

BE UNIFORM IN PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Our book of discipline gives specific directions in regard to public worship, and there should be good reasons for any deviation therefrom in our public exercises. The custom seems to be gaining favor with some to pray immediately after preaching, and before the closing hymn.

In the Presbyterian and Baptist Churches, the congregations stand in prayer and sit in singing. The prayer immediately after the sermon with them is well and proper. But it does not harmonize with our forms of worship.

Truce, we attach but little importance to mere forms, but we insist upon uniformity. This prevents confusion, and those attending a Methodist Church know what to do.

In the reception of members, it is too often the case, that our prescribed form is sometimes ignored. The preacher improvises something for the occasion, or he simply takes the applicant by the hand, announces the name, and the thing is done.

These Huckleback clergymen and Bishops, when they talk about the sin of schism, with reference to the evangelical churches of the present day, and recognize their places of worship as nothing more than "meeting houses," exhibit about as much religion as the blasphemous Huckleback himself did in his extreme loyalty to his church.

Often has the believer's heart been made glad by the sweet assurance of God: "I will give you rest." If the Bible contained no other promise than this, and furnished no other hope, how infinitely precious above all other books would it still be to the Christian.

The message he sent to John as a proof of His Messiahship was: "The poor have the Gospel preached to them." The poor are those who labor and strive ineffectually against their present besetting sins, and are laden with the burden of remorse for their past transgressions.

DECLINE OF METHODISM.

Scrutator, Jr., in an article contained in the Baltimore Methodist of last week, takes up this subject which has for some time past been engaging the Methodist press of the North.

I well remember the time when the sole business of a Methodist preacher, in city, town, or country, was to preach to the people, form classes, sell good books and discourses, and act the part of the good Samaritan generally.

Not long since a clergyman, or "priest" of the Church of England, found in his parish churchyard a tombstone on which was the inscription: "In memory of—, a happy laborer in the Wesleyan Methodist Church."

But you will readily perceive that all this is jangle, jingle, jangle, an interminable empty "sonning brass" and tinkling cymbal.—"Nobody is hurt. No groans are heard ascending from beneath, from the stupa of the Lord! No resounding shakings of the bells."

Rev. D. R. Fritchard, writing for the Biblical Recorder, mentions the following distinguished Divines who were born in North Carolina but who have adorned other States with their learning and usefulness.

"Bishop Polk, of Tennessee, was born in Raleigh, and in the main building of the Baptist Female Seminary. The present Bishop of Georgia, John Beckwith, was also born in this city.

Hon. John Kerr, of Caswell Co., was elected Moderator of the Baptist Association, held at Red Bank in Forsyth county, week before last. A large number of ministers, lay delegates and visitors were present.

We learn from the Baltimore Methodist of the death of Rev. W. G. Gross of the Baltimore Conference. He died suddenly at Leesburg, Va., of heart disease.

HORSE-RACING.

This amusement or rather, mode of gambling, which was many years ago extremely popular in the South, but declined in favor latterly, is being revived again at the expense of good morals and religion.

The Times is an advocate of racing as a gentlemanly pastime, and is doing its best to give it reputable standing in the United States.

The effort of the Times, to raise horse racing to the level of decency will, we predict, totally fail.

TRINITY COLLEGE.

Col. W. L. Saunders, the gallant soldier and able co-editor and proprietor of the Wilmington Journal, is copying a portion of Rev. B. B. Culbreth's letter contained in a recent number of the Advocate, taken occasion to pay the following handsome tribute to Trinity College.

It was never our fortune to be at Trinity, either as a student or as a visitor even, but it may not be out of place, possibly, to say that we cherish for the high that school a hearty and inferior to that entertained by those who spent their student days in its halls.

An affecting incident. In giving an account of the Pitman Grove camp meeting, held near Glassboro, N. J., the Newark Journal says: "On Sunday morning Rev. Dr. Poisl, of Baltimore, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, preached to a large congregation."

The Macon (Ga.) District Conference passed resolutions heartily endorsing the Southern Christian Advocate under the able conduct of Rev. Dr. F. M. Kennedy. The committee, in making its report, gives utterance to the following truths which are applicable to all religious papers.

The New Church at Monroe.—The Monroe Enquirer, says: "Mr. J. T. Hart, contractor to build the Methodist Church in this place, has arrived here and commenced work on the building."

We have received an article from J. L. Mills, Esq., on "Compulsory Education," which will appear next week.

BISHOP MARVIN.

The Baltimore Methodist says "there are but few living preachers who exercise a more complete and yet gentle control over the whole man, than Bishop Marvin. The hearer is not only convinced but effected."

Second, the forcible illustrations and convincing logic with which he illumines his subject and enforces conviction, not only pointing out to his audience the beauty, usefulness and obligations of Christianity, but its philosophy as well.

Following excellent argument ad hominem we find in the N. Y. Independent: "The Baptist Weekly endorses a remark made by a Baptist minister of Boston at the moment sprinkling, instead of immersion, is admitted, or preached that moment rationalism is admitted."

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The most promising crop I saw, in a circuitous ride of 300 miles, was on the small farm of a gentleman who had lately sent his wife's pastor a barrel of corn.

We are indebted to Capt. R. T. Fulghum, Secretary of the N. C. Agricultural Society for a catalogue of the premiums, &c., to be awarded at the coming State Fair to be held in this city in October.

There will be a tobacco fair held in Greensboro on the 19th inst. A free barbecue will be given to which all are invited.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

It is stated that Mr. Beecher recently gave six thousand dollars to a church at South Falls, N. Y., and saved it from sale.

The Rev. Henry J. Fox, D. D., of Charleston, S. C., of our Church, has been elected Professor of Belles Letters in the University of South Carolina.

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THE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

NEWS DEPARTMENT.

ROBERT T. GRAY, Editor.

MARRIAGES.—Rev. Mr. Mangum, pastor of Edenton Street Church, preached last Sabbath morning from 1 Cor. 13:13.

It is allied to the peculiarities of each denomination, and while his denunciations contained nothing offensive, they were nevertheless clear, bold and decidedly in favor of the Methodist Church.

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GENERAL NEWS.

William Allen, the present Democratic candidate for Governor of Ohio, is Senator Thayer's man.

The Chicago Tribune has discovered the number of cases of insanity in that city has largely increased since the fire.

Senator Sprague is reported to have offered \$20,000 for the Kansas horse "stanglins," which is said to have trotted a mile in 2:10 over the Olathe track at Atchison, Kansas.

The steamship Petersburg, loaded with wheat, was wrecked off Bermuda during the night. An attempt had recently been made, but frustrated, to put 20,000 bushels of wheat in a bag of course, upon the market, as good as fresh.

A substitute for rubber is said to have been discovered in the gum of milk-weed, a kitchin plant, which is mixed with wax and other seeds, by a Canadian inventor.

A strong effort is being made by capitalists of Richmond, to reclaim the swamps of the Chickahominy. This will open up an immense tract of fertile land, equal to the famous Tule lands of California, and it seems strange they have not long since attracted the attention they merit.

A political orator, speaking of a certain General whom he admired, said he was always on the field of battle where the bullets were thick.

"Where was that?" "In the ammunition wagon."

"To what degree?" asked an inquiring friend of Mr. Beecher, "in your opinion at the judgment day is ignorance without being guilty?" That depends upon the person, replied Henry Ward, "some people are ignorant with a genius for ignorance."

The Milton Chronicle says a black tip-toe tip, was killed by a colored man in the plantation of Mr. Gunn on Iron River.

The following New Yorker has a lamentable name: Adolphus Robinson county. Adolphus, Robinson county. Adolphus, Robinson county. Adolphus, Robinson county.

Among the recent graduates of West Point who have been appointed to second lieutenancies in the U. S. A. are: Clark Galloway, Charlotte.

The Charlotte Military Institute was visited under the superintendency of Col. P. Thomas, with Gen. D. H. Hill, President of Mathematics, says the Observer.

Charlotte Observer says: "John Taylor living about four miles from Hillsboro, was getting on from the city, was ill, and had a cold, and had a copper head on his neck. He had failed to relieve him and a fatal result had followed."

The title of John Prince, the Mayor of Old Fort to Asheville, suggests the romance and novelty of the situation. He has driven the stage six to eight miles, and amid the logs and stumps of the night with no aid but the lightning, lighting that open to the biting winds and gorges below."

The Richmond & Danville Train, with a flock of sheep near Greensboro, and falling from the bridge, killed several persons belonging to Messrs. Rankin and Hill.

The Court House at Greensboro, which is completed and ready for occupancy, will convene in it on the 1st of September. The Missouri suit of the late Mr. Melancthon will amount to more than 100,000 dollars.

J. R. Campbell, a young man who delivered a course of lectures before the students of Columbia High School, at New York during the ensuing season.