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A TEST OF CHRISTIANITY.

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In the morning the Christian requested his infidel companion to say whether the religious exercises of the preceding evening had not dispelled every particle of distrust of their host's character, and had not enabled him to close his eyes in the most confident security.

He was evidently embarrassed by the question; but at last he candidly acknowledged that the sight of the Bible had secured him a sound night's rest. Here was a testimony extorted from an infidel, in favor of the influence of religion which he skeptically assailed.

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SALISBURY, N. C. THURSDAY EVENING, JULY 19, 1855.

LETTER FROM H. W. GUION, ESQ., THE AMERICAN PARTY, &c.

We have the pleasure of publishing, in another column, an interesting letter from Mr. GUION. The circumstances which have called it forth are sufficiently understood by the readers of the Watchman. We hoisted his name as a candidate for Congress because of his known ability and eminent fitness to represent the district. We have withdrawn it, because the choice of a large party in the district, whose principles we approve, has settled upon another gentleman, Col. STOWE of Gaston; and because Mr. GUION wishes to promote the success of that gentleman, having, himself, no inclination to be a candidate; and anxiously desiring that none of his friends may waste their votes by casting them for him in the approaching election.

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I trust that in this condensed statement of a single branch of the question, I have said enough to justify myself in siding with that party, which is pre-eminently the Southern Party—and the view I have taken of it is only Southern, and not regard to party politics. To prevent the further humiliation of the South, should be the one wish, the united aim of every Southerner; and how else can we avert the impending evil, but by a concerted and energetic union amongst ourselves—to remove the cause of all our own and country's ills?

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Very Respectfully, your most obedient &c. H. W. GUION.

WILLIAMSBURG, BREDELL CO., N. C. July 5, 1855.

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That he had his faults, none were more ready to admit than himself. It remains for those who knew him to speak of his virtues. He possessed talents considerably above the ordinary grade.

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