

THE LETTER.

It came to the Merchant, and his heart
Grew sad o'er its trembling page;
For it told of disaster, and wreck and death,
And the might of the tempest's rage!

It came to the Lawyer—he broke with a smile
The seal, for he thought of his fee;
But alas! it told of the death of his wife,
And his little children three!

It came to the man of God—
And he hurriedly traced its lines;
It told of the death of his brother abroad,
On a mission to fiery climes!

It came to the Statesman's desk—
To the President's cabinet door;
He read of an army lately raised—
That army was now no more!

It came to the Farmer's hearth,
While his children were round him smiling,
In the joyous gleam of innocent mirth—
His sorrows all beguiling!

And he turned to the sky as a hurricane sped;
And his children in harvest time murmur'd
bread!

But it came to the Maiden's bower!
As she com'd its pleasant page,
She thought a minute was full an hour,
And an hour seem'd an age!

For it came with the forest leaves—
With the birds of early spring—
And more—it came when the heart was fresh,
And had not known sorrowing!

And it told of her lover's truth,
And his fortunes far away—
And she counted the 'leaden footed' hours,
And sighed for—the happy day!

The Resting Place.

However dark and disconsolate the path of life may seem to any man, there is an hour of deep and undisturbed repose at hand when the body may sink into a dreamless slumber. Let not the imagination be startled if this resting place, instead of being a bed of down, shall be a bed of gravel, or the rocky pavement of the tomb. No matter where the poor remains of a man may lie, the repose is deep and undisturbed: the sorrowful bosom heaves no more; the tears are dried up in their fountains; the aching head is at rest, and the stormy waves of earthly tribulation roll unheeded over the place of graves. Let armies engage in fearful conflicts over the very bosoms of the pale nations of the dead, not one of the sleepers heed the spirit-stirring trumpet, or respond to the rending shouts of victory.

How quiet those countless millions slumber in the arms of their mother earth! The voice of thunder shall not awaken them, the loud cry of elements, the winds, the waves, nor even the giant tread of the earthquake shall be able to cause an inquietude in the chamber of death. They shall rest and pass away; the last great battle shall be fought, and then a silver voice, at first just heard, shall rise to a tempest, and penetrate the voiceless grave. For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall hear His voice.

[Miffit.]

Mathews and the Frenchman.—Among the many foreigners with whom Mr. Mathews was intimate was a M. P.—le, who frequently visited us after our marriage.—Monsieur P.—le and his wife, a pretty English woman, had been married several years, but no child had blessed the otherwise happy couple. At the time when we became acquainted with them, in York, the lady had given promise, and in due time the critical moment arrived which was to complete their happiness, as they believed, by a more powerful bond of union. On the evening when this event was expected, and Monsieur P.—le hoped to become a father, he invited himself to dinner with us, desiring to divert, if possible, the intensity of his feelings from the not less than agony of suspense which he experienced lest his dear beloved wife should fall a sacrifice to her situation. It was almost impossible, even while witnessing the husband's suffering, not to smile at the ludicrous expression he gave to it.

Mr. Mathews urged him to take more wine than the habit of the abstemious Frenchman would have allowed him to drink at any other time; but now he seemed glad to use any artificial means to sustain himself. A second bottle of port had been produced, after dinner, before any intelligence from home reached the anxious husband, when lo! he was sipping a second glass of the newly opened wine, a servant from home was admitted, almost breathless with haste, and announced that his mistress was "put to bed with a fine boy!" The rapture of the father was as whimsical as had been his dread.—He was flying off to see his first born; but a prudent message from the father was added, recommending Mons. P.—le not to return immediately but to wait, satisfied with present intelligence, until summoned. To this he reluctantly submitted; and recasting himself, indulged in his future prospect of added bliss. Nothing had been wanting but a son to perfect the interest of his life; one child was sufficient for their mutual wishes; indeed, as he observed, a large family would not be desirable, or consistent with his means—and, as he and his wife were no longer youthful, it was not probable that any very serious increase to his family circle would be expected—he was, in fact, the happiest of men.

After a short interval, the servant appeared once more, to acquaint Monsieur his master, that since his first message, "Mistress had got another bairn!"

Surprising was the news, and somewhat damping, we thought, to the happiness and satisfaction which the first intelligence so indisputably occasioned. However, after the first ejaculation of surprise, Mons. P.—le inquired how his wife was, and being again assured there was nothing to fear, that he would soon be allowed to see her, he appeared to resign himself to this two-fold blessing, observing, "Well, well! it cannot be prevented—it is more than I expect—matters not repine—two children at one time is rather inconvenient at very expensive—mais n'importe, I cannot help him—I must be resigned to it."

In this manner he philosophized while he sipped his wine, looking into the fire at the same time, in a musing attitude; now and then, however, taking out his watch, and again expressing his anxiety lest his "dear wife" should be in danger. We had some difficulty in preventing him from appearing at his house before the ruling powers there thought proper.

A third time his messenger rushed in, more agitated and pale than at first. He appeared to bring fatal news, for his eyes seemed almost bursting from their sockets, and his whole appearance was truly alarming to us all.

"Well!" we simultaneously exclaimed,—"how is Madame—?"

"She's as well as can be expected, doctor says; but—"

"But what?" asked the agitated husband.

"But she's gettin' another bairn!" replied the messenger.

"Annoyed child!" cried the astonished husband, starting from his chair, and pushing his hair back from his forehead, with a "Wheugh!" as if sudden heat had distressed him. In truth he looked less in sorrow than in anger at this unseasonable augmentation; and, after a second pause, in seeming reflection, he suddenly assumed a resolute manner, as if from a strong effort of mental decision; buttoned up his coat rapidly; called for his hat, forced it with a blow down his forehead—drew in his breath; and in a calm yet determined voice, as he hastened out of the room, exclaimed, as if in soliloquy, I must put a stop to dis business!"—[Memoirs of Mathews.]

William Frazier, ATTORNEY AT LAW,

WILL continue to practice in the Courts of Augusta, Bath and Pendleton. Business confided to him will receive prompt attention.

His office is in the white house on the alley, in rear of the Court-house, formerly occupied by Wm. Kinney, Esq. as an office.

Staunton, Dec. 5—4t.

JOHN R. COOKE, (LATE OF WINCHESTER.)

HAS commenced the practice of Law in Richmond. He will attend the Court of Appeals, and the other Superior Courts, (State and Federal,) held in this city.

He will also attend the Western Court of Appeals at Lewisburg, regularly, from the beginning to the end of each term.

Richmond, Nov. 14, 1839.

THE SUBSCRIBERS HAVE JUST RECEIVED A FRESH SUPPLY OF

MEDICINES, viz:
Flour of Slippery Elm, (a new article,) Camphor, Opium, Liquid Opodeldoc, Godfrey's Cordial, &c.

And numerous other articles in the Drug Line, which they are determined to sell as low as they can be bought any where else in the Valley. Also, a handsome assortment of CONFECTIONARY.

E. BERKELEY, & CO.
Staunton, Oct. 31, 1839.

JUST RECEIVED.

HULL'S Patent HAND CANDLES, by the Box, or single pound.

E. BERKELEY & Co.
Nov. 28.

NEW GOODS.

JAMES C. MAUPIN,

Respectfully informs his customers and the public generally, that he has received, and is receiving daily, fresh supplies of Goods, selected by himself with great care in the Northern cities, and which he is confident cannot fail to please. His stock is general, consisting of almost every article in demand in this market, in the DRY GOODS, GROCERY, QUEENSWARE & HARDWARE lines. He has also a general assortment of SCHOOL BOOKS—and a large and well assorted stock of Ladies' and Children's SHOES and Gentlemen's BOOTS & SHOES.

He invites purchasers to call and examine his stock, assured that they will find his Goods as well selected and as cheap as any in this market.

Oct. 21, 1839.

FRESH SUPPLY

OF
Fall & Winter Goods.

THE subscriber has just returned from Philadelphia and New York, and is now receiving a fresh supply of

Dry Goods, Hardware, Queensware and Groceries, BOOKS AND STATIONARY, Shoes, &c. &c.

which he is determined to sell at a moderate profit for cash, or on a short credit to punctual customers. He invites his friends and the public generally to call and examine his stock, confident that he will be able to please them both in the quality and prices of his goods.

WILLIAM CRAIG.

Staunton, Oct. 2, 1839.

New Goods.

ALLEN & COCHRAN,

HAVE completed their assortment of
Fall and Winter Goods,

which they are selling low. They have on hand a large stock of HATS, which they are anxious to dispose of, & will sell them for cost and charges. The accounts for Hats sold by James Wiley are in their hands, and they only, are authorized to settle them. Those indebted for Hats will please call and discharge accounts.

Staunton, Nov. 14.

WILLIAM M'COMB,

RESPECTFULLY informs his old friends and customers that he has re-commenced the

HATTING BUSINESS,

in Staunton, a few doors above Mr. Blair's Store and immediately below the Market-house, where he will be thankful for all orders in his line of business. He respectfully solicits a share of public patronage.

Staunton, Aug. 15.

NOTICE.

THE subscriber has just received an assortment of Fur and Hair CAPS; also SILK HATS of a good quality.

WM. McCOMB.

Staunton, Oct. 17.

DEAF AND DUMB, AND BLIND SCHOOL, AT STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

This Institution will open for the reception of pupils on the 15th day of November next. The Terms and conditions of admittance will be as follows:

1st. The Institution will provide for each pupil, board, lodging, and washing; the constant superintendence of health, conduct, manners and morals; fuel, candles, stationery, and other incidental expenses of the school room, for which, including tuition, there will be an annual charge of \$120.

2d. In case of sickness the necessary extra charges will be made.

3rd. No pupil will be received for a less term than two years; and no deduction will be made on account of vacation or absence, except in case of sickness.

4th. Payments are always to be made six months in advance; for the punctual fulfillment of which, and the continuance of the pupil for two years, except in case of sickness or dismissal by the visitors, satisfactory bond and security will be required.

5th. Each Deaf must apply for admission, must not be under 7 or over 25 years of age, and in the case of the Blind, not under 7 or over 18; under peculiar circumstances this rule may be departed from at the discretion of the Executive committee. In every instance the pupil must be of good natural intellect, free from any immorality of conduct, or from any contagious disease; of which a satisfactory certificate will be required.

6th. Each pupil shall, on admission, be provided by his parents or guardian with sufficient changes of comfortable clothing with the name of the owner marked on each article; the clothes must be renewed by the parents or guardians when required, otherwise they will be furnished by the institution and charged to such parents or guardians.

7th. In case the parents or guardians are unable to defray the expenses of pupils, if residents of the State of Virginia, they will be educated and furnished gratuitously by the institution.

When a pupil is sent to the Institution, unless accompanied by a parent or some friend, who can give the necessary information concerning such pupil, a written statement should be sent as to his or her name; the year, month and day of birth; the names in full of his or her parents, brothers and sisters; the place of his residence; whether he or she was born deaf or blind, or if not, what caused his or her deafness or blindness; and also the name or direction of the person to whom letters respecting such pupils may be addressed. The vacations will be determined on hereafter.

All letters in relation to the admission of pupils, address to the undersigned.

NICHOLS C. KINNEY, Sec'y.

Staunton, Oct. 10, 1839.

STAUNTON ACADEMY.

The next session of this institution will commence on the 15th of October, and terminate on the 1st of July next ensuing.

The trustees take great pleasure in announcing to the public that they have made arrangements which they hope will enable this institution to enter into successful competition with any similar school in the State.

The mathematical department will be under the control of Mr. LYTLETON WADDELL, whose ability as a teacher and high character as a gentleman are well known to the public.

The classical department will be under the charge of Mr. HENRY JOHNSON, an English gentleman, who has recently been appointed to that professorship.

Mr. Johnson is a stranger in our county, but he brings with him from England and from the different parts of the Union in which he has resided, the highest testimonials of his character and capacity as a teacher.—He was originally educated for the bar, and practised law for some time in Bristol, England, but subsequently relinquished his profession and after travelling over a considerable portion of Europe, removed to the United States, and has been engaged in teaching for the last seven years.

The trustees contemplate the expenditure of nearly \$1,000, at an early day, in repairing and refurnishing the Academy, and they will spare no exertions to render it in all respects worthy of the purpose to which it is to be dedicated.

New regulations have also been adopted for the government of the school, which will ensure constant supervision of the trustees, and tend to establish a mild yet decided system of discipline among the scholars, appealing rather to the pride and sense of propriety of the pupils than to their fear of corporal punishment.

All the various branches usually taught in Academies will be subjects of instruction in this institution, and particular attention will be given to the French language, which Mr. Johnson speaks and writes with great fluency and ease.

The trustees feel great confidence in recommending this institution to the public, and they pledge themselves to use all proper exertions to render it worthy of the patronage and support of an enlightened community.—It will be peculiarly adapted for the purposes of a preparatory school for the University and Washington College, and the sessions will be made to conform to the sessions of those Institutions.

The geographical location of Staunton gives it peculiar advantages for an Academy. It is situated in a healthy and populous region of country near the centre of the State, and readily accessible by various lines of stages from all quarters. These circumstances, together with the cheapness of boarding, would seem to recommend it in an especial manner to gentlemen in Eastern Virginia who wish to send their sons from home.

The terms of tuition are for the Languages and Mathematics at the rate of \$30 for the session of ten months, and for other branches \$20 per session.

JOHN H. PEYTON, B. G. BALDWIN, SAMUEL CLARKE, JAMES CRAWFORD, JOHN C. SOWERS, WILLIAM KINNEY, THOMAS J. MICHIE, A. H. H. STUART, KENTON HARPER, E. BERKELEY.

Staunton, Sept. 19—4t.

BLANKS—Deeds, Constables' and Sheriffs' Blanks, Bonds, Notes, &c. for sale at this office.

Virginia, to wit.

At a Court continued and held for Augusta County, October 21st, 1839,

Peter Rubush and Elizabeth his wife, late Elizabeth Beard—plaintiffs

AGAINST

Jacob Beard and Eliza Ann Beard, infant children of Samuel Beard, dec'd., under the age of twenty-one years—Peter Teter and Molly his wife—defendants.

IN CHANCERY.

This cause came the plaintiffs by counsel, and filed their bill against the defendants, and on motion, James A. Cochran is assigned guardian to the infant defendants to defend them in this suit; and the defendants, Peter Teter and Molly his wife, not having entered their appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly and the rules of this Court, and it appearing by satisfactory evidence that they are not inhabitants of this country: It is ordered, that the said defendants do appear here on the first day of the January Term next, and answer the bill of the plaintiffs, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in some newspaper published in the town of Staunton for two months successively, and posted at the front door of the Court-house of this County.

Copy—Teste,

JEFFERSON KINNEY, Clk.

At a Court continued and held for Augusta County, October 31st, 1839,

James Taylor, Jr. John O. Taylor, John Trimble, guardian of George W. Taylor, and Samuel K. Taylor, John Trimble, guardian of Sarah F. Taylor, Juliet C. Taylor, Mary Susan, and Emily J. Taylor, plaintiffs,

AGAINST

James Points, Adm'r. of John Taylor dec'd., Mary C. Taylor, David Points, and Sidney R. his wife, William W. Taylor, William Kyle, and Eliza H. his wife, John L. Pitzer, and Harriet A. his wife, and Jefferson Kinney, guardian ad litem, for George W. Taylor, Samuel K. Taylor, Sarah F. Taylor, Juliet C. Taylor, Mary Susan Taylor, and Emily J. Taylor, children of John Taylor, under the age of twenty-one years—defendants.

IN CHANCERY.

This cause came on again to be heard this 31st day of October, 1839, on the papers heretofore read, and was argued by counsel, whereupon it is adjudged, ordered and decreed, that James Points, who is hereby appointed a Commissioner, for that purpose, after having advertised the time and place of sale in some newspaper published in Staunton, for at least four weeks, shall sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the undivided moiety of the TRACT OF WOODLAND in the bill mentioned, owned by John Taylor, dec'd., in partnership with John C. Sowers, on the following terms: One-third of the purchase money to be paid on the 1st of January, 1840, and the balance in one, and two years from that date, taking bond with approved security for the deferred payments. That said Commissioner also sell in the same way, on the same terms, the House and Lot in Waynesborough, the vacant Lot in Waynesborough, and the House and two Lots in Staunton, in the bill mentioned. It is further ordered, that Jacob Points be, and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner, who after advertising the time and place of sale, in some newspaper published nearest the land, shall sell the land in the bill mentioned, lying in Moulton Valley, Alabama, to the highest bidder, at public auction, on the following terms: One-fourth of the purchase money to be paid on the 1st day of January, 1840, the balance in one, two and three years from that date, taking bond and good security for the purchase money, and retaining a lien on the land for the further security, and that said Commissioners report their proceedings to this Court.

A Copy—Teste,

JEFFERSON KINNEY, Clerk.

Nov. 28.

In pursuance of the above Order, I shall on Thursday the 26th day of December next, in the Town of Staunton, in front of the Post-Office, proceed to sell to the highest bidder, the interest of said Taylor, in the Land held by him and John C. Sowers, Esq., and also the House and two Lots in the Town of Staunton, on the terms mentioned in said order. And on Saturday the 28th of the same month, in the Town of Waynesborough, I shall proceed to sell the House and Lot in said town; and also the vacant Lot therein also, to the highest bidder, on the terms mentioned in said order.

Not. 28.

JAMES POINTS, Com'r.

Trustee's Sale.

BY virtue of a deed of trust executed to me by Robert Terrell, bearing date the 8th day of November, 1836, and duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Augusta, I will sell for cash, to the highest bidder, on Friday the 10th of January, at the residence of said Terrell, in the town of Waynesborough, the following real and personal property, to wit:

A HOUSE & LOT

in the upper end of Waynesborough, being the same purchased by said Terrell from John Shaver.—Also,

ONE SIX ACRE LOT

on the back street in said town, which was also purchased by said Terrell from said Shaver.—Also,

One bay Horse 3 years old, 1 grey Horse 5 years old, 1 Cow, 1 Hog, 2 Bureaus, 2 Feather Beds, Bedsteads and Furniture, 2 small Tables, half dozen Windsor Chairs, 2 one-day Clocks, 1 Safe, 1 Kettle, 1 Pot, 1 Oven, 1 Baker, 1 Tea Kettle, 1 Saddle and Bridle, 1 pair Saddle Bags, 1 Shot Gun, 1 Stove and Pipe, 1 pair Fire Irons, 3 Sand Irons, 1 pair Shovel and Tongs, and 2 Axes.—Also, a quantity of Dry Goods, Groceries, &c. mentioned in said deed.

Acting as trustee, I will convey such title only as is vested in me by said deed.

JEFFERSON KINNEY.

Dec. 5.

LOST,

ON Saturday last, between Staunton, and Mrs. Hoover's, a pair of

SADDLE BAGS.

The finder shall be liberally rewarded by returning the same to me in Staunton.

ROBERT JOHNSON.

Dec. 19.

Virginia Scriverper

For sale at this office. Merchants supplied on commission, on liberal terms.



Jewelry, Watches, &c.

THE subscriber having purchased the interest of A. T. Peebles, in the Jewelry Store, lately opened by him in Staunton, and recently occupied by Wm. Young, has permanently located himself here for the purpose of conducting the business in all its various branches.

Having provided himself with fine materials, tools, &c. he feels prepared to offer his services to the public, and will repair all kinds of fine watches, clocks, &c. which may be entrusted to his care. Having had considerable experience in his profession, he hopes he will be able to please those who may favor him with their custom. He will keep on hand

Gold and Silver Lever Watches,

Plain Silver do.

Gold and Silver Pencils,

Gold Buttons.

Fine enameled Pearl & Paste

Rings,

Fine enameled Breast Pins,

Coral Gold Clasps,

Silver and Silver-plated Ware,

with a variety of articles all of which he is disposed to sell on accommodating terms.

A. ROBINSON.

Staunton, Nov. 21, 1839.

MONEY WANTED

FOR STATE SCRIP.

PERSONS who may have money which they wish to invest safely, may now have an opportunity of doing so in State scrip. The scrip is issued by the State of Va., bearing an interest of 6 per cent. per annum, redeemable in 20 years, the interest to be paid every 6 months. If persons investing money in scrip should wish to convert it again into money, it can always be sold at a premium in consequence of the certain security. It is certainly a much better and much more certain investment of money than Bank stock.

Application to be made to Benjamin Crawford, Esq. of Staunton.

Oct. 31.

Trustee's Sale.

BY virtue of a deed of trust executed to me by Philip Dull and wife, bearing date the 13th day of August, 1838 and duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Augusta, will be sold to the highest bidder, for cash, on Saturday the 28th of December next, before the door of the Post Office in Staunton,

A Certain Lot

or parcel of Land, in the town of Staunton, in that part of the said town called Newtown, being the same lot conveyed to the said Dull by Benjamin Crawford, Esq.

Acting as Trustee, I shall convey such title only as is vested in me by the deed aforesaid.

JEFFERSON KINNEY, Trustee.

Nov. 24.

BELL TAVERN,

STAUNTON, Va.

THE subscriber respectfully informs the public, that he has removed from the house lately occupied by him, 19 miles from Staunton, on the Jennings's Gap Road, to the Warm Springs, to the Bell Tavern, in Staunton; where he is prepared to accommodate travellers and others who may call on him, in a comfortable style. A share of public patronage is respectfully solicited.

Boards taken by the week, month or day, and furnished with comfortable rooms.

WM. H. GARNER.

Staunton, Nov. 21, 1839—6t

Rockingham Register will insert 3t

TAILORING.

HENRY BARE

TAKES this opportunity of returning his thanks to the citizens of Staunton, and of Augusta county generally, for the very liberal encouragement which he has received, and would inform them that he has made every arrangement for the satisfactory management of his enlarged business.

He has secured the services of a number of competent workmen, and hopes by his unwearied attention to business to be able to render entire satisfaction to all his customers.

He has received the

Fall and Winter Fashions

for 1839, and '40. A full suit of clothes will be made at any time in twenty-four hours, if desired.

One or two JOURNEYMEN wanted immediately.

Staunton, Nov. 21, 1839.

Mrs. ANN P. SMITH:

Madam—As you are not a resident of this Commonwealth, and have no known agent therein, you will please to take notice that, on the 27th of December 1839, between the hours of 9 o'clock, A. M. and 4 P. M., at the store of George E. Craig, in the village of Barterbrook, we will proceed to take the depositions of Benjamin Law and others, which depositions, when taken, we will offer as evidence on the trial of a suit in Chancery now depending in the County Court of Augusta, wherein we are plaintiffs, and you and others are defendants. If, however, from any cause the said depositions should not be completed on that day, the same will be continued from day to day, at the same place, and between the hours aforesaid, until completed.

DAVID GUTHRIE,

GUTHRIE & MARTIN.

Nov. 28, 1839.

NOTICE.

A petition will be presented to the next General Assembly of Virginia, praying that the precinct election now held at the House of Robert Dunlap, in Augusta County