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## POETRY.

## THE HEART.

Oh! could we read the Human Heart,  
Its strange, mysterious depths explore,  
What tongue could tell or pen impart  
The riches of its hidden lore!

Safe from the world's distrustful eye,  
What deep and burning feelings play,  
Which even stern Reason's power defy,  
And wear the sands of life away.

Think not beneath a smiling brow,  
To always find a joyous heart;  
For Wit's bright glow, and Reason's flow  
Too often hides a cankered dart.

The bird with bruised and broken wing,  
Oft tries to mount the air again,  
Among its mates to gaily sing  
Its last melodious dying strain.

The fire that lights a flashing eye,  
May by a burning heart be fed,  
Which yet it seems to pleasure wed.  
Oh, do not harshly judge the heart,

Though cold and vain it seems to be;  
Nor rudely seek the veil to part,  
That hides its deep, deep mystery.

## EDUCATION.

THE DISTRICT FREE SCHOOL SYSTEM.  
Its actual Expenses—Operations—and  
Practical Results in Norfolk County,  
Virginia.

The following letter, which has been furnished us for publication, by the Corresponding Secretary of the Education Society of Frederick County, we commend to the special attention of our readers.

It will be recollect that to Norfolk County is due the honor of introducing the District Free School System in Virginia. Upon her petition to the Legislature, through her diligent and faithful Delegates, Messrs. Watts and Hopper, a bill passed the Legislature, directing the County to be laid off into twenty School Districts, each District to be under the superintendence of three School Commissioners; and authorizing the Board of School Commissioners to assess upon the respective Districts the amount necessary to defray the expense of building a school house in each. The bill passed with a proviso that it should be submitted to the people for their final adoption, at the ensuing general election; when, notwithstanding there was considerable opposition arrayed against it, yet there was a decisive majority in its favor, and its popularity is now firmly established.

It is justly regarded as a most beneficent measure, and generations to come will have reason to bless the memory of the men who devised it and exerted their labour and influence for its accomplishment.—Under this system, the school house and teacher are brought to the door of every family in the County.—Win. Rep.

PORTSMOUTH, April 4th 1846.

To Samuel M. Jenney.

DEAR SIR—I received yours of the 1st instant.

JEFFERSON COUNTY,

THURSDAY MORNING, JULY 2, 1846.

## BATTLE FIELD.

## VIEW OF THE BATTLE FIELD.

5th. Immediate branch of the school system—of the election of the Board of Education, and the election of each district, while the commissioners (3) board met and assessed (so many) the care of General Taylor was May 20, 1846.

wounded and see that every to his supplies—the constant and

caused energies of the medical de-

voted but little for him to do, ev-

er whether officer or soldier, had

been wounded with unwearied care and

bravery. The troops having par-

their meal, the order was given to

the command under arms. General

chose or her summoned a council of war,

composed of the heads of the different

commands, in all thirteen, excluding the

commander in chief. The General, after

returning thanks for their support and

bravery on the 8th, and wishing to be ad-

vised as to what they thought best to be

done, called on each to give his opinion.

It was then ascertained that but four out of

the thirteen were in favor of GOING AHEAD

the other officers composing the council

voted, some to entrench where they were

and await the assistance of the volunteers,

and others to retire at once to Point Is-

abel, but the General said, "I will be at

Fort Brown before night, if I live!"

He adds:

"Those who voted for going ahead, as they watched the countenance of the General, might have seen the smile of approbation that lighted up the old man's honest face at the moment, though he bowed

with respect to the opinions of those who differed from him, and in saying en-

grave on the sacred banner of the Stars and Stripes, the names of Taylor, McIn-

to reflection upon those who voted against them—they were tried in many a field before

they were tried in many a field before, and their deeds on that day proved equal to the best."

Lieut. Ridgely, who was entitled to vote in the council, was at the time in attendance on the lamented Ringgold, and therefore had no voice in the matter, but as he galloped up to the battery, on returning from his visit to the Major, some one said: "Ridgely, were you at the council?" and he replied: "no, I did not know that one had been called, but I hope old Zach will go ahead and bring the matter to close quarters."

A full account of the battle is now given, and ample justice is done to the brave men who participated in the struggle. Alluding to the charge of May, the writer says:

"The enemy again wavered. General Taylor ordered Capt. May to charge their battery, and on he started; but on reaching the point of the road where he would have been discovered by the enemy he was stopped by Ridgely, who told him that the enemy had just loaded their pieces, and if he charged them

was a gallant thing; its success, however, was attributable to the timely advice of Ridgely, and his willingness to receive the fire of the batteries, when it was believed sufficient to sweep whole squadrons—not meaning to say but that May would just as lieve have charged the loaded gun as upon the empty—he is a brave, gallant and efficient officer."

## LAW NOTICE.

ANDREW KENNEDY has associated with him in his practice Law his son JOHN W. KENNEDY. One of them will be always found at the Office in Jefferson.

They will attend to business in the Courts

of Jefferson, Berkeley, Frederick, and Clarke

AND, KENNEDY.

JOHN W. KENNEDY.

May 7, 1846.—ip—spirit copy.

Winchester Medical College.

I. O. O. F.

W. C. GUTHRIE, D. Profess-

of Medicine, MD. Professor of Au-

and Phys. S. M. T. Professor of The-

ology, Prof. of Medicine, Prof. of sur-

gical and Medical Jurisprudence.

JESSE BRADLEY, M. D. Profes-

or of Chemistry and Materia Medica.

Office the same as heretofore occupied by Lu-

cas & Bedinger.

Charlestown, Aug. 14, 1845.—ip.

## A CARD.

WILLIAM LUCAS & BENJ. F. WASHINGTON,

AVING associated themselves in the Practice

of the Law, will attend the Superior and

Inferior Courts of Jefferson, Berkeley, Fred-

rick, and Clarke

Office the same as heretofore occupied by Lu-

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Charlestown, Aug. 14, 1845.—ip.

The Senior Partner is the above Card would

say to his friends and the public generally;

that he has again resumed, with renewed zeal,

the practice of his profession, which the duties

of public life, for the last few years, have com-

elled him in a measure to neglect.

To all, then, who would entrust their business to his

charge, he deems it only necessary for him to

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Cash for Negroes.

THE subscriber is anxious to purchase a

large number of Negroes, of both sexes,

sound and lively.

Persons having Negroes to

dispose of, will find it to their interest to

give him a call before selling, as he will pay

the very highest cash price.

He can be seen at the Berkley Courts, at

Marietta, on the second Monday, and at

Berryville on the fourth Monday in each month,

and usually at his residence in Charlestown.

All letters addressed to him will be promptly

attended to.

CHARLESTOWN, NOV. 20, 1845.—ip.

WALTER & CO.,

No. 28, South Howard Street, BALTIMORE,

IN LOUVER Commission Mfrs.

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THE  
RICHMOND REPUBLICAN.  
BY  
BALDWIN, GALLAHER & CO.

The undersigned have become Editors and Proprietors of this journal, and we about to take measures to place it on a footing with the most popular and efficient papers of the State.

The rapid growth of its business and its adornment by beautiful and ornamental editorials—*all the cheering indications that the Old Commonwealth herself is about to be awakened into new life and energy, affording sufficient encouragement to us to undertake to embark in the enterprise before us.*

The political cast of the paper is to be WHIG—decidedly WHIG—and its principles are all sound and conservative in government and morals.

They believe in the predominance of the principles of the Whig party, and are ready to support every candidate of the Whig party, and every Whig opinion, to aid in the accomplishment of the great purposes for which the Whig party have for years contended.

But their chief object will be VIRGINIA—aimed at the development of her boundless resources, in the interest of the nation, and the general welfare of her independence in what is ever for her prosperity and renown. They help within the limits of their power, within their own limits, all the elements of a pure, unmixed, and that best and most fashionable style. And this rent is reduced, therefore, as far as possible for work in their shop as for having been in Charles Street, or in other Tubs, or placed on their tubs, in this place, now, our Shop, so that they may be seen at all times, our gentlewoman shall ever take pride in showing off, by taking a Tub from us, as if buying a Tailor we can buy a Tub at No. 2, Miller's Row, K. & H. K. & H. K. & H.

For the introduction of their new paper, they will be pleased to receive the broad limits shall be given to them, or compensation taken for work.

In short, they will aim to make a Tub a weekly newspaper, at all times accessible to the public.

and Sweet, Inn Establishment.

CONTINUED.—A copy of the paper is furnished at two cents per copy, fifty cents a month six dollars if paid in advance; or seven dollars if the same is placed in the hands of a collector.

When the paper is sold in advance, the weekly sum will be published semi-monthly in the paper, and twice a week during the session of the Legislature, for the sum of five dollars per annum, payable in advance.

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THE undersigned are thankful for the liberal encouragement extended towards him for many years past, and the custom of the citizens of Crown and adjacent country.

His arrangements are the most judicious, and he will be able to conduct his business for the future in a manner that his hopes will be entirely satisfied.

In order to conduct his business, with work manufactured in the Eastern Cities, he has determined to reduce price 20 percent for cash. And as he uses the best materials, he can surely expect the support of his fellow citizens to prevent sending their orders abroad. His business does not bear a favorable comparison with any other of a similar kind.

He does not ask for more than one trial.

COUNTRY MERCHANTS.—A call, before putting up on board, and general arrangement of TIN-

WARE, which will be choiced on the mos-

tor, ROOFING, with Zinc, Tin and Lead, will be put on at the shortest notice, so that no other estab-

lishment in the country can surpass his.

He has a cow that gives him a quart of milk during fifteen months, and both

MISS BROOKE,  
Fashionable Laundry

HAVING returned from New York, will open fully informs the Ladies that she has opened an assortment of Ladies and Children's STRAW HATS—well selected—children will be disposed of at small costs—which will be given to those who want, would do well to make an early call.

Miss B. also informs the Ladies that she has added to her establishment a room in that house, who will attend.

No. 11 All orders attended to, St. Louis, Mo., will be paid up in the best style.

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PROCEEDS  
OF THE  
OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

AT JEFFERSON COUNTY, June 1st, 1845.  
WILLIAM McMURRAY elected President, and JOHN P. BROWN appointed Clerk of the Board, for the ensuing term.

PARISH LEVY.

The Sheriff of Jefferson County, DR for the following:

To George W. Hammond, accts allowed Nov 21, 1845

Wm McPherson, amt do same 10 75

Leonard Sadler do do do 66

John Keplinger do do do 13 79

Charles Harper do do 6 87

Thomas White do do 8 90

Solomon Staley do do 66 11

Jacob Line do do 45 50

Dr. Vincent Butler, amt accts, physian in District No. 1, for the fear ending this day

Dr. John Reynolds, same

Dr. John H. Smith, salaried physician in Poorhouse and in District No. 2,

same time

Dr. W. MacCoughty same Dist. No. 3

Dr. W. MacCoughty same Dist. No. 4

Dr. W. MacCoughty same " "

James Wysong, amt accts.

George W. Sappington do 1 95

Samuel Cameron do 17 03

James J. Miller do 4 53

Smith & Graham do 34 04

A C. Timberlake do 2 66

Semony L. Minghini do 2 00

John F. Smith do 2 00

Wm. McCoy do 27 00

George W. Moler do 32 12

William N. McCoy do 8 35

John G. Wilson do 30 97

Philip McBride do 5 46

John Hyatt do 6 50

Jacob Snyder levied in hands Mr. Hessey do 25 00

Miss Duke do do same 20 00

Mrs. Edwards do do same 20 00

E. T. Towne rent for Lewis Duke do 12 00

Jacob Snarr do Miss Bussey do 12 00

William Yontz do Mrs. Biggins do 18 00

Daniel Brooks do Mrs. Verier do 12 00

Mrs. Jackson do do same 20 00

Mrs. Riggs do do same 40 00

Mrs. Veiner do do same 15 00

Crane & Sadler amt rec'd 1 83

Temperance Distillor's son in hands of Mr. Sappington do 10 00

Keyes & Kearsley amt accts 33 52

Anne Crane and children levied in hands of Mr. Starry do 30 00

Mrs. Weimer do do the same 30 00

James Allison do Mr. Sappington do 20 00

Mary Wilson do same 12 00

Molly Young do same 12 00

Miss Rachel Lott do same 20 00

Maria Hutchinson (blind) do Mr. Smith do 40 00

Wm. Whitlow & wife (\$20 each) do same 40 00

Mrs. Wilburn and 3 children do same 35 00

Mrs. McPherson do same 20 00

Mrs. Watkins levied in hands Mr. Yates do 30 00

Old Mrs. Watkins do do same 20 00

Betsy Hewitt do do same 30 00

Hugh Johnson do do Wm. Clarke do 20 00

John H. Smith house rent for Mrs. Smith do 12 00

Dr. W. O. MacCoughty do Mrs. Zombro do 12 00

James V. Moore do Mrs. McPherson do 12 00

Charles Barrett do accts 2 50

Mrs. Mercey do levied in hands of Dr. McPherson do 15 00

Mr. Aspinwall do do do same 15 00

Mrs. Zombro do do do same 15 00

Nancy Hall do do Mr. Gruber do 15 00

Peggy Smith do do do same 15 00

Mrs. Shuck do do Mr. Wilson do 20 00

Susan Taylor do do do same 25 00

Mrs. Dunavon do do do same 25 00

Patrick McCabe and wife do do do same 25 00

Mrs. Orleton and children do do do same 25 00

Mr. McCrory do do do same 30 00

Frances L. do do do same 30 00

Lucy Davis do do do same 20 00

Thomas Board do do do same 20 00

Mr. Larkins do do do same 15 00

do do do same 20 00

CR.

P. 307 Thimbles at 75 cts

6 00

A Depositum hands of Sheriff

2 13

2 50

6 00

3230 25

Order. That notice be given through the public newspaper, that the Delinquents passed at the Board this day, may pay the amount of their levy to the Clerk of the Board, or to either of the Overseers of the Poor, on or before the 1st of September next—all remaining unpaid at that time on the lists, will be advertised.

The Sheriff returned his Delinquent Lists and settled the position of 1845 as follows:

By Daniel Henkle \$7 Del'q's 1845

at 60c

\$52 90

Minor Bur 15 do 1845 at 65c

9 75