

The Advocate.

RALEIGH, N. C.

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Death of a Minister.

A letter from Mr. J. L. Nesbitt brings the sad intelligence that Rev. W. W. Nesbitt is no more.

Brother Nesbitt has been for years a pious, laborious and faithful minister of the Gospel, and a useful, loved member of the N. C. Conference.

The Pro Tem's Salutory.

Reader! We are in a new place—a Methodist Editor's Sanctum—singly settled down into his great arm chair.

But before we betake ourselves to the pen and ink, let us look into the pile of letters accumulated upon his table.

Letter No. 1.—Congratulates the Editor upon his success in judiciously conducting the Advocate for the last ten months.

Letter No. 2.—Begins with a little praise and a little scandal, but tells him he has not given it quite severe enough to a certain picaresque seraph of divinity.

Letter No. 3.—Suggests certain "improvements," changes and modifications, in managing the paper.

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The Conference at Greensboro.

The annual Conference of our Church convened at Greensboro' on Wednesday. The Preachers and Lay Stewards have met to attend to the interests of the Church, and promote Godliness in the land.

And let all the earth say—AMEN! The Editor of the Advocate is of course in attendance upon the Conference—and we being Pro Tem for the occasion, will, we trust, be allowed the privilege of saying a word about the Conference.

The Conferences are composed of a band of Brethren, united in one common destiny, and looking to the same great reward. Brotherly love and mutual forbearance should be the feeling and principle of action towards one another.

The Unity of our Church have a right to expect this holy, pious example to be set them by their Ministry. As a general thing they provide well for their Preachers, and take good care of their families.

N. C. Baptist State Convention.

The annual session of this body commenced in this city on Wednesday of last week. The sessions were held in the Capitol—Commons Hall—and was numerously attended.

The Educational interests of the denomination, as represented to the Convention, presents a flattering prospect; and we learn upwards of \$25,000 were subscribed here, during the sitting of the Convention.

We understand that some \$13,000 was subscribed for erecting a new Baptist Church building in Raleigh, and that other handsome subscriptions were made to other Church enterprises.

We are sincerely glad to record these evidences of liberality and interest in the Educational and other departments of their Church polity. Differing as we do widely on some matters of doctrine and discipline from our Baptist friends, we heartily bid them God speed, nevertheless, in the furtherance of all measures calculated to diffuse education and piety through the land.

The Convention was largely attended by persons from various counties in the State, and adjourned on Monday last, after a very harmonious session.

Rev. James Patterson.

In the R. C. Advocate of last week, Rev. M. M. Dance requests to be informed of the address of Rev. James Patterson.

The November No. of the Carolina Cultivator, a useful Agricultural journal, is to hand. Let the Farmers subscribe for and read it and be profited. Price \$1 a year.

This excellent agricultural monthly for November is on our table. Price \$1.00 a year in advance. Address T. J. Lemay, Raleigh.

Religious Liberty.

One of the boasted privileges guaranteed to its citizens in this land of freedom and equal rights, is that of Religious Liberty—the right of every man to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience.

From the above table it will be seen that while there is an increase in the white membership in the Conference, there is a decrease in the colored membership. This must be the result of the frequent changes in the work among the blacks.

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Books at this Office.

Roman Catholicism, the Great Apostasy. By Rev. C. P. Jones, of the N. C. Conference.

The Great Iron Wheel Examined. BY WILLIAM G. BROWNLOW. A large supply on hand. Sent by mail, prepaid, to any part of the country, for one dollar.

Business Notice. 1. The price of this paper is \$1.50 in advance.

2. No paper will be sent for a longer period than that for which payment has been received. Notice will be given to subscribers several weeks before the close of the subscription year of each, so as to enable them to renew in time, if disposed to do so.

3. Subscribers who have not yet paid, will please remit without delay. If payment be delayed until after the session of Conference on the 12th November, two dollars will be charged.

4. We suggest that it would be well for subscribers to renew their subscriptions for the next year, by sending the money to Conference by the preachers. True, it will be a little in advance of time, but it will save the risk and trouble of remittances by mail.

The Troubles in the Illinois Diocese, verily, Bishop Whitehouse, are not very common. A turbulent scene. The Bishop, in his address, asserted that the Diocese owed him \$6000; a resolution was adopted at a time when many were absent, approving the Bishop's statement and recommending its payment.

A fire occurred in Syracuse, New York, on Saturday last, which consumed property to the amount of \$1,000,000. Among the property destroyed were the post office, banks and stores. One hundred families, at least, were rendered homeless.

MISCELLANY.

Tennessee Conference.

Table with columns: NUMBER IN THE CHURCH, WRITERS, COLLEGE, MEMBERS, DEACONS, LIAISON, and rows for This year and Last year.

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Spooling the Marriage Ceremony.

The following statement is no jest, but a positive fact.—A young man in business in Liverpool, led his blushing bride to the altar in the Old Church in that town; and when the question was asked, "Wilt thou love and cherish," &c., he answered as is customary, and added "When she needed, he would bang her."

Look at this Picture!

In Great Britain about 60,000 families own all the territory, which is occupied by over twenty-seven millions of inhabitants. Five noblemen—the Marquis of Breadalbane, the Duke of Argyle, Athol, Sutherland and Buccleugh—own perhaps one-fourth of all Scotland.

A Bishop Robbed.

We regret to learn that Bishop Cobb, of Alabama, was robbed of \$140, as he was leaving the cars at Baltimore. We should not have had the beautiful example of the Good Samaritan, if it had not been for the man who went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves; and the misfortune of this excellent Bishop, will, we are confident, furnish, from some quarter, pleasing proof that the race of Good Samaritans is not yet extinct.—Banner of the Cross.

Humor in Rags.

We observed yesterday a little, thin old man, with a rag bag in his hand, picking up a large number of small pieces of whalebone, which lay in the street. The deposit was of such a singular nature, that we presumed to ask the quaint-looking gatherer how he supposed they came there. "Don't know," he replied, in a speaking voice, "but I s'pect some unfortunate female was wrecked hereabouts somewhere."

Wilmington Rail Road.

The gross receipts of the Wilmington andeldon Road for the year ending Sept. 30, 1856, were \$49,949 98; the cost of running \$26,835 41; net earnings, \$24,213 97. The receipts exceed those of the previous year about \$37,000—7 per cent. of the dividends has been paid, and 3 per cent. set aside for sinking fund.

Thick and Thin.

Thick and Thin. Thomas Jefferson was tall and very thin. Gen. Knox was very short and very thick. The two met one day at the door of Washington's house in Philadelphia.

Melancholy Death. We learn that Mr. Leeper, from Charlotte, N. C., died at Mr. Minton's hotel, on Sunday evening. On Sunday night a week preceding his death, in a fit of mental aberration, superinduced by fever, he walked out of the window, of the third story, and fell from an elevation of about twenty-six feet, breaking the bones of his right thigh, and shattering dreadfully the knee pan.

Political Sermons Repudiated. Philadelphia, Nov. 4.—The congregation of the Church of the Epiphany (Protestant Episcopal) held an election to decide the question whether the Vestry should be sustained in the rebuke given to the pastor, Rev. Dudley A. Tyng, for preaching a political sermon some time since.

Enterprise. In our estimation, no better evidence of the prosperity of a community can be adduced, than those afforded by an increase of manufacturing facilities. A few months ago, the town of Salisbury could boast of no more than one first manufacturing establishment.

Greensboro' College Building. We learn from the Greensboro' (Ala.) Beacon, that the Building Committee appointed by the Trustees of the Southern University of the M. E. Church, located at that place, have let out the contracts for the brick, stone and carpenter's work, painting and glazing, including material, at \$32,761, and that the contracts yet to be made for Iron Ornamentations, Slate Roof and Plastering, are estimated in amount at \$6,754, making the entire cost of the edifice \$39,515.

The Electoral College.

The Presidential Electors chosen will be called by the Governors of the States to meet in each State capital on the first Wednesday of December, and cast their vote, and choose a messenger to carry it sealed to Washington. On the second Wednesday of February the returns will be counted by Congress and declared.

The Betting on Kentucky.

We know of many instances of bets of extraordinary magnitude having been made on the result of the late election. Lands, negroes, cash—everything that is property in Kentucky—has been staked throughout the State. Hundreds of men are doubtless entirely ruined, and thousands sorely impoverished.

Great Snow Storm.

The Auburn (N. Y.) American of the 1st inst., says: "Yesterday a few flakes of snow sifted down here, but in Oswego and Jefferson counties the storm was very severe. A friend informs us that a passenger train of two coaches, drawn by two locomotives, was six hours on the road. The fires were repeatedly extinguished by the accumulation of snow, and at one place it was found to be eighteen inches in depth! This was remarkable for this time of the year. It snowed all around us."

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A Pastoral Letter.

The following is a beautiful pastoral letter, addressed to the churches. Its brevity may commend it to some; its anti-sectarian character to all. Its authority is unquestionable; and if its advices were heeded, the most desirable result would follow: "We beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves."—Paul.

Sunday Schools. At the late ministerial convention in New Hampshire, it was reported that through a course of years, it is found that free out of every six who make a profession of religion by uniting with the Church, come from the Sabbath-schools, and yet of ninety thousand children and youth in the State, not more than thirty thousand are connected with all the evangelical Sabbath-schools.

A Medical Journal. Dr. S. S. Satchell, Secretary of the North Carolina Medical Society, was, in accordance with a resolution of that society, issued a Prospectus for a "Journal of Medicine and Surgery," the first No. to be issued about May or June next, at \$3 a year in advance, 400 subscribers (out of 1200 Physicians in the State), are required to sustain it.

"Neighbor Jones," said a rigid church member, "I have been informed that you often drive your team, and even go a fishing or a hunting, on the Sabbath." "True," replied Jones, "but then on those occasions I always whistle psalm tunes."

Westman Benevolence. The English Wesleyan denomination contributed last year \$600,000 for the cause of foreign missions; home missions \$60,000; chapel debts and new chapels \$500,000; theological training of students \$41,000; education of ministers' children \$15,000; day schools for the poor \$22,000; Sabbath schools \$40,000; tract society \$11,000; besides contributions for minor objects.

A Frenchman in Canada.

A Frenchman in Canada thus advertises his better half, who had left his bed and board: "Notes—My wife that's Catharine—she left my house—shant ax my name—any mtn truss him on my name that's loss for me. LOUIS LA FLAMME."

An Old Widow.

When her pastor said to her, "God has not deserted you," she replied, "No, sir; I have a very good appetite still."

The Progress of our Country.

It is stated that the population of the eleven infant colonies in 1701 was 362,000 souls. Georgia and Delaware were added to the number about 1740, and the census reports give us 1,046,000, in the year 1775 the thirteen colonies contained 2,303,000 whites and 500,000 slaves. After the adoption of the present Constitution, in 1790, there were thirteen States, with 3,172,664 white, 50,456 free colored, and 637,897 slaves. In 1850 the States had increased to thirty-one, and the population to 19,560,000 whites, 434,000 free colored, and 1,204,000 slaves. The total population at this time is approaching thirty millions.

Holston Conference.

The Holston annual Conference closed its session in Abingdon, Va., on Tuesday night. Among the notables present were Bishops Andrew and Early, President Wiley of Emory and Henry College, Dr. Hamilton, of Nashville, Dr. Leroy M. Lee, of the Richmond C. Advocate, Dr. McAnally, of the St. Louis C. Advocate, Dr. Cummings of Ashville Female College, and others. The next session of the Conference will be held at Marion, Smyth co., Va.

The Cleveland Outrage.

Bower, the Catholic Priest, who punished a child so severely that she died, for attending a Protestant Sunday School, has been bound over to the Court of Common Pleas, on a charge of murder in the second degree.

On Dit.

It is currently rumored that Dr. P. T. Stribbling, Superintendent and Physician of the Western Lunatic Asylum, Staunton, has expressed his determination to hand in his resignation to the Board of Directors at their next meeting.

Methodist Conference in Kansas.

The Methodist Episcopal church recently held their annual conference in Lawrence, Kansas. Clergymen and laymen from the various districts in the territories of Kansas and Nebraska, were present. The meetings were held in a large pavilion tent, well attended throughout the day and evening.

Hampden Sidney College.

The Board of Trustees held a meeting last week, we understand, and unanimously tendered the Presidency of this institution to the Rev. M. D. Hoge, D. D., of Richmond. It is not yet known that Mr. Hoge will accept.

An American on the Papal Throne.

A correspondent of the New York Post, writing from Rome, on the 13th ult., says: "This morning, Col. Hiram Pearson, of San Francisco, was fined one thousand piasters for setting himself on the throne of the Pope."

Death of an aged Minister.

Rev. Henry White, the oldest member of the Philadelphia Conference, departed this life on the 15th of October, at the house of his son-in-law, near Christiansburg, Delaware.

Looking Pleased.

Mr. Buchanan in Lancaster city on Wednesday and the Inland Daily says he "looked pleased." It is thought, however, that by the 4th of March next he will feel a little worried from the attentions of his friends who may be anxious to serve the public.

Clear as Mud.

An exchange paper says that "transcendentalism is the spiritual cognoscence of physiological irrefragibility, connected with eminent adoption of uncollected spirituality and etherialized contention of scholastic concretion."

Pretty Severe.

The Rev. Dr. Noyes, of Hartford, Ct., once said when commenting on that verse of St. Paul, "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching, to save them that believed." Paul does not say by foolish preaching, for, if it had been by that, the world would have been saved long ago."

Electo Editor.

The Rev. T. M. Eddy, of Indianapolis, has been elected editor of the North Western Christian Advocate, at Chicago, in place of Dr. Watson, deceased.

The Olden Time.

Henry the Eighth made a law that all men, except servants, might read the Scriptures; but no women, except ladies who had leisure to ask somebody the meaning—This law was repealed by Edward the Sixth.

A Methodist merchant in Philadelphia.

A Methodist merchant in Philadelphia has made himself responsible for the regular support of one missionary, to the amount of \$750 per year.

Fell Off.

A piece of the "nose" of Mansfield Mountain, Vermont, computed to weigh one thousand tons, fell on Thursday, the 21st ultimo. Only a few minutes before this occurrence, a gentleman, with his wife and daughter, had been standing upon it.

Bromington, Nov. 8.

The dwelling of Mr. Perkins, near Kirtwood, was destroyed by fire last night, and Mr. Perkins, his wife, his father, and seven children perished in the flames.

Presbyterian Missions.

The receipts of the Boards of the Presbyterian Church (Old School) for September are reported as follows: Domestic missions, \$4,070 24; education, \$1,562 25; foreign missions, \$4,738 02; publication, \$5,204 62; donations and sales, inclusive, and church extension, \$998 12. Total, \$16,553 25.

Killed.

Rev. E. C. Thornton, presiding elder of the Parkersburg (Va.) district of the M. E. Church, South, was killed on the cars near Cleveland a few days since.

A Strayed Wife.

A husband thus announces the departure from his bed and board of his dearly beloved: "My wife, Anne Maria, has strayed or been stolen. Whoever returns her will get his head broke. As to trusting her, anybody can do as he thinks fit; for, as I never pay my own debts, it's a not likely I'll pay hers."

A Female Vigilance Committee.

A correspondent at Moorville, Indiana, has favored the New York Tribune with a graphic account of the uprising of the women in that vicinity in defiance of law and order, and successfully putting an end to the rum traffic in their village. On the afternoon of Nov. 1st the church bells gave forth some ominous peals, upon hearing which the proprietor of the rum-shop closed his doors and put the blinds up before his windows. The women soon assembled before the place, and finding they could obtain admittance in no other way, burst the place open. The rum-barrels and kegs were taken out of the place, the heads stayed in and the contents spilled on the ground. The female mob then dispersed.

Good News.

The Universe, a leading Catholic newspaper in Paris, says: "In all the Catholic cities of Germany, the statistical returns make it appear that the number of Protestants is increasing in a fearful manner."

Five Words in Season.

About two centuries and a half ago the Legislature of Scotland enacted that "a good and sufficient school" should be erected and maintained in every parish. To these five words, "a good and sufficient school," introduced into an act of Parliament, not larger than a man's thumb, is Scotland indebted at this day for nearly every solid glory she possesses.

A North Carolina Killed.

James Rowan, from Polk county, North Carolina, says the Greenville Enterprise, was killed on Sunday last, about four miles from that town. A team of mules which he was driving were frightened by the falling of a box of goods from the wagon, and in running, he was thrown from the saddle, and the wheels running over him, produced death in a very few moments. He leaves a wife and several children.

Stampon (N. C.) Superior Court.

At its fall Term, last week, Judge Dick passed sentence on Jacob Johnson, for the murder of Jacob Stewart, committed in Harnett county some two years ago. The execution is to take place on Friday the 10th of December.

Wilmington, Del. Nov. 10.

The Hon. John M. Clayton died at Dover in this State last night at 7 o'clock.

Pastoral Charge.

Rev. B. M. Palmer, of Columbia, S. C., has accepted a call from the New Orleans Presbytery, and will shortly leave for his new field of labor.

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