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Thurlow Weed died Thursday morning,

We will have in the next Legislature six colored men. In the last we had nearly twenty; that is the fruits of liberalism. They would say don't run a colored man, we will give you an agency or—nothing.

TO OUR EXCHANGES.

We owe our exchanges an apology. Our paper was out on time last week, but in our haste we put them aside and afterwards forgot them.

THANKSGIVING.

Next Thursday is the day set apart by the President and the Governors to return thanks to our Creator for his kindness through the year. All are requested to suspend business, attend church and treat the day as sacred—resting and returning thanks. This is the day most turkeys die. It is hoped that our good citizens will not forget or neglect the old customs of resting and eating turkey on that day.

A. M. E. ZION CONFERENCE.

The Western North Carolina conference of the Zion church met at Statesville last Wednesday, Bishop J. W. Hood presiding. Many of the delegates passed through our city on Tuesday from the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley section. This conference takes that part of the State west of the Cape Fear river.

Many of our readers will remember our saying a few months ago that we intended to meet this body and attempt to do certain things. We are not in the habit of saying things for Buncombe, and in making that statement, we meant every word of it. It was our intention to do nothing to retard the progress of the church nor any of its institutions. We earnestly desire the prosperity of every branch of every connection, and we should be the last one to lay one iota in the way of any worthy institution.

No one can successfully deny the fact of much mismanagement with the Star and school in the last two years, and being fully cognizant of the facts and losing hopes of any remedy, we did complain and meant to inform the conference of the facts, at all hazards. But seeing that efforts have been made very recently which promise improvement, and having the utmost confidence in Rev. J. C. Price, who is now in charge of our connectional school, and also Rev. J. McH. Farley, the editor and manager of the Star, we have resolved to leave unsaid much that we intended saying at this time.

Rev. J. C. Price has done nobly. His efforts are in part known by many of our readers. He certainly is the right man in the right place. It is gratifying to one to go to Sal-

isbury and see the fine tract of land, the nice house, furniture, &c., all paid for by the efforts of this young divine. The prospects are very bright for a fine institution at an early day.

So much cannot be said of the Star of Zion. Though an energetic and able gentleman has taken charge of it in the person of Elder J. McH. Farley, it seems that its condition was so low that it will take time to bring it up. We are glad to see, however, signs of improvement in it also.

There is nothing left for us to do now, as a lover of the church and its institutions, but to fall in line and do all in our power to aid it in every particular. The cause of our complaint has been removed, and as we have said before, we shall endeavor to be among the foremost in our efforts for the prosperity and general upbuilding of our people.

Pure water should not be expected from a poisoned fountain. For us to have good institutions and good men and women brought up in them, we must have the best instructors for them. The public may rest assured that Zion Wesley at Salisbury, has a perfect and upright corps of teachers. It is hoped that the conference now in session will show a full appreciation of Rev. Price's efforts. That they will do something more than they have yet done for the maintenance of the school, the organ and the general improvement of the morals of our people.

The North Carolina Coalition.

If the North Carolina coalition has failed it is because there had been no time for the welding process. There was too much eagerness on the part of our new allies to name the ticket, and too much narrowness on the part of the Republicans as to which side should name it. The coalition in Virginia has grown out of the exigencies of State interests. An alliance between old opponents to set matters right in the state led naturally to a permanent organization in favor of Americanizing the Old Dominion. We hope and believe that the Republicans and independents in North Carolina will get nearer to each other, and that two years from now they will be found upon one platform which shall contain no plank with a sharp splinter in it for tender feet. The Liberals ought not to have nominated a ticket in advance of the Republicans. The Republicans ought not to have placed in their platform, as they did, a stumbling block for prohibition Republicans. The latter ought not to have allowed the blunders, referred to, to disaffect them, as many of them did, to such an extent as to benefit the Bourbons. All have blundered; let all forbear. The willingness to stand together in 1884 must not depend on who shall lead. The dangers of the future are too great to admit of any inquiry as to who was most to blame in the past, in North Carolina or elsewhere. Such questions are never settled, and never need to be.—Nat. Republican.

OUR RALEIGH LETTER.

A Sad End.

Yesterday morning, Nov. 19th, a young man of this city accidentally shot himself. The information gained up to the present time concerning the cause of this desperate act is as follows: Some months ago this young man came to this city from Danville. He was a barber by trade, and was employed by Messrs. Sumner and Brown. He proved to be trustworthy and reliable. After this young man had been in the city for some time, a lady friend of his from the same place, came to visit our city and spend a few months with her friends. Her name is Rhoanna Saunders; he visited her quite often and became deeply smitten. Being doubtless persuaded that his love had attained perfection, proposed to marry, his proposal received her heartiest approval. Wednesday, Nov. 22d, was the time designated for this fatal knot to be tied. Yesterday evening, he, in company with

a gentleman friend, called to see his intended. Some time was spent in chatting and singing, and just before leaving, he took from his pocket a revolver and began to point it at one and then another. The lady accosted him for handling the revolver so carelessly, he said: "it is not loaded; it can do no harm;" he then pointed it towards her, she exclaimed, "Oh, Jesse, don't point that pistol towards me!" he again said "there is no danger in it, see here, it is harmless." When he said this, he pointed it towards his heart, the pistol fired, the man stood quivering, the girl screamed, the blow was fatal, the man fell and instantly expired. His remains were interred to-day. "Hopes may be blasted, anticipations unrealized."

C. S. B.

RALEIGH, Nov. 20, 1882.

Sabbath School Concert.

In spite of the bitter cold, quite a crowd assembled at the Zion church to the Sabbath-school exhibition. The opening address, by Minnie Sumner, was delivered in a manner to be commended. Miss Bonnar, as the long suffering Mrs. Caudle, was excellent and we look forward to Miss Bonnar becoming a finished elocutionist. The song, "Star of the Twilight," was exquisitely rendered by Mrs. King, Misses Purcell and Robinson, and was heartily applauded throughout, Miss Purcell having a grand voice that with proper cultivation would rank her among the best of ballad singers. Miss Laura Davidson's declamation, "Love in Latin," was splendid and gained the merited applause. One young man said, after this he will write his in Greek. The song "We shall meet all the little ones there" by Misses Purcell Robinson and Gordon, and Masters Wade and Foster was excellent, and an essay by Miss Young on "Our People" was skillfully handled, and if all our young ladies had her spirit we would indeed be a noble race. The quartet, "Morning Bells," by Messrs. Wade, Wright, North and Grier was beautiful, and North and Grier was beautiful, and when ended we, like Oliver Twist, called for more, and also like him did not get it. There were other pieces, but as the small wee hours were drawing apace, the company adjourned to the refreshment rooms, and like our Raleigh friend, attended to the inner man and finally returned home much pleased with their evening's entertainment.

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Leave Statesville, 8:00 a m
Arrive at Charlotte, 10:05 a m
Leave Charlotte, (c) 2:30 p m

Leave Columbia, (b) 7:00 p m
Arrive at Augusta, 7:07 p m

Leave Augusta, 11:15 p m

NO. 20 DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS.

Leave Charlotte, 4:20 p m
Arrive at Columbia, 12:35 a m

No. 18 runs daily except Sundays. With passenger coach attached.

Leave Charlotte, 5:00 a m
Arrive at Columbia, 8:32 p m

NORTHWARD.

No. 53 daily—mail and express.

Leave Augusta, (a) 7:35 a m
Arrive at Columbia, (b) 11:45 a m

Leave Columbia, (b) 11:52 a m
Arrive at Charlotte, (c) 4:15 p m

Leave Charlotte, 5:00 p m
Arrive at Statesville, 7:05 p m

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No. 19 daily, except Sundays.

Leave Columbia, 4:05 p m
Arrive at Charlotte, 1:05 a m

No. 17, freight, with passenger coach attached. Runs daily except Sundays.

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