

Special Agents.

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

Absent.

Our readers will remember that the Editor is absent this week. They will also remember that the pro tem. has double duties to perform by stepping into his shoes.

Our Outside Form.

The 15th of the series of Dr. Doub's articles on "The Doctrine of the Final Unconditional Perseverance of the Saints," was not received in time for this number.

We call attention to the article headed "Do you pray in your family?" Heads of families especially should read it. The duty of family prayer is awfully neglected, we fear.

Controversy.

The Editor of the Recorder, of this City, says he has no fondness for religious controversy, and regards it as an evil. Ah! no fondness for religious controversy? That is a recent thing.

He now thinks religious controversy an evil. This is a mistake. There is, in most cases, evil connected with it, we admit, but it results from the modern manner of conducting religious controversies.

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What will they do?

The Stockholders of the N. C. Central Rail Road, in their annual meeting, a few days ago, passed a resolution expressive of their disapprobation of running trains on the Sabbath.

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DEAR PRO TEM: I left you on last Tuesday, and on the afternoon of the same day arrived at

Normal College. The exercises connected with the annual Commencement began on Tuesday night, by Declarations from members of the Sophomore Class, which were done up in a very creditable manner indeed.

On Wednesday morning, the sermon to the Graduating Class was preached before a large audience, by Rev. A. L. P. Green, D. D., of the Tennessee Conference. It was a masterly and interesting exposition of the 24 Psalm, and was worthy of the man and the occasion.

Thursday was occupied by Commencement exercises. Eight young gentlemen, members of the Graduating Class, received the degree of A. B. The names, name, and title of oration, are appended:

- 1. Enoch Fair, of Davie County. Salutatory Address, in Latin.
2. George W. Hoge, of Salem. Modern Masquerades.
3. R. F. Andrews, of Randolph. "Westward still the star of empire tends."
4. Joseph E. Short, of Martin. The Spirit of the Nineteenth Century.
5. W. C. Cannon, of Greensboro'. Labor is Talent.
6. W. H. Weatherly, of Wilmington. The Wonders of Human Folly.
7. James F. Snow, of Davie. The Author, our Country's Hope.
8. Levi Branson, of Randolph. Valedictory Address.

The impression made by this Commencement was decidedly favorable. Persons who have attended on former occasions inform me that a very manifest improvement in the grade of scholarship is observable. In this respect, Normal College is rapidly advancing to the front rank of Southern Institutions.

The next session of Normal College will open on the first Thursday in September. The whole cost of board and tuition for the Collegiate year is only \$115. In view of the cheapness, which brings the cost within the means of the great masses; the excellent moral and religious influence prevailing there; and the practical good sense and sound learning which are cultivated by all connected with the institution, Normal College is destined to a career of increasing prosperity and usefulness.

A New Book. A new work, by Bishop G. F. Pierce, D. D. will be issued soon from our Publishing House. It will contain addresses and lectures heretofore delivered by him on important occasions, Commencements, Anniversaries, &c.

This town is too well known to need a description; I will only say that I saw here a dilapidated little office, 10 by 12, in which Gen. Jackson studied law when quite a youth; it is permitted to stand as a memento of the old hero.

Found Dead. Jos. Bunch, of Perquimans co., N. C., was found drowned at Edenton, N. C., under circumstances indicating foul play.

Illing the station very acceptably. In the morning Bro. Barringer received two members into full connection, (one of whom had been a Baptist) and also three on trial.

LITERARY NOTICES. The July No. of the Quarterly Review, D. S. Doggett, D. D., Editor, has been received. It is embellished with a likeness of Bishop Payne. The likeness, we think, is not a very good one, though we would recognize the face.

- I. Gibbon's Decline and Fall.
II. Nicodemus Frischlin. By G. L. Gibbons. Ph. D., Richmond, Va.
III. The Religious Movement under Tiberius. Referred to by Seneca.
IV. The Successful Merchant. By Mrs. W. Martin, Unionville, S. C.
V. Names and Surnames. By Rev. T. V. Moore, D. D., Richmond, Va.
VI. The Christ of History. By Rev. John W. Page, Winchester, Va.
VII. The Tomb of Cyrus. From the Wesleyan Methodist Magazine.
VIII. Brief Reviews.
IX. Biblical, Literary and Religious Miscellanies.

THE RIGHT WAY; or, The Gospel applied to the intercourse of Individuals and Nations. By Rev. Joseph A. Collier, Pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church, Geneva, N. Y.

The above small work of about 300 pages has been put into our hands by Mr. W. J. W. Crowder, Agent for the American Tract Society for North Carolina. It is published and sold by that Society. It is a "Premium Essay on Peace."

Books at this Office. 1. Annals of Southern Methodism, by C. F. Deems, D. D. Price \$1. A copy will be sent by mail, prepaid, for the same price.

2. Confessions of a Converted Infidel; by Rev. John Bayley, of the Virginia Conference. Price \$1. Sent by mail, prepaid, for the same. A liberal discount made to those who order six or more copies.

3. Great Iron Wheel Examined, by W. G. Brownlow. A book for the times—a book for North Carolina. It is killing off Iron Wheelism, and opening the way for a closer union among all Christians.

A CHARITABLE MAN.—Rev. Mr. Stiggins said, "I am a charitable man, and think every one entitled to his opinion—and never cherish malice against my foes, not even against Mr. Mulberry, who has indirectly called me a sinner; but still, if the Lord has a thunderbolt to spare, I think it would be well bestowed upon dear brother Mulberry's head."

ITEMS. Jonesville Academy. Miss Frost, who has had charge of the Female Department in this School, has resigned the situation, in order to rest a few months—her health being delicate.

Brooklyn's "Iron Wheel Reviewed." A Nashville correspondent of the S. C. Christian Advocate says twenty-five thousand copies of this work have been sold, and five thousand copies more are now in the bindery, and will soon be ready for delivery.

Rev. A. R. Erwin. The Nashville University, at its recent Commencement, conferred the honorary degree of D. D. upon Rev. A. R. Erwin, pastor of McKendree Church of that city.

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Great Fire at Nashville. Nashville was visited by a destructive fire on the 9th inst. It broke out in the furniture manufactory of Cornelius & McCoubbs. WASHINGTON, July 18.—The application of the people from Utah for admission into the Union, will not be presented this session on account of the new and unparalleled excitement on the territorial question.

A Reverend Politician Roughly Handled. They had a regular fourth of July celebration at Charlottesville, Messrs county, Va., which was participated in by citizens of all parties. There was nothing to mar the festivities except a political trade introduced by a reverend gentleman. We extract from the Western Press:

"He commenced a regular abolitionian harangue, and so thunder-truck were the citizens that he had proceeded some minutes before they could divide what course of action to take. He went on so far as to speak of the 'wonderous villain who now occupies the chair as chief magistrate of the country,' when a simultaneous yell of indignation rose from all parts of the assembly, and intimated to the reverend twister that he had exhausted their endurance. Cries of 'knock him down!' 'throw him off the platform!' 'A. C. followed, and for a time it seemed as if the disciple of the meek and lowly Jesus might find what he would call 'murderous villains' nearer home. His few friends vociferated loudly about the streets of speech; but the citizens present, without distinction of party, were content to distinguish between 'free speech' and free blackguardism, and compelled the worthy exemplar of Christian love and charity to sit down."

Rev. F. E. Pitts. The Rev. F. E. Pitts, of the Tennessee Conference, delivered two lectures in the M. E. Church in Warrenton last week. He went from there to Wilmington, at which place he also lectured. His subject—"The Prophecies."

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