

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 1863.

LOCAL RECORDS.

The past few nights have been quite cool, almost as cold as fall nights.

We are disappointed at not receiving the President's Message in time to publish at least a copy of it in this issue.

Mr. Joseph T. Petty, of Hadley township, says that from one Irish potato he raised a bushel. This is the largest yield that we have ever heard of.

For monuments and tombstones of the latest and prettiest designs write to Robert L. Rogers & Co., proprietors, Durham Marble Works, Durham, N. C.

Mr. A. P. Terry has put up a brandy still about a mile north of this place, and is buying all the peaches and apples that he wants at only 15 cents a bushel. Did you ever hear of fruit selling so cheap?

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**BAPTIST S. S. CONFERENCE.**—A class conference will be announced to the Record, the North Carolina Baptist Sunday School Convention will be held at Mt. Vernon Springs, in Robeson county, beginning on the 22d of this month and closing on the 27th. This will be a summer school of those interested in the Baptist Sunday Schools of this State, and is designed to discuss and consider the methods of teaching, ways of working and management of the Sunday school. Many of the most prominent Sunday school workers in the State will be present, and an interesting and instructive programme of exercises has been arranged for each day of the meeting. This will be the first meeting of the kind held in this State, and it is expected to be a great success.

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P. T. WATKINS.

**STATE NEWS.**

Mr. Henry M. Coggin, chief clerk of the State Treasury, is on a visit to his home at this place.

Mrs. Mary Rose, of Washington, is visiting her brother, Mr. B. Rose, Jr., at the place.

Mr. J. S. Wren, is on a short trip to his old home. His present home is in Bensfield, Virginia.

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