WILMINGTON SCHOOLS.

A rich and well-stored mind is the only true philosopher's stone, extracting pure gold from all the base material around. It can create its own beauty, wealth, power, happiness. It has no dreary solitudes. The past ages are its possession, and the long line of the illustrious dead are all its friends. Whatever the world has seen of brave and noble, beautiful and good it can command. It mingles in all the grand and solemn scenes of history, and is an actor in every great and stirring event. It is by the side of Bayard as he stands alone upon the bridge and saves the army; it weeps over the true heart of chivalry, the gallant Sidney, as with dying hand he puts away the cup from his parched and fevered lips. It leaps into the yawning gulf with Curtius; follows the white plume of Navarre at Ivry; rides to Chalgrove field with Hampden; mounts the scaffold with Russell, and catches the dying prayer of the noble Sir Harry Vane. It fights for glory at the Granicus, for fame at Agincourt, for empire at Waterloo, for power on the Ganges, for religion in Palestine, for country at Thermopylæ, and for freedom at Bunker Hill. It marches with Alexander, reigns with Augustus, sings with Homer, teaches with Plato, pleads with Demosthenes, loves with Petrarch, is imprisoned with Paul, suffers with Stephen, and dies with Christ. It feels no tyranny and knows no subjection. Misfortunes can not subdue it, power can not crush it, unjust laws can not oppress it. Ever steady, faithful, and true, shining by night as by day, it abides with you always and everywhere. GEORGE DAVIS.

In his admirable volume *Documentary History of North Carolina Schools and Academies* 1790-1840, published by the North Carolina Historical Commission, 1915, Professor Charles L. Coon, superintendent of public schools, Wilson, N. C., prints the following interesting matter on New Hanover County schools:

WILMINGTON ACADEMY, 1812.

An examination of the pupils of this establishment commenced on Thursday last and closed in the afternoon of the ensuing day. A numerous assemblage witnessed this exhibition, which throughout was highly gratifying. We congratulate our town on the successful commencement of an institution, which, though too long delayed in its operation, promises to produce an abundant harvest of good to the rising generation. Praise is due to all the Teachers; and were we to speak as we feel our approbation of the Principal, his real merit might in the opinion of some be distinguished by the warmth of the eulogium we should pronounce.

The Star, May 15, 1812.

WILMINGTON ACADEMY.

A person of decent manners and unimpeached morals, capable of teaching the English Language grammatically, and the Latin Language in its earlier stages, also writing and arithmetic, is wanted in this Academy, to commence his duties on the first day of the ensuing November, and to continue until the first day of the subsequent August. July 15.

JAMES W. WALKER, SECRETARY.

Raleigh Register, July 23, 1813.

HALSLEY'S SCHOOL, 1836.

The subscriber will open a school at his plantation, on the sound, eight miles from Wilmington, formerly the property of Alexander Peden, deceased, on the 23rd May, ensuing, where scholars of either sex will be instructed in the different English branches. Eight or ten boarders can be accommodated at four dollars per month, each boarder will furnish his own bedding. Application can be made to the editor of this paper, previous to the above specified time, or to the subscriber.

Terms: Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic, $3.00 per quarter. English Grammar, History, and Geography, $4.00 per quarter. B. W. HALSLEY.

Wilmington Advertiser, May 6, 1836.

CORBIN'S SCHOOL, 1836.

Mrs. Sarah Jane Corbin respectfully informs her friends and the public that she intends re-opening her school on the 1st. of November.

TERMS PER QUARTER.

Spelling, Reading, Writing, & Arithmetic	$4.00
The above with Grammar, including Parsing & Exercise	5.00
The above, with Geography, History, Rhetorick, Philosophy & Mythology	6.00

For fuel 12½ cents per month.

Also Lessons in Practical Writing and Stenography will be given to Young Ladies between the hours of 12 A. M. and 2 P. M., having qualified herself for that purpose.

Wilmington, October 28, 1836.

Wilmington Advertiser, December 16, 1836.