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Miscellaneous.

Brief Sketch of Mr. Calhoun.

Anything which relates to the early life of one justly distinguished, as our departed statesman was will be read with interest. The following brief sketch has been furnished the Abbeville Banner by Mr. A. Bowie, in the form of a letter, from Ben Lomand, Taladega County, Alabama :

DR. J. H. LOGAN:-Dear Sir:-I received yours of the 7th instant, a few days ago.— Having been a warm friend and ardent admi-rer of Mr. Calboun, I take pleasure in answering your inquiries concerning his early life, as the King of Prussia. far as I am able. He was seven years my senior, and of course I was but a boy when he attained to the age of manhood. I first knew him in the year 1801, when we were, for a few months, schoolfellows in the Academy then taught by the late Dr. Waddel, in Vienna .-Mr. Calhoun soon after this time entered Yale whole court" was to hear mass in state. Pre-College, and my education having only just parations had been making for some days and begun, I saw nothing of him until I commenced the study of law in the summer of 1810 .-beville Court House, the late Governor Noble attended the French church first, intending afbeing his partner. They occupied, as an of-fice, the house in which Governor Noble after-Protestant house of worship is, though pretty wards lived till his death. After I knew him and neat very plain; no aristocratic pews, as a lawyer, Mr. C. always boarded at the hotel known as "The Red House" and now occupied by the McLaren family. During a part, if not all the time he boarded there the hotel have before you the French Protestant church was kept by George Whitefield. The business of the Court was, at that time divided pretty equally between the three offices—Calhoun & Noble's, B. C. Yancey's and my brother George (often followed by their servants) filled the Bowie ! There were at this time six or eight students in these offices, viz: Capt. Robert Cunningham, of Laurens District, and Nathauiel A. Ware, in Calhoun and Noble's, Wil on Birk, of Georgia, J. T. Whitefield and C. C. Yancey, in Mr. Yancey's, and the late Chief invself in my brother's office.

young men, and ever ready to advance them balls as a niece of the Emperor of Russia, by his counsels and instructions. It was our (she is both a belle and a beauty) followed by constant habit to assemble in the summer eve niogs in Mr. Calhoun's piazza and listen to his conversation, in which his partner and Mr. Yancey, and sometimes the older students, par ticipated. In this way be delighted to instruct his young friends, and I believe we all profited greatly by such occasions. At this period of greatly by such occasions are greatly by such occasions. There was no excuse the passengence of the benches, whilst the pastor's wife, followed by a broad-faced Swiss servant, with a cap stated in the suddrug. The benches, to them leads generally through rows of elelowed by a broad-faced Swiss servant, with a cap stated in the suddrug. The benches, followed by a broad-faced Swiss servant, with a cap stated in the suddrug. The benches, followed by a broad-faced Swiss servant, with a cap stated in the suddrug. The benches, followed by a broad-fac his life; and I believe ever afterwards, Mr. Cal-houn was in the habit of taking much exercise, and always on foot. His customary walk was exercise was usually taken very early in the morning, and he was generally willing to have one of his young friends as a companion -not ted me to accompany him in his morning stroll | the service. -and and I refer to it now, not to claim any particular intimacy with so distinguished a man, of which any one might justly be proud, but to record a disciplinary achievement of his own, which struck me at the time as being very wonderful. He was endeavoring to impress upon my mind the great importance of cultivating the power of attention, and to encourage me in my efforts he stated that to this end he had early subjected his mind to such a course of rigid discipline, and had persisted without taltering, until he had acquired a per fect control over it, and that he could now con fine it as long as he pleased, to any subject ter door to the high altar, whilst the octagon, without wandering even for a moment; and in itself a chapel, was blazing with silver that it was his uniform habit, when he set out lamps and colored wax lights. A drum beats alone, to walk or ride, to select a subject for reflection, and that he never suffered his atten- to the grand entrance, and receive the Archtion to wander from it until he was satisfied bishop; the soldiers present arms, and the with its examination. In this single achievement is to be found, as I firmly believe, the the line of troops, and takes his seat upon an principal cause of hs quiet intellectual tri clevated chair covered with a canopy of white comps; this made him the greatest thinker of his age, and to this achievement are we to attribute his wonderful powers of combination the ducal family; hundreds of chandeliers,

thousands of wax lights, with the richest hangings of crimson and yellow silk, with beautiful tapastries, nearly cover the walls of this grand old Duomo.

The Bi-hop of Florence and Fiesole, the capans of the Cathedral, and an impense body the wanton attack of the Leopard on the Chesa- of clergy, fill the stalls of the octagan; the dent of Law; he astonished every body, and laid the foundation of that enduring popularity in his native district, which he retained to the

early history spell the name?" Until the time the court; another follows, neither young nor of the generation to which Mr. Calhoun him- handsome, but richly dressed in brocade and he first syllable instead of an A-Colhoun - uniforms come; they kneel, laugh, talk, pinch,

None of his friends ever loved him more—man, whom I recognize as the Pope's Nuncio, takes a privileged seat in front of me. Austrian and Tuscan officers (not on duty) begin to arrive, and takes the love of the possessed more equa-I will only add, that he possessed more equationity than any man, thave aver known—I mover as whim depressed in spirit, nor excited by anger. He was always cheerful—the natural result of a life of constant and uniform virus in petticoat of white moire antique, with train

A. BOWIE.

Correspondence of the Washington Globe. Churches in Florence.

What shall I tell you of Florence-its galeries, festas, quaint streets, dark old palaces, which might if stones could speak, reveal many dark deeds of the past? The last days of boly week gave neemone new ideas of Italian tife, for the Church is everything; even the amusements of the gay. Florentines depend upon their festax. The Churches of France are, many of them, gorgeous and imposing, with the mational hymnor days of many possible them. The many possible that we are singing. "God save the Emperor the Church is great that of the gay from the depending of the control of the control

high mass at the Cathedral on the same morning. It was a great fete in Florence; " the whole court" was to hear mass in state. Preat an early hour on Sunday morning, the ringing of bells, crowds of people in the streets, At this time Mr. C. was practicing law at Ab- passing of soldiers, announced a great fete. I

benches and chairs.

A gentleman seated himself in front of me. Nothing but his remarkably fine appearance, Justice of Alabama, Abner S. Lipscomb and ry prince of Prussia, who was visiting the Ducal family of Tuscany. A lady entered who Mr. C. was always kind and familiar with had been pointed out to me at one of the court quent and extensive that whole towns are constant habit to assemble in the summer eve | a female servant. She seated herself on one his life, and I believe ever afterwards, Mr. Cal- for not joining in the service. Hymn books up the Peudleton road, and he seldom turned drawn agony of tenor, basso, and soprano, before he had walked a mile and a half. This chasing each other in the "Gloria in Excelsis." The number of the hymns for the morning were written upon two black boards, hung upon pillars. The books handed by the sexto enjoy their conversation, but to benefit them by his. I remember, on one occasion, he invi-A prayer followed, another hymn, a chapter

the Bible, a sermon, and with a prayer and the blessing, we were dismissed. I hurried to the Duomo, being anxious to arrive before the ducal cortege An immense crowd filled the streets, whilst the approaches to the church were occupied by mounted troops; on the north side of the piazza was a large body of Austrian soldiers, with their fine band of nearone hundred musicians. The vast old Cathedral was already quite full, and a body of gens d'armes, and the Duke's body-guard, in their gorgeous uniforms, formed a line from the centhousands of wax lights, with the richest hang-

zens of Abbeville, called on the occasion of canons of the Cathedral, and an immense body peake. On this occasion he was then a stu | floor is covered with crimson cloth, upon which day of his death. If he had ever before made a public speech, I am not aware of the fact.

You again ask, "How did the family in its gon. It is the young Marchesa A.—a lady of avenger scatter the inhabitants to the four nged, the name spelled with an O in diamonds, some half dozen little pages in rich the first syllable instead of an A—Colhoun.—
Mr. James Calhoun, the brother, I believe to the day of his death, wrote his name Colhoun.
In action times, it is probable the name was written Colquinan; as I believe it is to this day in Great Britain.

You do not expect me. I am sure, to attempt a defineation of the character, private or public, of our departed friend—that has been done by others much better than I could do it.—
None of his feath, wrote his name Colhoun.

uniforms come; they kneel, laugh, talk, pinch, and push each other, whilst they are supposed to be saying their proyers. Look! is this a walking portrait of Titian—a superb looking man to crimson hat or eap, with white plume; it is the Mayor of Florence, followed by the doctors of law and medicine in their robes. A slightly made, graceful, but Jesuitical looking man, whom I recognize as the Pope's Nuncio, takes a privileged sext in front of me. Aus-

mass of Mozart. The host is raised; thousands of kneeling figures bow reverently and the melof kneeling figures bow reverently and the mellow tones of a fine tenor fill the old church with delicious notes. I left before the conclusion of the mass, that I might see the departure of the cortege. The troops had cleared the Piazza and eight gilded carriages, six horses each, with troops of bewigged and bepowdered footmen, which might if stones could speak, reveal many dark deeds of the past? The last days of troops of bewigged and bepowdered footmen,

dy who gives seven hours a day to the pianowhilst, within my own domicile is a teeting baby, and two children who practice their hours. It is wonderful how one learns from habit to be deaf.

BUILDINGS, TEMPLES, AND RELIGION OF JA-AN .- A correspondent of the N. York Journal of Commerce, writing from Commodore Perry's squadron, remarks as follows in relaion to the religion, temples, &c., of the Japa-

better class of houses two stories high, plaster-ed, and roofed with elegant tiles. The interior with mats, and separated from each other by sliding screws, that are closed or removed at y are usually found seated on their knees, frinking tea and smoking their pipes. Not a chair, or any other species of furniture, can be seen. Tubs of water are kept in front of each house as well as on the roofs, in readiness against any fire, for conflagrations are so fre sometimes burnt down.

The temples, chiefly Budhists, are beautifully situated in the suburbs. The entrance resorvoir of holy water, and several roughly is nothing special about the buildings worth shield you from the winter of the heart. noting, the naked sides, exposed rafters having a gloomy appearance. The altar is the only object that attracts attention. It so much redescribe it. Some of these idols are so similar to those I have seen in the churches of Italy, that if they were mutually translated, I doubt whether either set of worshippers would discover the change. The priests count beads, shave their heads and wear analogous robes, and the service is attended by the the ringing of bells, the lighting of candles and the burnworship.

Autumn is at Hand.

The summer solsitce has passed. The hot nd suffocating atmosphere, which seemed to pen every pore of the body, and send from it, o copious streams, such aqueous exhalations, threatening to reduce the corpus to a state of fluidity, has happily vanished away! We breathe the revivifying air of the last of September with pleasure. We have bid adieu to summer with a hearty good will-and why should we not? What has she done to endear herself to our remembrance? She has visited us with severe and scorching weather-the like whereof the "oldest inhabitant" has no knowledge; she has decimated the cities and villages of our country with a fearful scourge, not even saving from its ruthless grasp, the quiet and unobtrusive farmer, who, in the simplicity of his habits and the absence of excitement, does not look for so terrible a visitor; she has taken the young and the old, the vigorous and the feeble, the poor and the rich, and prostrating them before the power of the great avenger, has laid them where the peer is on a level with the peasant. The scourge would come somewinds of heaven. Terrible indeed has been the devastation; and although we have had no ties of love or affection sundered by the grim monster, yet we are not insensible to the fact that hundreds have been called upon to part with all they hold dear on earth. Families have been broken up-sometimes not one has been left to mourn the loss of the other members. Such has been some of the features which have marked history of the past summer, and which seem

or others much better than I could do it.—
None of his filends ever loved him more—may the profession.

I could do it.—
None of his filends ever loved him more—may the profession of profession.

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I could do it.—
He could not be profession.

Other complaints we have against thee, O sumble the profession.

Beneath human beings to work! Look in the profession.

Beneath human beings to work! I could not be a strained of plumes himself P. Green Jenkins. Just so the profession.

Another drum beats—the ducal family have and beast made to suffer. Autumn hias its attractions. The city is lively and buoyant—tractions. The city is lively and buoyant—tractions at result at a life of possible profession.

I could not be profession.

Beneath human beings to work! Look in the profession.

Beneath human beings to work! Why and beat train and feather you work with an uneffaceable signet, and then you king the change and he cannot see how be can blighted, the springs have been death unant beings to work! Why and beat tractions are included the profession.

Another drum beats—the ducal family have are saw him to prove a saw --- "like the footsteps of the 'vengeful god."

given you all the information I possess in reference to the enquiries of your letter, I conclude with the high esteem and respect with which I am

Your friend,

Your frie

the straw pallet-the rich viands for the coarse food of the poor. Summer friends may forsake you, and the unpitying world pass you by white light of a cloudless day is that designed with scarcely a look or word of compassion.

You may be forced to toil wearily, steadily on, to earn a livelihood; you may encounter fraud and the base avarice which would extort thalmia, and reflected from red brick walls it Some of the brethren the last farthing, till you well-nigh turn in dis-

gust from your fellow beings. Death may sever the dear ties that bind you to earth, and leave you in fearful darkness .-"The streets are wide and straight, and the better class of houses two stories high, plastered, and roofed with elegant tiles. The interior is very clean and neat, and the rooms, covered is very clean and neat, and the rooms, covered is very clean and neat, and the rooms, covered is very clean and neat, and the rooms, covered is very clean and neat, and the rooms, covered is very clean and neat, and the rooms, covered is very clean and neat, and the rooms, covered is very clean and neat, and the rooms, covered is very clean and neat, and the rooms, covered is very clean and neat, and the rooms, covered is very clean and neat, and the rooms, covered is very clean and neat, and the rooms, covered is very clean and neat, and the rooms, covered is very clean and neat, and the rooms, covered is very clean and neat, and the rooms, covered is very clean and neat, and the rooms, covered is very clean and neat, and the rooms, covered is very clean and neat, and the rooms, covered is very clean and neat, and the rooms, covered is very clean and neat, and the rooms of the superior eye-sight of fardeclining years, may be taken from you, while were to say nothing of the superior eye-sight of fardeclining years, may be taken from you, while were the shadow of the tomb cannot be to say nothing of the superior eye-sight of fardeclining years, may be taken from you, while were the shadow of the tomb cannot be to say nothing of the superior eye-sight of fardeclining years, may be taken from you, while were the shadow of the tomb cannot be to say nothing of the superior eye-sight of fardeclining years, may be taken from you, while to say nothing of the superior eye-sight of fardeclining years, may be taken from you, while to say nothing of the superior eye-sight of fardeclining years, may be taken from you, while to say nothing of the superior eye-sight of fardeclining years, may be taken from you, while to say nothing of the superior eye-sight of fardeclining years, may be taken from you, while to say nothing o wholly subdue.

But amid all these sorrows, do not come to pleasure. There are no chimneys in Japan. the conclusion that nobody was ever so deeply charcoal fire is built in a little sand pit in afflicted as you are, and abandon every sweet the middle of the floor around which the fami- anticipation of "better days' in the unknown

> Do not lose your faith in human excellence, because your confidence has sometimes been betrayed, nor believe that friendship is only a defision, and love a bright phantom which

> glides away from your grasp.
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> Do not think that you are fated to be miserable because you are disappointed in your expectations, and baffled in your pursuits. Do not declare that God has forsaken you, when your way is hedged about with thorns, or repige sinfully, when he calls your dear ones to

> the land beyond the grave.
>
> Keep a holy trust in heaven through every trial; bear adversity with fortitude, and look upward in hours of temptation and suffering. When your locks are white, your eyes dim, and

CHEERFULNESS .- Cheerfulness and a festisembles the Roman Catholic, that I need not val spirit fills the soul full of harmony-it composes music for churches and hearts-it makes and publishes glorifications of God-it produces thankfulness and serves the end of charity; and, when the oil of gladness runs over, it makes bright and tall emissions of light and holy fires, reaching up to a cloud, and making joy round about; and therefore, since it is so innocent, and may be so pious and full ing of incense. In fact, except that the cross of holy advantage, whatsoever can minister to is nowhere to be seen, one could easily imagine this holy joy does set forward the work of rehimself within a Roman Catholic place of ligion and charity. And, indeed, charity it self, which is the vertical top of all religion, is nothing else but a union of joys concentrated in the heart, and reflected from the angles of our life and intercourse. It is a rejoicing in God, a gladness in our neighbor's good, a pleasure in doing good, a rejoicing with him; and without love we cannot have any joy at all.

WORK! WORK!-I have seen and heard of people who thought it beneath them to work to employ themselves industriously at some useful labor. Beneath them to work! Why work is the great motto of life; and he who accomplishes the most by his industry, is the most distinguished man among his fellows, too. And the man who forgets his duty to himself, his fellow creatures, and his God-who so far forgets the great blessings of life, as to allow his off his coat and told him to take a seat. energies to stagnate in inactivitity and uselessness, had better die: for, says Holy Writ, "He that will not work, neither shall be eat." An idler is a cumberer of the ground, a weary curse to himself, as well as to those around him.

Beneath human beings to work! Why, what out the continued history that brings forth the mprovement that never allows him to be contented with any attainment he may have made, of work that he may have effected, what but this raises man above the brute creation, and, under Providence, surrounds him with comforts. luxuries and refinements; physical, moral and intellectual blessings? The great orator, the great poet, and the great scholar, are great working men. Their vocation is infinitely more laborious that that of the handieraftsman: and the student's life has more anxiety than that of any other man. And all, without the tion to be 'volgew, and is now only known as perseverance, the intention to real industry, J. Daw Jones, more appropriate to be given in cannot thrive. Hence the number of mere pre- full, and would doubtless be a most correct tensions to scholarship, or those who have not strength and industry to be real scholars, but come convinced that Peter is two homely a stop half way, and are smatterers, a shame to cognomen for one who walks so high in aristo-

The most ordinary cause of injured eye sight is using the eye in an improper light. The he was gone, white light of a cloudless day is that designed. There was quite a stir produced supposed. by nature for man's use. But this light must brethen by the praction of be too brilliant. Reflected from sandy preacher. They wished plains, or from snow, this light produces op- or Mobly appreciated is also injurious, though in a less degree; while when reflected from green woods or fields, or even from brown ploughed earth, it is not hurtful at all, as the experience of every man proves, light of the day is too brilliant, we should temper it with green. If on the contrary, it is dall, we should increase its powers by the employment of proper colors. But the worst daylight is nearly always better than candlelight, lamp-the National Intelligencer, contains is nearly always better than candlelight, lamplight or gaslight. All artificial light is too yellow, and in time will injure the eye. Persons who read or write much at night, must expect to have bad eye sight, for the strongest eyes will succumb at last to the yellow rays of gas, lamp or candle. The morning is the best time to use the eye, both because the light is then generally the best, and because the orb is fresh from the repose of the night.

When reading or writing is unavoidable at night, the light, should fall across the shoulder, ight or gaslight. All artificial light is too yel

night, the light should fall across the shoulder, the state of intoxication, and to all app and from the left. To read or write with a lamp in front always strains the eve. To hold the book close to the eye, or to bend down close to the paper, tends to produce short-sightedness; and as most professional men, literary men, and even merchants and clerks do this. sight. Spectacles, or eye-glasses which are not exactly suitable, are an injury rather than a benefit. Their use should be put off, moreover, as long as possible. They are like crutches, which once introduced, become indispensable ever after. All sudden transitions from light to darkness, or from obscurity to light, are hurtful to the eyes. Small print in reading, or too fine a hand in writing, should be avoided. By observing the laws of nature, the eye-sight can be preserved to a late period of lite. But by disregarding these laws, not only adults impair their own eye-sight; but they hand down to their children imperfect vision, and occasionally even total blindness. We repeat, that it is not the fault of civilization, but of ourselves, if we have worse eye-sight than savage people. - Phil. Ledger.

REVOLUTIONARY ANECDOTE .- A correspon dent of the N. H. Patriot furnishes the follow

"When the British were at Boston, in 1776 my father was in a barber's shop waiting to be shaved. A British Officer came in and wanted to be shaved, provided the barber could do it without drawing blood, and saying if he did not he would run his sword through him. The barber was frightened and dare not under take the task. A little boy sitting there spoke up and said he would do it. He looked at the boy with astonishment, but the boy stripped took off the officer's beard without drawing blood, and was paid a guinea for his trouble. The officer then asked how he ventured to do it, as he had been to every barber's shop in town and no one before dared to do it. The boy replied, "I thought I should see the blood as soon as you would, and if I had, I would have cut your throat to the back bone in a moment." The British officer hung down his head and left, amid shouts of applause for the boy."

FASHION IN NAMES, - Fashion plays some queer freaks with his wand. The last innovation, is we believe, the using of the middle name and dropping the first and 'christian' index. For instance: Jones, who was always distinguished in his younger days by plain John D. or 'Jack,' has concluded that appella cratic circles, and brings him too much on i

was a queer, but very sensible

THE NARCOTIC QUALITIES OF H

dead, and cattle after drinking the water is owing to narcotic resin in the hemp plan called in Asia 'Hocshish.' It has the same at tect on fish as the 'conicus indicus,' which used to take them in many places.

"Cattle instead of being killed by it, actually become fond of drinking the water, and it is with difficulty they can be kent from stream, as it causes the same delightful sensation that a small amount does upon the human system. The resin of the hemp plant is extens sively used among Eastern nations to produce a pleasant character of intoxication, as it least no unpleasant results."

Water rotting hemp has been, tried in the

United States with decided success, and American hemp so treated, has proved better in all respects than the Russian.

A CONFIRMED EDITOR .- Colonel Fuller of the New York Mirror, has had a legacy of some two hundred and fifty thousand dollars left him. Thereupon the Boston Bee predicts that he will soon throw off the editorial harness.

Fuller replies thus:

"We predict that this "mortal coil," and
"the harness" will go off together. Believing
it to be the duty of every man to labor for
the bread he eats; and preferring the editorist vocation to all others, we would not voluntaries y resign our office, were we as rich as Aster.

DEER SHOOTING EXTRAORDINARY. - A which if equalled, perhaps has not been excelled in the sporting world, was performed by Mr. Begg (sportsman to Mrs. Power, of Gusteen,) on the 31st ultimo. He went out for the purpose of shooting a buck, and having sent some men into a plantation to bent about he lay down in the brushwood at the end. In a few minutes two fine deer came bounding out, and after running about one hundred and fifty yards, they leaped a ditch, and tirned round to take a view of their disturbers. Mr. round to take a view of their disturbers. Mr. Begg instantly levelled his rifle, and kept it to his shoulder, until one of the deer brought his head in a line with the other, bang went the rifle, and down went the deer; both shot dead with a single ball, one through the eye and the other through the neck. They being brought to Gurteen lodge, he proceeded to draw a cond cover, when perceiving the autlets is buck above the underwood, he calculated when the head ought to be, fired, and the ball had ced the noble animal between the anties and the ear. Of this we have been informed by an eye-witness, and in whose credibility we place the utmost confidence.—Tipperary Free Press.

ALABAMA UNIVERSITY.- The Trustees of the Alabama University have unanimo solved to abolish and have adopted what is called a system," after the manner of the University of the purpose of the entire a target, but feet such promotes as they desire to a graduate in them.