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MISCELLANY.

THE MINISTER'S DINNER PARTY.

The Rev. Mr. W—— was an officiating clergyman, who had charge of a little flock in the State of Massachusetts. He was possessed of an excellent temper, generous feelings, and a well-cultivated mind; but he was eccentric, even to oddity. He was a powerful speaker, and his ministration was blessed to the conversion of many souls. At the age of thirty-four he became convinced that it was not good for man to be alone; and for the purpose of bettering his condition, he made proposals to Mary B——, a beautiful light-hearted girl of seventeen, daughter of one of his wealthiest parishioners, and who imagined that to refuse the hand of the minister would be a sin bordering hard upon the unpardonable. In due time the marriage was consumated, the bride's snug portion paid, and the happy husband, as husbands in their first love are apt to do, gave up to the humor of his wife, and accompanied her to several festive parties given by his wealthy neighbors in honor of his marriage.

One evening towards spring, the happy couple were sitting together in their comfortable parlor, the reverend gentleman deeply buried in the study of the venerable Bede, and his wife equally intent upon a plate of fashion, when she suddenly looked up with a mingled expression of hope and fear, and thus addressed her companion:

"My dear husband, I have one request to make."

"Well, Mary, anything consistent."

"You do not imagine that I would make an inconsistent request, surely?"

"No, not a request that you would consider inconsistent. But come, what is it?"

"Why, my dear," and her voice trembled a little "we have been to several partues among the neighboring gentry this winter, and now, I think, that to maintain our position in society, we should give a party also."

The minister looked blank.

"What sort of a party, Mary?" he at length said.

"Why," she replied, "such a party as those we have attended. We must have an elegant dinner, and dancing after it."

"Dancing in a minister's house!" exclaimed Mr. W., in surprise.

"Why, yes, certainly," replied his wife, coaxingly. "You will not dance, the party will be mine; and then we have been to similar parties all the winter."

"True, true," he muttered, with a perplexed air, and sat silent for some time—At length he said, "Yes, Mary, you may make a party, give a dinner, and, if the guest desire it, you may dance."

"Thank you, love, thank you," cried his delighted wife, throwing her arms around his neck, and imprinting a kiss upon his cheek.

"But I have some stipulations to make about it," said Mr. W; "I must select and invite the guests, and you must allow me to place some of my favorite dishes on the table."

"As you please, love," she answered, delightedly, "but when shall it be?"

"Next Wednesday, if you please."

"But our furniture and window draperies are very old fashioned. It is now time we had new."

"I should think it hardly necessary to refurnish our rooms, Mary. All our furniture is excellent of its kind."

"But our smooth carpets, white draperies, and cane chairs, have such a cold look. Do consent to have the rooms newly fitted; we can move these things to the unfurnished chambers."

"And of what use will they be in those rooms which we never occupy?" Besides, it is now nearly spring, and to fit up for winter seems superfluous."

"Well, I would not care," she persisted, "were it not that people will call us parsimonious and ungenteel."

"Oh, if that's all," he said, gaily, "I will promise to spend one thousand dollars on the evening of the party, not in furniture, however, but in a manner far more gratifying to our guests, and profitable to ourselves, and which shall exonerate us from all imputation of parsimony; and you may expend in dress, estables, and desert, just what sum you please; and do not forget the wines."

And so the colloquy ended. The minister resumed his studies, and his wife gave her mind to the consideration of the dress which would be most becoming, and the viands that were the most expensive.—Then next she went busily about her preparations, wondering all the time how her husband would expend the thousand dollars; but as she had learned something of the eccentricity of his character, she doubted not that he meant to give an agreeable surprise; and her curiosity grew so great that she could hardly sleep during the interval. At length the momentous day arrived. The arrangements were all complete, and Mrs. W. retired to perform the all-important business of arraying her fine person in fine attire. She lingered long at the toilet, relying on the fashionable unpunctuality of the fashionable people, and at length, when everything was complete, she left the room, arrayed like Judith of old, gloriously, to allure the eyes all who should look upon her, and full of sweet smiles and graces, notwitstanding the uncomfortable pinching of her shoes and corsets. Her husband met her in hall:

"Well, my dear, our guests have all arrived," he said, and opened the door of the receiving room. Wonderful! wonderful! What an assembly! There were congregated the crippled, the maimed, and the blind, the palsied, and the extreme aged. A group of children from the Almshouse were also there, who regarded the lady, some with mouths wide open, others with both hands thrust into their hair, while others peeped out from behind the furniture, to the covert of which they had retreated from her dazzling presence. At first she was petrified with astonishment, then a displeasure crossed her face, till, having run her eyes over the grotesque assembly, she met the comically grave expression of her husband's countenance, when she burst into a violent fit of laughter, during the paroxyism of which, the bursting of her corset laces could be distinctly heard by the company.

"Mary!" said her husband, sternly. She suppressed her mirth, stammered an excuse, and added:

"You will forgive me, and believe yourselves quite welcome"

"That is well done," whispered Mr W.; then turning to the company, he said,

"My friends, as my wife is not acquainted with you, I will now make a few presentations."

Then leading her towards an emaciated creature, whose distorted limbs were unable to support his body, he said: "This gentleman, Mary, is the Rev. Mr. Brown who in his youth traveled much, and endured much, in the cause of our common Master. A violent rheumatism, induced by colds contracted among the new settlements of the West, where he was engaged in preaching the Gospel to the poor, has reduced him to his present condition. This lady, his wife, has piously sustained him and by her own labor procured maintenance for herself and him. But she is old as you now see."

Then turning to a group of silver locks and threadbare coats, he continued: "These are soldiers of the Revolution. They were all sons of rich men. They went out in their young strength to defend their oppressed country. They endured hardships, toils, and sufferings, and such as we hardly deem it possibly for men to endure and live. They returned home at the close of the war, maimed in their limbs and with broken constitutions, to find their patrimonies destroyed by fire or the chances of war, or their property otherwise wrested from them. And these men live in poverty and neglect in the land, for the prosperity of which, they sacrified their all. These venerable ladies are wives of those patriots, and widows of others who have gone to their reward. They could tell tales that would thrill your heart and make it better."

Then turning to another, he said: "This is the learned and celebrated Dr. M—— who saved hundreds of lives during the spotted epidemic; but his great success roused the animosity of his medical brethren, who succeeded in ruining his practice; and when blindness came upon him, he was forgotten by those whom he had delivered from death. This lovely creature is his only child, and she is motherless.—She leads him daily by the hand, and earns the food she sets before him. Yet her learning and accomplishments are wonderful. She is the author of those exquisite poems which appear occasionally in the ——— Magazine."

"These children," said he, turning to the group of juveniles who were gathered at the other end of the room, "were orphaned in infancy, by the Asiatic cholera; and their hearts have seldom been cheered by a smile, or their palates regaled by delicious food. Now dry your eyes, love, and lead on to the dining room."

She obeyed, and, notwithstanding her emotion, the thumping of coarse shoes, and the rattling of canes, crutches, wooden legs behind her, well nigh threw her into another indecorous laugh.

To divert her attention, she glanced over the table. There stood the dishes for which her husband had stipulated, in the shape of two monstrous, homely looking meat pies, and two enormous platters of baked meats and vegetables, looking like mighty mountains, among the delicate viands which she had prepared for the company she expected. She took her place and prepared to do the table honors; but her husband, after a short thanksgiving to a bountiful God, addressed the company with, "Now, brethren, help yourselves and one another to such as you deem preferable. I will wait upon the children."

A hearty and jovial meal was made, the minister setting the example; and as the hearts of the old soldiers were warmed with wine, they became garrulous, and each recounted some wonderful or thrilling adventure of the revolutionary war; and the old lady told her tales of privation and suffering, interwoven with the histories of fathers, brothers, or lovers, who died for liberty.

Mrs. W. was sobbing convulsively when her husband came round. He observed it, and touching her lightly upon the shoulder, whispered:

"My love, shall we have dancing?"

That word, with its ludricous association, fairly threw her into hysterics, and she laughed and wept at once.

When she became quiescent, Mr. W thus addressed the company:

"I fear my friends, that you will think my wife a frivolous and inconsistent creature, and I must therefore apologize for her. We were married only last fall, and have attended several gay parties, which our rich neighbors gave in honor of our nuptials, and my wife thought it would be genteel for us to give a dinner in return.—I consented, on conditions; one of which was, that I should be allowed to invite the guests. So, being a professed minister of Him who was made so lowly in heart, I followed the words of command: 'But when thou makest a feast, call in the poor the lame, the maimed, and blind.' You all recollect the passage. Mrs. W——, not knowing who her guests were, was highly delighted with the ruse I had provided; and I do not believe that there has been so noble and honorable a company assembled this winter. My wife desired new furniture, lest we should be deemed parsimonious. I pledged myself to expend one thousand dollars in a manner more pleasing to our guests and which should obviate any such imputation.

"And now, to you patriot fathers, and these nursing mothers of our country, I present the one thousand dollars. It is just one hundred dollars to each soldier and soldier's widow. It is a mere trifle.—No thanks, my friends."

Then addressing the children, he said: "You will each be removed to-morrow to excellent places; and if you continue to be industrious and perfectly honest in word and deed, you will become respectable members of society."

To Dr. M——— he said:

"To you, under God, I owe my life. I did not know your locality, neither had I heard of your misfortunes, until a few days since. I can never repay the debt I owe you; but if you and your daughter will accept the neat furnished house adjoining mine, I will see that you never want again."

"You, Mr. Brown, are my father in the Lord. Under your preaching I first became convinced of sin, and it was your voice that brought me the words of salvation. You will remain in my house. I have a pious servant to attend to you. It is time that you were at peace, and your excellent lady relieved of her heavy burden."

The cripple preacher fell prostrate on the floor, and poured out such thanksgiving and prayer as found way to the heart of Mrs. W ———, who ultimately became a meek and pious woman, a fit helpmate for a devout Gospel minister. And strange to say, she dates her conversion from the day of that comical, but not unprofitable dinner party.

"TURFING" A FRESHMAN.

It sometimes happens that a crowd of college rogues, in attempting to "green" a new comer, yet most consumedly deceive themselves. We remember a case in point.

In the college of L——— located somewhere in Alabama, were a crowd of "rare devils," who never let an opportunity slip to "do" a new comer.

Well, it so happened in the course of human events, that out friend Tom H——— who by the way is a capital fellow, entered the college, and thereupon the "rare ones" beforementioned immediately held a consultation in regard to the propriety of trying Tom's spunk.

"You see boys," said Harry W——— who belonged to that class of beings called dandies, "you see boys, Tom's from the country and I don't believe he's got much spunk, nohow, and so we'll scare him smartly."

"But how'll you fix it?" queried another.

"Why, three or four of you go out the other side of town to-night, and hide by the side of the road, and I'll get Thomas out to take a walk; and when we get to where you are you must give a yell, fire a pistol, I'll fall dead, and Tom will come chargin' back to town as if a thousand catamounts were after him."

This plan was agreed to, and as soon as the proper time arrived Harry took Tom out under the full expectation of seeing him go back to town in a perfect agony of terror. But Alas! the poet says:

The best laid schemes of mice and men,
Gang aft agley."

Harry and Tom had got beyond the bounds of the village and just passed by a huge mud hole, which, like the Slough of Despond, stretched across the way, and were conversing in high glee, when bang! went a gun in their ears and down dropped Harry, calling out:

"Oh, Lord! I'm shot! save yourself Tom: run for your life."

"By Jove!" replied Tom, coolly, "it wont do to leave you here," and suiting the action to the word, he took Harry by the heels and snaked him to the middle of the mud hole aforesaid, where he dropped him; then drawing an ugly looking repeater, he cocked it, and turned towards the ambush, exclaiming:

"Come out of that boys; if there's any fun going on, I'm in for a share. I've run more men than you ever saw, by a darned sight!"

How the boys rushed out and congratulated Tom—how Harry crawled out of the mud and promised to treat the crowd not to tell it, and how they did tell it, history never said; but Tom's spunk was never doubted after that, and we are assured that Harry never assisted again in "Turfing a Freshman."—*Louisa Eagle.*

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Feb. 5. 138 tf

CANDLES.

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Feb 28 1856.

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March 4. 150.

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May 17. 28

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February 16th, 1856.

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Feb 28, 1856.

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Feb. 28.

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Dec. 8.

THIRD AND FOURTH

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Jan 17. 150.

THROUGH BY EXPRESS,

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March 5. 150.

1856-OUR "SPRING STYLE,"-1856.

WE WILL OPEN our Spring Style of Gent's Dress Hat, on Wednesday the 8th inst., and invite the attention of gentlemen of taste to its inspection. We have given particular attention to the production of this Hat, for Spring and Summer wear, having selected the materials from one of the largest manufacturing establishments in the States; and we hope to offer the neatest and most durable Dress Hat we have ever yet produced. SHEPARD & MYERS.
March 4. Hat and Cap Emporium

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Liberal Cash advances made on Consignments to me or to my New York friends.
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Liberal cash advances made on consignments.
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May 9th, 1855. 87-1y-c.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.
JAS. H. CHADBOURN. GEO. CHADBOURN.
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Sept. 8, 1855. 75-1y-c.

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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL GROCER
Keeps constantly on hand, Wines, Teas, Liquors, Provisions, Wood and Willow Ware, Fruit, Confectionaries, &c South Front street,
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ADAMS, BROTHER & CO.,
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Particular attention paid to the receipts and Sale of *Naval Stores, Timber, Lumber, Corn, Bacon, Cotton, &c., &c.*
March 30, 1855. 6.

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Sept. 30. 64-tf

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PHILADELPHIA.
J. HARVEY COCHRAN,
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Liberal cash advances made on consignments.
July 30th, 1855. 55-tf.

HOOPER, DEARBORN & CO.,
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GEO. HOOPER. J. L. OSBORN. WM. L. HOOPER
July 28. 58-tf

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Feb. 5.

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20 BBLS., for sale by GEO. HOUSTON.
March 6.

COFFEE.

A FULL supply of Java, Laguayra and Rio Coffee, for sale by GEO. HOUSTON.
March 6. 151

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Wilmington.
Feb. 14.

JOHN A. STANLY,
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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T. C. WORTH,
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANT,
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NORTH WATER STREET, WILMINGTON, N. Ca.
Monuments, Toombs, Head and Foot Stones, and all kinds of Marble Work furnished to order on reasonable terms.
June 5. 36-1y-c

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Sept. 27. 84-1y

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Jan. 12. S. W. WHITAKER.

DISSOLUTION.

THE firm of Wilkinson & Esler is this day dissolved by mutual consent, the business will be settled by J. Wilkinson.
J. WILKINSON.
WM. M. ESLER.
Jan. 14, 1856.

J. WILKINSON will continue the Upholstering and Paper Hanging in all its branches. Those having accounts against Wilkinson & Esler will please present them, and those indebted will confer a favor by making payment immediately to
J. WILKINSON.
Jan. 19. 131

CO-PARTNERSHIP.

I HAVE this day associated my brother Oliver, with me in the General Grocery and Commission business. The firm will be GEO. H. KELLEY & BRO. We hope that our kind patrons and friends will continue their patronage which they have so liberally bestowed on the senior partner of the concern heretofore.

Our stock will consist of Sugars, Coffee, Molasses, Flour, Butter, Cheese, Lard, Bacon, Rice, Soap, Candles, Candies, Fish and Potatoes, Starch, Brooms, Tobacco, and everything in the grocery line, except liquors. We also further promise not to be undersold in the price of our articles or bettered as to quality. We shall still continue the cash system, or 30 days to good and punctual customers.
Feb. 5. GEO. H. KELLEY 138 tf.

LIME, HAIR, PLASTER & CEMENT.

CONSTANTLY on hand, and for sale by GEORGE HOUSTON.

PROSPECTUS

OF THE RAIL ROAD TIMES.

AN INDEPENDENT JOURNAL.

Devoted to News, Internal Improvement, Education, Agriculture, Manufacture & Commerce.

WE know that the interests of the People of our State demand such a paper, and believing that one free from political strife 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 encouraged.

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

It is unnecessary to say 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.

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

K. W. OGBURN,
C. C. COLE,
J. W. ALBRIGHT.
Nov. 6. 100-6t

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THE largest assortment of Chemicals ever offered in this market, consisting in part of
100 lbs. Sugar Lead;
50 " Sulph. Zinc;
25 " Vallett's Mass;
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15 bbls. Copperas;
25 lbs. Calomel;
30 lbs. Blue Mass;
3 carboys Spirits Nitre (fff);
3 " Agua Ammonia, (fff) and a number of other Chemicals, from the Laboratories of Powers and Weightman, Chas. Ellis & Co. For sale by C. & D. DuPRE.
June 5. 35

CIGARS! CIGARS!!

JUST RECEIVED, 50,000 choice Havana Cigars, for sale by C. & D. DuPRE,
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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. POOLE, Esq., who lives near the place, or to the subscriber. T. LORING.
Wilmington, N. C., Aug. 14, 1855.

THE NORTH CAROLINA

MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMP'Y,

RALEIGH, N. C.

THE above Company has been in operation since the 1st of April, 1848, under the direction of the following Officers, viz:

Dr. Charles E. Johnson, President,
Wm. D. Haywood, Vice President,
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Dr. Charles E. Johnson, } *Medical Board of Consultation.*
Dr. Wm. H. McKee, }
Dr. R. B. Haywood, }
J. Hersman, General Agent.

This Company has received a charter giving advantages 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 representatives 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 one half in a Note.

All claims for insurance against the Company will be paid within ninety days after proof of the death of the party is furnished.

Slaves are insured for one or five years, at rates which will enable all Slaveholders to secure this class of property against the uncertainty of life.

Slave insurance presents a new and interesting feature in the history of North Carolina, which will prove very important to the Southern States.

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

Dr. WM. W. HAMME, Medical Examiner, and Agent, Wilmington, N. C.

All Communications on business of the Company should be addressed to JOHN G. WILLIAMS, Sec'y.
Raleigh, June 6, 1855.

CIRCULAR.

A 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 sessions of all the Conferences held in 1855, 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 announcements of all New Books published by our Concern, 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 important facts and incidents.

THE "ANNALS."

It is believed, will be a fair and full daguerreotype of the progress of Southern Methodism.

It will occur to you at once, that if I have succeeded in preparing this volume with any reasonable 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 history.

THIS DIGEST

Will be specially valuable as a Book of reference. To whatever question of general interest 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 wish 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 department I have not restricted myself to the history of the year, but have collected whatever has appeared during the year, which, as history and biography, preserves the memories of the olden time, and 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 securely and is preferable to bills of distant banks. Those of the banks in North and South Carolina will be as good as gold. In return a copy will be sent well wrapped and prepaid.

My address is Goldsboro', N. C.
CHARLES F. DEEMS.
Dec. 29. 132-1m

BUTTER, CHEESE, &c.

GOSHEN Butter, do. Cheese, English Dairy and Pine Apple Cheese, Codfish, Scotch Herring, Salmon, Mackerel, with a variety of other goods, just received and for sale by L. N. BARLOW,
June 16. No. 3, Gran