

THE COURIER.
GEORGE S. BAKER,
EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.
All letters addressed to
GEO. S. BAKER,
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1874
Anti-Convention.

The voice of the Democratic Conservative press has still some force in it. That voice is again a Convention at this time and under all the surroundings. The press will not intentionally injure popular interests. On the contrary, it is apt to reflect popular sentiment. The press of North Carolina has spoken with emphasis against the Convention movement.

This fact possesses some significance. If a considerable number of prominent leaders in the Conservative party have advocated the calling of a Convention by the present Legislature, a like considerable number have opposed the call. The press and the members of the Legislature and Congress are certainly as likely to know what public sentiment on this question is as any other class or classes of citizens.

A majority of the whole people of North Carolina may or may not be opposed to a general change of the Constitution. They have not yet shown that they favor a sweeping change of that instrument, but as it is. For in 1871 they emphatically voted down a call for a convention to amend this Constitution. In 1873 they ratified the work of two Legislatures by voting in favor of eight amendments removing some of the most oppressive parts of the Constitution; showing that while they are opposed to wholesale amendment by Convention they are in favor of gradual amendment by the Legislature.

All history is given to us for our instruction. If we heed its admonitions, well, if not, we shall make fresh history for the warning of those who will come after us. Better to be guided by the lamp of experience than by the ignis fatuus that will lead us we know not into what peril.—*W. Star.*

The Raleigh Daily News in speaking of the present Legislature says: The people of the State are generally anxious to know at the meeting of each General Assembly how the setting body compares in point of ability and moral worth with its predecessors. It affords us pleasure to say, and we can do so now with propriety, that we consider the present Legislature decidedly superior to any that has assembled since reconstruction. There are in the body quite a number of young men who give promise of great usefulness. Many of these have already demonstrated their aptitude for legislation, and the others need only opportunities to show their fitness in the same direction. Among the older members, are many, well known to the people of the State by their former valuable services. Taken altogether we expect good work at the hands of this body. The people of the State may be satisfied that their interests will be well and zealously cared for.

Book of Sermons of Rev N. F. Reid
The following resolutions were offered in the M. E. Conference, by the Rev. E. A. Yates, in reference to the book of sermons and addresses by the late Rev. N. F. Reid, by his sons Rev. F. L. Reid and Jas. W. Reid Esq., which were adopted by a large majority.

WHEREAS, The Rev. F. L. Reid and Jas. W. Reid, Esq., have, with commendable spirit and at considerable expense, published a neat volume of the Sermons and Addresses of their father, Dr. N. F. Reid, deceased, late a member of this Conference and of precious memory, and

WHEREAS, The object of the enterprise must commend itself to every heart capable of sympathizing with the struggles of the orphan, or of appreciating the noble efforts of the older children to educate and care for the younger, therefore

Resolved, That the Conference heartily endorses this volume as a valuable contribution to the religious and doctrinal literature of the Church, and would urge upon all our people and the lovers of the good and the true everywhere, to buy and read this book.

E. A. Yates,
W. H. Bobbitt,
N. H. D. Wilson,
Mixed Schools.
The Supreme Court of Indiana has decided that under the school laws of that State mixed schools are illegal, and some of the Indiana papers cite the action of Congress in providing for mixed schools in the District of Columbia, in support of that decision, and of the policy of separate schools for white and colored children. The defeat in the comparison is the Indiana has not provided any schools, mixed or separate,

are, for the colored people, and the consequence is that this decision practically excludes colored children from all educational advantages in a large majority of the school districts of that State, despite the fourteenth amendment.

In Virginia or any of the southern States were to practice this "outrage" on the "wards of nations" we should never hear the last of it from radical mouths. But as the free State of Indiana builds no school houses and levies no taxes for the education of the negro it is passed by almost unnoticed!

RULES FOR MEASUREMENT.—The following rules for measuring corn and liquids will be of use to many of our readers:
1. Shucked corn.—Measure the width, length, and depth of the crib in feet; multiply these three dimension and their product by eight; then cut off two figures to the right; those on the left will be as many barrels, and those on the right so many hundredths of a barrel.
2. Unshucked corn.—Multiply as in rule 1st, in the above example, add the above example, and the product obtained by 54; then cut off two figures on the right; those on the left will be so many barrels, and those on the right so many hundredths of a barrel.

POETRY.
Trip Lightly.

Trip lightly over trouble,
Trip lightly over wrong,
We only make grief double
By dwelling on it long,
Why clasp you'd hand so tightly?
Why sigh o'er blossoms dead?
Why cling to forms unsightly?
Why not seek joy instead?
Trip lightly over sorrow,
Though all the day be dark,
The sun may shine to-morrow,
And gaily sing the lark,
Fair hopes have not departed,
Though roses may have fled;
Then never be down-hearted,
But look for joy instead.
Trip lightly over sadness,
Stand not to rail at doom;
We've pearls to string of gladness,
On this side of the tomb;
What stars are nightly shining,
And the Heaven is over head,
Encourage not repining,
But look for joy instead.

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