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EDITOR'S OFFICE: at his residence, one square north east from the Capitol.

Subscribers whose papers have a cross mark on them, are thereby informed that their subscription year is about to expire; and are respectfully requested to renew by forwarding \$1.50 to this office immediately.

An accident occurred to the Press just as we were getting ready to work off our inside form. It took several hours to repair the breakage, and consequently the issue is a little behind time. This will account for this No. not reaching some of our subscribers at the usual time. Accidents will happen, in the best regulated families—and Printing offices, also.

Minutes of the N. C. Conference.

The manner in which the Minutes of the last Conference at Greensboro' have been published, has not been very satisfactory. But what then? Why, let us all run a tilt at the committees, at the printers, and at matters and things promiscuously.

But softly—the preparation of the Minutes for the press devolved chiefly upon the Secretary of Conference. He could only snatch a brief interval for this labor, from the cares of a District, and the innumerable other cares which rush in, at such a season of the Conference year; and he did this by request of the Conference, gratuitously.

When the Minutes were placed in the hands of the publisher, the Legislature was in session, and every printing office in this city was crowded with job-work. It thus happened that the style of typography is none of the best; and that by some inexplicable error, the sheet on which the list of appointments was printed, did not fit as a covering for the pamphlet, for which it was originally designed. And so, the Minutes were tacked up and packed off, without the appointments.

Decidedly the best plan will be to grumble no more, send a small contribution to Rev. J. H. Wheeler, to aid in paying expenses, and take such measures at next Conference, as shall insure the publication of our Minutes hereafter, in a manner which shall be creditable to ourselves, and edifying to all the people.

Warrensville P. O.

A subscriber informs us that the N. C. Advocate is very irregular in reaching Warrensville P. O., in Sampson county. The cause of this is not at either end of the route; but arises at some intermediate point.

A mail leaves Clinton every Wednesday morning for Elizabeth Town, by way of Warrensville. We are advised that this is the most direct route, and respectfully request Post Masters to govern themselves accordingly.

Louisiana Conference.

Last week the New Orleans Christian Advocate was taken from our table, before we had selected some items of interest to the reader, from its account of the late session of the Louisiana Conference. Other exchanges, since received, enable us to make the following summary:

The Conference met in Waterproof, La., on the 4th of February, Bishop Kavanaugh presiding. Seven preachers were received by transfer from other south-western Conferences. One was re-admitted, and five were received on trial, making a total accession of thirteen to its effective list.

Two were discontinued, and three were located at their own request, leaving a clear gain of eight, to the itinerant ranks in that Conference.

Four were ordained Deacons, and five received ordination as Elders. Jephtha Hughes had died, after a ministry of thirty years.

About \$9,000 was collected for Missions during the year, being an advance of 55 per cent. on any former year, and more than an average of one dollar for each white member. The Missionary Anniversary was held on Sunday night; Bishop Kavanaugh and Dr. Drake made effective speeches; and the collections amounted to \$1,720.

The claims of the Superannuated, the widows and orphans were paid off in full, leaving a surplus of \$3.

STATISTICS.

Table with 2 columns: Category and Count. Includes Members (White 6,673 increase, 637; Colored, 4,908 increase, 229), Probationers (White, 1,063 increase, 744; Colored, 1,116 increase, 414), Local Preachers (White, 80 decrease, 18; Colored, 10 increase, 3).

FRANKLINTON INSTITUTE.—The schools at Franklinton have opened prosperously. Attention is invited to the advertisement.

Missionaries. A farewell meeting with missionaries was held in Chicago on Wednesday in view of the departure of the Rev. Mr. Goodfellow and family, who are about to sail for Montevideo, to join the Methodist mission in South America.

The Ministry for the Times.

It is alleged that one cause of the comparative inefficiency of the gospel, is the want of a christian ministry adapted to the peculiar wants of the present age. We believe this is true; but not in the sense generally received.

By a ministry suited to the times, is usually meant an educated ministry, learned in all which pertains to modern education, quick to perceive and flexible to the influences of the public temperament by which the ministry is surrounded.

All this, and more, may be made available to the cause of Christ. In qualifications of this secondary sort, the christian ministry of the present day are not inferior to their predecessors; and are equal to the members of the other learned professions. But these are qualifications acquired by preachers, just as other men acquire them. Nurtured among the people, themselves a part of the people, they must necessarily share the onward progress, and be in sympathy with the common sentiments of the people, in all which pertains to them as men and as citizens.

All attempts by individuals or associations, to promote a greater adaptation of the christian ministry to the imaginary popular tastes and wants of the age, have led and must ever lead only to a vitiation of public sentiment, and to the secularization of the clergy.

The great want of the times is more holiness, more laborious self-denial, and devotion to the salvation of souls, in the ministry.

Manners have changed; but hearts are still "deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked." The old nations of the earth have passed away, but human nature remains.

The gospel which suited the fishermen of Galilee, the philosophers of Greece and the citizens of Rome, is "the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believeth."

The gospel is in the Bible; and the men whom the Holy Ghost separates for the preaching of the gospel, can save the world, and fulfill their mission by preaching nothing else but the gospel. But they must first feel its power in their own hearts. Its union of fire must dwell upon their own lips. Its divine origin and heavenward destination must be manifested in their own lives.

The grade of personal piety in the ministry of the present day is too low, and the tide of worldliness is too high. The people should support them better, and pray for them more. The world will then have a christian ministry adapted in all respects as instruments of its own conversion.

Wills.

A large portion of the expensive and harassing litigation in the courts of the country is about the property of men who are dead. The most bitter and destructive family feuds arise from the same cause.

Much of the idleness, and dissipation, so injurious to society, and so destructive to individuals, is supported by the waste of the hard earnings of a too indulgent parent by his degenerate heirs.

Some of these evils might be prevented, and all of them might be greatly mitigated, if men who have property, would dispose of it by testamentary devise, in form and manner which should leave no door open for the entrance of litigation, among the heirs. But our object is not an essay on wills, but a suggestion to those who should make them.

When you make your will, remember the Institutions of learning in the North Carolina Conference.

In other States, in other churches, and in other Conferences, liberality of this kind has placed them far in advance of us in the cause of education. Even in North Carolina a bequest of two hundred thousand dollars by one wealthy gentleman, has placed means in the hands of the Presbyterian Church to erect a college which shall be his own best monument; and shall be a blessing for generations to come.

We also have colleges. The labor of the preachers, and the liberality of the friends of education have made Greensboro' Female College what it is.

Normal College is now upon a vantage ground, which promises well for its future usefulness.

Olin High School, already meeting a public necessity, may yet become a college of the first grade.

Who will endow these institutions? It ought to be done: it can and must be accomplished. The necessities of the church require it; and our people have ample means to effect it.

If the living appreciated their responsibility as God's Stewards, their liberality would speedily place these educational interests of the church upon a broad and permanent foundation. Much will doubtless be done by donations. But we put it to the consciences and to the patriotism of those who have the means, whether they should not aid these institutions, by liberal testamentary devises.

The wealth which would be squandered by a dissolute heir, or swell the already large estate of one who needs no addition to his means, and feels no gratitude to the testator, would be better bestowed by will upon the cause of religious education in North Carolina. It would advance the cause of God to the end of time.

Republicanism in the Baptist Church.

Our Baptist brethren recall the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and claim that the Baptist Church is modelled upon the principles of Republican government.

We propose to examine this claim, briefly, freely, fairly and fraternally; and want of space, must, for the present, limit this investigation to the "Baptist State Convention of North Carolina." The objects of this Convention, are thus defined in its "Constitution."

ART. 2. The primary objects of this Convention shall be the education of young men called of God to the Gospel ministry, and approved by the churches to which they respectively belong; the employment of missionaries within the limits of the State, and a co-operation with the Southern Baptist Convention in the promotion of missions in general.

It is thus seen that the Convention represents the Baptist church in North Carolina, by controlling two of its most vital interests. It is also known to be the highest advisory council of that sect, and to exert a commanding moral influence upon all its operations. Of this we do not complain: we but state the fact.

The principles of republican government require, that this Convention should be composed of delegates freely elected by the churches; and that each church should be represented by a number of delegates, in proportion to the number of its own communicants.

But is the Convention composed of members freely elected by the churches, upon such a basis of representation? That our readers may see for themselves, whether the Convention is constructed upon the republican model, we quote from the constitution, every word by which it defines the selection and qualification of its members:

ART. 4. This Convention shall be composed of such individuals and delegates from such institutions as shall make adequate contributions to its funds.

ART. 5. Every association or individual shall be entitled to send to the Convention one delegate, who shall be a member of the Baptist church, for every ten dollars paid into the treasury.

ART. 6. Any regular member of the Baptist church, by contributing at one time, the amount of thirty dollars to the funds of the Convention, may become a life member, provided he or she continue a member in good standing in the Baptist church to which he or she belongs. Also, by the payment of one hundred dollars at one time, may become a life member of the Board of Managers upon the same conditions.

This is republicanism with a vengeance! The representation of the Baptist Churches, in their own State Convention, is based upon money. Membership in this body is a marketable privilege, and is purchased with MONEY. The price of a seat is not the free suffrage of the body of the membership, but the contribution of ten dollars.

For this sum a church can purchase the right to elect a delegate, or an individual can buy a seat—for thirty dollars he can procure authority to be a member of the highest Baptist representative body in North Carolina, during his natural life!

This may all be very wise and proper. But we ask, is this the boasted republicanism of the Baptist church? With what face or consistency can the members of that communion charge upon Methodists a want of republicanism in their church polity, when their own State Convention is based upon the principle of a moneyed aristocracy?

Toward christians of every church, we cherish fraternal feelings; but when men are moved by prescrying purposes, to give us lessons in republicanism, we insist upon interpreting their professions by their practices.

A Northern view of a Southern Minister.

Dr. Deems lately had occasion to visit the city of New York. A certain Professor Mattison met him accidentally for a few moments, and talked with him a little. He also gives the substance of this interesting interview in a letter to the Northern Independent; from which, as reproduced in Zion's Herald, we quote the following paragraph in full:

"A SLAVEHOLDING D. D." "On Monday morning we chanced to ride down town in the cars with Dr. Deems, who had preached at Trinity the morning previous. The conversation turned upon the new paper, slavery, etc.; whereupon the Doctor coolly informed us that he was the owner of several slaves—that he felt no more conscience about owning his cook than he did about owning his wife," &c. We asked him if the relation which southern gentlemen sustained to their wives was that of master and slave? to which he made no reply.

He stated, moreover, not only that three fourths of the members of his Conference were slave holders, but that several members of the Baltimore Conference were slaveholders also. He said the slaves were usually decided to some other persons, but were in fact owned by the preachers.—Were some of these slaveholders in the last General Conference?

The above is given to the reader, simply to show how northern fanatics look upon southern ministers of the Gospel. Unwittingly they are the worst enemies of the colored race. Discussion is the fuel that feeds the fires of their fanaticism. We at the South are of one mind; we turn from the mischievous agitations which have periled church and state, to the great duty of preaching the gospel of salvation to master and slave.

Things to be Attended to.

A traveling preacher has his hands and heart full of duties. There is danger lest some of these duties be neglected. Among those which are apt to be overlooked or deferred, are the following:

1. Reading the General Rules once a quarter in each society. In some societies the Rules have never been read. But it is the more important that this duty be not now neglected among us, because of the number of recent accessions to the church. The new members need to be informed of the practical duties of christianity. An admirable summary of these duties is contained in these rules. Let them be read, and enforced by suitable exhortation.

2. The reception of probationers into full connexion. This should be by all means attended to, according to the discipline. It should be attended to at the right time, without delay. Each one should be sought; his case be fully investigated and understood; and each should be regularly admitted into full connexion, if found worthy.

3. The ordinances should not be neglected. Strict inquiry should be made for proper candidates for baptism, and the duty should be urged upon them, without unnecessary delay.

The Lord's supper should be administered in every society, at least more than once during the year. All the members cannot be present to receive it at the Quarterly meetings, and Sunday appointments. This we fear, is too much neglected.

Young Christians.

During the past year many united with the Church. The beginning of the Christian's course is usually beset with the greatest perils. It is then that he most needs counsel, prayer and sympathy.

Hundreds are lost to the church and to heaven because they are neglected during the first months of their fellowship. Ministers and older members have a fearful account to give for the manner in which they neglect to nurture the lambs of the flock.

They should seek after these recent converts; bring back the straying, and comfort the desponding. Our system of class meetings is peculiarly adapted to the nurture of the children of grace.

By all means, let the young christians be trained in these schools of Christ. Experimental religion, as developed and cultivated in the class room, is the palladium of their safety, and the pledge of final victory. Let them be gathered into the classes.

Southern Methodism in California.

An article on the fourth page, from a beloved brother, who has labored in the Lord's vineyard in California, will be read with interest.

We beg leave to give a hearty endorsement of his suggestions in behalf of the Pacific Methodist. It is a large, well printed sheet, and edited with ability. We ask the favor of an exchange.

Copeland's Pictures.

We are indebted to Mr. Copeland, the artist, for a likeness, taken upon his newly discovered plan of Color-types, which combines the accuracy of the daguerrean art, with the permanency and beauty of oil painting.

The likeness in question is "horribly exact;" but justice to the artist requires us to add, that it is a very handsome picture.

Mr. Copeland's rooms are next door south of the Post Office. Give him a call, and purchase a picture.

Tally Ho! P. O.

If the Mail Agent on the Raleigh & Gasconade R. R. will have the kindness to put of the package of Advocates directed to Tally Ho! Granville county, at Henderson, it will reach its destination without delay.

When left at Franklinton, it is necessarily detained nearly a week. Justice to a goodly list of subscribers at Tally Ho! impels us to ask again, that the Advocate may be forwarded by way of Henderson.

The new Administration.

The inauguration of James Buchanan as President, and of John C. Breckinridge as Vice President, took place in Washington city, on Wednesday the 4th inst.

We publish in another column the inaugural address of the New President, and a list of his Cabinet, as interesting items of political intelligence to our readers.

Communications.

The reader will find several interesting original articles on the fourth page. Others are on hand, and will be inserted in turn. We solicit short, carefully written articles, on subjects of interest to our readers. One page of the Advocate must ever be reserved for selections, in order to give variety and interest to its columns.

Business Notice.

1. The terms of the N. C. Christian Advocate are \$1.50 a year, strictly in advance. Nevertheless, to those who have paid for one year, it will be continued another year, unless they order it to be discontinued.

2. When subscribers become indebted for one year, the paper will be discontinued. Those who wish the paper to be discontinued, will please write to the Editor, being particular to give the name of the office at which it has been received.

To return the paper to the office is not legal notice of discontinuance; no attention will be paid to any papers so returned.

3. All subscribers who do not intend to renew subscription by payment of \$1.50, as soon as convenient after the term for which payment has already been made has expired, will please order a discontinuance at the end of that term.

4. We respectfully solicit all subscribers to continue their patronage, and to exert their influence to extend the circulation of the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

It is the first and only Conference paper ever published in the State. It costs less, and contains a more complete summary of general news than any other church publication. It excludes patent medicine advertisements; admits less advertising, and contains more reading matter, than any other paper published in North Carolina. As a family religious newspaper, adapted and devoted to the wants and the interests of the people at home, it solicits a kindly welcome and hearty support from all who wish well to the conference of which it is the organ, and to the State in which it is issued.

MISCELLANY.

Female Doctors. Several ladies have recently been made Doctors of Medicine by the Philadelphia Female Medical College. Among them is Mrs. Lucy Petersilis, of Massachusetts; she resided for several years in North Carolina.

Halifax. The town of Halifax, N. C., will be just one hundred years old on the 21st of next November, if it lives until then. So says the Weldon Patriot.

Fire. The dwelling house of Nathan Chaffin, Esq., of Davie county, with almost all its contents was consumed by fire, on Monday morning the 2nd inst., also his kitchen and other out houses, his barn, in which was about 500 bushels of corn, a large quantity of Wheat, Oats, Rye, &c., also a fine Coach, two waggon, all his harness, gear, &c.

The fire first broke out in the kitchen and it burned so rapidly that it was impossible to stop it. The loss is indeed a great one to him.

Heavy Robbery. A gentleman from North Carolina, whose name is not given, lost his pocket book at the depot in Baltimore, on Wednesday evening, immediately after the arrival of the train from Washington. It contained about six thousand dollars in checks on various banks, with the exception of about one hundred and forty dollars in money.

Fourth Centenary. The fourth centenary jubilee of the Moravian Church was celebrated in this place on Sunday last,—it being 400 years since the establishment of the United Brethren's Church.—Salem Press.

Correction. The statement going the rounds of the papers that in Kentucky it is lawful for a man to marry his step mother is incorrect. The revised code declares that the marriage of a man with his step mother, is "incestuous and void;" and that the parties "shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars, and if after conviction, the parties continue to cohabit as man and wife, they, or either of them, shall be imprisoned not less than three nor more than 12 months.—Louisville Courier.

A New Methodist Church. The condition of the Methodist Church in this city must be very cheering to its members, and encouraging to the cause of Christianity. Its sanctuaries of worship number at present some five, including one for the worship of colored persons. The trustees of Wesley Chapel, we learn, have purchased the large vacant lot on the corner of New and Halifax streets, upon which they purpose erecting an elegant Church. It is to be built of brick, and will be quite as large, if not larger, than the present High Street Methodist Church. All the modern improvements, fitting such a building, will be introduced, and the comfort and taste of the members studiously consulted. The cost is estimated at between \$12,000 and 15,000. We also learn that several members of the Methodist persuasion intend contributing, individually, as high as \$1,000 each.—Petersburg Express.

"A Surprise." The Central Presbyterian mentions the case of a minister among the mountains of Tennessee, who had, on Christmas day, a "surprise visit" from the constable, who presented him with bills which he was unable to pay.

American Bible Society. The receipts of this society during January amounted to \$63,000. Among the legacies was one of \$5,000 from Mrs. Wm. H. Graham, of Baltimore.

Lake Disappearing. By the gradual disappearing of Lake Jackson, in Florida, the land proprietors on its shores have acquired about 1000 acres of land. Should the lake entirely dry up, they will gain thousands of acres.

Northampton County, N. C. The Magistrates of the county resolved on Monday last to erect a new Court House.

At the same time, Samuel J. Calvert, jr., Esq., was re-elected County Attorney over his opponent, Pulsifer Cowper, Esq., Private Secretary to Gov. Briggs.

A Soldier's Courage. A capital anecdote of Lord Raglan, when wounded at Waterloo is told in London. The authority is the Prince of Orange. The Prince used to recount that not a word announced the entry of a new patient, nor was he conscious of the presence of Lord Raglan, (then Lord Fitzroy Somerset) till he heard him cry out in the usual way, "Hallo! don't carry away that man till I have taken off my ring." Neither the wound nor the operation had extorted a groan from the wounded soldier.

Sudden Death. John McNeill, Esq., a prominent citizen in Harroet county, N. C., died suddenly at Fayetteville, on Tuesday last. He was forty years of age, and has left an interesting family.

Exploration of Africa.

It is stated that the British Government have directed the ascent of the river Niger by a screw steamer annually for the next five years, in order to obtain a perfect knowledge of the course and sources of this famous stream. The French have two screw steamers; one, the Aquitaine, of 700 tons burthen, actively engaged in the navigation of the Senegal! On her first trip, she ascended that river with 600 tons of goods and 100 tons of coal, and safely returned with a full cargo of gum, wax, skins and other articles.

The "Churchman" and "Church Journal" Libel Suit. This suit, of John Hecker vs. John Henry Hopkins, which has been pending more than a year, was decided on Wednesday last in favor of plaintiff, with six cents damages. The following report of the case is from the Journal of Commerce:

It was an action by the proprietor of one religious paper to recover damages from the proprietor of another religious paper, both being members of the same denomination (Episcopalian), for a libel. The plaintiff is proprietor of "The Churchman," and the defendant is proprietor of the "Church Journal."

From Washington—Washington, March 6. President Buchanan's first public reception came off to-night, and was largely attended by all classes of our citizens and strangers. All the foreign legations were represented, and a great number of the officers of the army and navy were present. The rooms presented a fine array of beauty and splendidly dressed.

The inauguration bill resulted in a loss to the managers of \$5,000.

The citizens of Kansas temporarily at Washington will call on M. Richardson on Wednesday next to congratulate him on the election and give him solemn assurance of their intention to abide by and see executed the laws of the United States and of the Territory.

Infant Baptism. The Presbyterian published in Philadelphia, states that nineteen twentieths of the children of members of their church are baptized in infancy. This shows a very judicious attention to that duty; and if followed by legitimate religious instruction will lead to glorious results. Let Methodists ponder well their duty.

Hooper on Hooper. Hooper, of the Montgomery (Ala.) Mail, is alone responsible for the following:

Last Friday evening a gentleman from this city was accompanying two ladies to the Panorama of the Arctic Expedition, when in crossing Market street, he stepped on a hoghead hoop, which flew up as hoops will do, and struck him across his not very handsome nose.

"Good heavens, ladies!" he exclaimed, "which of you dropped that?"

A Minister's Method. Mr. Papin, a lay preacher of the Wesleyan Methodist church in Quebec, was recently visited while visiting some converts from the Roman Catholic faith, and narrowly escaped with his life. A mob of several hundred excited Catholics broke into the house, knocked down and trampled upon the inmates, among whom was a woman, and Mr. Papin, who was furiously attacked, escaped through the carriage of a few friends, some of whom were severely beaten.

Tobacco. The income derived in Great Britain from the consumption of tobacco was last year upwards of £2,192,943, the duty on which was over £522,000. This return is exclusive of cigars, which was about £150,000.

A Wealthy Client. By the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, we perceive that government has brought 1,200 suits during the present century against defaulters to recover \$6,213,000. In all these cases the conclusion of the suit has been that the defaulter has not been found, or has been dead or insolvent, and government has had to pay the costs.

Gen. Scott's Arrearages and Pay. The arrearages due Gen. Scott, for which provision has been made by Congress, will amount to about thirty two thousand four hundred dollars, and his annual pay and emoluments will hereafter be fifteen thousand dollars.

Indian Treaty. The St. Paul Times says that a treaty has been concluded between the Chipewyan and Sioux—two Minnesota tribes that have been fighting from time immemorial.

British Testimonial to the Kane Expedition. The gold medal presented by the British Government to the officers and men of the expedition is about the size of a double eagle, and a beautiful specimen of engravings. On one side is a well executed bust of the Queen, with her title in Latin. On the reverse is the inscription—"The British Government to the Officers and Men of the American Arctic Expedition, encircled by an elaborate oak wreath, surrounded by a crown, and the whole surrounded with these words: "As a token of gratitude for their generous services."

Appointment. Miss Gardner, daughter of the murdered postmaster at Hingham, could not obtain the office because she was not 21 years of age, but Charles Siders was appointed, and has made Miss Gardner his deputy, and given her the process of the office.—Springfield Rep., March 6.

Boston Female Physicians. The Boston Medical World states that there are not far from twenty female physicians in that city, several of whom are in excellent business. They confine themselves generally to midwifery and the diseases of their own sex. Their success in the former branch tends to establish them firmly in families. The number will probably be gradually on the increase, since they are beginning to be employed in the neighboring cities of Charlestown, Cambridge, Hingham, and several towns, much more than formerly.

Federal C. H. and P. O. Building. The Standard learns from a friend that the Senate, on the night of the 3d, passed an appropriation of fifty thousand dollars, to build a Court house and Post office in Raleigh. It passed through the House of Representatives before the adjournment on the 4th.

GENERAL NEWS.

The New Congress.—The Senate have now passed President Buchanan's nomination for Cabinet officers, which are as follows:—Secretary of State—Lewis Cass, of Michigan; Secretary of the Treasury—Hoar, of N. H.; Secretary of the Navy—John P. Floyd, of Virginia; Secretary of the Interior—James Thompson, of Mississippi; Postmaster General—Aaron V. Brown, of Tennessee; Attorney General—J. S. Black, of Pa. The House was adjourned on Monday, the 10th inst., and will be positively called on Tuesday.

Inaugural Address.

Of the President of the United States, March 4, 1857.

Fellow Citizens: I appear before you to-day to make the solemn and important duty which has fallen upon me, and which I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will so far as in me lies, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.

In entering upon this great office, I most devoutly trust the blessing of God will be upon me, and grace will be given to my feeble efforts to sustain the high and responsible duties which are now laid upon me, and which I will faithfully execute to the best of my ability, and to the satisfaction of the people of the United States.

Having determined upon the course which I will follow, I will now address you upon the subject of the Government of the United States, and upon the duties which are now laid upon me, and which I will faithfully execute to the best of my ability, and to the satisfaction of the people of the United States.

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