II years old, and the daughter of a poor Irish widow woman who resides on Water street, second door below Seventh. Her trait painter, whose replies puzzled the in- arm is broken in several places, and it is feared that she has sustained other serious

A portion of the walls fell on the back part of the new store of Wheat, Wyble & Wheat, demolishing the roof and up er gentlemen who were strangers to him, but story, and besides the damage to the build-

A TRUE STORY.

A little Irish girl, thirteen years of age. without father or mother, ignorant of even profession. Mr. Stuart answered, with a Knowing she had been receiving very good grave face and serious tone, that he some. wages, we asked her, rather representably we fear, why her wardrobe was so miserably poor and scanty--- cleanly and in good order as it was, she having the bare necessities of clothing. "Ma'am." said she, and her bright honest eyes filled with tears, "my mother did not always do right She owed a woman that had ever been kind to us eight dollars 'I beg your pardon, sir, but I inferred it for board My wages have been saved to from what you said. If I mistook you, may I take the liberty to ask what you are. a single article of clothing I could do with-"Is it all paid, Mary ?" 'Yes, and out." now I can spend the wages you pay me on myself." Generous and brave girl - she has her putent of nobility direct from God. Chris. Ing.

> RETORT COURTEOUS. Prof. Risley, who is now to Italy, says, that recently when in Venice, an American Captain and an Englishman met at dinner : You are an American, sir ?" said the Eng-

"You have the name of being good warriors, 1 believe." "Yes," said the Yankee, "guess we shoot

pretty cleverly at times." But how is it you were anxious to make a peace with Mexico? That don't look "Hold on, stranger; you're and English-

"Why, yes," said Bull.
"Well," said Yankee, "I don't know what our folks offered to do with Mexico; but look darned if we ever we offered to make peace with you!"

That was a clincher. Bull vamosed.

A BLOODY CATAMOUNT.

A SCRAP OF HISTORY.

Pope Sixtus the Fifth was an honored and a strong hold among the Appenines. had a train of mules loaded with poisoned wine and food, sent on a road that ran close to the lastness. The robbers sallied forth, seized the prey feasted and died. The pious old Pope exulted greatly when he heard that the corp-Before parting, Stuart said to his com- ses of thirty ruffians had been found lying

NEVER DESPOND.

Do not think your are fat d miserable, bemer's, York Buildings, London, I shall be cause you are disappointed in your expectaready and willing to brush your coat or a tions, and buffled in your pursuits. Do not declare that God has forsaken you when your way is hedged about with thorns, or re pine sinfully when he calls your dear ones to the land beyond the grave. Keep the hoor shoes, give you ruffles or cravats, and ly trust in heaven through every trial; bear adversity with fortitude, and look upwards in hours of temptation and suffering. When begged leave to inquire in what part of your locks are white, your eyes dim, and England be was born. He replied, 'I was your limbs weary, when your steps falter on not born in England, Wales, Ireland, or the verge of death's gloomy vale, still retain Scotland. Here was another puzzle for the freshness and buoyancy of spirit which will shield you from the winter of the heart.

AID FOR THE ORPHANS. The Rev. J. Stockbridge, Chaplain of the U. S frigate Savannah, at Rio Janeiro, writes home under date Dec'r 15. 1855, that 'Six miles from Pottawoone,' and ten the officers and crew contributed \$552, in bemiles from Poppasquish, and about four half of the children in Norlolk and Portsmiles west of Connecticut, and not far from | mouth who were made orphans by the yelin a draft to the Mayor of Nortolk.

PERCHANCE.

A fashionable lady at a watering-place East Indies, my dear sirl it is in the had a favorite lap dog, which she called madam; where did you find it? 'Oh' drawled she most exquisitely, 'it was named for Byrun's dog, You remember where he will howl,""

> JUST OPENED. THE largest assortment of Chemicals ever offer

I ed in this market, consisting in part of 100 lbs. Sugar Lead; 50 " Sulph. Zine; 25 " Vallett's Mare; 500 ozs. German Quinine; 10 bbls. Epsom Salts : 15 bbls. Copperas; 25 lbs. Caloinel; 30 lbs. Blue Mass;

3 carboys Spirits Nirre (fff);
3 . Agna Ammonia, (fff) and a num ber of other Chemicals, from the Laboratories of Powers and Weightman, Chas. Flis & Co. For

WINES AND LIQUORS. 10 BBLS extra old Nectar Whiskey;

2 cases Chateau Lateur Claret; 1 "Pale Brandy;
2 "Marganx Claret;
2 "St. Emilion do.;
2 "Nathaniel Johnson's Claret;
24 casks Brandy. For sale by
19. J. H. FLANNER.

LIME. 400 CASKS THOMASTON now landing and Nov 8. ADAMS, BROTHER & CO.

WHISKEY.

TO BRICK MAKERS

AND BRICK MASONS.

PROPOSALS will be received at my Office in the Town of Newbern, until the 15th day of February next, for making and burning ONE MILLION AND A HALF of good hard building BRICK, such as will be approved of by the thiet Engineer of the Atlantic & North Carolina Rail tout Co. for evening Machine Shan Denor Road Co., for erecting Machine Shop, Depor Building and Warehouse at Newbern for said 'ompany The Clay and Wood, if preferred, will be furnished at the yard, which will be within thundred yards of the place the buildings are to ne erected The clay is already being dug. The vard, or a place for making it will be furnished, ree of cost, which will require very little expense o prepare. Or, if preferred, persons who pro-pose to make the Brick, may also propose to put ip the Masonry of the buildings, at so much per l'housand, allowing, as they may suggest, a cer-ain number of Brick to the cubic foot, and they urnish every thing complete- all openings to be

The Buildings are in a very convenient posilining the Town and one of them immediately in the River, and the others within two or three hundred yards. No doubt contracts can also be ande with other parties for similar work with a reliable Contractor. If preferred security will be iven and taken for the faithful carrying out of the ontract.
Persons proposing can either propose or not to

ake a portion of the Stock of said Company in The plans of the buildings can be seen at any

ime at my office. Regular Packets run between Newbern and all he Northern ports, which will enable Contractors o send out Brick Machines, or any other materiis, and land them direct from vessel to the place As regards the health of the place, few Towns, No thern or Southern can boast of better. Proposals will also be received for the Wood Work and slating of said buildings, and materials furnished or not as preferred

F. R. TANLY, Contractor. Newbern, N. C., Jan. 24, 1856. 133-115F

CIRCULAR.

BOOK FOR EVERY SOUTHERN METHODIST Early in 1856, probably in the month of February, I expect to publish a new work to the particular features of which I beg leave to call your attention.

The Annals of Southern Methodism, for 1855, will be a 12 mo volume of not less than 360 pages, well printed, from stereotype plates, upon good paper. It will contain all available statistics in every department of the operations of the METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

The design embraces the Plan of Episcopal visitation; accounts of the secsions of all the Conferences held in 1:55, the appointments, numbers, &c; a summary of all reported revivals, notices of the dedication of new Churches; reports of College Commencements, with all else connected with our educational movements; a resume of our Missionary operations, embracing whatever seems of general interest in that department; the movements of the Tract and Sunday School Societies; whatever appertains to our publishing interests, with an-nouncements of all New Books published by our oncern, or written by Southern Methodists; what the Church is doing for the instruction of Slaves Historical and Biographical Essays; interesting personal reminiscences; and a miscellany of imrtant facts and incidents.

It will occur to you at once, that if I have succerded in preparing this votume with any reasona-ble amount of skill, it will not only be a very agreeable book for present reading, but that every year will add to its value as showing the posture of Southern Methodism at this particular juncture of its

THIS DIGEST

Will be specially valuable as a Book of reference. To whatever question of general inverest may arise in regard to the events of 1855, it is hoped that a satisfactory answer will be found in the Annals. While it is believed that the Ministers in our Church will desire copies as soon as they can be obtained, I have paid regard to the what I supposed the tastes of general readers. The older members of the Church will find sketches that carry them back to their earlier compeers, as in this de partment I have not restricted myself to the history of the year, but have collected whatever has appeared during the year, which, as history and biogand of the early men of Southern Methodism.

The work will be published at One Dollar a copy. Those who subscribe in advance, shall receive the first copies issued from the press. A gold dollar pasted in a letter can be sent securety and is preferable to bills of distant anks. Those of the banks North and South Carelina will be as good as gold. In return a copy will be sent well wrapped and pre-

My address is Goldsboro', N. C. CHARLES F. DEEMS.

HAY, FISH AND POTATOES. 100 BALES prime Nova Scotia Hay, 5 quintals Dry Pollock, 25 bbls. Pickled Shad,

Just received per brig Triumph and for sale by Oct. 27. ADAMS, BKO. & CO.

WILMINGTON MARBLE AND STONE YARD.

'HE Subscriber having accepted the agency of I several large establishments at the North which will furnish him an unlimited supply of finished or made Clothing unfinished, foreign and domestic MARBLE of all monuments and Tomb stones, and every other article in the line of the business

t reasonable rates
SCULPTURING LETTERING OR CARVING Executed as well as can be done either North co The best reference can be given. if required, JAS. McCLARANAN.

VALUABLE TO INVALIDS.

Jan. 6, 1854.

VE have just put upon retail,
1 cask Port Wine,
1 "Madelra, the best article ever offered

in this market. At the Original Grocery. GEO. MYERS. P. S.—We make no pretensions in the way of UMBRELLAS—but we offer

some beautiful DUTCH HEAD CHEESE just GEO. MYERS'. received this day at NOTICE.

THE undersigned having now some firstrate I workmen employed, is prepared to manufac-ture Boots and Shoes to order at short notice — All work warranted. Also, all kinds of repairing done with neatness and dispatch. GEO. R. FRENCH.

HAY. 25 BALES—an excellent article. For sale by J. H. FLANNER, 22 North Water st. Nov. 3.

SWEET ORANGES. A FINE lot of Sweet Orange for sale at the Broadway Variety Store. No. 40. Market treet WM. H. DENEALE.

GUNNY CLOTH! GUNNY CLOTH!! 20 BALES just received and for sale by T. C. & B. G. WORTH.

FRESH FRUIT. AVER and M. R. Raisins, new and fresh, in whole, half and quarter boxes, Figs, Citron, Curranis and Lemons at L. N. BARLOW'S.

BOARDING. A little girl and boy, who were in the yard between the wings, picking up chips, V. L. S. TOWNSHEND.

JUST RECEIVED from Cincianati. "direct."
A PRW Gentlemen can be accommodated with A Board and pleasant airy rooms, in Front street, bousenext door north of the Presbyterian Church.

JUST RECEIVED from Cincianati. "direct."
A Board and pleasant airy rooms, in Front street, bousenext door north of the Presbyterian Church.

June 19, 42-tf
Feb. 5.

NOTICE.

THE subscriber, respectfully informs the public, that he is now range ting the Auction business on his own account, and hopes by strict attention to business, to merit a continuance of that patronage heretofore soliberally bestowed upon him.

M. CRONLY. Stock.Real Estate and Nogroes.bought and sold on a commission, either at private or public sale. Jan 8.1854.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

PHE undersigned is continually receiving direct from the Manufacturers, large supplies of ots and Shoes of all the various kinds, and has now on hand, a good assortment of Men's & Boys' thick kip and calf skin Brogans. Received this week, a few cases Gentlemen's fine calf skin Boots, suitable for the Spring and Sammer trade. For Boots and Shoes Manufactured to order.

Also, for sale. Grey's Ointment and Perry Davis Vezetable Pain Killer. GEO. R. FRENCH.

RATES OF PILOTAGE. UST printed and for sale at The Commercia Office, the Rates of Pllotage for the Bar and

REVISED CODE OF N. CAROLINA. ENACTED by the General Assembly at the session of 1854, together with other Acts of a Public and General character, passed at the same session. The Constitution of the State. The Constitution of the United States, &c., &c. Price 84. For sale at the Book Store of S. W. WHITAKER.

NEWELL'S PATENT SAFETY LAMP & LAMP FEEDER. A NEW ARTICLE, warranted to prevent all Accidents from the use of Burning Fluid, Camphene, and other Explosive Compounds. used for the production of Light. This Invention is applied to all common Lamps and Lamp Feeders, also, to Solar, Camphene Lamps, Lanterns, &c. CERTIFICATE.

WILMINGTON, N. C., June 15th, 1854.

I hereby certify that I witnessed the experiments f Mr. Newell, with his patent Safety Lamp, for furnishing "fluid" and am perfectly satisfied of the safety of the same. Jac, H. Dickson. We are prepared to fill all Ordersat short notice, or every description and variety of Lamps, &c. All persons are eautioned against infringing upn the above patent, as the law will be rigidly enforced against all offenders. C. & D. DoPRE.

MUSTARD.

40 dozen, quarter and half quarter canisters, pure Mustard, and very superior for sale by GEO. HOUSTON.

NOW RECEIVING.

June 26th, 1855.

50 boxes Superior Cheese; 20 bbls. and half bbls. extra Genessee Flour; 50 bags New Buckwheat; 10 firkles Goshen Butter; 5 hhds. Porto Rico Sugar; 20 bbls. Crushed, Loaf and Clarified do.;

10 kits Mullet Roe; 10 do Pickled Salmon; 50 boxes Smoked Herrings. For sale by GEO. HOUSTON.

MACHINERY OIL. FEW CASKS yet unsold at T. C. & B. G. WORTH'S,

No. 20 South Water, st. FINE TOBACCO.

LOT of very fine chewing Tobacco in small

A Boxes, for sale by T. C. & B. G. WORTH, No. 20 South Water st Feb. 7, 1856.

VALENTINES! VALENTINES! 14 FEBRUARY 1856.

LARGE and beauti ul assortment of the latest A style Valentines, just received and for sale at the Broadway Variety Store. W. H. DENEALE. Feb. 5.

WOOD WARE. A Nassortment of Kegs, Tubs, Pails, Buck ets, Trays, &c.; for sale by GEO. HOUSTON. PREMIUM AGAINST THE WORLD.

UST received from Phoenix Distillery, perschr. Lewis Mul'ord, five bols Old Magnolia key, also, on hand, a genuine article of Old Henesey Brandy, (Vintage 1848.) For sale by WM. L. S. TOWNSHEND. PAINT.

HAVE just received a lot of Bridgewater Fire and Water-proof Paint, (ground in oil.) in packages of 25, 50 and 100 lbs. each. This article, for roofs, vessels, and br dges, &c., is superior to any other in market-is cheap-and should be univer-sally used. Try it. GEO. HOUSTON.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned being on the eve of dissolving A their copartnership, have concluded to offer their magnificent stock of Fancy and Staple Dry

or made Clothing AT NETT COST TO CASH BUYERS. Persons indebted to the firm either by Note or Book account, are hereby earnestly requested to settle the same immediately in order to facilitate

he closing of the business. KAHNWEILER & BROS. Wilmington, Feb'y 4, 1856. 138 3m.

L. W. PIGOTT, COMMISSION MERCHANT. BEAUFORT, N. C.

Any business entrusted to his attention will be attended to promptly and to the best of his ability. REFERENCES : Cumming & Styron, Com. Merchants ? Wilming

Mr. Jas. Norcum, Attorney at Law, Ston N C. Mr. Edward Stanly, Beautort N C.

Mr. Benjamin L. Berry, General Agent for Underwrighters, Beaufort, N. C. VINEGAR! VINEGAR! VINEGAR!

PWELVE BBLS, OF VINEGAR AND TEN of Cider, now in store. J. R. RESTON, eb. 9. No. 15 Market st.

COTTON YARN. LOT just received by T. C. & B. G. WORTH, No. 20 South Water

COMMERCIAL BANK OF WILMINGTON. A DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT, from the profits of the last six months, will be paid to the stockholders of this Bank, on and after Monday, the 18th inst. By order of the Board, T. SAVAGE, Cashier.

GLASS. 50 boxes Berkshire Window Glass, 8x10 and 10x12, just received, for sale by GEO. HOUSTON. THIRD AND FOURTH

[OLUMES of Macauley's History of England,

Jan. 17. S. W. WHITAKER'S. ADAMANTINE CANDLES.

100,000 COPIES!

STEAMBOAT DISASTERS ON THE WESTERN WATERS, AND STEAMBOAT DIRECTORY.

THE undersigned have now in course of prepar ation a NEW STEAMBOAT DIRECTORY which will be issued in October next: the book wil contain over two hundred pages, illustrated in the best style, and neatly bound in a durable manner. It will be one of the most interesting books ever published, and will be a book that will be interesting to all classes of people. The Steamboat Di-rectory will contain a complete list and description of all the steamboats now affoat on the Western and Southern waters. The length, model, speed, power, and tonnage of each boat, where and by whom built, the name of the boat, with the trade she is in. Also, the names of Captains and officers have been as the core of the boat with the trade she is in. cers, her age, &c., &c. The Directory will contain a history of Steamboats and Steamboating on the Western waters, since the application of steam; also, a sketch of the first boat built for the Ohio river, with the name of the builder, commander, and owner.
The River Directory will contain a list and des

cription of all the Steamboat Disasters that have occurred on the Western and Southern waters, beautifully illustrated, with a list of all those who have perished by their burning, sinking and exploding, on the Western and Southern waters. The Directory will contain Maps of the Ohio Mississippi, Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas, White Red, Quachita, Yazoo, and other rivers, with the; towns, and cities laid down, with correct distances also, many other river and commercial items of interest to the people at large. The book will con-tain the cards of the various United States mai boats, with the trade they are in, &c., &c. The Directory will also complete list of all the responsible Steambon. Licensed Officers, their places of residence, &c., 4.c.; the new Steamboat Law, its requirements, with comments, showing wherein it benefits the incompetent officer, and in-jures the competent officer, &c., &c., and all the important United States Supreme Court Steam-boat Decisions up to date; the Rates and important Commercial Privileges, Bills of Lading, important Decisions of the various United States ourts, in regard to Freights lost and damaged,

&c., &c; with many other things of interest.

The Directory will be illustrated in the best style and printed in the best manner. The author has for six years been gathering together all the facts and items in regard to the numerous steamboat disasters on the Western and Southern waters and now intends publishing them in book form .-The price of the work will be put at the low sum of One Dollar. Ten thousand copies will be issued for the boatmen; all others desirous of subscribing will have to do so at once, as none will be printed unless ordered in advance.

This work is destined to have a circulation of over eighty thousand copies, as the publishers are receiving large numbers of subscribers, per mail from all parts of the country, daily. Some of the oldest boatmen, as well as most scientific men of the times, are contributors to the Steamboat Direc-

The Directory will be issued in October, and will e an ornament to the parlor as well as steamboat. By remitting One Dollar (post paid) you will receive a copy of the above work. All communications and letters should b JAMES T. LLOYD & CO.,

Post Office Building. Cincinnati, Ohio July 17th, 1855.

The Intellectual Vigor of a People is indicated by the

Character of its Literature." THE CRITERION; A LITERARY AND CRITICAL WEEKLY JOURNAL,

16 pages, 4to. WAS commenced on the 3d of November, 1855, and has thus far received very general approbation. Anxious to extend its influence, and place it upon a substantial basis of support, the Publisher desires most earnestly to direct the attention of the thinking public of America to its claims upor

their consideration. The main feature of the CRITERION is its Reviews of Current Literature. In this department are given thorough and able criticisms of all the most important Books as they are issued, pointing out their chief characteristics, and indicating their moral tendencies, thus keeping its readers informed of all new publications which deserve their attention. It also contains-

Copious Intelligence of Affairs in the Literary Gossip concerning Books and Writers,

Announcements of contemplated Publications, and Lists of New Books issued in America and Europe. The Drama, Music, Fine Arts, and Science, also receive attention, and several columns of carefully selected and agreeable matter are given in each number. In addition to the above there is a department of Miscellanes for reading of an enter taining character, carefully selected from new books and the ablest reviews, and a weekly collection of Notes and Queries, which contains a great variety of curious and valuable information.

It is confidently believed that a journal such as the CRITERION cannot fail to have a good effect upon our national literature, and to some extent upon our national character. It will be found especially valuable in directing the attention of youth to works of real excellence, and encouraging an appreciation for valuable reading, which is being rapidly destroyed by the circulation of superficial and sophistical books. To the reading man the literary intelligence alone must render it very desirable; and to all who wish to promote an improve-ment in taste, the encouragement of merit, and an uncompromising condemnation of vicious style, mock sentiment, and evil principles, such an enter-prise cannot—at least, should not—be indifferent. To members of Historical, Literary and Scientific Societies, Lyceums and Debating Clubs, the subjects discussed in this paper will at all times prove of peculiar interest, and it is the design of the editors to thoroughly canvass from time to time those important philosophical questions which agitate all inquiring minds, correcting false theo-ries, and encouraging profitable investigation. The CRITERION is published at \$3 per annum. payable yearly, half yearly or quarterly in advance. Specimen copies supplied on application to the Publisher, CHARLES R. RODE, to the Publisher, CHARLES R. RODE, No. 113, Nassau street, New York.

VARIETY AND EXCELLENCE. THE largest assortment of Umbrellas is always to be found at the Emporium, and we sell ther

at lower prices than any other house in town SHEPARD 4 MYERS. Hat and Cap Emporium. BRICKS.

50,000 NEW YORK hard Bricks, Jaily ex-For sale by J. H. FLANNER.

JUST RECEIVED Per Schr. L. P. Smith.

15 KEGS New Butter; 10 Boxes Cheese; Smoked Beef, Beef Tongues, Coffee, Sugar,

Crushed Sugar, Fowder, &c., &c.
Fresh Confectionary, &c., &c.
GEO. MYERS. Crushed Sugar, Powdered Sugar, and a variety of MESS PORK.

50 BBLS. now landing from schr. Mary Isa bella, from Baltimore. For sale by

OFFICE WIL. & MAN. RAIL ROAD, Wilmington, Dec. 13th, 1855.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Freight trans ported by this Road will be at the entire risk of the owner, from the moment it is unladen from the Cars at the point of delivery.
L. J. FLEMING, General Superintendent. 117-1y

CHILDREN'S BOOKS. WE have on hand a very large and handsome assortment of Juvenile Books, suitable for W assortment of Justine Presents.
Christmas and New Years presents.
S. W. WHITAKER'S.

BUSINESS CARDS.

JOSEPH WILKINSON UPHOLSTER & PAPER HANGER, KEEPS ON HAND AND MADE TO ORDER,

Mattresses, Feather Beds, Window Curtains and Fixtures. All work in the above line done at shortest No-Wilmington, N. C., Market St.

Jan. 19, 1856. J. C. LATTA,

COMMISSION MERCHANT & GENERAL WILMINGTON, N. C. 85-1y-c.

JOSEPH R. BLOSSOM. General Commission and Forwarding Merchant. Prompt personal attention given to Consignments for Sale or Shipment.

Liberal Cash advances made on Consignments to
me or to my New York friends.

Wilmington, Jan. 30, 1856.

ANDERSON & SAVAGE, GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS WILMINGTON N. C. Liberal cash advances made on consignments. March 27, 1855. 94.

RUSSELL & BROTHER, GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS WILMINGTON, N. C. Liberal cash advances made on consignmentso

Naval Stores, Cotton, and other produce. May 3, 1855. C. & D. DuPRE.

WHOLE SALE AND RETAL DEALERS IN Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Paints, Oil,
Dye Stuffs, Glass, Perfumery, Cigars,
Old Liquors, Fancy Articles, &c.,
MARKET STREET,
WILMINGTON, N. C.

Prescriptionscarefullycompounded by experi-

march 28, 1855.

T. C. & B. G. WORTH, COMMISSION AND FORWARDING MERCHNNTS. WILMINGTON, N. C.

JOSEPH H. FLANNER, General Commission Merchant, WILMINGTON, N. C. May 9th, 1855. 87-1y-c.

JAS. H. CHADBOURN & CO.,

General Commission Merchants.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

JAS. H. CHADBOURN. GEO. CHADBOURN HENRY NUTT,

FACTOR AND FORWARDING AGENT. Will give his personal attention to business entrust

Sept. 8, 1855. GEORGE MYERS, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL GROCER

Keeps constantly on hand, Wines, Teas, Liquors, Provisions, Wood and Willow Ware, Fruit, Confectionaries, 4c. South Frontstreet, WILMINGTON, N. C.

Nov. 18, 1855. GEORGE HOUSTON. DEALER IN Groceries, Provisions, and Naval Stores COMMISSION MERCHANT,

WILMINGTON, N. C. H. DOLLNER. G. POTTER. Jr. J. CAMERDEN DOLLNER, POTTER & CO. COMMISSION MERCHANTS, April 30, 1855.

VESSEL AND FORWARDING AGENT,

L. N. BARLOW, WHOLESALE & RETAIL GROCER, LIQUORS, WINES ALE PORTER, 4-No. 3, Granite Row, Front Street, WILMINGTON, N. C.

S. M. WEST, Auctioneer and Commission Merchant, WILMINGTON, N. C. WILL sell or buy Real Estate and Negroes a ALSO: Strict attention givento the sale of Timber, Turcentine, Tar, or any kind of Country Produce.
Office second door, South side of Market street

June 12, 1855. ADAMS, BROTHER & CO.,

COMMISSION MERCHANTS WILMINGTON, N. C. H. B. EILERS. WESSEL & EILERS.

USALE GROCERS, North Water St., Wil-mington, N. C., intend to keep at the above standa general assortment of Groceries, Liquors, and Provisions at wholesale—and to carry on a General Commission Business. E. P. Hall Pres's Brich Bank of the State. O. G. Parsley, Pres't Commercial Bank. P. K. Dickinson, Esq. Poppe & Co. Dollner & Potter, New York,

COMMISSION MERCHANTS & WHOLE

Jan. 20 1816. JAS. F. GILLESPIE. GEO. S. GILLESPIE. JAMES P. GILLESPIE & CO., PRODUCE AND FORWARDING AGENTS.

Particular attention paid to the receipts and Sale of Naval Stores, Timber, Lumber, Corn, Bacon, Colton, 4c., 4c. March 30, 1855. D. CASHWELL,

COMMISSION MERCHANT,

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WILMINGTON, N. C. COCHRAN & RUSSELL. (SUCCESSORS TO THOS. ALIBONE & CO.) General Commission Merchants, No 32, North Wharves, and 63 North Water Sta

V. S. RUSSELL. Liberal cash advances made on consignment HOOPER, DEARBORN & CO.,

HARVEY COCHRAN,

COMMISSION MERCHANTS. WILMINGTON, N. C. GEO. HOOPER. J. L. DEAEBORN. WM. L. HOOPER FOR RICHMOND, VA.—The schr
MOONLIGHT, Rogers, Master, will have
quick despatch as above. For freight or
passage, apply to
J. H. FLANNER.
Feb. 5.

THE TRI-WEEKLY COMMERCIAL Is published every Tuzznav, Tauzznav and Saturday at \$5 per annum, payable in all cases

BY THOMAS LORING-EDITOR and PROPRIE-

Corner Front and Market Streets, WILMINGTON, N. C.

RATES OF ADVERTISING.

1 sqr. 1 insertion 36 50 | 1 sqr. 2 months, 84 06
1 " 2 " 75 | 1 " 3 " 5 00
1 " 3 " 1 00 | 1 " 6 " 8 00 " I month, 2 50 1 "12 " Ten lines or less make a square. If an adver-

All advertisements are payable at the time of their insertion. Contracts with yearly advertisers, will be made on the most liberal terms.

tisement exceeds ten lines, the price will be in

proportion.

on the most liberal terms.

No transfer of contracts for yearly advertising will be permitted. Should circumstances render a change in business, or an unexpected removal necessary, a charge according to the published terms will be at the option of the contractor, for the time he has advertised.

The privilege of Annual Advertisers is strictly limited to their own immediate business; and all advertisements for the benefit of other persons, as well as all advertisements not immediately connected with their own business, and all excess of advertisements in length or otherwise beyond the limits engaged, will be charged at the usual rates. No Advertisements is included in the contract for the sale or rent of houses or lands in town or country, or for the sale or hire of negroes, whether the property is owned by the advertiser or by other persons. These are excluded by the term "immediate business."

All advertisements inserted in the tri-weekly

All advertisements inserted in the tri-weekly Commercial, are entitled to one fescriton in the Weekly free of charge.

JOB, CARD AND FANCY PRINTING,

EXECUTED IN SUPERIOR STYLE. NEW YORK-Messis. Dollner & Potter. Boston-Charles Smith, No. 6, Central Wharf. Philadelphia-S. E. Cours. Baltimare-Wm. H. Prake and Wm. Thomson.

AUBURN FOR SALE. THE Plantation of the subscriber, near Raleigh, and on the Central Rail Road, is not yet disposed of. A description has already been given -but no one will of course make so important a purchase without

visiting the premises.

Apply to Wm. R. Pools, Esq., who lives near the place, or to the subscriber.

T. LORING.

Wilmington, N. C., Aug. 14, 1855. SACK SALT. 250 SACK SALT. For male by Sep. 20. WILLIS M. SHERWOOD.

COFFEE. 200 BAGS Rio, Laguyra, St. Domingo an Oct. 6. GEO, HOUSTON. PICKLED HERRING.

50 BBLS. p.ime Nova Scotla, just received, and ADAMS, BRO. & CO. WHISKEY. 5() BELS. now landing, tor sale by GEO. HOUSTON.

SALT.

500 BAGS, in excellent order. For sale by ADAMS, BRO. & CO. THE NORTH CAROLINA

Jan. 1.

MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMP'Y, RALEIGH, N. C. THE above Company has been in operationsince the 1st of April, 1848, under the direction of the following Officers, viz: Dr. Charles E. Jonhson, President,

Wm. D. Haywood, Vice President, John G. Williams, Secretary, Wm. H. Jones, Treasurer,
Porrin Busbee, Attorney,
Dr. Charles E. Johnson,
Dr. Wm. H. McKee,

Medical Board of
Consultation. Consultation. Dr. R. B. Haywood, J. Hersman, General Agent. This Company has received a charter giving ad-

vantages to the insured over any other Company.— The 5th Section gives the Husband the privilege to insure his own life for the sole use of his Wife and Children, free from any claims of the representa-tives of the husband or any of his creditors.

Organized on purely mutual principles, the life members participate in the whole of the profits which are declared annually. Besides, the applicant for life, when the annual premium is over \$30 may pay

All claims for insurance against the Company wil

one half in a Note.

se paid within ninety days after proof of the death of the party is furnished. Slaves are insured for one or five years, at rate which will enable all Slaveholders to secure thi class of properity against the uncertainty of life. Slave insurance presents a new and interestin feature in the history of North Carolina, which will prove very important to the Southern States.

The last four months operation of this Company shows a very targe amount of business—more than the Directors expected to do the first year—having already issued more than 200 Policies.

Dr. Ws. W. Harriss, Medical Examiner, and Agent. Wilmington, N. C.

All Communications onbusiness of the Company should be addressed to JOHN G. WILLIAMS, Sec'y. Raleigh. June 8, 1855.

LIME, HAIR, PLASTER & CEMENT

CONSTANTLY on hand, and for sale by GEORGE HOUSTON, PROSPECTUS OF THE RAIL ROAD TIMES.

Devoted to News, Internal Improvement, Educa-tion, Agriculture, Manufacture 4- Commerce. WE know that the interests of the People of our State demand such a paper, and believing that one free from political strifes and quarrels of the day, devoted to such topics, will be the kind they desire, we confidently enter upon this enterprise with the assurance of meriting and meeting their approbation and support. Our object is to make the Times the mirror of the State, in which all can see their true interests held up and encour-

AN INDEPENDENT JOURNAL.

all can see their true interests held up and encour-INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS .- To this sub

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS.—To this subject we expect to devote as much space as a full statement of the various operations will require; for as our works of improvement advance, so do all the other interests of the State.

EDUCATION.—It is a source of regret to all interested in the Educational interests of our State, (and who is not?) that our papers are so much devoted to party politics, 4c, that this great cause has been too much neglected; we propose, therefore, to devote to this subject, a portion of our space. We will foster and carefully note the advancement of Education, not only in our higher Schools, but also in our Common Schools.

AGRICULTURE, MANUFACTURE AND COMMERCE, at this stage of our history, are commanding the attention of all our good State and money-loving citizens. Therefore, the Markets will be reported with care, and all items, calculated to throw light on either of those inapparable oranches of industry, will be carefully gleuned and inserted every week.

oranches of industry, will be carefully gleaned and inserted every week.

It is unnecessary to eay more if we had time, but the "whistle of the locomotive" on the East and the cheering news from the West admonish us to close. Permit us, however, to assure you that the first number of the Times will make its appearance about the time the cars reach this place from the East.

appearance about the time sor from the East.

TERMS—The Times will be printed weekly in Groensborough, N. C., on new material, and contain as much reading matter as any paper in the State, for \$2 per aunum in advance.

E. W. OGBURN,
C. C. COLE.
J. W. ALBRIGHT.