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How awkward is the Editor's pen in the unprinted hand; then we take up such a ponderous, sharp, caustic one, that has ever been wielded with Christian candor.

There are considerations that render the mission of the BIBLICAL RECORDER particularly important now. North Carolina Baptists have reached a crisis in their development.

While that prince of missionaries Dr. Matthew Yates is on the frontier, North Carolina will be drawn more and more closely to her foreign fields. Within her own borders, the consecration of her missionaries is pressing vigorously the interests of her Domestic Missions.

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Our demand for a higher standard of more liberal provision to our infidelity. The consequence makes it necessary for ourselves to appreciate

by increased facilities for liberal culture. The denomination that affords the best educational advantages now, starts on a higher platform, and has many advantages for occupying the State.

Let us lift ourselves up to the pressing need of the occasion, and let each person, old and young, of every condition make a sacrifice for the endowment. We must go forward.

THE RECORDER AND THE ENDOWMENT.

Will not the workers in the endowment use the RECORDER to assist them in their work? We shall try to make it such as to be useful to them.

And then we hope our brethren will make use of this helper, scatter it far and wide over the field, carry it to those who do not see it and prevail upon them to invite it to their houses.

As we will try to do direct the RECORDER as to contribute most to the advancement of the Endowment, will not each canvasser exert himself to circulate the paper.

THE COLORED PREACHER'S NAIL. While Dr. Stone was in Raleigh, I went to hear him preach: but he had gone to another church and a colored minister occupied the pulpit.

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