WM. H. BERNARD, LEGisors. CICERO W. HARRIS,

WILMINGTON, N. C .: SUNDAY MORNING, Feb'y 20, 1876. A FEW REMARKS ADDRESSED TO THE NEW YORK HERALD. Last year the Herald sent out Mr. Charles Nordhoff to thoroughly review the political condition of the Southern States. His masterly letters were copied almost everywhere, and having been generally read and their subjects pondered, were highly useful in giving the people of the North a truer conception of the maladministration in this section than they had been able to form from any other source. Mr. Nordhoff minced no words in laying bare the monstrosities of carpet-bag and negro domination, and his statements were generally credited by those who sought after the truth unvarnished. But he did not take South Carolina, the worst-governed of the negro States, into his round, and until recently the readers of the Herald have been deprived of the insight into matters and things South Carolinian to which they felt they had a right from the recognized enterprise of that universal journal. At last, however, the Herald has despatched to the spot Mr. John Russell Young, an able member of its own editorial staff and he has written to that paper long and interesting letter on the status of affairs political in the Palmetto Province. This communication, we regret to see, is not at all in the vein of those analytical reviews of Nordhoff on the Southern States, which have justly gained celebrity for the journal in which they ap and added to the general stores of information concerning the On the contrary Mr. Young appears to write purely for the pur

pose of arraigning the people of

South Carolina (and through them the

people of other Southern States) for

not capturing the negro in a political

sense and saving him out of the

hands of the Packards, Caseys, and

Spencers. He says of the Southern

Conservatives some things hard to

bear, because unjust, captious and

partisan. For instance, this remark

taken at random from the letter be-

fore us: "I am profoundly convinced

"that if, instead of mourning over the

"lost cause, as in the past they were

" wont to bluster about the Yankees

"and slavery, the Southern people

" had dealt wisely with the negro and

"generously with the Northern immi-

powerful." Here we have a congeries of misstatements which are linked together by the spirit of sectional and political prejudice. There has been no great amount of mourning in an ostentatious manner over the Confederate cause which was naturally dear to the hearts of nine-tenths or more of the white population. When repining became useless weeds were laid aside for work-tools, the cypress for the fruitful and pacific olive. As our people had not "blustered" more in the past than any other brave people who were contemned by inferiors would have done, so they were no slower in accepting altered political situations than any other people similarly circumstanced would have been It is unkind, and it is a gross, unprovoked libel, for any intelligent man to write of us in the spirit of the above extract from Mr. John Russell Young. We are pleased to see that the Herald in its editorial comments on the letter says that this is "an extreme conclusion." And yet this powerful journal, with all its desire to do justice and its unquestioned determination on this as on every other question to reflect public opinion, goes so far as to state its belief "that it is the fault of Southern men that they have not won the negro?" If the person who controls that side of the opinions of the Her ald had lived South in 1867 and 1868 and kept his eyes fully open he would think very differently, because he would know much better. Southern white men, as a mass, do not blame the negro for espousing the other side. They wisely think it was perfectly natural for him to do so; but they know that no argument of theirs could have prevailed to keep the blacks from the clutches of the

led away against the wishes of the whites and were used by the bitter enemies of the white people of this section. Spasmedic efforts were made to arrest the tendency of the negroes to abandon their and natural friends, but of course they were made in vain. As to generosity, we who have lived among the negroes all our lives and enew their naturally amiable disposis sion of character, we can say, believing we speak honestly and without prejudice, that as a general thing the political white opponents of the colored people have treated them generously, kindly and almost fraternally. This course may not have been wise, though there is no regret that it was adopted; it was at least magnanimous, and to a Southern man magnanimity is wisdom. We think it was a wise course. I We do not as a rule complain that it produced no greater result in the North and upon the negroes themselves. Of the people who had persistently for party purposes sought our injury we expected nothing of consequence except a continuation of hatred. The blacks, we believed, would, after while, see their error and come back to us. In the meantime, we have treated them with great kindness, greater than that with which their race is treated in the North when they go there for assistance. Exceptions to this rule there have been, for in all sections there are heartless men who oppress, cruelly use and destroy those who are inimical to them.

Here we are compelled to stop, regretting our inability to do the subject justice. Let us understand one another, white and black, Democrat and Republican, Southerner and Northerner. The strifes of the last two decades have wrought enough harm to the peace and welfare of the nation. In God's foly name, and the country's, let there be a better feeling between the races and the sections. There is no time better than now, on the threshold of another century, which to bury the hatchet and light the calumet. Then over the whole land let there rest the supreme and sacred benison of peace.

ANOTHER LETTER OF GEN. LEE The March Galaxy is chiefly interesting to Southern readers by reason of Gen. Custer' "War Memoirs," in the course of the first paper of which a statement contained in a private letter of Gen. R. E. Lee is furnished. That statement seems to accord to Gen. Sherman the credit of the capture of Richmond and the fall of the Confederate cause at Appomattox. "grant, these States, and especially The extract from Lee's letter is as "South Carolina, would be free and follows:

"As regards the movements of General Sherman, it was easy to see that unless they were interrupted I should be compelled to abandon the defense of Richmond and with a view of arresting his progress I so weakened my force by sending re-in-forcements to North and South Carolina that I had not sufficient men to man the lines. Had they not been broken I should have abandoned them as soon as General Sherman reached the Roanoke."

The letter is dated July 27, 1868. and was addressed to a friend at Warm Springs, Va. It perhaps throws no new light on the history of the Confederacy's fall, but is inter esting, nevertheless, as the expression of the great Confederate soldier.

STAR DUST.

- The Marquis of Butes' twins are facetiously termed a pair of Butes. - "Blaine is getting fat." Hi speeches are getting 'thin' enough .- Bos

- As a rhyme for Conkling the New York Herald inserts bonkling-s

-Dr. Howard, of Montreal, says that brandy is the thing with which to cure lunatics. Similia similibus curantur.

- A Texas marksman writes to Bo-gardus offering to "shoot him any where o the State of Texas," but Bogardus wisely

.-- Mr. Beecher, in replying to case had cost him \$118,000, and he did not care about going through many more such

— A maddened Lynchburg editor, who writes a bad hand, says: "What we sent up stairs as 'manifest destiny' came down and out as ! manifest jesting.' This is jesting with a vengeance,"

The Virginia (Nevada) Enter-prise predicts that the time is not far distaut when silver will be depreciated to half its present value The production, slready immense, is destined to be vastly increased by the improved methods for reducing ores.

the suit which has compened him to file a pelition in bankruptcy was orought for a seizure of coal in Memphis ordered by him while in command of the Confederate forces in Tennessee. That State has thus far refused to assume the judgment rendered against him, and an entire loss of the little property the General saved from the war will probably be the result.

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THE METHODIST CENTENNIAL.

PROGRAMME. IRST DAY-Tuesday, March 2 o'clock, a. m., at Metropolitan Hall-Opening Religious Services .-Organization. Address of Welcome, 3 o'clock) p. m., Edenson Street

3 o'clock, p. m., Edenton Street— Sermon, by Rev. Joseph Wheeler. 7 o'clock, p. m.—Metropolitan Hall —Subject for discussion—Methodism and its founders, by Bishop H. N. McTyeire, D. D.

SECOND DAY .- Wednesday, March 22,—10 o'clock, a. m., at Metropolitan, Hall—Subject for discussion: The Pioneer Methodist Ministers and Laymen of N. C., their Struggles and Triumphs-by Rev. W. M. Robey A. M., Professor W. C. Doub, A. M. 3 o'clock, p. m., Edenton Street-Sermon by Rev. L. L. Hendren. 3 o'clock, p. m., Person Street-

Sermon by Rev. F. L. Reid. 71 o'clock, p. m., at Metropolitan Hall-Subject for discussion: The Introduction and History of Methodism in the Capital of N. C., and its Relation to the Methodism of the State, by Rev. A. W. Mangum, Rev. H. T. Hudson. samit bush seeds a

THIRD DAY—Thursday, March 23.

10 o'clock, a. m., at Metropolitan Hall-Subject for discussion: Progress of Methodism in the 19th Century-by Bishop D. S. Doggett,

31 o'clock, p. m., Edenton Street -Sermon by Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, D. D. 34 o'clock, p. m., Person street-

Sermon by Rev. W. C. Gannon. 74 o'clock, p. m., at Metropolitan Hall-Subject for discussion: The Educational Interests of Methodism in North Carolina by Rev. D. Craven, D. D., Rev. T. M. Jones, D. D., Rev. W. M. Robey, Rev. J. A. Cunninggim, Rev. V. A. Sharpe."

Fourth Day-Friday, March 24. Hall-Subject for discussion: 1st. METHODISM:-Its Relation to the Origin and Progress of the Sunday School work-by Rev. E. A. Yates. 21. METHODISM: -- Its Relation to the Origin and Progress of Bible, Missionary and tract Societies-by Rev. E. L. Perkins.

3 o'clock, p. m., Edenton street-Sermon by Rev. Wm. Closs, D. D. 3 o'clock, p. m., Person street-Sermon by Rev. D. R. Bruton.

7½ o'clock, p. m., at Metropolitan Hall-Subject for discussion: METHodism:-Its Revival History-by Bishop E. M. Marvin, D. D.

FIFTH DAY-Saturday, March 25. -10, o'clock, a. m., at Metropolitan Hall-subject for discussion, Church and State-by Hon. John N. Staples. 3 o'clock, p. m., Edenton Street-Sermon by Rev. R. O. Burton. 3 o'clock, p. m., Person Street-Sermon by Rev. S. D. Adams.

7½ o'clock, p. m., at Metropolitan Hall—Subject for discussion: Methodism-Its Itinerant Plan of Operations-by Rev. W. S. Black.

SUNDAY-March 26 .- 9 o'clock, a m., Edenton Street-Love Feast. 9 o'clock, a. m., Person Street-

31 o'clock, at Metropolitan Hall Sunday School Mass Meeting. Subject for discussion: The Sunday school-a field for the employment of the best talent-by Rev. J. J.

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The committee of arrangements, consisting of J. P. Moore, L. S. Burkhead, J. B. Bobbitt, W. J. W. Crowder and W. J. Young, request the press of the State to copy this programme. There may be some slight changes made in it hereafter, and other announcements will be given next week. They close with these stirring words: "Let there be a grand rally at Raleigh; and let all our ministers and people pray for a tidal wave of salvation to sweep over the whole State."

QUEER EVANGELISTS.

J. G. Hester, the Escaped Murderer, and M. S. Littleton, the Bond Swin-

To the Editor of the New York

The newspapers tell us of the exloits of J. G. Hester, lottery swindler, spy and escaped murderer, who recently appeared as a lecturer before the Y. M. C. A. of Washington. And now a report comes from Florida chat while Mr. Moody was at Jackson ville, Gen. Milton S. Littleten, formerly of North Carolina, was leader of the choir at the revival:

meeting thereing 60 This man's history is interesting. - Gen. Gideon J. Pillow says that Littlefield carpet bagged to North and settled down at Raleigh. He became a partner with George W. Swepson, bought up the Legislature of 1868, and organized the Ring that handled \$18,000,000 of bonds appropriated to build railroads in that State. Seven million dollars went - The New York World having into the hands of Swepson and Lit- limet 194 News, and General Intelligence, pariet

He was elected President of the Western N. C. R. R., and had exclusive control of the money appropria-ted to build the road. The contrac-tors, or some of them, falling to get heir money, were ruined and thou-sands of poor laborers were de rauded of their pay. One of the contractors, who sunk his all, committed suicide. Many of the families of the poor laborers nearly started to death. Littlefield escaped from North Carolina, and now is a great man in

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Wednesday, May 17.—Tennessee Republican Convention, in Knox-Thursday, May 18 .- Kentucky Re-

publican Convention, in Louisville. Wednesday, May 24.-Kansas Democratic Convention, in Topeka. Wednesday, May 24.—Alabama Republica. Convention, in Montgomery, (minority call.) Wednesday, June 14 .- Republican National Convention, in Cincin-

Wednesday, June 21.-Florida Democratic Convention, in Quincy.

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