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 George F, Pierce, D. D, of Georgia, will
preside. This oconferenee emprace all al
the dertitiory of the State whith ties between the Blue Ridge and the Roanoke
river. The remainder of the State is
embraced in the Virginia and Holston
 large and alstinguished body po Chris
tian ministers and laymien, the zuthor-
ized representatives in matters Church government and polity of the
large and infuential denomination
which has done en mien which has done eo , mueh, and which
destined to do हo mupe more for the vangelization of the eorld, would seem
to be a fitting occasion upon which to
ay before the readers of THE ERVER some facts in reference to the
growth of Methodism in the State
North Carolina and in the Unit States.
In May,
the city of
organized
 gado, Francis Paythrep and Isaac Ta-
tum. These men have gone to their re-
wards and their successors have pressed on for one hundred years in the prose-
cution of the glorious work in which
they fought and triumphed. To-day we
look back over the field of toil and behold grand results: a great people, in-
stinct with the ife and soul of a glori-
ous Cristian faith, churches, colleges
and seminaries of learning dotting the and seminaries of learning dotting the
whole land, and the vitalizing power of
Christianity nerved with the energy Christianity nerved with the energy
of divine truth reaching into and ele-
vating all classes of society and all The suceess of Methodism in the
State and nation is simply wonderful.
In 1776, there were in North Caroli. three Methodist preachers and six fiun-
dred and eigity there are in this State not less than five
hundred Methodist preaehers
ing and lraveling and local-and about, one hundred
and twenty thousand members. nrid, twenty-five Methodist preachers
and 4,91 members. Now thereare in the
United States, more than 40 . Unt prieachers and more than $3,000,000$ Methodists and Baptists are about
 the denominations named above were
well organized and at work in this
country long before the Methodists 1870 shows that the Methootists had
more than one third of all the cluar
年 church edifices, nearly one-third of an
the sitting and nearly one-fifth of all
the church property of the United This marvelous success shows the
presence and operation of living and
powerful forces. Methodism keeps all her churches constantly supppied with stagnation. Methodism preachesent the
great saving doetrines of the Bible; insciousness of sins forgiven and a peace
with God trinough faith in Christ and
regeneration by the Holv Ghost.
 ence of heroic itinerants they will see corps; the sappers and mininers whopre-
pare the way or the Lord and make
trait his pat ons" foll the mountains. Whethe theard to preached in distriets, stations, *ircuits and seminaries of learning, or stand as
ditors on the corkeed hard and the ve vast majority on
small pay-inspired by one great, glorious aim-the salvation of of humean souls.
They have toiled in have not been in vain. The shouts of
souls saved from the snares of the
Devil to mountain-top. This noblean-band of
selp-sacrificing men are here to recount
their toils and triumphs and to arrang for future and grander successes. We
trust their stay inim our citey will be pleass-
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