

Commencement at Davidson College, N. C.

Mr. Editor: We have persuaded ourselves that a brief report of the Commencement at Davidson College, N. C., which occurred on the 18th instant, might not be uninteresting to the readers of your interesting weekly.

It was the good fortune of the writer to be present at the last Commencement, which was the first for a period of six eventful years.

In the afternoon early there began a steady flow of the growing assemblage chapel-ward, and soon two thousand waiting souls were impatient for the expected address before the Literary Societies of the College, by one of old Rip's most worthy sons, Governor Z. B. Vance.

After an intermission of some three hours, the assembly was sounded by the ringing bell. There was grossly missed to omit a reference to the intervening episode, most pleasant of all to those of us who were not so wretchedly "book" as "grub" worms.

CHANGE IN THE MOON'S SURFACE.—Astronomers are just now interested in a change lately observed on the surface of the moon.

An amendment, disfranchising all persons who voluntarily went into the service of the rebellion, has been adopted by the New York Constitutional Convention.

One of Brownlow's militia, on being arrested for murder in broad daylight, boasted that he had killed eighteen men.

AUGUSTA, July 26.—Heavy showers today, with indications of continuance. Accounts from the interior are favorable to crops.

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MERE MENTION.

During the war there was great demand for spinning wheels—now we do not even hear their merry sound.—Mr. Vanderbilt, of New York, returns an income of \$653,892.

Remarkable Predictions. The following extract, which a writer for the "Cincinnati Enquirer" quotes from page 310 of Mr. Calhoun's works, and which was written in 1819, reads like history rather than prediction:

"If (emancipation) should ever be effected it will be through the agency of the Federal Government controlled by the dominant party of the United States of the Confederacy against the resistance and struggle of the Southern.

The blacks, and the profligate whites that might unite with them, would become the principal recipients of the Federal offices and patronage, and would, in consequence, be raised above the whites of the South in the political and social scale.

FRANKNESS AND CANDOR.—Whatever else may be said of old Thad. Stevens he possesses at least the merit of boldness and candor.

AUGUSTA, July 28.—The "Loyal Georgian" has ceased to exist. The editor, in his valedictory, says every effort has been made to raise money, but failed.

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Registration.

Very soon, says the "Camden Journal," our people will be called upon to register, or to forfeit all voice and influence in the reorganization of the State Government.

The death of Judge Wayne leaves the Southern States without a single Judge on the Supreme bench. The Supreme Court is to be reduced to seven Judges by Act of Congress.

MR. J. E. DENT, Sheriff of Richland district, whose term of office had expired, has given way to Dr. F. W. GREEN, who has been appointed his successor by military authority.

WE have received a letter from our esteemed Brother, B. RUSH CAMPBELL, Esq., Grand Lecturer of this State, says the "Anderson Intelligencer," announcing that he will be at this place on Monday, the 19th of August.

NEW YORK, the newest expedient of the illicit whiskey distillers to cheat the Government is to construct and work their "stills" on board vessels in the harbor.

HORRIBLE MURDER.—We learn that, on Tuesday of last week, Mr. Franklin A. Rugsdale, living in the eastern portion of this District, was found within three hundred yards of his own house, shot through the right wrist, with his left arm shattered at, above and below the elbow joint.

Union Republican Convention.

A body styling itself the "Union Republican Convention of South Carolina," has been in session in Columbia. We publish in our paper a synopsis of the proceedings, including the platform adopted.

What, then, is to be done? Shall we stand still and allow the government of the State to pass under the control of the rulers of this convention, or by participating in a new movement make an effort to restore the State to the Union on a fairer, more just, and enduring basis?

THE position of this journal is well known—that which it has aimed at, and what it is now anxious to accomplish is, the restoration of the State to the Union, in the speediest way, and in compliance with the reconstruction Acts of Congress.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. PUBLIC MEETING.—A public meeting is advertised to take place at Walhalla on Friday the 9th day of August, instant.

REGISTRATION.—The order of Gen. STEWART, appointing Registers for the post of Anson, appears in our columns.

COLLECTOR'S SALE.—Mr. COBB, Deputy Collector, offers some valuable property for sale, for the payment of taxes.

CITATION.—Letters of administration to be granted by the Ordinary on the Estate of JAS. M. TAYLOR.

What the President will Do. The "National Intelligencer," (semi-official) says: "It is understood in well informed circles that the President will cheerfully and promptly enter upon the execution of the Reconstruction Act of the last session of Congress, giving, if occasion requires, explicit instructions to the Commanding Generals.

Cotton Prospects. From intelligent sources we have learned that with a good season and good luck to the last picking, says the "New York Herald," our Southern cotton crop of this year's planting will probably amount to 2,500,000 bales.

not to be questioned or evaded, and have executed that duty with a thoroughness and moderation which cannot be too highly commended.

A great many rash, unwise projects are broached in either House, but how few of them ever obtained any sort of sanction!

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TERMS.—One Dollar and Twenty-five cents, strictly in advance, for six months. Advertisements inserted at \$1 per square of ten lines or less for the first insertion, and 50 cents for each subsequent insertion.

PICKENS C. H., S. C.: Saturday Morning, August 3, 1867.

THE post office at Eastatoe has been re-opened, and Miss F. C. MCKINNEY appointed postmistress. We hope that an earnest effort will be made to re-open all the post offices in the district.

A new mail route, connecting Walhalla with Clarkesville, Ga., has been established. The mail on this route leaves Walhalla on

Gov. PERRY has written another letter on reconstruction. He continues to run his old schedule. We shall endeavor to make room for it in our next issue.

In New York, on the 31st ult., cotton was quoted at 27 & 28; flour, \$6 to \$16; corn, \$1 to \$1.04; wheat, \$2.40 to \$2.60.

After registration has been perfected, the commanding General apportions the number of delegates to be elected amongst the different Districts according to the number of persons registered in each; giving as many delegates as there are representatives in the most numerous branch of the State Legislature.

On Thursday morning rain commenced falling gently, with the prospect of a good season. It was greatly needed. There is a fine corn prospect.

The Baptist State Convention assembled at Anderson on Friday the 26th, and adjourned on the Tuesday following. Next week, we hope to be able to print such of the proceedings as are of general interest.

Veto Message of the President.

We lay before our readers the message of the President of the United States, vetoing the second supplementary reconstruction bill passed by Congress. The President, with quite a number of Southern men, have failed to be impressed with the inexorable logic of events, or are wilfully blind.

The health officer of New York makes some suggestive statements touching "the murder of the innocents." It seems that last week one hundred children died whose lives might have been saved. They were sacrificed to the prevailing system of over-crowding in tenement houses, and to the lack of proper care and nurture.

Wm. S. HASTIE, Esq., has been appointed Sheriff of Charleston district, by Gen. BROCKLES, in place of Col. OAGAN, whose term of office had expired.

Northern Public Opinion.

After the adjournment of Congress, the usual serenade was given to prominent Congressmen at Washington. Being called on, Speaker COLFAX said:

"Has Congress required the ratification of a constitutional amendment? So did the President. Has Congress established a test oath? So did the President. Our crime is, I suppose, that we provided that those whom the nation has made free should have the freeman's ballot for their protection, while the President did not.

The President appeals to the ballot-box; and so do we, and by his decision we are willing to stand or fall. In 1862, in the darkest hour of the war, amid disaster and reverse, the ballot-box sustained us, and returned a Republican majority in Congress.

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At the conclusion of Speaker Colfax's speech three cheers were given by the assembled crowd, which then proceeded to the residence of Senator Sumner. Several airs were played, but the Senator did not respond.

The nation has just passed through a gigantic war, but through the aid of Divine Providence, the Star Spangled Banner again waves over the land from Maine to California. The South has accepted the situation.

The Republican party must accept the situation in another respect. There has been a war in Mexico. Maximilian has been executed and the Democratic party is expressing its disapprobation of the act.

Now they must do for the North as they had done for the South and entorse suffrage upon every State. Thus it is that Republicans must accept the situation. Let us work until no rebel can stand in place of trust and power—until no foreign government shall have a foothold on this continent, and until liberty is perpetuated on all American soil.

THE ADJOURNMENT OF CONGRESS.—When Congress met, three weeks ago, there was some slight reason for the fear that the reopening of the question of Reconstruction would be seized as an opportunity to begin again from the foundations.

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