

WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN CHURCHES is no new thing in this country, but is allowed and practiced by a large majority of the Protestants in the United States. An attempt to extend woman suffrage to the Protestant Episcopal church in this diocese was made and defeated, last week, in its annual convention held at Raleigh. It was proposed to allow women to vote for the vestrymen in every parish, but the proposition was defeated by a large majority of the clergy, although the vote of the lay delegates was evenly divided. In the final of the proposition it was argued that, as the women were the best and most zealous church workers, they ought to be allowed a vote in the government and management of the secular affairs of the church. In opposition to this it was argued that it was a dangerous innovation and was a step in the direction toward an suffrage in political elections.

But woman suffrage in churches is not an innovation, even though it is allowed in our two largest religious denominations—the Baptists and Methodists. As a well known, every Baptist church has an independent religious husband is concerned entirely by itself, by its own congregation—and every member of the congregation has equal vote and voice in its government. In every Baptist church every communicant whether male or female—can vote in the selection of a pastor and by delegates to the Association. And in the Methodist churches the women can vote, as well as the men, in the local management of their respective churches. And they can not only vote, but they can hold office in the Methodist church, and we have heard a Methodist minister state that at one church, at which he had been pastor, a majority of the stewards were women and that they were the best he ever knew.

The Tennessee Centennial Exposition should be peculiarly attractive to North Carolinians and be visited by large crowds of tourists. Not only is the exposition itself highly creditable and very attractive in the number and excellence of its exhibits, but all North Carolinians should feel a special interest in it, because it commemorates the birth of a great state, whose existence is due to North Carolina. The exposition was opened on the 1st of this month and will remain open for six months.

The railroad companies have on extra low rates, thereby placing in the power of visitors to attend without much expense. Of course every visitor from this section will travel on the Seaboard Air Line to Atlanta and thence to Nashville on the Western and Atlantic and the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railroads. A Pullman stop or goes through on these roads without change, so that you need not change cars from your starting point until you arrive at Nashville, and you can make the trip from here in about twenty four hours.

TODAY is a legal holiday in this state, and is observed in commemoration of two great events in North Carolina's history—the Mecklenburg declaration of independence on the 20th of May, 1775, and the accession of North Carolina on the 20th of May, 1801. While many of the best informed citizens of this state do not believe in the boast of Mecklenburg declaration, yet it is so firmly imbedded in the minds of our people generally that no "doubting Thomases" can shake their faith. The day will be appropriately celebrated by the patriotic and public spirited citizens of Charlotte, but elsewhere in the state very little, if any, attention is paid to the observance of this historic day.

PASDEN McKintley, on last Monday, sent a special message to Congress recommending the appropriation of \$50,000 for the relief of destitute citizens of the United States now residing in Cuba, and the Senate by a unanimous vote at once adopted a resolution making the appropriation as suggested. This may be all right, and everybody may be willing to relieve destitution wherever it exists, but yet it would seem that "charity begins at home" and that Congress had better give relief to those citizens of the United States who are here in this country before it appropriates money for those who have removed to other countries.

The "Commencement" season is rapidly approaching and will soon be in full bloom. Already some of the smaller schools are having their "commencements", as their closing exercises are dignified. The closing days of May and the early days of June constitute the commencement season, to which many parents look forward with much interest and some anxiety.

Too frequently these commencement exercises take up too much time of the scholars from their studies. At many schools and colleges, for too long a time before "commencement", books and resolutions are read and every thought directed toward the making of a "showman" rather than a scholar. At the closing exercises, many of the students are seen to be more interested in the "showman" than in the "scholar".

And there is our special class of these "showmen" that cannot come easily, and that is the attempt to make money and profit out of the "showman". Money was not designed to be put in the pockets of the "showman". It was designed to be put in the pockets of the "scholar".

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Washington Letter. From our Washington correspondent. Washington, May 14th 1897.

The election of a new President of the United States is the subject of much discussion here. The President is to be elected by the electors of the States and the District of Columbia. The electors are chosen by the people of each State and the District of Columbia. The President is to hold office for four years.

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His Throat Cut. Raleigh, May 15—News reached here this afternoon that an elderly white man had been found by the roadside about two miles from this place, with his throat cut from ear to ear. Sheriff W. B. Wooten went at once to the scene and found a man lying on a log, with a wound about 60 yards long and 2 inches wide, and a pool of blood about 20 yards long and 2 inches wide.

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FACTS KILL FALLACIES. We know you must get puzzled. A man who reads advertisements, and stops it, can't help wondering. Follow them up, ours and everybody's. We tell you about our ready-made garments equaling custom tailoring—surpassing the cheap tailored kind. We know they do. Or any expert's judgment they will, or we won't let it say so. But we want you to know it by investigation—comparison. It was almost a necessity once to have your clothes made to order. It isn't now, and more men are ready to own up to it this season than ever. Just sell as many suits for the year as you haven't tried our clothes yet. There's no sentiment like ours in the city. Two or three clothes, for all the tailors, can't make a better variety. And we buy only reliable fabrics. That's what we've got you to like it.

BOYS' CLOTHES. Everybody says they've got boys' clothes all right, enough to show on a sample. If you want to see a comely little boy in a suit, come to our store. Our suits are custom made and hold them low. Cassinero, 100 North Main, Raleigh, N.C. Write to the Editor, Raleigh, N.C. for a list of our boys' clothes. We'll send you a list of our boys' clothes. We'll send you a list of our boys' clothes.

S. & D. BERWANGER, ONE PRICE CLOTHIERS, Raleigh, N.C. May 20, 1897. THE TENNESSEE CENTENNIAL. NASHVILLE. RAY STATE OUTLOOK. The buildings and grounds of the Tennessee Centennial in numbers and architectural beauty surpass Atlanta and nearly equal Chicago's. The exhibits are all ready and are interesting and instructive. The live stock display exceeds any exhibition of the kind ever made. The Midway is great. THE WESTERN AND NASHVILLE GREAT. St. Louis, Ky. runs solid vestibule trains with Pullman's finest sleeping cars, from Atlanta to Nashville. Don't be imposed upon but be sure that you're better roads via THE WESTERN and NASHVILLE GREAT. For sleeping car berths, or any information about rates, hotel or boarding house accommodations in Nashville call upon or write to C. E. HAYMAN, General Passenger Agent, Atlanta, Ga. Social Notes: The annual trip to Nashville is cheaper than any other.

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SEABOARD AIR LINE. Wholesome Excursion Tickets at VERY REDUCED RATES, the following home table rates from points named. To New York, Atlanta, Richmond, Norfolk. And all points NORTH and SOUTH. Trains Leave Pittsboro-- 8 15 a. m. 3 20 p. m. Trains Arrive at Pittsboro-- 11 45 a. m. 5 25 p. m. DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY. FINEST PULLMAN VESTIBULE TRAINS. T. J. ANDERSON, General Pass. Agent, Portsmouth, Va. E. ST. JOHN, Vice Pres. and Gen. Manager. V. E. Mc BRE, Gen. Supt. H. W. B. GLOVER, Traffic Manager.

SOMETHING TO KNOW. It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centers in the stomach, gently stimulates the liver and kidneys, and aids these organs in throwing off impurities in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids digestion, and pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. It is sold for 50c or 2.00 per bottle at G. B. Pickington's Drug Store. FATAL FOREST FIRE. Shawnee, Wis., May 17.—Martin Wykes and wife, who live near Gresham, this county, left their home this morning to look after some stock that had strayed away. During their absence forest fires spread over the farm and destroyed the house. Three small children who had been left alone perished.