

The Advocate.

RALEIGH, N. C.

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Persons visiting the City who wish to make payment for the Advocate, will please call at the store of Mr. S. H. YOUNG, on Fayetteville street.

Subscribers whose papers have a cross mark on them, are thereby informed that their subscription year is about to expire; and are respectfully requested to renew by forwarding \$1.50 to this office immediately.

The N. C. Christian Advocate will hereafter be sent to none, except to those who have PAID IN ADVANCE.

Off to the Mountains.

The Editor has gone to the mountain region of our Conference, and will be absent several weeks, in attendance upon camp meetings. Arrangements have been made to have the usual business of the office promptly attended to, during his absence; but all business and correspondence requiring his personal attention will have to await his return.

Do not Neglect it.

Unless we adhere to the cash plan, we cannot publish this paper. We tried the credit system six months, and lost nearly a thousand dollars.

We can publish on the cash system, unless the preachers and other friends of the church will press its claims upon the people, and use proper exertions to extend its circulation.

Recently our receipts have improved a little. Some of the preachers are sending in new subscribers.

But we need a great many more. The time for which a number have paid is expiring with every week; and unless an equal number of renewals or additions, be sent in, the consequences would be disastrous.

But we not only need a number every week to fill vacancies thus occurring; we also greatly desire a clear increase of about one thousand subscribers, as soon as they can possibly be procured. Within the past few weeks we have had a clear gain of nearly one hundred, through the efforts of about a dozen preachers, and whole-souled, large-minded laymen would at once go to work to solicit every member and friend of the church to take our Advocate, in two months we should have a circulation of 5000!

But our great difficulty is to prevail on those to whom the people look for zeal and activity in behalf of their own paper, to manifest a rapture of the interest which we must believe they feel in its behalf. Their apparent indifference, and their silence, bring the whole weight of their influence against the circulation of a paper to which the people regard them as pledged to give their influence.

But we will still toil on and hope on.—We will hope that the brother who lost the very best opportunity to obtain a score or two of subscribers at the camp-meeting, or half as many at the protracted meeting, may not omit any future occasions for such a service. We will hope that brethren, who have passed through so many meetings, without once publicly or privately mentioning the claims of our Advocate, may yet solicit each member to take the paper, and try to place a copy in every family.

We shall labor faithfully to make the N. C. Christian Advocate useful as auxiliary to the cause of Christ. If its subscription list be enlarged sufficiently, the paper will be improved in appearance. If its list be not considerably extended the paper will be discontinued.

Brethren, let your actions speak your appreciation of the value of a religious journal of our own. Go to obtaining subscribers and renewals. Send them on with the money. Let our Advocate live. The church needs it; the people want it. Its only peril is in the negligence of its friends.

A Model Subscriber.

Bro. Triplett forwards the money to renew the subscription of Dr. T., whose paper, we found on turning to his office had been discontinued. Of him Bro. T. says, "He holds on to his principle, pay in advance, and desires you to stick by yours. On this principle, he says he will be a life subscriber for the N. C. Christian Advocate." Right, brother—May you live a thousand years!

And may the same spirit spread light among all our readers!

Dr. Deems.

The Rev. Dr. DEEMS will preach at the Methodist Church, in this city, on Thursday night next, the 26th inst.

Fourth Page.

Do not omit to read the fourth page of this issue: it has several interesting communications.

A Letter from the Editor.

An Excursion to Warren—Missionary Collections—Review at Hebron—Hebron Circuit—A New Race Track—A Protracted Meeting—Raleigh and Gaston Rail Road.

DEAR BROTHER: On Saturday the 7th inst. I went over the Raleigh and Gaston Road to Macon, in Warren county. After spending the night at sister Egerton's, her son-in-law, Bro. Powell, took me in his carriage next morning to Hebron, a church on Warren circuit, six miles north of Macon. A protracted meeting was in progress, and I found Brethren Barrett, Joyner, and Brame, with a large congregation, ready to enter upon the services of the sanctuary. After the opening prayer, Bro. Barrett took up a collection for Missions, amounting to \$132.00. This amount was secured without effort; the people gave to the treasury of the Lord with cheerfulness.

Unless the brethren on other charges bestir themselves, Warren circuit will be the banner circuit this year, in the missionary cause; it will send up four or five hundred dollars. The congregation was so large as to crowd the colored people out of the gallery; and Bro. Barrett preached to them in the grove, while I tried to hold forth the word of life in the house. After an interval for dinner, Bro. Joyner preached; and during the services of Sabbath it became manifest that a revival was at hand. I spent the night, with many others, pleasantly, in the hospitable mansion of brother Nathan Milam; and on Monday the meeting was continued at the church. Bro. Tillett joined us and preached with good effect. Several souls were converted; some backsliders were restored to peace with God; the members generally were quickened into renewed life; and at the close in the evening a number of penitents were seeking mercy.—There was a prospect of a very genuine and extensive work of grace. The meeting was to be continued next day, and I trust has resulted in great good.

In the evening I rode with brother Tillett to Ridgeway, and spent several hours at the Parsonage. What a pity it is that just when Henderson circuit had procured an excellent parsonage, the wolf of discord should have come in to rend two appointments from the circuit! The transfer of the Virginia portion of our territory will render it necessary to reorganize several circuits; but it is very important to do this in such a manner as to preserve the parsonages on Henderson and Person circuits, as homes for the families of the traveling preachers. It will be gratifying to the friends of Methodism to know that peace prevails on Henderson circuit; and that successful measures are in progress to build a new church at Townsville, on the Clarksville Road.

Near midnight I took the cars from Ridgeway to Henderson; and finding Mrs. H. at the latter place, staid there until 2 P. M. Henderson is a pleasant place, most favorably located for the support of good schools. But alas! a race track is just opened; the effect of which will be to damage the schools, injure the morals, and depreciate the value of property in the village. The people in the town and country are looking forward with great expectations of good to a meeting including the 5th Sunday in August, at which Bro. Tillett expects to be aided by Bro. Deems and Bro. Lowe. They had better build a bar, as the large church at Rock Spring will not hold the congregation.

From Henderson, endeared to me by precious memories, I return home to spend three days—and then away for the mountains.

A word or two about the Raleigh and Gaston Rail Road, before I close. It is in first rate running order, and I presume the administration of the President, Dr. Hawkins, is satisfactory to the stockholders.—He makes every body "pay as they go;" the rates of fare, and the tariff of prices have been revised and made more favorable to the Company. Although the present tariff of freights is not higher, as I was assured by Dr. Hawkins, than on the Petersburg and other Roads, I learned from others that great dissatisfaction exists in Warren, and that about five hundred bushels of tobacco and thirty thousand bushels of wheat, which, under the old schedule, would have gone down the Rail road from Warren and Macon Depots, are now seeking a market by boats down the Roanoke to Gaston.

As you see, Yours truly, R. T. H.

SOUTHERN METHODISTS.—There are 21 colleges and institutions for young gentlemen; 28 for young ladies, 27 high schools for ladies; 16 mixed schools; and four academies for young men. The whole number of collegiate institutions is too great in proportion to the schools of lower grade. The whole value of the property owned or used by the Church for educational purposes, including libraries, apparatus, and buildings, is in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000. But this amount is much greater in proportion than the endowment fund. Figures come in the neighborhood of accuracy on this subject, the amount being, say, \$724,000, for the endowment of 40 collegiate institutions, and 47 schools of a lower grade. About \$300,000 of this amount belongs to one institution—the Southern University, Greensboro, Ala.

Haunted Houses and the Like.

Any time for more than half a century has the "haunted house" come to us among the rumors of the day. At no time within that period has one instance occurred when investigation presented the shadow of verity. When we speak of haunted houses, we speak also of ghosts, those personages being essential characters in the extremely farcical drama. We had a reputed house of this character, in which there were unaccountable knockings, in the County of N. Hanover, for a number of years. It turned out, at last, that the noise was produced by the action of a loose clapboard, affected by the wind. In the town of Wilmington, some 40 years ago, a house was beset by noises, such as the rattling of chains, &c., exciting great terror among some people. We looked for the mischievous thing, and found that a neighbor's dog, with a chain attached to his neck, was in the habit of paralyzing the premises at night. How many cases have passed under our observation we cannot tell; though we do assert, however, that every one of them ended in "moonshine," to quote a familiar word, expressive of nothingness.

Many years ago we glanced at a work by Sir Walter Scott, entitled "Demonology." The author gives a scientific description, so far as science can reach such things, of amazing perversion of vision and very erratic and wild imaginings. But if we recollect rightly, he left out the main spring and great mover of the deceptive machinery, the devil, who is a wonderful distorter of mental and physical views—in our night dreams, our day dreams; in the moments of his creating, of wrath, terror and despair; in the hours when the weakness and folly and cowardice of humanity, hold empire over all the high and noble qualities of man; and he who would, unmolested, face the embattled host, or see the avalanche descending, flies like a "stricken deer," before the shadowy creations of the prince of the power of the air.

The foundation of nervous excitement is laid in childhood, by the thoughtless and wicked practice of frightening infants into silence or obedience, by threatening the child with some sprite, invisible to the eye. Though these things are eradicated from the mind by religion or reason, they are never obliterated from the sensitive nerves, and that child, living to be 50 years old, will feel an indefinable thrill on entering a lonely and dark room at midnight. He is not afraid of any thing, but he cannot suppress adverse sensations entirely. Some readers know this to be a fact. Enough has been written against this practice; but the devil still has his way in this particular in very many families.

We feel as though we could write a volume of some size on this subject, every page of which would bear with great weight upon the foolish and frantic whimsies created by yielding to notions of the devil, and abandoning a reliance upon God. But we can only say so much as may cause our readers to think upon the subject and investigate for themselves. We do not remember of a single sentence in the Bible, either in the Old or New Testament, that sustains the superstition relative to ghosts; for we can have no haunted houses without them. The operations of the Witch of Endor come not within this pale. The fear the disciples entertained at the sea of Genesaret, at the induction of Peter and the exhibition to Thomas, show only that the corruption of childhood had engendered a dread of ghosts—or rather that the institutions of the devil were the same then as now. No where, unless we are very much mistaken, is the fact of an existent ghost promulgated in the Bible.

Young men and old men, boys and girls, when any thing is presented to your view, that you do not understand, see what it is. Do not be "scared" without a cause. If you know that the object presented is a wicked man or boy, a mad bull, a venomous reptile, or things of that sort, you will know how to avoid them. But pray do not run from that "airy nothing," a ghost.

Truth and Fiction.

A preacher in olden time, complained to a friend, as a matter of wonder, that the performances of GARICK, the great actor, should have so powerful an effect upon the auditory, who spoke only fiction, while his people were not affected, to whom he spoke the most important truths for time and for eternity. The reason is, said the friend, GARICK talks fiction as though it were truth, while you speak truth as though it were fiction.

There is much force and truth in the application of the moral of this anecdote. There are, indeed, many preachers whose utterance of the sublime and awful language of inspiration, is so mild and commonplace, as to induce the hearer to suppose that there is not so much in the matter after all. The speaker tells of the sufferings of Christ, of the awful and eternal destiny of those who die without a trust in his salvation, the amazing coincidences of the prophecies and their fulfillment, without emotion, instead of demonstrating in style and manner, which impassioned truths are expected to affect our humanity.

The Biblical Recorder.

Our friend James will accept our congratulations upon the improved appearance of the Recorder. The new suit of type seems to fit it well.

In the last issue of that paper, "a friend to Hefflin," wants to know if Rev. J. Tillett did not at Jerusalem last fall, baptize three persons as infants who had not professed faith in Christ—one about ten—another about twelve—and the other about sixteen years old. Answer: the two eldest were believers; the youngest was baptised as an infant. So we understood Bro. Tillett to say in the presence of others in Warren, who confirmed his statement. And who it would seem was so impressed by the arguments at Jerusalem last fall that he fears the parents will even force their adult children to infant baptism, "Hefflin" begs leave to state very explicitly, that Methodists will baptize children and unbaptized believers; but that we will not knowingly baptize an unconverted sinner of adulthood.

Query: Upon their own principles of believer's baptism, and of final perseverance—how is it that Baptists do not re-baptize reclaimed backsliders? If "final perseverance" be the true doctrine, it follows that the expulsion of a member is tantamount to the declaration that he has never been a genuine believer; and was not therefore fit for baptism. And if the expelled member be again received upon his old baptism, either faith as a condition of baptism, or the final perseverance of the saints, is repudiated.

"Hefflin" is concerned to find his "friend" in such a dilemma; and is sorry also that so respectable a person should borrow "cap and bells" from some dressmaker, and cry out that the Methodist press is "gagged." Should even the Bishops attempt innovations upon the rights of other members of the church, "a friend to Hefflin" would find this paper free to ring out a peal that should wake all this land to repress the usurpation. And now "Hefflin" bids his "friend" good bye.

Editor's Table.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF THE REV. VALENTINE COOK, A. M. With an Appendix containing his Discourse on Baptism. By Edward Stevenson, D. D., Nashville, Tenn.: Published for the Author by J. B. McFerrin, Agent—1858.

Valentine Cook entered the traveling ministry in 1788, and spent ten years in Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania, most of that time filling the office of presiding elder. In 1798 he was sent as a missionary to Kentucky, where he soon married and located. He settled near Russellville, and for more than twenty years preached Christ in the power of the Holy Ghost. He was a man of deep piety, extraordinary talent, and respectable literary acquirements; and his labors were blessed of God in a remarkable manner. From the imperfect materials which were placed at his disposal, Dr. Stevenson has made a "biographical sketch," which will be read with interest and profit by many, and preserve to the church the memory of a great and good man. The volume is beautifully printed on 201 pages of good paper; and we presume may be obtained from all the depositories.

NATIONAL MAGAZINE: The August number is at hand: upon the whole, superior to most of its predecessors, and well filled with articles and selections of high literary merit. Price \$2 a year, in advance. Address Carlton & Porter, 200, Mulberry street, N. York.

HOME CIRCLE: The August number is excellent: Dr. Huston enters upon his duties with new zest and energy. All the articles are good; and the Home Circle is, we think, the best Magazine extant for religious families. Terms \$2 a year in advance. Address J. B. McFerrin, Agent, Nashville, Tenn.: or pay the preachers, all of whom are Agents.

For the N. C. C. Advocate. To Members Of the Masonic Fraternity in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. FEMALE NORMAL SCHOOL, HIGH POINT, N. C. August 15th, 1858.

BRETHREN: I would respectfully call your attention to the above School, and state that I desire your co-operation in the work of educating such of the destitute female orphans, or children of Masons as wish to be teachers. I am willing to admit twenty-five such young ladies and credit them with the entire amount of tuition which you can teach and pay it. I would therefore enquire, 1st. Whether you can send any such to my School, and give or loan them the amount necessary for their expenses of board, books, &c. And, 2nd. Whether it could probably secure in your vicinity paying pupils, whose patronage would aid me in accomplishing the above work. Any aid you can individually render in this way will be thankfully received. I am now aiding several of the destitute orphans and daughters of Masons, as well as others, and will continue to do so, as far as my means and patronage will justify. Yours Fraternalty, Wm. I. LANGDON, Proprietor.

FIRE.—The Salem Peoples Press of Aug. 13, says: "On Wednesday night, about 11 o'clock, the dwelling and kitchen of Dr. Pendleton, at Midway, Davidson county, was consumed by fire, together with nearly all the valuable furniture. The fire originated in the kitchen, by accident."

The Cause of Missions.

For the N. C. C. Advocate. The Cause of Missions.

DEAR BROTHERS: A recent letter from the Treasurer of the Parent Society at Nashville, Tenn., prompts me to suggest to you the importance of making a strong and speedy effort to bring up your collections to the highest possible point for the present year. Our mission field is enlarging. It must be extended considerably within the limits of our own Conference. Old missions which have been unproductive and expensive may be broken up, but new fields which promise fruits, and there are many such, must be entered and cultivated. To meet the large and annually increasing expense of old and new, both at home and abroad, demands increasing liberality on the part of the Church, and additional effort on the part of the preachers.

Every one of you doubtless, feel anxious that our Conference shall not fall behind. It is true the late Gen. Conference has cut off from us nearly a whole District, (all the churches lying in Virginia) which last year contributed about \$900, but which this year must be reported to the Va. Conference, yet with a little extra effort, I am inclined to believe it can be made up in North Carolina. Let us do it, brethren. The Treasury in Nashville is now in want of funds. If collections do not come in especially, the Society must borrow largely. To prevent this, it is proposed that collections now in hand be forwarded forthwith. If any of the brethren have funds in hand, let them bring a Bank check, or other safe funds, and forward them, and I will report to the Treasurer at Nashville at once. Yours, &c. WM. E. PELL.

Salemfield, N. C. Aug. 8th, 1858.

New York Correspondence.

Rev. Aaron Hunt, a Methodist minister, recently deceased, was the oldest traveling Methodist minister in America, except Joshua Wells, of Baltimore, who, with Dr. Bings and Lahan Clark, are about all of the oldest class living. Mr. H. was converted at the Old John Street Church, and commenced preaching in 1799. He lived well and died in peace.

The Evening Post started a story—scandalous in its features—against Rev. Wm. P. Corbett, one of the most popular preachers in the city, especially among the Methodists, calculated to ruin him; but, upon investigation, the charges were found to be all false! An eminent Baptist minister in this city, some years since, was hurried innocently to his grave by similar charges.

A stranger would be amazed to see the number of gambling holes in this city—"they are legion"; and a Christian would be sore astonished to find, in what are called "Christianian Amusements," that "card playing" is one of the most common amusements, even in Methodist, Baptist, and Presbyterian families! Young and old either engage, sit round, sanction, or smile upon the game—some until one or two o'clock at night! Whether these families send their children to the gaming houses, or the gaming houses send them to these families, I don't know. The conversion of the notoriously wicked Robert Dale Owen is one of the miracles of the age and the present revival year—none need be discouraged now. Mayor Tiemann, Peter Cooper, and many other highly respectable citizens, have been recently grossly slandered by Stephen H. Branch, in his filly sheet the "Advocate." The result is, Mr. B has got to get out stone for a year or two! Mr. Leslie, for exposing the "Scylla and Charybdis" concerns, has been held to bail in several cases for alleged libels; but I think his case will be very different.—Business is very backward, but is now beginning to revive, and the crops generally encourage the hope that it will be good.—The mortality among children in the city is very great, being three fourths of all the deaths. Dr. Abel Stevens' Methodist History will be out in October, and is looked for with much interest.—The nett profits of the "Tribune," of this city, amount to \$75,000 a year—value of paper \$230,000.—The ten million treasury bonds were nearly all taken in this city, at about five per cent. premium. Money is abundant.

August 11, 1858. E.

Revivals.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT. Bro. M. J. Hunt reports a 12 days meeting at Gosport, closing on the 10th inst.—Twenty-eight joined the Church, eight of whom were colored. The number of converts not known. Fifty dollars were collected for missionary purposes. Brothers Hunt and Betts write jointly, that a meeting held at Salem, which commenced the 4th Sunday in July, was very prosperous. Twenty one colored and three whites joined the church.

TAYLORSVILLE CIRCUIT } August 5, 1858 }

Bro. HEELIN: Say to the friends of Zion that the Lord is reviving his work in this circuit. We commenced a meeting at Liberty on last Saturday, which will continue. We have had a gracious tract 19 have professed to obtain pardon, and 16 have joined the church, and many others are still crying for mercy. The church has been powerfully revived, and poor backsliders have been reclaimed; among whom was a Baptist minister who had formerly been a strong advocate of the doctrine of the final perseverance of the saints. The spirit of Elijah's God took fast hold upon him at this meeting, and he fell at the foot of the cross, confessing his sins. He affirmed that he knew he had been converted, but said that he had lost it all, and then was afraid that he would be lost forever. What will our Baptist friends say to this? Here is a living witness, and one of their ministers, who testifies, that one may, after having been converted to God, lose every spark of religion and again feel that he is a sinner exposed to death and hell.

You may say also that we have secured a house and lot at York Collegiate Institute, for a parsonage, in which we are now living. The house and lot cost us \$900; and we have raised a subscription of about \$700; it will get more, which is to be paid in to

Meet the payments of the parsonage, according to contract.

This will make the Alexander circuit a very desirable one.—To God be all the glory. It is proper that I should say that Bro. Barker and York labored with their usual zeal and success. Very respectfully, W. B. RICHARDSON.

MATTAMUSKET CIRCUIT } August 6th, 1858 }

Bro. HEELIN: Our Camp meeting held on Mattamusket Lake, has just closed.—The congregation was large from the commencement to the end, and on Sabbath it was thought to have been the largest concourse of persons that were ever convened together in Hyde. With a few exceptions, very good order was observed throughout; and a more than usual share of attention was paid to the ministrations of the word.

Brother Carson in his strength, and in the Spirit of his master, was present, and so also, were the following brethren, viz: Bros. Guthrie, Gibbons, Prof. Branson, Meacham, Newby, and all the local brethren on the circuit. A noble corps of spiritual soldiers; and nobly did they give evidence of their faith and prowess. They set forth the truth as it is in Jesus, with power, and in demonstration of the Spirit. And that which was so declared was found to be sharper than a two-edged sword, producing its own peculiar effect. Hence sinners were awakened and mourners converted, backsliders reclaimed, believers built up, and a season of general refreshing experienced by the Church.

We regard this meeting to have been one of great general benefit. The visible display of divine power, so remarkable at this meeting, cannot fail to shed a salutary and restraining influence as far beyond the pale of the church, as the sun sheds his light. I am truly glad to state that as a part of the precious fruits of this meeting we were enabled to witness the conversion of (it is thought) more than sixty souls, and the addition to our ranks of about fifty seven persons who offered themselves as probationers. We heartily pray that the work may still go on. To God be all the glory. Pray for us and our church. Your brother and fellow-laborer in Christ, W. M. B. MOORE.

EAST ROWAN CIRCUIT, } Aug. 11th, 1858, }

BROTHER HEELIN: I would say that your column that the good Lord is reviving his work on the East Rowan circuit. We have just closed our camp meeting at Providence Church, which resulted in the conversion of some eight souls among the whites, and a number of colored found penitents to their souls in Christ. To God be all the praise; amen. J. P. SKEENE.

AUGUST 16th, 1858.

Bro. HEELIN.—The Lord is blessing the church at Chapel Hill, with a gracious revival. Twenty two whites have professed—a number are yet seeking, and the prospect is brightening at every meeting. The work is reaching the students in the University. The interest is already deep, and is increasing among all ages and classes. Bro. Fisher, from Danville, is with me, laboring with a devotion that is noble, and with a success that few if any could achieve; for he has and deserves the full confidence and fervent affection of the people, both in and out of the church. May God forever bless him! We praise God for his merciful visitation, and pray for and expect abundantly more. Very truly your brother, A. W. MANGUM.

MISCELLANY.

WASHINGTON'S FAMILY BIBLE.—The agent of the Nashville Bible Society, Mr. R. M. Hawkins, has recently been distributing Bibles in Macon county, Tennessee, and while traveling through the county met with the old family Bible that played a part in Gen'l. Washington's chamber. Mr. Hawkins says: "I took it in my hands and examined it carefully, after which I read the 19th Psalm in family worship. I then asked the brother, how he came in possession of it. He said that at the General's death, his niece fell heir to the Bible. Previous to leaving Virginia, her son was taken sick and died. He waited on him until death. The old lady told him that she was getting old and must soon die, and that she had nothing to give him for waiting on her son save the old family Bible. He gladly received it and brought it to Tennessee with him on horseback. He told me that he would not take three thousand dollars for it. The gentleman lives in the town of Lafayette, Macon county, and his name is Col. Claiborne. You can't begin to imagine how I felt while turning over its leaves. I really felt and thought that I had found a precious jewel. It appeared to me that I would have given any price for it."

DISCOVERY OF A CHEST OF OLD COIN.—The London Court Journal has the following:—"A most interesting discovery, which, for obvious reasons, is sought to be kept a profound secret, has taken place in an old ruined house at Hill. An immense chest, full of gold and silver coins of English stamp, has been found concealed in one of the cellars, where it had been carefully walled up. From the papers and documents contained likewise in the chest it has become evident that the house was once inhabited by Bonaparte, who, when he had fled from the continent during the period wherein his whereabouts has always remained a puzzle to biographers and historians. In one of his letters he mentions that 'his retreat is convenient to the Seine.' And the house in question is found to possess a subterranean passage leading down to the water's edge. The money is evidently the result of the subscription raised by the party of the Pretender for the want of which the latter was prevented from striking a decisive blow."

AN INTERESTING ANNIVERSARY.—We are indebted to the Boston Daily Advertiser for the following interesting reminiscence, and equally interesting notice of an anniversary celebration: On the 5th of August, 1492, Christopher Columbus first sight of the Western highlands of Europe—which he was not to see again till he returned to give to Europe his gift of this New World. Three hundred and sixty years pass away, and on the same day the noblest vessel in the New World's navy comes in sight of the most eastern of the highlands of North America; and as the sun goes down she connects with the American shores the thread which gives Europe and America to each other. A majestic celebration of a great hero's faithful endeavor, at the end of a great year of years, it was made!