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The Publishing Fund.

The continuance of this paper will ultimately depend upon the formation of a Fund to enable us to do our own publishing.

The friends of North Carolina Methodism know the value of such an organ to the cause they love; they have the means to place it upon a permanent basis, almost without effort; and it would be done at once, if immediate action were required.

The North Carolina Conference needs a Conference paper, and it has one. If it is worth publishing at all, the experience and practice of every other paper in the State demonstrate the necessity of getting ready to publish it ourselves.

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To papers and to colleges in other States and among strangers, you have contributed thousands; because it went to give the church you love a sanctified literature.

But what have you done for this cause at home? Subscribed for this paper, have you? That is well; but that is not giving; you get the value of your money.

It is time for North Carolina Methodists to honor God, by showing to the world that they are able to establish a paper among themselves. It is time for them to learn how to give, to give freely, to give until they feel it lighten their purses and their hearts, for the good cause at home.

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A Mother in Israel.

The mother of Rev. Wm. Closs, of the N. C. Conference, died at Liberty, Bedford county, Va., on the 11th March.

She was believed to be in the 81st year of her age; and had been for years a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and died in the triumph of the Christian's hope.

Rev. W. Closs, still detained at home by serious family affliction, is her seventh son. Her record is on high, and her best eulogy is found in the lives of her children.

Common Schools.

The "Third Annual Report of the Superintendent of Common Schools for the State of North Carolina" has been laid on our table.

It presents a most successful operation, and to bring them to the highest point of efficiency and usefulness, are elaborately discussed.

A great amount of useful information is given; and if the suggestions to all concerned could be carried into practical operation, a new era would dawn upon North Carolina.

If the wealthy and the educated of every school district would take an active interest in the common school, by acting as committee-men, sending their children, adding enough from their own means to employ a competent teacher by the year, their own children would be educated better, at less cost, and the whole mass of the rising generation would come up abreast and irresistible, to the high destiny of the future.

That Agent Again.

If the defender of the Virginia Vaccine Agent in the "Warrenton News" be not a Virginia M. D., who seeks to soothe the imaginary wounds of professional and State pride, by indulging a hatred to the church of which this paper is an organ, then has he done himself great injustice by his last production.

He has succeeded in but one thing: he has placed himself beyond our reach, and won our future silence.

In bidding him adieu, we are happy to quote and endorse his closing paragraph: "We may be pardoned for saying in the conclusion that clergymen are the very last people on earth to make haste to censure physicians.

Besides being always welcome to their gratuitous services, their mission in this world is in many respects similar: both give up their best energies and ruin their health in unrequited errands of love and mercy; and when the one has exhausted the skill of his divine art, and palliated the pains he could not quell, the other smooths the pillow of death, and points the way to brighter worlds on high."

The rest of his article is not fit for quotation or comment. It partakes too freely of the virus. After such a free breaking out, however, hopes are entertained of the patient; for the present, he should be isolated.

Sermons to Young Men.

The next in the series of sermons to Young Men, by Rev. N. F. Reid, will be preached in the Methodist Church of this city, on Sunday evening. These sermons are attracting interest, and we trust will result in good.

Campbellites.

It is not generally known, perhaps, that the doctrines of Alexander Campbell prevail to a considerable extent in many neighborhoods of the lower part of North Carolina. Under the cognomen of "Christian Baptists," churches have been constituted, baptismal regeneration is preached, and many worthy citizens, some of whom are good Christians, have been proselyted.

A correspondent, "Luther," gives some account of a sermon preached in Snow Hill circuit lately by an itinerant "big gun" of the order. He represents the speaker as denying the work of the Holy Spirit on the heart of man in his regeneration, and thinks such a sentiment is rank infidelity. It certainly is, and is all the more dangerous when, as in this case, it assumes the name and garb of Christianity.

A friend of ours, a minister of undoubted piety, was some time ago induced to join this sect. After an honest and faithful trial in his new sphere, he returned to the church of his "first love." An extract from one of the letters of this brother, published in our issue of the 4th inst., is a fair specimen of the preaching of the sect.

He says: "In this dark and almost fatal step, I trust God has made me a better man. He has taught me—I. That there is no such thing as water regeneration; 2. That historical faith is not a saving faith; 3. That a church without a Discipline or Episcopacy is one of the most despotic in the world, and the least democratic in the end; 4. When I was a child I did not see the use of parental discipline; I thought many parental precepts altogether unnecessary; but now I see their propriety. So with our Church Discipline. \* \* \* God has pointedly, repeatedly, and in a variety of ways, warned me of my error and my danger, and of my duty to drop all and fall at the feet of Jesus. I need an interest in your prayers, because I have been found fighting against God—While penning these lines, glory be to God, my heart is soft, and I am relieved by tears."

The moral from this brother's experience is, that if you are in the right fold, stay there; if you have left it, come back, nor wander again from "the old paths, and you shall find rest for your soul."

What they think of Us.

The following is from the New York Observer, of the 3d inst. and will enlighten our readers, by showing what wonderful stories of North Carolina are afloat in the commercial emporium:

"I have got for my love, a baboon, And a fat of a newly killed sheep; A ram's horn made into a spoon, A bull's hide, on which she can sleep, &c."

That will do: those who want more of it, can hear similar sentiments, in more polished terms, by requesting Miss Cherubina de Willoughby (anglicy, Cherry Wilkins), to sing her favorite song. But seriously, the gift of the muses is greatly preferred.

Begin it in your own parlor. In speaking of the services in Trinity Church, during Passion Week, the Churchman complains after the following sort: "In connection with the above services in Trinity church, we could not but wish that a little more attention had been paid to ecclesiastical symbolism in ritual and church ornament; the gorgeous polychrome and elaborate carvings of the reredos and altar had better, we cannot but think, have worn their appropriate vesture of violet during this solemn season of penitence and humiliation; and particularly, too, when there was a recognition of the conical Lenten color in the embroidered pulpit cloth which covered the lecturer's desk."

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University Magazine.

The April number is received, and presents an attractive table of contents: Revolutionary History of North Carolina; Comparative Influence of the Sexes; Lines from a Rejected Lover; Character of Lord Byron's Poetry; Life; Universal Suffrage; Spring; Rationalism; Child's History of N. C.; Burns and the Snop Dragon; Lines on leaving Bertie; Two Scenes from an Unpublished Drama; Editorial Table.

Terms, \$2 in advance. Address, University Magazine, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Forrester's Magazine.

This is an admirable monthly for boys and girls. The April number is received, and handed over to the little folks at home. They like it. Published by F. & G. C. Rand, No. 7 Cornhill, Boston. Terms, \$1 per year in advance.

A Remarkable Prayer.

In Algernon Sidney's Letters occurs the following account of the death of Charles X., king of Sweden: "About eleven of the clock on the 12th of February, he took his bed, and within an hour after died, having spent part of that short time in discourse with his servants; the rest in private meditation; after which he was heard to say, 'Lord, when I can no longer speak, hearken unto my sighs,' and presently expired."

Home Circle.

This monthly for April is received. The table of contents is attractive, and it is altogether the best lady's magazine extant. If the reader has a family, or expects one, he should send for the Home Circle; or if he be a bachelor, and have a lady friend, let him order her a copy immediately. All the travelling preachers are agents. Address Stephenson & Owen, Nashville, Tenn. Terms, \$2 a year in advance.

Bath Mission.

The fact that Bath is a Mission may make persons at a distance suppose there is a want of liberality in the membership. This would be an error. It is a mission, because we have not members enough to support a man with family; and it is not practicable at last Conference to send them a preacher without one. In proportion to the number and means of the membership, they do as much to sustain the Gospel in their brethren elsewhere. Last year the preacher's health failed, and his place was supplied by a brother; and out of the fact that these two brethren were not both at Conference to be consulted, and that a full report from the Recording Steward was not then at hand, a slight error arose in the report of collections for Missions. The amount given in the published Report is \$140 00; it should have been \$175 00 collected and appropriated." The Chairman of the Finance Committee also acknowledges the receipt of \$5 for the Contingent Fund, which the Presiding Elder for last year regrets he forgot to report in time.

Several articles handed to the compositor are laid over until next week for want of room. We may sometimes reject a good article, to make room for one of inferior literary merit, but better adapted to keep up the variety and interest of our columns. A large amount of original matter is coming to hand, out of which we shall select the best—still soliciting the favor of correspondents, with the understanding that they will observe the hints heretofore laid down, and patiently await the time of publication.

Hotentot Poetry.

Looking into an old volume, we came across some Poetry, manufactured near Cape Town, in Southern Africa. The following specimen will compare with much of the anatory nonsense yelled forth to the horrid tubulations of old pianos, in more civilized countries.

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We learn that the fire-house and granary of Col. H. W. Harrington, of Richmond county, were consumed by fire on the night of the 24th ult., together with about 250 bags cotton, and a large quantity of grain. Loss estimated at about \$10,000. Supposed to be the work of an incendiary.—Fayetteville (N. C.) Observer.

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We also learn that Daniel McIntosh was drowned a few days ago in Richland Creek, Moore county, while attempting to cross it.

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A man named McDonald, hauling resin on the F. & W. plank road, in the neighborhood of "Gully McLean's," fell from his horse while intoxicated, and the wagon passed over him, causing a wound which it is thought he cannot possibly survive.

About to Enter the Ministry.

Henry A. Wise, jr., a son of the Governor, is about to be ordained as an Episcopal Minister.

Patric Gripe.

We have just received the following note from a son of our venerable friend, Pious Gripe. It will be seen that the old gentleman is from home; and we are sorry that his boys "carry on" at such a rate in his absence. A prudent regard for our health forbids any very explicit remarks on such conduct; we merely express the opinion that the old man will square accounts when he comes home. He may also give our readers a narrative of his journey. In the meanwhile, we shall be pleased to hear from his son again, as also from Dr. Crane. But to the letter:

EXCEL P. O. April 1, 1856.

Mr. Editor—Sur: I see in your last paper that there is right smart cry for Daddy. This is to inform you that daddy went on to the north a short time since, to sell his cotton and see the country about Baltimore, New York, Liverpool, Canada, and them parts. Sins "the old fel" left, we have had smart times; there's been several of the tallest sort of busts, besides quiltings and cock-fights. When daddy gets hold of that chap up at "Flint Hill," he'll give him fits. Dad's not to be grimed at when a man for a while. You best believe it! Excuse my shortness; I don't like to write letters much, as my schoolin was none of the best for book larnin.—You'll hear from daddy you may be very sorry, or else his friend Dr. Crane, who kept under the meatin-house, will write for him. So no more at present from yours till deeth,

CALVIN WESLEY GRIFE.

ITEMS.

North Carolina Tea. A writer in the Journal of Commerce says that the celebrated mate, a kind of tea in general use through South America and Mexico, is identical with the yoppon which abounds in the lower part of North Carolina.

Patrick Circuit. Rev. C. H. Phillips writes to the Message that there is a revival on Patrick Circuit. At the first quarterly meeting, lately closed, several were converted and six were added to the church.

Cure for Felons. Davis' Pain Killer is advertised as a "sure cure for felons." Will the courts of the country try it on the "hard cases" in jail?

Hon. Vivian Walbridge, ex-member of Congress from New York, has purchased valuable real estate near Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, N. C.

The Fifth Wife. We learn from the Covington (Ky.) Journal that a few days ago Judge Perrin, of that town, married a man for the fifth time. A singular feature in the case is that the fifth wife was also the third wife. The third marriage not proving a happy one, the parties separated and were divorced. The man married again, and when death claimed his turned to No. 3, and again wedded and won her. Judge Perrin thinks that he has tied them up effectually this time. The lucky man had the impudence to claim a reduction of the marriage fee, in consequence of the large business he was doing in that line.

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Murder. Thomas J. Capeheart, an overseer on a plantation near Mt. Meigs, Montgomery county, Ala., died on the 29th ult., of sixteen knife wounds, inflicted by a negro he was about to chastise. Two negro women were dreadfully cut by the negro for their efforts to prevent the murder. Capeheart was a native of Bertie county, N. C.

Pardon of Dr. Graham. New York, April 6th. Gov. Clark yesterday pardoned Dr. Graham, of New Orleans, imprisoned several years for killing Col. Loring, at the St. Nicholas Hotel, a few years since.

Purchasing Largely. The Wilmington N. C. Commercial notices a much larger quantity of goods than usual passing through that city for the interior of North Carolina.

Appointed. William E. Burns, surveyor of the customs at Jacksonville, North Carolina, vice Edward W. Ward, removed.

The Typhus Fever rages in Southern Russia, particularly in those places which are near the theatre of war. Bakhsheral Simpheropol, Kherson and Nicholajeff are almost empty. It is estimated that this pestilence has already carried off 100,000.

Congratulations. A letter from Paris written the day after the birth of the King of Algiers, says that of the Legations, the best illuminated were the English, Russian and American. The American Minister and his two Secretaries, Messrs. Wilson and Wilbor, called in the course of the day at the Tuileries to congratulate His Majesty.

Damages Recovered. A suit for libel, brought by Rev. James Naylor, a Presbyterian minister, against Dr. T. J. Gardner in the circuit court of Charlotte county, Va., was last week decided in favor of the plaintiff, and \$2,800 damages awarded him.

Destitution in Texas. So shocking is the condition of the roads between Indiana and the Gulf coast of Texas, that a man for twenty-five dollars a barrel at the latest advice, and at some other places in that section it could not be bought at all.

Tarred and Feathered. We learn from the Canton (Miss.) Commonwealth that Chas. Woodcock, by trade a plasterer, was tarred and feathered in that place on the night of the 19th inst., and then ordered to cross the river. It appears his offense was tampering with slaves and propagating abolition sentiments.

The Indiana Women vs. Free Whiskey. In Princeton, Gibson county, Indiana, on Saturday last, the women took the law into their own hands and "cleaned out" every doggerly in the town. They had previously given the liquor sellers ten days' notice to quit the liquor traffic. They numbered some two hundred. All the liquor they could find, including the bottles, demijohns, and barrels in which it was found, was destroyed. Six doggeries were visited, and it was thought that property to the amount of \$1,000 was destroyed.—Louisville Journal.

Do not be seduced by paper says that there are twelve churches in a certain county in that State without ministers, the former preachers having gone into Kansas land speculation.

Melancholy Occurrence. We sincerely regret to have to record the sudden death of Mr. Thomas A. Bashwell, proprietor of the R. R. Hotel, in this place. While shooting wild ducks on Tar River, on the morning of the 3d inst., he lost his balance, and falling over the guards of the boat, was drowned. When last seen above the water, his gun was still clenched firmly in his grasp, but the poor fellow sank to his watery grave. His body has not been yet recovered. He leaves many sorrowing friends behind him.—Wilson Sentinel.

We learn from the Charlotte papers that the Presbytery of Concord meets in the church of Hopewell, Mecklenburg county, on Friday the 11th day of April at 11 o'clock.

Bibles in Turkey. A box of New Testaments in Turkish, that were to be shipped to Thessalonin, were recently sent from the Bible depot in Constantinople to the custom-house. As they were books, some copies had to be sent to the Government to be examined before they could pass. They soon came back with the Government seal on the first blank leaf, authorizing their free circulation in Turkey.

Another Revolutionary Soldier Gone. On the 29th ultimo, Capt. Josiah Parris, father of the Hon. Virgil D. Parris, died in Buckfield, Me., aged 95 years and 7 months. When about sixteen years old he enlisted in the army of the revolution, and served through six campaigns. He was with Gen. Green and Sullivan in the battle at Rhode Island, August, 27th, 1778, and was supposed to be the last survivor of that hard fought battle.

The Coming Crop in Alabama. A correspondent of the Columbia Times writing from Perkins county, Ala., on the 24th March says: We are unusually behind, but few of us have as yet commenced planting corn. Our lands are badly prepared for cotton. The cause of our delay is, that through the whole of January and February our lands were frozen; since then it has been raining full half the time. Consequently our prospect for a full harvest is quite gloomy. The wheat crop of this section has never looked more unpromising. The prospect is very gloomy even for a quarter of a crop. Tell your farmers to cultivate well their potato crop, and export next winter to Alabama, for they are scarce with us. I have not a peck to plant, as they have nearly all rotted.

Another Association. The Austin, Texas, State Gazette, of the 15th inst., says: By late letters from the Rio Grande we learn that a strong demonstration is about being got up in Sonora and Oahuila in favor of independence from Mexico and annexation to the United States. Some parties, we understand, are now in correspondence with the friends of the Revolution in the United States, and that the work is privately going on of preparations for a formal declaration of independence at a time not far distant.

Assault on a Priest. On Friday last Rev. H. M. Poyet, a Catholic priest, pastor of St. Joseph's church, New Orleans, was assaulted by five men, with sword canes, in the public street. He received about twenty flesh wounds, before he was able to escape from his assailants. The cause of the assault was an alleged insult given to two young ladies by the priest in the church on Sunday before.

Liberal Contributions. The Rev. Mr. Cather and Rev. Mr. Scott, are now in Philadelphia with a delegation from Ireland, having in view the same object as that of Rev. Mr. Arthur, who visited this country last year, viz: the raising of a fund for educational and missionary purposes in Ireland. Rev. Mr. Cather preached on Sunday last at the Salem Methodist Episcopal Church, when the handsome sum of one thousand dollars was contributed by the congregation to assist him in his laudable design.—Petersburg Express.

Election of President and Directors of the Petersburg Railroad. At a meeting of the Stockholders of the Petersburg Railroad Company, at the Hall of the Common Council, yesterday morning, at 11 o'clock, Wm. T. Joyner, Esq., was re-elected to the Presidency of that road. The following were elected Directors: A. G. Melvaine, John Kevan, Robert Leslie, R. R. Collier, John Donnan.

Revival at Farmville, Va. A revival of religion, of deep interest, has been in progress in the Methodist Church at Farmville, for upwards of two weeks. Thirty persons or more have professed religion, and others are at the altar awaiting the way of salvation; the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Edwards, has been assisted by the Revs. Messrs. Wiles and Amias, and the Rev. Mr. Doll, of Norfolk.

The new vessel to Liberia will sail from Savannah, Georgia, about the 1st of June. The American Colonization Society expect to send in the vessel two ready made houses, of Barretilled wood, large and commodious, for the occupancy of emigrants during their first six months in Liberia. The Rev. John Sayes, so long and favorably known as a missionary in Liberia, has been engaged to go out in this vessel to superintend the erection of the receptacles, and also to make an exploration of the interior, and select a suitable situation for a new settlement, and make preparations for a company of emigrants to be sent out in the November expedition.

A HARD HIT.—The hardest hit at dancing that we have heard of, of late (and we have heard of some hard ones,) is said to have occurred with an old brother, who was addressed by a lady advocate of dancing in a style something like this, "Well, Mr. N.—, with all your objections to dancing, you will be obliged to admit that it is not half so bad as to be in another room at an evening party drinking, or playing cards, or perhaps slandering their neighbors."

"I do candidly confess as you say that it is not half as bad as either of those, and that I say by all means dance, as for ours we are not obliged to do either."

Good News for the Farmers. The discovery and use of Guano has made a new era in Agriculture. Its rapidly fertilizing properties render it one of the most valuable improvers within the reach of farmers, and therefore every thing relating to it is stamped with an interest that cannot be fully appreciated outside of the sphere of its agency. The supply of this excellent manure has for several years, although large, been scarcely adequate to meet the constantly increasing demand. The Island of Ithaca, where it was, we believe, first obtained, has been exhausted. The Islands of the Peruvian coast, the principal points from whence it is shipped, are fast becoming exhausted, it but in consequence of the manner in which the Peruvian Government conducts the business the prices here are so high as to render it almost too costly for farmers of small means. In fact there is no competition whatever in the trade, and therefore it has become nothing less than a grinding monopoly. Peru prescribes for its own territory, and from the regularly increasing rates which she lays on from time to time, it is not hard to see that the Government is making goodly use of the monopoly, and moderating her system of taxation. This being the state of the case, with a greatly enhanced and still growing demand for the article and a rigorous market produced by the grasping cupidity of the government which supplies it—a cupidity which takes every advantage of the want of competition—a most fortunate circumstance that recent discoveries have been made of other and abundant deposits of Guano in the Pacific, beyond the boundaries of the South American republics and easily accessible. Nor is this the most favorable feature of the new discoveries. The Islands which have been reported to contain the treasure have been taken possession of in the name of the United States, and will therefore be under influence and regulation that will serve greatly to facilitate the operations of our Agriculturists. It will no doubt be welcome intelligence, that measures are about being taken for turning those islands to immediate account and laying them open to commerce. We leave before us a small pamphlet containing the Prospectus of "The American Guano Company" which has been organized in New York, with an ample capital, for the purpose of importing this manure from the islands in question, and there is every reason to believe that in the course of the current year it will begin to arrive in the United States. As soon as this shall be the case, a considerable reduction of prices may be confidently expected in the Guano market, as there will be a double supply and an active competition between the American and Peruvian trades. On this point we quote from the pamphlet the following passage from the proceedings of a meeting of the United States Agricultural Society in Washington last January, which was held with express reference to this subject: "A company has been formed in the city of New York to manage this enterprise, and an expedition has already been sent out, the return of which will be looked for with no little anxiety by all who feel an interest in the question of agriculture.—Should the expectations of the company as to the quantity and quality of the Guano deposits be realized, they propose to sell to the American farmer at the rate of \$30 to \$40 per ton, or about two thirds of the present price of Peruvian Guano. "With such a reduction in the cost of an article of prime necessity to the cultivators of the soil, we may naturally look for a vast increase in the production of grain, and for the general amelioration of the economy of farming."