

Special Agents.

James F. Simmons, Weldon. Benjamin K. Pullen, Richmond, Va.

Extracts from Correspondence.

A subscriber in Snow Hill circuit sends five new subscribers, with the money. In his letter he says: "I think if the subscribers to the Advocate would only exert themselves a little, that in a short time the subscription list would reach 10,000. Now here are five new names, that I procured with but little trouble; in fact, every one to whom I proposed it has replied, 'I will take it.' I hope to be able soon to send five more, which will meet the...

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Free Churches.

It has been the custom in some parts of the Conference, to build free churches; that is, churches equally free for the use of all denominations. Years ago we were pleased with the theory, and thought how liberal and fraternal it looks for Christians thus to dwell together in unity. But observation has changed this opinion, and led to the conviction that, like many other plausible theories, it works badly. No one is specially interested in the improvement and repairs of the house, and it goes to wreck. From the same pulpit, on successive Sundays, clashing theologians are tempted each to hurl thunders or squirt venomous as his predecessor and his doctrine; the hearers are so tossed by every wind of doctrine, as to be stable in nothing long, unless it be in an ultimate scepticism and indifference to all religion. Not often does religion prosper in such churches; wickedness and vice, in many instances, are rampant around them.

Methodists are sometimes induced to aid in building free churches, by specious promises of undisturbed liberty in using them. But when they wish to hold a class-meeting they are excluded. When they have a protracted meeting, another claims the right to take charge, just in time to gather up from us the fruits of our labors. In many cases, the house built as a free church passes into the hands of some single denomination, and Methodists, who helped to build it, are excluded.

We are opposed to building any more houses of this sort, and would suggest to our people that they build houses of their own, properly secured, according to Discipline.

Death of Dr. Thomas E. Bond.

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Entire Sanctification.

There is, in many minds, an inveterate prejudice against the use of the terms, Christian Perfection. We have defined it as the greatest possible progress in holiness, and have shown that it can mean nothing less than a purification of the heart from all sin. We invite attention to some quotations, which teach the doctrine, in different terms:

The sixth chapter of Romans is a clear, full testimony in its favor—"How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. Likewise, reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord." These passages are utterly inconsistent with the notion of necessary indwelling sin. How can sin dwell in the hearts of those who "are dead indeed unto sin," and in whom "the old man is crucified, that the body of sin might be destroyed?" Equally explicit are the Scriptures that point out the degree of moral purification to which, in this life, the believer may attain. In II. Corinthians, first verse of the seventh chapter, we read: "Having, therefore, these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

Here, the basis upon which we are to stand is not our own merit, but the promises of God. We are required, through the grace thus given, to cleanse ourselves, not almost, but altogether, "from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit;" from all outward and inward sin; and thus be brought into a state of entire sanctification, or perfect holiness. But why multiply quotations upon a doctrine so plainly taught in the word of God? For the precious promises abound as the stars in a clear midnight sky. In every form of expression, by command, promises and examples, are we taught to expect this "fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ." It is said of the old Christians, that "God purified their hearts by faith." This blessing may also be ours. To this end, "Christ gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, to himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." And thus, because through Him, God worketh in us to will and to do of His good pleasure, we are commanded, "Cleanse your hands, ye sinners, and purify your hearts, ye double-minded."

Faith in Christ brings in the mind a hope "which is an anchor to the soul." St. John declares, that "Every man that hath this hope in him, purifieth himself, even as he (Christ) is pure." And that the possibility of this entire purification through the Gospel is not a vain speculation, but a thing to be achieved by all that have boldness to enter in by the new and living way, is plain from the language of St. Peter to them who had tried it: "Ye HAVE PURIFIED your souls in obeying the truth, through the Spirit."

Let others seek the world, if they will; but, Reader! do thou seek holiness of heart. Let other churches adopt what rallying cry they may; but let Methodism be ever true to its great mission of "spreading Scriptural holiness over these lands."

A Mistake—the first Parsonage. In an article on Parsonages, last week, we stated that "Rev. James Reid was the first member of the old Virginia Conference who continued in the Conference after his marriage." This was a little erroneous. Rev. Peter Doub, D. D., was married one year before Bro. Reid; and has continued in the itinerant ranks, to "bear hardness as a good soldier," to the present time.

In this connection we may state another interesting fact about Parsonages. The first Parsonage in the Virginia Conference, which, until 1837, included most of what is now the North Carolina Conference, was in Oxford, the county seat of Granville, N. C., and situated near the centre of Granville circuit. And it was first occupied by Dr. Doub. In what year? The minutes show that Bro. Doub was on that circuit in 1823 and 1824; and it is presumed he occupied the Parsonage the first year. It is thus seen that what is now the North Carolina Conference, led off in the good work of supplying Parsonages: Long may she continue ahead of all her neighbors in this respect. It is also seen that Granville circuit was the first in the Conference to provide the preacher a home. How is it now? What has become of the Parsonage? Is Granville advancing backwards? There is no Parsonage on that circuit. The members and

friends of the church are able to provide a good one. Brethren and neighbors of Granville, up, with you and onward for a Parsonage this year.

What say you? We do hope to chronicle the fact that a home awaits the preacher from next Conference, on the circuit the Editor loves most, because it is "his own, his native land."

Party-Religion.

The political parties of the country are preparing for the approaching elections, and every thing indicates the approach of much party excitement.—With such excitement, or its causes, we have nothing to do. In all political party questions this paper, as announced in the first number, will preserve strict neutrality. But men of all parties worship together in our sanctuaries, as brethren in the Church of Christ; and we take the liberty, ere the tide of feeling may be too high to hear good counsel, to admonish all to be upon their guard against unchristian feelings because of political differences.

Christians should be firm, independent, in exercising the rights of citizenship; but should nevertheless be tolerant and kind to all, conceding to those who differ with them the enjoyment of equal rights and integrity of purpose. By pursuing this course the peace of the church will be preserved; the piety and union of its members will be promoted, and the country will be just as safe as if every tie of love between brethren should be broken by the violence of political zeal for its welfare.

How to write for this Paper.

A correspondent requests us to publish rules for those who may write for our paper. We do not assume to be competent to lay down rules of a general character, or for other newspapers; but then we have our ideas of what is best for the North Carolina Christian Advocate. Without pretending to speak ex cathedra, or to control the better judgment of those who think they know better than the Editor, we should be pleased if correspondents will not materially depart from the following suggestions:

- 1. Avoid all controversy with Methodists; and all bitterness in writing of view to the good they will accomplish. 2. BE SHORT: do not drive the reader from you; nor make the paper dull. 3. Be clear and explicit: express just what you mean: make yourself understood. 4. Write your article over again before you send it: you will thus improve the modes of expression, and prune out superfluous words: remember you are addressing an audience larger than attends upon any preacher in the land, and be careful as to what you write.

- 5. Write in a plain legible hand, so shall you inherit the printer's blessing, and find the types faithful to your meaning. 6. Be easy and natural in your style. What is meant for fine writing is apt to be nonsensical. When you mean to say "Every dog has his day," do not write it "Each animal of the canine species is entitled to one diurnal revolution of the earth upon its axis." Ideas, like men, work better in an every day garb. 7. When you get to the end of your subject, do as we do now—stop.

LITERARY NOTICES.

Five Hundred Mistakes Corrected. New York: D. Burgess & Co.

We have received a copy from the publishers. It is a very neat and readable little volume, filled with corrections of common mistakes, in speaking, pronouncing and writing. We give a specimen or two, at random:

"The following equivocal notice is said to swing out on a sign-board somewhere in the Western country: 'Smith & Huggs—Smith teaches the boys, and Huggs the girls.' Huggs needs correction."

"The business would suit one who enjoys bad health." Few persons who have bad health can be said to enjoy it. Use some other form of expression; as, one in delicate health, or one whose health is bad.

By having this little volume at hand, one may, without effort, greatly improve in accuracy and elegance of expression.—The "corrections," so far as we have yet noticed them, indicate, on the part of the writer, a thorough knowledge of the language and its idioms. If the reader is too wise to learn, let him get one of these books for his young people at home; it will be money well spent.

Died, in Moore County, 16th December, 1855, Col. Jacob Gaster, a Revolutionary soldier, in the 92d year of his age.

Rev. J. S. Bellon. It pains us to announce that at the last advice from this brother, recently arrived in New York from China, he was lying very ill; his life almost despaired of by his physician. The pious will not, in their prayers, forget him or his afflicted family.

New Route Agent. The Postmaster General has appointed Mr. James W. Ashton route agent on the Portsmouth and Weldon Railroad, to fill the vacancy created by the melancholy decease of Mr. Wm. H. Daughtery. Salary, \$900 per year. Young Ashton displayed his interest and courage in the public service by remaining at his post in Norfolk, receiving and delivering the mails, during the afflictive scourge of the last summer, when the place was nearly deserted.

Judiciary. The Kentucky Legislature, which adjourned recently, previously passed a law, making all the cities and towns of the State responsible to the owners of property destroyed by mobs.

At the first Quarterly Meeting Conference for Tar River Circuit, held at Shoccoe Chapel on the 8th March, instant, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Conference, viz:

Resolved, That while we deplore the loss we have sustained, as individuals and as a church, in the death of our beloved brother, Asher H. Ray, the Recording Steward of this Circuit, in the midst of his usefulness in the Church and in the community; Therefore,

Resolved, 1st, That in the death of Brother Ray, the M. E. Church has lost a most consistent and exemplary Christian; the Board of Stewards for the Circuit an energetic and efficient officer; and the Quarterly Meeting Conference a most pious and useful member. In all his relations to the Church, as member, class-leader, and steward, a deep personal piety and unwavering fidelity to the trusts committed to his care, marked his Christian character.

Resolved, 2d, That we deplore the loss we have sustained, as individuals and as a church, in the death of our beloved brother, Asher H. Ray, the Recording Steward of this Circuit, in the midst of his usefulness in the Church and in the community; Therefore,

Resolved, 3d, That we deplore the loss we have sustained, as individuals and as a church, in the death of our beloved brother, Asher H. Ray, the Recording Steward of this Circuit, in the midst of his usefulness in the Church and in the community; Therefore,

Whereas it hath pleased Almighty God, in His providence, to remove from among us, by the hand of death, our beloved brother in Christ, Asher H. Ray, the Recording Steward of this Circuit, in the midst of his usefulness in the Church and in the community; Therefore,

Resolved, 1st, That in the death of Brother Ray, the M. E. Church has lost a most consistent and exemplary Christian; the Board of Stewards for the Circuit an energetic and efficient officer; and the Quarterly Meeting Conference a most pious and useful member. In all his relations to the Church, as member, class-leader, and steward, a deep personal piety and unwavering fidelity to the trusts committed to his care, marked his Christian character.

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Resolved, 4th, That the foregoing preamble and resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Conference, and a copy of the same, signed by the President and Secretary, be transmitted to the family of our deceased brother and to the Editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, for publication in the same.

A true copy from the minutes. ROBT. J. CARSON, P. E. DAN'L S. HILL, Sec'y.

Sad Occurrence. SALISBURY, March 17, 1856.

A little boy, about 11 years old, son of Mrs. Thomas, of this place, was killed early this morning, on the Western extension of the Central Road, near town. He was driving a cart; fell from the same; the cart ran over him, and killed him almost immediately. The family are thus bereaved of a smart little boy, very suddenly.

L. S. BURKHEAD.

ITEMS.

An Interesting Lecture. It is announced that Gov. Swain will deliver a lecture in Wilmington, some time during the Spring, on the Revolutionary History of North Carolina. He has consented to do so at the request of the Literary Association of that city.

Health of our City. The number of deaths in Raleigh for the year 1855 was 78: 46 whites and 32 blacks. There is no city of the same size in the Union that can present so low a bill of mortality as this.

Normal College. One of the students writes: "The Faculty and students have been holding special prayer-meetings, and are enjoying times of spiritual refreshing. A gracious religious influence pervades the whole institution."