

Editorial

"NOT GUILTY."

The Scottish Chief arraigns us in a gentle way for having ignoring and depreciating Carolina College (to be) in a recent editorial calling for instant action in establishing a high class Methodist institution of learning for girls and young women at Raleigh.

We most earnestly deny the charge in the sense of having had any such purpose.

The fact is, we felt confident, until we read the editorial in the Scottish Chief, that in naming the institutions which could not possibly take care of all our Methodist girls, we included Carolina College at Maxton.

We intended including Carolina College. This institution, since its inception, has been mentally included by us in our list of Methodist institutions. This can be seen from what we said in the issue of April 25th, when we were writing on the subject of the necessity of a Methodist institution at Raleigh. We wrote as follows: "And now we must emphasize the fact that the time has come for our people to get together in the purpose to establish at Raleigh a high-class institution for the education of Methodist girls. North Carolina Methodism is losing much by not having many of her daughters in her own schools. Littleton, Louisburg, and Greensboro are full. Carolina College will be taxed to its utmost, etc." In other issues since Conference we have spoken in highest commendation of Carolina College, and have tried to advance its interests by frequent mention. We have invited the able Financial Agent to write us as often as possible about the institution and its progress, and we are glad always to publish all that he sends us.

We wish to assure the Scottish Chief that we are not only most friendly to Carolina College, but that we are actually proud of our Methodist people for having projected such an institution with such bright prospects of success and high usefulness. If we have neglected the institution, which we will not admit as long as we have the files of the Advocate containing what we have said on the subject, we wish to plead that the error was one of the head and not of the heart. The Advocate stands for all the institutions of our Church in the North Carolina Conference, and would feel that it would be doing a very little thing to favor one institution at the expense of another.

We cannot agree that another institution at Raleigh would militate in the least against Carolina College, and we have publicly said so, as is shown by the extract above. North Carolina Methodism is big enough for our present institutions, including Carolina College, which is a certainty, and for the one we just must have at Raleigh, and that right soon.

Now, will the Scottish Chief be good and put us right before its people?

DR. YOUNG J. ALLEN.

A notice of the death of this "Prince in Israel" should have appeared in last week's issue. His death, which occurred a few days ago in China, has profoundly affected Southern Methodism, and a notice of his great pure life deserves a prominent place. He was a Georgian, and we take pleasure in reproducing for our readers the editorial sketch of his life as found in the Wesleyan Christian Advocate of Atlanta, Ga.:

"He was born on Georgia soil, January 3, 1835, seventy-two years ago in Burke County, was educated in Emory College, established and owned by the Georgia and Florida Annual Conferences, and went from the halls of this honored institution with the diploma he had so worthily won in 1858. He was admitted on trial into the traveling connection at the session of the Georgia Conference held in 1858, at Columbus, Ga., and presided over by that distinguished Georgian and peerless pulpit orator, Bishop George F. Pierce. From Columbus, a city of his native State, Young J. Allen

went with whatever commission his church could give him to preach the Gospel to the millions in China. He arrived in China in 1859, and at once began what proved to be a great missionary life—the full proportions of which we cannot now measure. Time will be required for anything like a just showing forth of the greatness of his work in the far-reaching reformatory and redemptive measures he set in motion for the formation of the New China that is to be. When that day shall come, his part in the elevation of the millions of that great empire will be revealed as among the most influential factors in the transformation—not second to the relation of Martin Luther to the Western world.

"The Civil War following close upon his entrance upon mission work, he was cut off from the home church and thrown upon his own resources, as were the other missionaries of our church—Messrs. Lambuth and Wood—for a support. Wood returned home, Dr. Lambuth gave himself to teaching and interpreting, and Dr. Allen to teaching and literary work in the Kiang-Nan arsenal. Here he was thrown in contact with the more advanced Chinese officials. While in this service he conceived the plan of his Review of the Times. This seemingly untoward incident in his life was really a providential opportunity for reaching the upper and more cultured classes among the Chinese—an opportunity the statesmanship of Dr. Allen was quick to see, and wise enough to use. From this time on—never minimizing in the least the power or usefulness of evangelistic work by the missionaries, he yet magnified the Christianizing power of a literature circulated and read, and of schools established for the education of the young. He believed that foreign mission work should be chiefly to the nation, and carried on by a method different from that adopted in the prosecution of home missions. The present transition situation in China—the breaking up of old notions and the projection of reform measures—attest as no words can the wise statesmanship of this great representative of our Southern Methodism in the Far East—the most conspicuous representative, honored and entrusted by the natives—of Christianity in the Orient.

"For forty-eight years Dr. Allen held with unvarying confidence and fixedness of purpose to the plan of work he projected when he reached China. Few lives in his can show a sublimer devotion to an ideal of service, or more industrious effort for its realization. Considering the comprehensiveness of his life-work, the success which crowned it, and the yet to be realized fruits of his labor, one can almost say that he was an inspired man. Surely he was led of God, and guided and sustained by that Spirit who is the 'guide into all the truth.'

"To write of Dr. Allen as to his personal characteristics is difficult without making apparent the partiality of a personal friend, for to us he was that, admired, honored, and loved. There was no acerbity in his spirit, no unworthy ambitions in his heart. He was good. He loved God and sought His will. Free from the little limitations of most men, his goodness and greatness loomed larger to those most intimate with him. He would have been a hero to his valet. Tender, warm-hearted and affectionate, he was when occasion required or duty demanded it, fearless in the expression of his opinions and firm in the maintenance of his convictions.

"Loyal to his native State and his own nation, he was at the same time an ardent lover of the people among whom his life-work was done. He saw the elements of greatness in the Chinese people, and he believed that Christianized, they would be a great people and a mighty nation. To bring them to Christ he labored.

"It is difficult to realize that he is gone—that the cheerful face and bright eye will come no more among us—that the voice of the great missionary-statesman is silenced, and his vocal pleas for China are hushed forever. We will not murmur. He rests with his ascended Lord. The sad feature of his going is, we have no one to take up his great work. Where is the young man watching this ascending Elijah upon whom his thrown-off mantle may fall?

"Georgia Methodism should perpetuate in every church in appropriate memorial services the worth and work of Young J. Allen."

READ THESE NAMES.

Read carefully the following and if you have the photo of any dead preacher not included in the list, send it to us at once for the Biographical History of Methodism. This is going to be a unique and valuable work. Help us all you can. We have received the photos of the following preachers:

Peter Doub, L. S. Burkhead, H. T. Hudson, W. E. Pell, R. T. Heflin, A. W. Mangum, Jos. H.

Wheeler, W. S. Black, W. C. Norman, T. S. Campbell, R. O. Burton, J. H. Cordon, F. L. Reid, H. H. Gibbons, William Closs, James Mahoney, J. T. Harris, J. W. Wallace, J. W. Puit, V. A. Sharpe, John Jones, John W. Gibson, R. B. Shelton, Garland O. Green, G. W. Ivey, J. J. Renn, J. D. Carpenter, L. E. Stacy, T. H. Pegram, B. B. Culbreth, T. J. Gattis, J. O. Shelly, Moses Hunt, J. B. Bobbitt, N. H. D. Wilson, M. L. Wood, J. H. Guinn, E. W. Thompson, O. J. Brent, R. S. Webb, J. W. Roberts, Robert Carson, T. M. Jones.

Help us by sending that photograph or those photographs.

Dr. Jno. M. Moore, Managing Editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate, has lately recommended that the offices of the Church Extension Board be moved from Louisville to Nashville. Dr. Moore argues well the case from his standpoint, but he is arguing against a consensus of opinion throughout Southern Methodism. This fact in itself does not necessarily imply that Dr. Moore is wrong. But when it is remembered that observation and experience throughout a number of years have slowly and surely crystallized a sentiment favorable to distributing the centres of our various enterprises over the whole field, the fact referred to does mean a great deal.

We have no disposition to argue the question or reply to the points made in such a good-natured way by Dr. Moore. We can only repeat that the sentiment of the Church, as far as the loci of influence are concerned is strongly for distribution rather than concentration. And this sentiment implies no adverse criticism of any member of a Board, or rather church official.

EDUCATIONAL SUNDAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Let pastors and superintendents remember that the second Sunday in July was set apart at the last Annual Conference to be observed as Educational Day in all of our Sunday-schools. Social folders, issued by the Board of Education, have been sent to all the pastors. Please see that these are properly distributed. It is earnestly desired that the day be universally observed, and that our educational work be presented to all the people.

L. S. MASSEY,

Secretary Board of Education.

CALENDAR.

July 24th-26th.—New Bern District Conference at Tabernacle Church, Straits Circuit.

July 23rd-26th.—Wilmington District Conference, Whiteville, N. C. Opening sermon on Tuesday night.

August 1st-4th.—Rockingham District Conference, at Hamlet.

July 31 to August 2.—Warrenton District Conference at Ahsokie. The opening sermon will be preached on Tuesday night.

August 14, 15, 16.—Raleigh District Conference at Elizabeth Church, Clayton Circuit.

There was quite a large congregation at Edenton Street Methodist Church Sunday night to hear the annual memorial sermon before the Knights of the Maccabees, which was preached by Dr. B. F. Dixon. Quite a large number of the Maccabees were present. This service took the place of the regular Sunday evening service of the church. Dr. Dixon's subject was, "Spiritual Interpretation of the Bible," and he had an attentive and appreciative hearing. The speaker took the ground that all criticisms of the Bible are brought against its external features, and proceeded at length to defend the Book against the attack of the critics. It is not the letter, he said, but the spirit of the Book that is valuable. A man who has no spiritual life is not competent to criticize the Bible. Only the pure in heart can see God. A man must do His will if he would know of the doctrine.—News and Observer.

The Rockingham District Conference will be held at Hamlet, August 1st to 4th.