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The Controversy

Things to be Remembered.

BRO. HEFLIN :- The readers of the Advocalle will bear you out in the assertion, that the present controversy in which you are e I with Dr. Lee, is not one of your States Since the establishment of our Ad- anxious to goad those impracticable North vocute, it has avoided as far as possible, all contiet with Methodist papers, Methodist Whip into the traces, but who were now bepeople, Methodist preachers, and Methodist, youd hope; but if we do not mistake, he will institutions. When either have been assail ed, it has stood forth valiantly and promptly in their defence. When difficulties have oc-with repudiating Randolph Macon College, in their defence. When difficulties have occurred between them, it has poured oil upon and demands the why and the wherefore.the troubled waters, either by mulntaining a and given enough indigestible "reasons" to pestion designed to conciliate. Exceptions try the "gizzard" (we quote a favorite exc to this, have been forced on you.

The Methodist people and preachers as a denomination eschewe introversy-deprecate pudiate ;"-the Doctor knew that was the and oppose, when indulged in a bad sense, several years, a few of our preachers were be a wonder.

a war of aggression-not to measure lances with a knight of tried steel, simply to bring him to your feet, in a test of skill,- not to of which the Advocate is the organ, against the unprecedented assaults of a meddler " in other men's matters." The sharp point of but because " stubborn facts" were too sharp to be played with.

Your readers will not therefore complain, if you do wax valiant in fight,-should say, cautious as you are, some sharp, hard things, on do not need it, but whose object is simply

report. Nor does a man of them regret the of them would be there to record their names amone 41. Noes. Thirds as brought down upon the Con-ference workshold Dr. Lee. He took hold of it with a cim, as one who had long been be more ready to let it slide, as one who picks

pression of the Dr's.) of balf a dozen such men as the Doctor's, powerful as it is. " Re-

wrong word. Carolinians never repudiate; they pay up or go to prison. But it was a controversial spirit, either against those within or without our ecclesiastical fords..... they pay up or go to prison. But it was most offensive and most demagogical-most But offences will arise, and in a body as large fitting to his purpose, hence he used it. You as ours, if no differences were to occur, and speak truly, when you say, "we repudiate? -never." It is impossible-we owe it noth. if under the circumstances which have sur-rounded the North Carolina Conference for ing. No; nor will we disown nor "disgrace" Randolph Macon, badly as we have been not to exhibit a belligerent spirit, it would treated by its Trustees and its President .--Never, while we remember and value the

You have entered the arena, not to wage memory of its venerated Founder. Never, while Olin, and Garland, and Duncan, remain household words with us. Never, while its talented graduates fill so ably, honorable povent personal spleen against your antagonist, sitions in Church and State. No, nor while or to gratify a sinister feeling; but in defence of the legitimate action of your Conference, "We recollect, we have invested in it \$00,000. Others may " disgrace" it by recommending we recollect, we have invested in it \$60,000. it under its present head, but we never will. Dr. Lee knew at least one of the reasons why the Conference did not recommend it. But your lasce has made the veteran knight quail he must have them from you. You have and quiver, not that it was dipped in gall, given them, bitter to him as they are, and let him make what he can of them. The truth of history may render it neces-

sary that we should be a little more particut lar in specifying the causes which led to the act of the Conference. We charge illetreate and should you, if your antagonist linger on ment as a Conference, both upon the Trustees the field, press the battle until the going down of the sun. Nor will they, we judge, object to the intrusion of another, who does not propose to fly to your assistance, seeing you do not need it, but whose object is simply Conference came into existence, it was a

We are not advocates for the departure .- | students, and such as were prepared should die, with us. Many of the friends of the College deeply regretted the issue that parced But it had been done, and some of us tho't be taken to the College. We never heard on them. Not that they were undecided or that a Leigh, a Compton, a Doub, and others whether they wer to go by rail, or buggy.or doubtful as to the course they ought to pur- were as much entitled as those who had re- on foot, or on Dr Lee's donkeys; or at whose sue and meant to take, but because they ceived them. Little as we knew they desired expense; but we recollect that the ridicuknew their views would be misconstrued and such honor, yet if ability in expounding the lousness of the stair, when it came to our their motives impugned. The deed was done. Scriptures, if profound Bible learning and ears, was too much for our gravity. In the The Conference refused to adopt the minority research, if sound, able, eloquent preaching, mean time we head of none of these extreme gave claims to any men in the church to efforts in Virginia. Perhaps her enlightened vote he gave. Were it to be done over, more such an honor, their claims were pr-ceminent; sons dil not need the President's aid.

yet other portions of the Church filled the At all events, we niver heard of but one preeyes of the donors, and North Carolina could paratory school proper to the College, except not be seen. Tardy indeed, it came to the the one at the College, in the Virginia Conlamented Leigh, but at a time and under cir- ference; and that one was at Garysburg, in cumstances, when his friends considered it old North Carolina, the scheme was too more an insult than an honor. Few of the transparent. North Carolinians would select beneficiaries have been from North Carolina. their own teachers and would send their own We were often appealed to for money and sons where they picked. The plan failed, students, but seldom for beneficiaries. Per- but we must give the President his award for haps our own benificiary committee may be trying to makeus "the wers of wood and drawsomewhat chargeable with the few sect - ers of water."

Why did they not send more? Some that were sent remained but a short time. Why? we know, and have sought to know, but little. Was it because Carolina boys, could not and At one time the A rests were quite successful would not bear the jibes of their more baughty | in North Carolina in the sale of scholarships. neighbors? Was it that they were made to Our people, horest soils, supposed that the feel they were beneficiaries, and were unwilling to take charity at such a price? Thus our money went, but where are the benefits? guardiant of the College by the failures of these schol-By the way, Mr. Editor-we ask, because editors are supposed to know every thing- sent the sons of their riends. But from what can you tell us how much Virginia had con- we have learned, schlarships were not poptributed to Randolph Macon College, prior ular with the President, and the holders of to the present effort to endow it? Dr. Lee them, and the stude ts sent on account of says, that North Carolina had contributed them, do not give a very favorable account of \$60,000, and if we recollect rightly, the Pres-ident of the College stated at our last Raleigh Conference, that North Carolina had paid delicacy and dignity of the administration, two-thirds of the whole amount. Well, that but we forbear.

would make \$90,000 from all sources. Is that Rumor, with her tiousand tongues, has correct, Mr. Editor? Well, go to the black connected other matters with the administraboard and add the items. From North Cavo- tion of the College, not comporting well with lina \$60,000; from South Carolina and Geor- what the discipline d a Methodist College gia, say, 15 to \$20,000, more or less. What should be, but we st te nothing which has does that leave to Virginia, the mother of not come to us from reliable sources .-States? Why, \$10 to \$15,000! There is some Enough has been sail to make our justificamistake in the figures, depend on it. We tion complete.

have always believed that more money had been raised for building and endowing that by those who oppose the act of the majority, College, than \$90,000; we doubt if \$100,000 admit, that from the beginning, the North would cover the sum. Where is it? We make | Carolina Conference and been treated justly, no charge of unfair dealing, of "repudiation," hor orably, as a co-ovner of the College-ad-or the like. We believe that every dollar mit that its President had from the begincollected has been reported and applied to ning until now, beet every way acceptable the purposes of the College. But we do say to the Conference,-admit that under his that of such a system of financiering any auspices the College ad increased vastly in "booby" in North Carolina Conference, if students, in popularity, in means and influere be one, would be ashamed. You have said truly, that the temper, schol-for it in increasing its means, and perhaps there be one, would be ashamed.

arship and administration of the President, were serious objections in the minds of the respect to the manifest wishes of many of Conference. Temper, and a pleaty of it, our people, and a pradeat husbanding and perhaps in the estimation of those who have investment of our small pecuniary resources, learned quietly to submit to authority of demanded that the Conference should cease whatever kind, is an important quality in an to recommend R.e College.

|ken, and we have used it for that purpose | He preached to his men-he prayed with them-and even baptized them. On one ocand no other.

But we must hasten on. Much of this will casion he was court-martialed for this offence. be called a talk for Buncombe-special plend An inquiry into the state of his regiment ing, &c. W-11, be it so. It is special; but proved so satisfactory, that the Governor is it true or false-is it apt or irrelevant? If General said he wished he would baptize the this be special, we meet the issue again, di rectly. The act of the conference is justified and his little force are absolutely marvelous. by the treatment recieved from the Trustees He has shown all the qualities of a great ofand the President, and by his want of -uita ficer-one worthy to take his place by the ble qualifications in the judgment of the Con- side of Wellington and Marlborough. They ference for the position. But the Conference have shown all the qualities of the best and is mistaken-has been deceived-has been bravest soldiers. They fought six battles in led unwittingly by "certain unprincipled six days, each time against odds of ten to leaders," or was too ignorant to form a judg- one, and were victorious every time. They ment in the matter. Admit it all. Does that marched through a swarm of foes, fighting alter the case? Are the majority to be bla- at every step, in the burning elimate of Inmed and abused then? Poor, ignorant, de-inded souls; they should be rather pitied day They entered the city they were sent than blamed. But the President will have to relieve, and were immediately surrounded, it that the majority were base enough, and ignorant enough, to be led by "certain un-Nothing daunted, they held on for months. principled leaders," and were either No re- fighting and victorious every day, and lying creant to truth and justice, or too blindly in- upon a few ounces of rice, without any o different, to detect their wicked designs. We the usual supplies of European soldiers. At wish not to misrepresent him. We have not last they were relieved, and the old parson Mr. Brown's letter at hand, and write from had the glory and satisfaction of having by memory. These inferences we drew when his indomitable bravery, persevera: ce and reading it. To such a energe, however, we akill, seved the fives of hundreds of his counhave no reply to make. It carries its refu- trymen! We cannot think of these thingstation upon its face. Our people, before of the old man's simplicity, his modesty, and whom we go in and out, will nail it to the his great exploits, without feeling a disposition to throw up our hats, and shout loud and counter.

But what do Dr. Lee and others say ? | long for the brave old "Baptist Preacher." They denounce it as a wilfully dishonorable, The exploits of Havelock and his men, disrepudiating act. The Dr. admits the intelli- sipate the idea long entertained in England, gence of the majority-that the act was de- and openly avowed by a former Ministry, liberate, and designed as an exhibition of that the more profligate the army, the better their malice against the President for his at- the soldiers. It is our firm belief that hontempted exposure of one of our body to the esty, morality, and above all, religion, are Church and the world, and to vent their essential to man in performance of earthly spleen against the Virginia Conference for duty, even the duty of a soldier, and heresustaining the reputation of the President at after, if we ever hear a man dispute this Petersburg. Thack Heaven! we are not point, we shall point to fighting old Hazes wicked enough to speak of such a charge, in lock, and his glorious regiment of true blue such terms as would dishonor the christian Baptists, in support of our opinion. Depend name. But in the name of the majority, upon it, a soldier does not fight the worse for four-fifths of them at least, we deny the commending his soul to his Maker if he fall.

charge. We hazard the assertion, that ninetenths of the majority, up to the close of the Goldsboro' Conference, had never indulged personal malice against the President of Rantolph Macon College one hour, if at all,--that they were never personally hostile to him, nor would any of the entire majority at a man in easy circumstances, with everyhim, nor would any of the entire majority at any time have wickedly clone by an injus-tice or an injury. Officially, they were and had been long opposed term - they felt, that as a Conference, they is the state of their peace and quiet, but as the state of their dividual feelings, they felt to malice. If they now indulge personal malee, which we doubt it has here anordered and produced doubt it has here anordered and produced

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river of eternal gladness, she was striking her golden harp, and singing in the gushing fullness of imperishable glory .--- Home Magazine.

A Knock-Down Argument.

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A certain man went to a dervish and proposed three questions :

First-"Why do they say God is omnipresent? I do not see Him in any place -show me where He is.

Second-"Why is a man punished for crimes, since whatever he does proceeds from God ? Man has no free will, for he cannot do anything contrary to the will of God, and if he had power he would do everything for his own good.

Third-"How can Ged punish Satan in hell-fire, since he is formed of that element? and what impression can fire make on itself?"

The dervish took up a large clod of earth and struck him on the head with it. The man went to the cadi and said :

I proposed three questions to such a dervish, who flung a clod of earth at my head, which made my head ache."

The cadi having sent for the dervish, asked him :

"Why did you throw that clod of earth at his head, instead of answering his questions ?"

The dervish replied :

"The clod of earth was an answer to his speech. He says he has a pain in his head-let him show it to me and I will make God visible to him. And why does he exhibit a complainst against me? Whatever I did was the act of God, and I did not strike without the will of God. What power do 1 possess? And as he is compounded of the earth, how can he suffer from that element ?"

The man was confounded, and the cadi highly pleased with the dervish's answer.

Verses to be added to "There is a Happy Land. "

BY W. J W.

O to that happy land

Richmond Whig. Cheating the Devil.

Squire H, living in the town of A, was

The poor woman insisted that there must

" I tell you it's yours, for cheating the

"Always Singing."

While talking with a neighbor, I heard

a sweet plaintive voice singing that beau-

to pass over the field after you, and reproduce co.owner of the College, possessing equal the facts and figures, which justify the act of rights and privileges in the property and the Conference.

it necessary to bring to view some facts, which your prudent forethought, led you to Trustees, lived in the limits of the Virginia keep back, and which we would never have Conference. Three-fourths of the ministers repeated on paper, but for the extraordinary who were Trustees were members of that developements which have recently been Conference. As the old Trustees died or brought to light. The endorsement which resigned, were the vacancies filled from those the silence of the President of Randolph living in the N. C. Conference? If we had Macon College has given to the sentiments equal rights, ought it not to have been so? attributed to him by the published letter of Was it so? Did the Virginians, the mag-Rev. A. G. Brown, leaves ro alternative to nanimous Virginians, as they will have it, the members of the North Carolina Confer. resign and give equal position to us? No, ence who act with the majority, but to make we think the record shows the contrary. For a full disclosure to our people of the particu-lar aggravating causes, which led to the act plaint with us. We did not, it is true, go to of the Conference.

light upon the opinions of the President as that we had good grounds for dissatisfaction, to his estimate of the characters of a majority and we thought and felt, that as they had the of the ministers of the North Carolina Con. farence. We have long understood, that our they acted otherwise, whether from design Conference when weighed in the scales of or not, we will not charge, and gave us just that astute and logical metaphysician, were a set of feathery blockheads and boobies, subjects.

which his puff might at any time blow to the winds: and we recollect that at the famous with the Va. Conference. How was it when Petersburg Conference he made the discovery, that we were something more than blockheads,-knaves, but fools still. But to Mr. known wishes of the North Carolina Confer-Brown we are indebted for his more mature ence? The late beloved and lamented H. judgment, with his latest emendations and G. Leigh, the founder of the College, and corrections : that this elaborate, able, and who more than any other man represented at world-renowned lecturer on Slavery, had at that time the views of the Conference in relength discovered that that "peculiar institu- gard to the College, it is well known was tion" had not "al cal habitation or a name" determined in his opposition to his election. in our Conference. That while his scrutini. Did he not sternly and peremptorily refuse, zing search had found a few plots, intelli- although then at home within a few hundred gent and honorable ministers among us, the rods of the College, to attend the meeting of large majority were even worse than "cer- the Trustees, which elected him? Did he tain" of their "unprincipled leaders,"-they | not declare that he would not give his sancwere both base and unprincipled, and boobies tion to his election, even by his presence? Is withal-pechaps, too worthless to make slaves it not said, that at that time Bro. Leigh de of ! What a record is that self-same letter ! clared that if he were elected President, he What a spectacle for God, for angels and would make "hewers of wood and drawers

men ! tion and place give a President of a College, events show that it was prophetic. Did any his opinions are worth no more than other man, we ask, in the N. C. Conference at that men's; and if this were known to be the time really desire his election? If so, we private opinion of the President, we would have not heard of it. A few may have favornot value it a great. But the published ed it as a dernier resort-as the best they opinions of the President of a College, so de | could de in the then critical condition of the famatory of a body of christian ministers, finances of the College, but we have heard of not inferior, to say the least, in all the essen- no man who preferred him. Whether H. G. tial characteristics of christian gentlemen, to Leigh ever changed his opinion, we know himself, is a pitch of impadence and effron- not. One thing is certain, the opinion of the tery, not to say wickedness, which deserves Conference, though sometimes modified by prompt and sharp rebuke. We challenge the circamstances, remained unchanged. Nothstrictest scrutiny into the moral and christian ing but the devotion of the Conference to the character of one and all of them-of " certain College-the deep anxiety of the older memunprincipled leaders" and the rest, nor would bers of the Conference to foster and promote we wince nor move a muscle, in placing any its prosperity, prevented an early exhibition of them in opposite scales with the President of its opposition to the course of the Trustees of Randolph Macon College. But we think of the College.

we know the President. He is unfortunate forgiveness, no apology for you. Hence his on. When Duncan left, another strong link strong will-his strong prejudices, often im. was broken. pel him to say strong, hard things which may, Again, what can be said in defence of the

allowance. But to our justification. T e North Carolina Conference at its last sersion, after a most patient forbrarance, under provocations which no ather body of men would have hor provocations which no other body of men would have borne so long, determined no longer to recommend Randolph Macon College officially, to the patronage of our people. That body did simply, what it had a right to do, and what every man who knew the views and feelings of the body for many years, knew must be done at some day, and would have been done years before, but for the hone that the causes which no other body of men would have borne years before, but for the hope that the causes nifeant, too factions, too "unprincipled" an of our complaint would have been removed. But the Conference was anxious to do it in the least offensive way-in a way to prevent up of the ire of the President? Or, was it injury to the College, and if possible, to avoid not m plain intimation, that we are strong adding fuel to a fire which its President had enough now to do without North Carolina kindled, which had already to the grief of any longer? Well, have it so. the Church, caused much damage. It determined simply to omit the name of the College in its anoual educational report. But the pensing the benefits and honors of the Colardent friends of the President and the Colloge would have it otherwise In their honlage would have it otherwise In their hon-est, but as we believe, mistaken zeal, they determined that then and there the College and its President must sink or swim—live or

management of it, with the Virginia Con-In doing so, the present writer may find ference. This is a fatal admission. At that time three-fourths, if not four-fifths of its the doors of the College and demand our That letter it is true, only sheds additional rights. But the Trustees knew of it, and power they ought to give us our rights. But

> Still it is affirmed that we have equal rights the present incum¹ eat was elected President? Was he not placed there in opposition to the of water" of the N. C. Conference? Wedo not

Now apart from the influence which posi. wouch for it, but if it be true, subsequent

What was the effect upon our preachers? -chafed to machiness, and hence his bitter. Their ardor was cooled; they still labored for ness. If he he your friend, he will never it still urged our people to give their money falter in offices of kindness to you. If you and send their sone to it, but they could not have a thousand faults, and you are sure he go in for it heart and soul as they had done? is your friend, you need not fear-he will Why? They felt that the College was shorn never see them. He will die in the last ditch of its strength-that they could no longer with you, if you are with him and for him, hold up proudly to the public, its scholarbody and soul. But if you provoke him,-if ship,-its pure, gentle christian discipline, he dislike you, -- if he be your enemy, you its strong Faculty, as in the days of Olin and must bend or break-yield or perish. His Garland. Still Duncan was there, in whom bowels have no compassion-his heart no all confided, and they labored on and hoped

and perhaps ought to be, regarded with some course of the Trustees at their last meeting toward the Conference? As far as the Con ference could officially communicate their our great indebtedness to the President for have raised in addition \$16,000. Well done. affair for what? To be listened to by mag. namimous Virginians, or to risk the waking What can be said of the liberality or jus tice bestowed upon North Carolina, in dislege. The College has in some instances, insitated the example of others in conferring

administrator. Our Conference is unfortunate Our people had for years manifested a deenough to believe, that a man who cannot termination to patronize institutions within govern himself, ought not to govern others ; the Scate ; had to a great extent ceased to and especially that one who exercises an iron patronize Randolph Macon College; and we will, severely tempered, ought not and cannot undertake to say, had done this without the govern Cardina boys. But what did the Con- advice and countenance of the much abused ference know of the temper of the President? majority. So far as we know, no preacher Had they forgotten the turmoils and commo- has directly or of set purpose, advised a pations of the Virginia Conference, before and rent to send his son to the University instead after our separation from that body ? Were of Rindolph Macon. It may have been done, their ears closed to the ceaseless din of battle, but we are ignorant of it. But to the Uniin which the President was a chief actor, versity and to Normal they would go. There which agitated that Conference for years, to were reasons sufficiently operative upon their the scandal of the church, to the humbling minds to induce them to this course, indemortification of all truty boly, meek men in and out of that Conference? It is impossible. operated against Randolph Macon. Did not These things were not done in a corner. Nor a decent regard therefore to the wishes of our did it cease as long as there was one left, who people, demand that we should embrace the was as ready as the President, to break a earliest opportunity afforded us of securing lance. Ours was a quiet, peaceable body such an interest in a College within the then, and those "certain unprincipled leads" State as our limited means would enable us ers," were among us. Years passed on without to do; and if so, what else should we do, but scarcely a ripple to disturb us, and our quiet cease to hold ourselves in such a position to might have been perpetual. But the Presi- Randolph Macon as would oblige as to lisdent must try his strength elsewhere-he ten to the constant appeals for money from must take us under his wing .- must become that quarter, when our home institutions reour clerical censor-general-for who, pray, so quired every dollar we could raise ?

much as the President of Randolph Macon Again, the abusers of the majority seem College, is justly chargeable with initiating, not to have considered the real facts in the by the agency of his special friends, keeping case, as to the necessity of husbanding our up the unnatural and deeply deplored agita- resources. The facts bearing upon this point tion, which has disturbed our otherwise quiet, have been alarmingly accumulative for years. prosperous Conference for the last several We had given already \$60,000 to Randolph Macon ; but the President, true to his Viryears?

His scholarship was another difficulty .- ginia instincts, seemed far from being con-His friends assert, that it was ample, and in- tent. He, in common with his fellow-cititimate that same old Virginia scandal, that | zens, appeared to long for more North Carowe are too ignorant to judge. Dr. Lee, if we lina money. Some years ago we were as remember rightly, does not blink to assert it. sured in his annual r-port to the Conference Well, we admit his native talent, his great that an additional \$50,000 would place the powers of mind, and his ability as a debater. College well on its feet, and were asked to Nor will we contend that the President of a assist in raising it. At Pittsboro he wanted College should cross every t and dot every i \$100,000; and at our late session at Goldsin his ordinary correspondence. Nor will we boro', if we do not mistake, \$200,000 would higgle at an occasional blunder in orthogra. place the College beyond contingency. At phy or syntax ; and if it suit better, we will such a rate of accumulation, one would allow a m lety of barbarism in pronunciation; think the sooner we got rid of the \$60,000, but frankly, ye apologists of the President, was the better.

qualified, as a scholar, to fill the chair | We have said, "true to his Virginia inwhich had been so ably and gracefully filled stinets." Why, what else have our neighbors by the Olins and the Garlands? We are been disposed to do for North Carolina, but willing even to grant, that this objection to get our money? Commercial and other does not lie as fairly as at first. We concede spirited men both in Virginia and South that he may have become an able lecturer on | Carolina, years ago learned that we were an Mental and Moral Science, but whether his honest, unsuspicious sort of people, and had forensic efforts or his gladiatorial temper, fits some money. They determined to have it. him as an instructor of youth in those sci- So while we were asleep, or lying on our ences, or whether the doctrines he teaches, oars, they projected the Dismal Swamp Cawill pass muster, is another question. That nal, the railroads, and improved their rivers, the objection of the Conference is well found thus tapping the Old North State at both ends, in the middle, and all around. They ed, we are bound to conclude.

His auministration, both internal and bled us freely before we waked up; and while external, of the affairs of the College, you their towns prospered and flourished, ours affirm truly, is another objection. In the remained sickly and dying. But they acted judgment of his admirers it has been superla fairly with us. They did not take our money tive. Facts will show that it has been super- to construct the instruments with which to latively Virginian, and superlatively object drain us, and then taunt us with being blocktionable to North Carolina. Scarcely had he heads and unprincipled. They no doubt made his debut, when he went to work with thought we were blockheads, for they found his wonted zeal to resuscitate the sinking many willing to be thus bled, and some of finances of the College. To his praise he it the same sort are still left, but they didn't said, he revived the hopes of its friends in tell us so.

this respect. His strong, sonorous voice, Indeed, the President is not alone in his lifted its clarion peals over Virginia to some instincts ; we see something of the same sort pressed into service, and the good Old North | rich in good works, have erected a splendid Stateanswered nobly to the call. What Virgin-Female College, and under the auspices of ia did, this deponent knoweth not. Why she its excellent President it is rapidly rising to was not pressed and urged to do more at that fame and usefulness. We rejoice at it. It time, we know not. Perhaps Virginia money is an honor to the Church and the State. It was needed somewhere else, and it may be, lies in the Virginia Conference and is under North Carolina money was more esteemed lits patronage. That Conference is bound to Again, his eagle eye surveying in its length | foster it, and we think Virginians might afand breadth, that "strip of hand between two ford to do something elever to assist it. But States," saw its educational destitution, and what do we learn from our good Bro, Rowdeeply commisserating its condition, conceiv- zie, the Agent? Why, that the little town ed the very charitable design of getting up schools throughout North Carolina. His ad-additional \$12,000 to that College but the dresses had a fine effect. Perhaps, this is other day, and that the north-eastern counties what Bro. Floyd means, when he speaks of in N. Carolina and a portion of Virginia, doubt, it has been engendered and produced ed circumstances, with four mouths to feed, more by the published larger of A. G. Brown, and four little Bodies to warm, beside her than any other cause. own.

As to their splees at the course of the Squire H. doted on his big wood pile, Virginia Conference at Petersburg it is equal-ly without foundation. Thrag-fourths of the Conference, if not more, believed when they through the closed blinds of his window heard that brethren were gone to Petersburg before retiring at night. One night he with charges against the President, that they saw a female hanging around the pile, and were gone on a useless errand, just as the opening the door partially to get a better President had gone to Pittshoro' the year view, saw her stoop, pick up a large armbefore. The decision of the V₁, Conference ful and start off. She had not proceeded was just what they expected, and ours with the law, have been more in accordance with the law, far, however, when she stopped short, and and far more satisfactory if we had been let he overheard the following : "I cannot alone. The man is blind to all nature, all steal, the eye of God is upon me;" and experience, if he go into a family with a per- down went the wood, and she walked off a sonal difficulty against one of its members-- few steps, and stopped again ; " I have not with an angry and bitter personal quarrel a stick of wood in the house, the weather which had been growing worse and worse is bitter cold, and my poor children are for years, and expect the whole family, old freezing The squire has enough, and and young, to believe that he is wholly right and the brother wholly wrong. Nor does will never miss it." So saying, she filled such a state of things argue a want of piety, her arms again with the coveted fuel. or a disposition to do justice. So in these Again she started, again she hesitated cases; and the majority were not influenced "What ! steal ! steal ? I never did such by malice or spleen, prompting to the act. a thing, and God forbid that I should do

The recommendation of the College had been a deal-letter for years to many of them, and we judge, to some of those who voted for the pile again. But the thought of her suf minority report, many of whom no doubt vo- fering brood brought her once more to the ted for that report, not because they believed pile, and she filled her arms the third time we had been treated right, but because of with wood. Once more she started, and their devotion to the College. If a dead let- again she turned back ; " I will not stead ter, why then keep it upon the record ? -I will trust in God ; and if it is his will, No. Mr. Editor; no, brethren. The simple we'll perish together." So saying, she

omission of Randolph Macon College, and a silent passage of the educational report, would threw down the wood upon the pile, and not have harmed the Coll-ge. None was in- the squire saw her enter the dwelling and tended by three-fourths, nay, by any of the close the door. He retired to bed, but majority, and none would have followed .- slumber was slow in visiting his eyelids .--But ah ! we are talking men, and big men. He thought of the poor widow and her sufand must do something smart, and keep up fering children, and perhaps when he slept this endless, distressing, unnatural warfare he dreamed of them. in our Conference, and hence the injury to

the College if any accrue. It was the deter- Early the next forenoon Widow W. was mination of the minority to have a vote on surprised to see the squire's four ox team their report, when they knew to a moral cer- loaded with wood, haul up in front of her tainty that it would be voted down, that has dwelling, and the squire commence pitchlone the mischief. And then, Dr. Lee, as if ing it off.

he were our god-father, (had children-how "What is this, Squire H. ?" asked the can we help it ?) must write about it and astonished and half-frightened woman ; "I abuse us, and stir the Church from top to bottom; and then the President must pour didn't order that wood, and God knows I out his wrath upon us, and forsooth we must can't pay for it." raily to the charge, and hence the exposures, "It's yours, and all paid for, ma'am,"

and the bed feeling and the injury to the sung out the squire tugging at a big log; College and the Church. Lord, save us! "you cheated the devil last night !" We have stated what we believe to be truth. If these things are not so, point out the error be some mistake about it. and we'll correct | and if they are not so, you may ever hereafter call us

devil last night," said the squire, " and NED. P.S. Since writing the above, we have there comes a man to saw it up, split it,

seen Dr. Carter's statement as to the course and pack it away in your wood-house." of the Trustees at their last meeting He | The widow began to "smell a rat," and presents their conduct in a more favorable stammering her thanks to the squire, respect, than we had viewed it from our positreated into the house. She wanted for tion and knowledge of the facts. no more wood that winter.

Telectious.

A Fighting Preacher.

tiful bymn : When our revolutionary war first broke "Jesus, lover of my soul." out, and Congress called upon the several The child was up stairs ; I knew it was States to furnish regular regiments for the Continental line, Peter Muhlenburg, a child's voice, from its silvery softness .a pastor of the Tenth Legion mounted his I listened for a while, and then said, pulpit one fine morning, told his congre-"That child has a sweet voice." gation he was going to the wars, and "Yes, she has," returned my friend. exhorted as many of them as could raise 'She is always singing !" the pluck to follow his example. His words took like wild fire-a regiment was soon Always singing ! I passed that way again. Summer was raised-and Peter himself was appointed here in her fullness, strewing the earth Colonel. Never was there a better choice .-Peter fought even better than he prayed. Ilis with flowers, and the sky with stars The regiment was everywhere, where hard knocks same sweet voice was trilling on the air. were going on-at Trenton, at Princeton, at Brandywine, at Germantown, at Monmouth, "O, had I wings like a dove, I would fly!" at Yorktown, and Peter was always at the This time the little singer was in the

We'll hast away And join the christian band. In endless day. Then free from sin and p in, We in heaven with Christ shall reign, And in that blest domain, Live evermore.

High in that happy land, We'll sing the song Of Moses and the Limb, Loud, loud and long. O, what a time 'twill be, When our Savior we shall see, And through eternity, Praise evermere!

O for ante-taste Of that blest love, Which is secur'd for us In heav'n above ! O let us steadfast be [Then joys of heav'n we'll see, And, Lord, we'll live with thee, Blest evermore.

Now Lord a blessing send, Fill ev'ry heart ; On us thy love command, Ere we do part. Lord to thee we do flee, Now our strength and portion be,-And let us live with thee. Blest evermore !

Frayer Meeting in Stores.

We understand (says the N. Y Tribune) that in connection with the stores and counting-rooms of several of our most prominent merchants, private prayer m etings have recently been organized for the benefit of the clerks and other employees. They are held in some retired place in the building, secure from public intrusion, and have been of great interest and profit to those who have attended. Some years ago, a young man from New England came to this city, and was employed as a clerk in a large dry goods house, down town. Shortly after his engagement, he came to his employer with the statement that some of of his clerks were seriou-ly interested in the subject of personal piety, and requested that a small upper room in the building might be set spart and furnished, to be used exclusively as a place of retirement to which the various individuals connected with the establishment might resort for religious conversation, reading of the Scriptures, and prayer. This request was immediately granted, and the room was osed for years for this only purpose, resulting in the conversion of a large number of persons, who; during that time, came in and went aut of the employ of the establishment. The similar facts to which we have just referred are an indication that the present prevalent revival is taking an unusually strong hold upon the mercantile community.

Musterious Marriage. There was married at Durham, C. E., on the 26th ultimo, an old lady and gentleman, involving the following interesting connections. We understand them perfectly, and hope the reader will al-

"The old gentleman is married to his daughter's husband's mother-in-law, and his daughter's husband's wife's mother. And yet she is not his daughter's mother; but she is his grand-children's grand mother, and his wife's grand children are his daughter's step children. Consequently the old lady is united into the bonds of holy matrimony and conjugal affection to her daughter's brotherin-law's fath er-in law, and her great grandchildren's grand-mother's step-father ; so that her son-in-law may say to his children, your grand mother is married to my father-in-law, and yet he is not your grand-father ; but he is your grend-mother's son-in-law's wife's father. This gentleman married his son-inlaw's father-in-law's wife, and he is bound to support and protect her for life. His wife is his son-in-law's children's grand-mother, and his son-in haw's sister in-law's grand-childrens' great-grand-mother."

exciting among us an educational spirit .-- But why did he not tell us how much of it Give him his due .-- he shall have it at our Virginia had raised ? Have Virginians givhands, if we are capable. We grant it, but en \$5000 of it? We shall be glad to hear the brother has forgotten that the spirit was they have given \$10,000. But that is not up, was in advance of the President's efforts, all. The excellent Agent advertises the and that some small share of credit is due people of those same North-eastern counties. Carolina preachers, who went before and that his labors the most of the present year came after the President, and gave his efforts will be bestowed spon them. Well, we know efficiency. Some 8 or 10 schools perhaps the Agent. We believe him to be one of the were set on foot; but, if we remember cor best of men. He will work for your souls as rectly, as we understood it at the time, the well as your money. But does no "Macedo-President demanded that the schools should nian cry" come to him from Virginia? We he bona fide preparatory to R. M. College- assure brethren, we intend no disrespect, no that he was pleiged to furnish the teach- fling at the Virginia Conference or any one ers, and that he with one of his Professors concerned in that Colloge, but it struck us as

head of his regiment. So prominent was he yard. I gazed upon the spiritual softness upon such occasions, that with some of his admirers he obtained the name of Devil Pete, while by the army generally he was known as the "Fighting Parson." His skill seems to have been equal to his gallantry, for in a she would soon have her wish answered, short time he became a General, and was one and ' find a refuge in heaven !' among the most highly esteemed of Wash Always singing 1 ington's officers. He was a striking example Autumn come ; the wild swan was turn-

of the fact, that a man makes none the worse ing toward the south; the leaves were soldier for serving his Creator with fidelity. dropping from the trees, and spears of frost Gen. Havelock seems to have been a man of very much the same build of Gen. Muh glittered among the grass.

A strip of crape fluttered from the shutlenburg. He was one of the genuine, old school, Cromwellian breed-a real "fear-the- ter of the house where my little singer was to pass round annually, to examine the a good illustration of the position we had ta. Lord-and-keep-your-powder-dry' generation. lived. By the great white throne, by the