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But we must leave this for the next number of the Memorial.

THE RECORDER. BALLEIGH, N. C. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1852.

Revival in Raleigh.

The interest in the subject of religion still continue fore than fifty persons have professed conversion in connection with the labors of bro. Reynoldson. W

copy from the Raleigh Standard a notice of the meet

We learn that much interest has been excited in several congregations in this City, during a few weeks expressed in other of my official sermons, and in the past, on the subject of an active and living Christian pre-declarations of my general conversation," could faith. A number of persons have professed to be con-verted; and the zeal of the Ministers and members sion of the sincerest regret, that in points so fundaof the Presbyterian, Baptist and Christian Churches mental, and so essential to harmony both of opinion tinues warm and unabated

had the pleasure, a few evenings since, of hear ing the Rev. Mr. Reynoldson, of the Baptist Church. He is a good speaker, and, evidently, a most effective Preacher of The Word. He possesses a fine imagination, but the marked characteristic of it is, that he invariably applies it, so far as we could judge, in a subscribe to the doctrine of the church, as held and practical and useful manner. We were not surprised, after we had heard him, at the stirring and beneficial influences exerted by his preaching.

Reasons for Withdrawing from the Episcopal Church : Published by Request. [From a Manuscript of 1825, with occasional addi

tions of present date.] LETTER VII.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE BIBLICAL RECORDER. MY DEAR BROTHER :---

I now send you the correspondence, promised in

baptism in the twelfth century, they plunged the candidate in the sacred font, to show them what operation that sacrement hath on the soul." Also, Belarmine, Cardinal Hossius, Montanus, Gretzer, a bitter ensury and persecutor, Lim bareh Allin Macheim and others and for the church at time, he might consent Gretzer, a bitter enemy and persocutor, Lim-borch, Alliz, Mosheim and others, speak of the to stay and preach until the congregation should sup-to stay and preach until the congregation should sup-and for asking you, if you have never seriously met

motion was made to print the Convention sermon . I principles on the authority of Scripture and reason-a they will produce.

have since regretted I did not. It did not occur to me. The occasion is past and the present is the on-ly one left. Be assured sir that I entertain a sincere respect for your personal character and a firm per- edge a self-constituted ministry to be tily than I should have been, had it been left to my ly about the best means of promoting that causes Very respectfully your obedient serv't, WILLIAM HOOPER RALEIGH, N. C., May, 1824. Let the passage be produced in 4

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR : I have received on Saturday your favour of the 20th instant. I have given to the contents the con-

sideration due to them, and but for the intervention of the Sabbath, would have put you in possession of my reply a day earlier than you will receive this. decided manner in which you declare your in The ability to propagate, or co-operate, in the support of "the principles laid down in my Convention sernich,

and action, so insuperable a bar should exist between us. And as I must believe, that you have not thus expressed yourself, without the most serious consideration, without a deep and careful examination of the subject-and a full persuasion, that you caunot are-might nevertheless be found rightexpressed by me, in the official declarations abovementioned, without doing violence, not to your feelings but to your conscience-I am bound to respect the candour and integrity with which your determi-

nation is announced : while I acquiesce (with whatever pain to myself) in the resolution you have taken to withdraw from your present situation, and as an almost necessary consequence, from the church. But as a subsequent part of your communication. leaves an opening for the hope, that a letter from me, may produce some influence on your proceedings in this case. I very gladly avail myself of it; not to en-

ter on the merits of the disputed subject—but to re-quest you, to let the present heat on your mind subconflicting with the views or principles of other de- difficulties. For although you think Dr. Caldwell

For the Recorder.

Contrary finite, involution and contrary of the Waldenses as similar to those of Baptists at the present day.
These testimonies, we think, establish the fact that the ancient Waldenses rejected infant baptism, and would now be called Baptists. It is handler estrict the truth and preserve me from doing anything that will be truth and preserve me from doing anything that will be truth and preserve me from doing anything that will be truth and preserve me from doing anything that will be truth and preserve me from doing anything that will be truth and preserve me from doing anything that will be truth and preserve me from doing anything that will be truth and preserve me from doing anything that will be truth and preserve me from doing anything that will be truth and preserve me from doing anything that will be the preserve me from doing anything that will be the preserve me from doing anything that will be called Baptists. It will you he kind encourb to write me as soon as the preserve me from doing anything that will be defined to file and the conter again use it until you have never again use it until is a humbling fact that historians have generally misrepresented and sometimes abused that primi-tive people. We cannot leave them without dwelling for a few moments upon the dreadful persecutions which they have experienced from those who ought to have been their friends and protectors.

Rom, 8: 19. Bloomfield, a distinguished English the denunciation A You ask, "whether I am prepared to say that my ordination vows were taken upon me without due

commentator, has the following remarks upon the passage referred to : "There is perhaps no passage of the Apostle more the most contentious, arrogant contemptuous men in the world—the most he to heavenly affections that ever lived. What a censure have much upon the meaning assigned to zrices (translated I uttered against any denomine of christians? as strict as such examinations ought to be, they in the verdict of their conscience, who felt what never did consider church government, a matter on 1. That of the ancient and many eminent modern was spoken as a general truth, to be specially true of themselves. I beseech you charge me not with any such fault-laying at my door things which I know not, above all above all above all should be obliged to take Interpreters who take grices to mean the whole visible creation, which by a metonymic allegory or proso popeia (common both in the scriptural and classica

know not-above all charge me not with the con- been an objection with me. I am sorry to find my clusions of others, whether true or false-but show letter so desultory and wanting in arrangement; but writers) is represented as doing what is applicable that what I take as a fact, is not so-that my au- it would be useless to enter into a regular discussion only to man, i. e., anxiously expecting and hoping groaning and mourning over the prevalence of sin

and misery, and looking with anxious expectation that the Jews especially supposed would take place in the on Sabbath by Rcv. Jno. B. White ige of the Messiah. To some, this view has appear

laid by me. No-charge it to its proper account, an ill part, a mind undecided. My indecision however is not with regard to my present cause of disaffection. a leaning to the opinions of men, you have early On that subject my mind is fully made up. I am op-

neither the one nor the other, but for your sake-them. But the Episcopal church in this country, I find By this, article is supposed to mean all intelligent and however fearful-I must hold fast by the truth. according to my best view of it. So must you also from the sentiments of the Bishops, is to take the and sentient creatures-the whole creation capable of -and if we thus act in simplicity and godly sinceri- high jure divino ground of that order of Divines in feeling the passions above adverted to, i. e., the huty, it will furnish a consolation against all conse-quences. England; and if so, I never was intended for one of its ministers. I know all these things ought to have man race of whom the Gentiles formed the great

Where you to think me wrong, in the great truths been well weighed before I was ordained, but I like bulk. Yet there is no necessity to abandon the ancially as it may include the last mentioned for

Bantist church of this place ha

DEAR BRO. TOBEY :-- It may not h

to many of your read

For the Record.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan 24

with us, and will enter upon his mi 10 1-2 o'clock to-morrow, the 25th just

He requests his correspondents to add this place in future. Yours in christian love.

A. PAUL R.

For the Recorder. Union Meeting,

The first section of the Raleigh will commence on Friday before the first day in February, 1852, at Wake Urion, carnestly hoped that all the churches conthis section will send up their delegates, al ness of much importance will come up for a sion. The following is a query discusse Union and laid over to the next for an a "Should churches hold conferences one Dis. Dunn and Crenshaw, were appointe in the discussion. Several other queries ,

for discussion. The Introductory sermon will be pres-

for some deliverance ; namely, such a renovation as Rev. J. B. Jackson, and the Mission

W. R. KNIGHT, Ch

January 30th, 1852.

Letter well faint.

For the Recorder. From Wake Bethel.

er, is liable to insuperable objections. Hence a third DEAR BRETHREN :

Your Committee appointed to draw now test against a resolution, adopted by number of the members of the last Raleis sociation, when most of the delegates of said sociation had left for their homes, relative appointment of a Committee to examine

the reports circulating against the Rev. I Dowd, beg leave to report the following We believe that a duly organized ch Christ, having its proper officers, is

cision there is no appeal. Taking this ten

tain few, who introduced and passed the

resolutions, and that in so doing, they

manifested a disposition to interfere with

infringe upon the inalienable and constitu

rights of the churches. We are also of the

ion that they have introduced a precedentin

Association, which if adopted and persisted

endanger the liberties which the Baptist ch

iectionable in all of its bearings is no when

be found on the historical pages of our Ass

tion. We therefore enter our protest and

Signed by order of the church in Confer

For the Recorder.

ed for information, respecting the c

tion of Broad River &c.

In the Recorder of the 20th, of December

The Board of the Yadkin Home Mission

Society(with all kindness towards Messrs. M

Light and Broad River, and with an eye su

to the success of the Missionary cause) has

writer over the signature "of More Light"

LEWIS DUPREE, Chin.

W. J. ALLEN, CA

WM. J. ALLEN,

SOLOMAN KING

the said resolution.

thority is unscriptural, my reasoning inconclusive, of the subject before us. my deductions unfounded. Then will I thank you, or any other dissenter or churchman, and publicly of much reflection and prayer for divine directionread my recantation of any such sentiment I ever but I cannot see any other course for me to pursue, uttered. Until this is done, let not the stumbling than the one before stated to you. You say that block against which you have fallen, be charged as part of my letter indicates decision and the other

been tanght to venerate, and an amiable, but impo-tent wish, that all professions, discordant as they have read more extensively since my ordination, and I am fully satisfied that I can never entertain them.

Pardon me, I pray you, in thus speaking. I do it nor wish to see them propagated. Whether the sennot to offend, but to strike your attention-to re- timents you have proclaimed as to be insisted on, are move the scales from your eyes. I wish not to lose necessarily the doctrines of the church, or peculiarly interpretation has been struck and adopted by some, you-I wish not to excite the tumult which your in- yours, I shall not decide; at any rate many conscitention if carried into effect, will excite, but I fear entious Episcopalians, even of England have opposed

mer, and it may be thought in media tutissimus ibus.

ed in its sublimity unsuitable to the plain and didactive style of the Apostle. Some take zrigis not of a physical but moral ereation, understanding by it the Christian church converted from Judaism or Heathenism. This, howev-

my last, between Bp. Ravenscroft and myself, occasists of three Orders : Bishops, Priests and Deacons,-

and is lawful in no other form-that all authority to

lawful assumption, offensive to God; and of course, tion which it merits, or the proceeds of early im that the laity who attend on such unauthorized ad- pression and popular prejudication ? Has the ques ministrations, are guilty of the sin of schism, more or less criminal according as their opportunities of enlightenment on the subject have been greater or less. This scheme of an exclusive hierarchy appeared to state of things in relation to the church of God to therefore, I suppose, I did not mention my other difficulties about the Baptismal and Confirmation Ser-

me from the Episcopal church at any rate, it was needless to enter into a tedious controversy about other matters of offense when they would all be got and obligations. I say I suppose this was the reason why I did not bring forward those other difficulties cannot recollect, at this distance of time, the order and openly, to call upon and encourage others to do your affectionate friend and servant, of succession on which this or that difficulty or grievance pressed most strongly on my mind. I see, from

the letters which I then wrote, that I could not have the new family Prayer Book, particularly the third remained a clergyman of the Episcopal church, in and fourth questions put to you, at your ordination. RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR this Diocess at least, even if I had not had the scru- Are these opinions so destitute of support, from ples above stated against certain parts of the Litur-

to be a breach of private confidence. But upon read-

part of the correspondence, as being necessary to do him justice ; and I think any of his friends who may that sincerity and warmth of heart which were such

Correspondence with Bishop Ravenscroft. FAYETTEVILLE, May 20th, 1824. RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR :

> ask with keen remorse upon his I then alluded to my nativi

Wake Forest-Thursday, Feb. 26. I am now about to perform one of the most trying nor can you reasonably refuse the wildest enthusi- vouring one another," and this may be done as much This month he has given them a beautiful pic-I have made an appointment for Rolesvilleast, that ever perverted Scripture, as a branch of among those of the same communion as if they were duties that I have ever been called to in the course ture in an entirely new style-an imitation of the far-Wednesday the 18th-which was not in the for-Christ's church. They all stand on the same level divided into two or three. of my life: My views on many points are so difamed French colored crayon drawing. Our Publish -Quakers, shaking Quakers, Millewarians, South Indeed I doubt whether you will not admit that rom your's-the sentiments proclaimed in mer list of appointments. Will the brethren of er still continues his offer to send the Lady's Book and your Convention sermon, as those which you mean Cottians, &c., &c. - with Presbyterians, Methodists there is less kindly feeling between the high and low the Recorder for one year, to any one who will forto act upon to the fullest extent, which you wish us and Bapuists nor can the wit of man so modify the church clergy of the Episcopal church both. in this ward to him four dollars. that section who see this, do me the favor to to act upon and which it is your professed determin-nit the Diocess, are so are required to my feelings, that in the Diocess, are so required to my feelings, that is anting committee I am called upon and expected to of standing committee I am called upon and expected to or privately, that I considered all other denomina-title are analled considered all other denomina-tices are to avoid the core-title are contributed considered all other denomina-tices are to avoid the core-title are contributed considered all other denomina-tices are to avoid the core-title are contributed considered all other denomina-tices are to avoid the core-title are contributed considered all other denomina-tices are to avoid the core-title are contributed considered all other denomina-to avoid the core-title are contributed considered all other denomina-to avoid the core-title area to avoid the core-title area to avoid the core-title avoid the core-title avoid the to avoid the core-title avoid the core-title avoid the to avoid the core-title avoid the to avoid the core-title avoid the to avoid the cor to act upon and which it is your professed determin- principle as to avoid this fair conclusion from it. country and England, than between them and dismake it generally known ? The rank case and the rank case and

side: not to take your stand, and commit yourself on a my last, between Bp. Ravenscroft and myself, occa-sioned by my determination to withdraw from the will examine, and endeavor to find the truth ;" but church over which he presided. You will see that forthwith, as you are, to examine, and when satisthe prominent stumbling block and cause of alienation fied, to decide. Thus had you done, the pain of this letter, from and to you, would have been spared me. there stated is what are usually called "high church For it is evident, that while the first part of your letprinciples;" that is a belief that the ministry of ler is decided, as that of one, who had searched and Christ's church, as constituted by the Apostles. ccn- was satisfied-the latter part is that of one, acting under the influence of morbid feeling and unsettled

My dear and Reverend brother, permit me to ask preach the gospel and administer the sacraments you, (as one who truly admires your excellent and must be conferred by ordination received from a amiable qualifies, and wishes your comfort and esbishop, and therefore that the ministerial acts and tablishment, in what is precious beyond worlds) how far are the conclusions you think you have come to services of men not episcopally ordained are an un- on this subject-the result of that serious examina tion ever passed under review, in that special designation, as a matter of fact, which precludes all reasning except from it? Have not the workings of sociates, can follow a conscientious discharge of duyour mind, been apriori, that is, from an existing me, in itself a sufficient cause of separation ; and what should be the foundation-rather than from the oundation as declared in the word of God, to what should be the existing state of things ? and have not the opinions of great and good men, tho' dissenters, vices to the Bishop in this correspondence, because, as I saw that high church principles would drive weighed heavily, if not pleasantly, against the plain declarations of God's word? These are enquiries which enter into any fair determination of this sub ect, nor can we honestly meet it, without giving

> them their due weight. Are the opinions which you consider as exclusively apostolic church, whose interests I am most solemnsworn to watch over, to subserve and promotethe same ? Here let me request you to read over carefully the office for ordering of Priests and conse-

cration of Bishops, with the comments thereupon in

ing over the end now given, I felt convinced and blessed by him," reconciliable with co-operating in the promotion of your views in on church government are such as disqualify me for the writer if alive would, so far from objecting the articles, doctrines, liturgy and worship of that Diocess. I am not enough of a churchman to wish to its publication, be glad it should accompany my church, to which you have subscribed, and whose to see the Episcopal church grow, if these exclusive commission in consequence you bear? And are you tenets are to be insisted on and proclaimed as the prepared to say to the world, that you took your ordination vows upon you, without due consideration; fundamental importance that we must be constantly see it here, will think it does credit to him, as being that you now find you have been in an error-that holding them forth to the interruption of peace among another sample of that straight-forward honesty and there is no such thing as a prescribed commission for christians. On the subject of schism I will only say the administration of things spiritual-but, that the that I can most heartily pray to God to deliever us dollars paid to him, will purchase information which unverifiable private movement of every man's mind from it; but in my humble opinion the very venom obtained elsewhere, would cost tens if not hundreds honorable features of his character. I have omitted only a line or two relating to a private matter, not connected with the argument.

to give effect to the unspeakable sanctions, under al denominations of christians do not produce as much which the ministers of Christ enforce the conditions real schism as the attempting to coerce men by harsh of the gospel ? For to this the principle as avowed censures into unity of communion. The essence of by you, reaches out, nor can you stop short of it- schism I hold to be, in christians "biting and de-

primitive truth and order-with our reformers, with their spirit, yet believe me neither he nor they said a the articles-doctrines and liturgy of that church, word to dissuade me when I announced my disposiwhose commission I bear-whose interests I am tion to become a candidate for orders in the Episcobound to guard. This do, and I will thank you : pal church. They stated no difficulties, mentioned this do, and you will render a public service to the no objections. And although my step-father was sor- Psalmis perpetui." Hence, both the tropical and the too much power has been assumed by the church of which you are a minister, and to the cause ry I believe that I gave that church the preference, proper sense may have place in this sense : the latter in defence of which you are set.

In conclusion, let me ask you once more. Is there tution. I sent in my resignation to the yestry a no long standing difficulty on your mind, made more week ago but they have not acted on it. I repeat prominent by recent circumstances ? From the very bottom of my heart. I pity the dilemma in which you my sincere thanks for the kind expressions and true subject to imperfection, corruption and misery, (no feel yourself placed, and would do anothing sho t of friendship which your letter breathes. I know you by any will of its own, i. e. not as a punishment for a dereliction of principles to relieve you. I respect are devoted with all your heart to the promotion cf principle in every man, no matter how much it con- the Redeemer's kingdom ; (would that I had half your ardour and devotedness;) and that you are flicts with my own. I love the man when eats openlieve them essentially connected with that cause.from any man, or set of men, the right which I hold Bu:, my dear sir. I do believe that while preaching sacred of judging and acting for myself-no forfeithe grand doctrines of practical religion with your ture of esteem or loss of friendship with former ascharacteristic energy, you at the same time urge controverted points of church communion with equal ener--nor can I conceive why you should anticipate if such are the grounds of your conduct.

Let me beseech you however, to be very sure that zealously rearing, while your right hand knoweth not what your left hand doeth. Excuse I pray you is conscience, and not feeling or convenience, which actuates you : let me entreat you to consider the course you shall take, as the turning point of and rectify me if I am. usefulness-and let me again beg you, not to be of-

fended with the plainness and roughness of the noor To offend you and my brethren is no less so. But creature who now addresses you-who is very sen- to act in opposition to conscience and feeling would sible of his great deficiency in that smooth and conbe worse. ciliating address which is not among his gifts, but

rid of by the dissolution of my present church ties mine-mine only, or those of that one Catholic and who most sincerely offers you any help he may be supposed to possess-and his poor prayers-that the spirit of truth may preside over all your meditations and from which, I stand engaged to drive away all -may guide you to your duty-to your comfort, to in my correspondence with the Bishop; because I erroneous and strange doctrine and both privately the purposes of God with you in this life-and to his

INO. T. RAVENSCROFT.

FAYETTEVILLE, June 14th, 1824.

I received your favour of the 24th ult., and have Scripture, from reason, from usage, six times as old given to it much consideration. I cannot say that it as that of any contrary persuasion-that they may has altered my sense of the course I must pursue be put on and off according to the fluctuations of ca- At the same time I owe you my thanks for the sin-When I first thought of sending you this corres-pondence, I had some doubt whether I had a right to publish the Bishop's letters to me, as it might be said publish the Bishop's letters to me, as it might be said When I first thought of sending you this corres- pricious feeling !. Is the vital doctrine of the unity cere kindness which marks the whole communica-

The January number of this able Monthly has been received. It contains the usual variety of interesting and useful reading matter. We copy its table of con-1. History of Richmond. 2. A Pair of Poets.

> 3. Cupid's Sports. 4. Story of Good Mr. Bear.

5. The Revenge. 6. Place de la Concorde. 7. Scenes Beyond the Western Border.

Very respectfully &c.,

S. Glimpses of the Route from Alexandria Blue Rridge Mount Vern

Southern Literary Messenger.

W. HOOPER

10. Letters from New Yor

Also several pieces of original f new publications.

Littell's Living Age.

Nos. 401 and 402 of this valuable work have been received. Littell nobly holds his own. Weekly he gives us the cream of the Foreign Periodicals. Six obtained elsewhere, would cost tens if not hundreds Hepzibah-Tuesday, Feb. 17.

Godey is constantly contriving surprises for his read-

worden mit geranay warp manyer. All school woods in powe merster

xrises and masa & xrises may very well ecclesiastical tribunal on earth, from wheel the world." " the whole world."

So laspis says, " Fingit Paulus universum mundum velut unam personam, cui sensum tribuit, ut in the subject, your Committee is of oninim the others were rather gratified than otherwise, as they thought it would be an advantage to the insti-

Thus the sense will be.

" For the world (i. e. God's creatures) was made any voluntary demerits of the sufferers : but by Him who thus subjected it.) vet with a hope (on their strenuous on the points between us, because you be- part) that this very creation (i. e. these his creatures) will be delivered from the bondage of corrup- has always claimed. And furthermore tion and admitted to the glorious liberty which per- Committee is of opinion that a resolution s tains to the children of God."

In regard to the 231 verse, Bloomfield gives this gy, you considerably dilapidate with your left hand as the sense : "And not only have they (i. e. the that spiritual building which your right hand, is so world at large, almost entirely heathens) this feeling but even we Christians, waiting for our adoption namely, the deliverance of our body from mortality these remarks-I may be wrong-may God forgive and corruption. The general sense of the passage is To part with an attached congregation is grievous,

thus expressed by Prof. Stuart in his Synopsis : "Now that such a glory is yet to be revealed, (i other words, that there is a world of surpassing glo- Saturday before the fourth Sabhath in Ja ry beyond the grave) the whole condition of things, 1852. or rather of mankind in the present world, abundantly proves. Here a frail and perishable nature serves to show no stable source of happiness can be found on earth. From the commencement of the world to the present time, it has always been thus In the midst of the sufferings and sorrows to which their earthly existence exposes them, mankind nati rally look forward to another and better world, when happiness without alloy and without end may be en

Even Christians themselves joyful as their hope should make them, find themselves still com pelled by sufferings and sorrows to sigh and groan and to expect a state of real and permanent enjoyment only in heaven : so that they can only say, for the present, that they are saved, because they hope or expect salvation in another and better world. The very fact, that here they, like all others around them, are in a state of trial; and that they only hope



For the Recorder. BROTHER TOBEY :--- To refresh the memor

of the brethren, will you publish again the fol lowing appointments for me, bear drine me, yes Friendship-Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 7 and 8. Favetteville-Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 9 and 10. Spring Branch-Thursday, Feb. 12. Smithfield-Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 14 and 15.

Rolesville-Wednesday, Feb. 18. Wake X Roads-Thursday, Feb. 19. GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK.—The February number of Raleigh—Sunday, Feb. 22. this much admired Magazine now lies on our table. Mount Vernon—Tuesday, Feb. 24. New Hope-Saturday, Feb. 21.

desire to withhold no good from them to wh it is due. Neither to strive with man cause, when he has done them no harm; all occasions to use that moral energy which reflect light to all around; and as light s to be the desire of the above writer, and Yadkin Association having the most sub tial, and far seeing minister of Western olina spending his whole time at churches good standing, who have regular supplies. the Board of F. H. M. S. component parts said churches, are fully prepared to answer! enquiry relative to our Missionary spending whole time at churches, who have regular supp &c. With due respect to bro. B. R. W. vise him for the future not to call on the Yall Association to prove the mismanagement of Board of B. S. Convention of N. C., for its testify against him, for their farseeing Mission ary supplied three destitute churches, and a