

The Advocate.

RALEIGH, N. C.

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Persons visiting the city and desiring to pay for the Advocate, will please call at the Editor's office, on Fayetteville Street.

In his absence, Mr. S. H. Young, Merchant, Fayetteville Street, and the Publisher, in the old Temperance Hall, are authorized to receive subscriptions.

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.

A Call to the Ministry.

The best essay upon the evidences of a call to preach, will be found in the experience of ministers. But preachers do not like to obtrude their personal experience upon the public; and we suggest to young men who are pondering this question, that they converse freely with such ministers as they are acquainted with; and to preachers, that they communicate freely with such brethren.

We repeat the charge of neglect by the church to pray for an increase of ministers. And we give extracts from a letter or two, in the hope that our readers may share the interest we felt in perusing them, and be moved to pray more frequently and fervently for the men who are considering whether God calls them to preach the Gospel.

The first is from a young man who has just yet decided the great question. He says:

"The most responsible station a frail man can occupy, is the office of a minister of the gospel. Under the influence of the Holy Spirit men are moved to cut loose from the world and preach the gospel. When a young man is thus desirous to go forth into the harvest, and is almost ready to forsake all for the cause of Christ, he is tempted to shrink from the responsibilities involved, and is allured by the world to compromise duty and seek wealth and honors. And there is danger lest he quench the Spirit by the abandonment of duty. And yet, in his severe mental struggle between interest and duty, how little prayerful sympathy does he find among Christians! How seldom is prayer offered for Divine aid, to those who are painfully pondering the question whether God calls them to preach the gospel."

Alas! it is too true; prayer is restrained and souls are lost. But, a word to this brother, and to others like him. You can pray; and God can answer. Rely not upon the prayers of men, but trust in God; and he will make the path of duty plain.

The next extract is from the letter of one who has already decided to enter the ministry, and is preparing for his solemn duty by study and devotion. It presents the trials of men in this position, in a way which should elicit prayer on their behalf. He says:

"I am using every means I can to make myself a holier and a wiser man. I give myself to prayer and to searching the Scriptures. I am sometimes greatly encouraged: I feel that the Spirit of God witnesses with my spirit that I am his. But then again, I feel as if spiritual religion had almost died out in my heart, and I experience the full meaning of Christian warfare.

The heavens are very bright sometimes, and then again they are very dark, and solemn as midnight when the storm ritheth abroad. Then it is that I pray most, with the deepest feeling and truest unction."

Does not this find an echo in the history of every minister of Christ?

A suggestion or two to young men who have resolved to preach, and are preparing.

1. Don't be long in preparation merely, but begin.

2. The best school of the prophets is the itinerant ministry. Christ established this school, and taught his disciples in it.

3. Knowledge, if kept in stagnation too long, like the manna in the wilderness, corrupts.

4. If you hold back to burst upon the church like a meteor, like a meteor you will go out quickly.

5. Be content to begin in humility, and simply aim at the salvation of souls. Position, influence, power, will all come in good time, if God will. He who would go up in the ministry, without the hand of God to lead him, will at last find himself on the top of the Tarpeian rock, and plunge down, by an act of eternal suicide. His own act consummates his ruin.

6. Devotion, self-denial, diligence, humility, toil, will secure honor from God, and peace "which passeth understanding."

Presbyterian Convention.

A Convention of deacons and elders of the Presbyterian Church met in this city on Tuesday night of last week, and adjourned on Wednesday. Matters of interest to that denomination were discussed; and the spirit of harmony and devotion prevailed.

Missionary Certificates.

We are receiving requests to send certificates of life membership, to persons who gave \$20, to the Missionary Society last year. We will comply so soon as the Secretary sends the documents.

By the way, we learn that the name of Hubbard Milton Foard should have been reported, as a life member; his father, Bro. O. G. Foard, of Rowan circuit, having contributed \$20 with that understanding. May the blessing of the Father of missions rest upon the boy!

Sewing Machines.

Our lady readers will pardon us for again suggesting that they should use sewing machines. Our friends J. & F. Garrett, of Greensboro', N. C., offer the "Quaker City sewing machine" for \$50. We do not desire to obtrude an opinion upon the fair readers of the Advocate. But we venture to suggest to the husbands that these sewing machines possess several advantages over the old sort, heretofore used in North Carolina:

1 They make no hills at the stores. 2 They do not dip snuff. 3 They do not scold. 4 They do a great deal of work in a short time.

And by reason of these singular advantages, we think the machines offered by Messrs. Garrett of Greensboro', N. C. are entitled to a large sale.

Back Numbers.

We continue to receive orders for back numbers of the Advocate. We have none on hand, and regret that we are unable to comply with such requests.

Methodist Pulpit South.

We have heretofore advised our readers to procure a copy. We reiterate the suggestion; but add, that if they will wait until April or May, they will find a new edition at Pomeroy's in this city, with a sermon in it from the Rev. N. F. Reid, of the N. C. Conference. The Methodists of North Carolina would prefer that edition of this attractive volume.

Engraving of the General Conference.

A letter from Mr. W. L. Smithson just received, states that his great picture of the late General Conference is approaching completion. He says: "I have received a proof sheet from the engraver. It presents a pleasing appearance; and I am satisfied it will, when completed, be one of the finest and most attractive engravings in the world. Several of the likenesses, though not half advanced, seem even in their present state to be perfect."

Rev. James Patterson.

On the first page is a brief memorial of this "father in Israel," prepared by his old friend and comrade, Rev. Peter Doub, D. D.

Dr. Doub was placed on the "Committee on Memoirs" at the last session of our Conference. The Committee was permitted to report, after adjournment; and this memoir is an official document.

Father Patterson was a "giant in his day;" and we trust this memorial will survive to latest generations. "The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance."

A Summer Residence.

To such of our readers in the lower part of the State as desire to purchase a healthy summer residence near Raleigh, the advertisement of Mr. H. B. Whitaker offers a rare opportunity. See his advertisement on next page.

Quick Work.

The Alabama Conference resolved to establish a Depository at its late session, and appointed Rev. J. Hamilton and Rev. P. P. Neely agents to obtain the necessary funds. The Agents announce, in the last N. O. Christian Advocate, that they have already secured \$25,000, and will immediately open a Depository in Mobile.

The N. C. Conference also has an agent in the field, for the same purpose. Let us emulate the liberal example of our Alabama brethren. Our people will furnish the stock needed for a Depository in Raleigh. Why not do it at once? "A word to the wise,"—you understand.

Dr. Boring.

He was a member of the Georgia Conference. He went to California as a missionary; and after several years of effective service, returned to the Georgia Conference, having become involved in pecuniary embarrassment, by becoming personally responsible for the erection of a Church building in Sacramento.

He has taken a transfer to the Rio Grande Conference; and the last Texas Advocate announces his arrival at San Antonio, the field of his labor this year. No man will better appreciate the stupendous interest of the Church, and of its head, in that mission; and none could be more faithful to the duties assigned him.

Duplin Circuit.

The Quarterly meeting, and dedication of the new church at Kenansville, will include the 3rd Sunday in March; not the 2nd Sunday, as we announced, by mistake, last week.

The Leisure Hour.

Mr. T. B. Kingsbury, the accomplished Editor, has retired from this Journal; and the proprietor, Mr. F. K. Strother, has sold out to Mr. O. P. Copeland.

The terms are \$2 a year, in advance.—Address the proprietor, Oxford N. C.

Mr. Kingsbury is one of the best belle lettre scholars of his age. He has kindly promised to contribute original articles and selections to the columns of the Advocate. The first instalment will appear next week, over the initial "K."

The Legislature.

This body adjourned sine die on last Thursday morning. As a number of our readers are citizens of the State, and take no other paper, we insert on the outside, the *Captions of the Laws*, from which some estimate may be made of the labors of the recent session. The Revenue Bill will attract general attention, and perhaps many may object to its provisions; While we offer no opinion upon the provisions of the Bill, we are free to say that the taxes should be large enough to gradually extinguish the State debt and complete the system of internal improvement.

Editor's Table.

"PLEASANT HOURS.—By Rev. John Bayley, Richmond; 1858."

This excellent book has reached a second edition. Of its merits we have spoken before. Its pages beam with the bright spirit of cheerful piety. The hours given to its perusal will be both pleasant and profitable.

For sale at the Richmond Depository.

"THE IMPENDING CRISIS OF 1860.—By H. Mattison, of the Black River Conference."

This large tract is devoted to the slavery discussion, now raging in the Northern Methodist Episcopal Church. With great earnestness and ability, the author conclusively proves that our northern brethren tolerate slave-holding members; and with less success, he endeavors to show that the General Conference of 1860 should "extirpate" what he calls the "evil." It is a violent abolition tract, of the worst type. No thanks to the author for sending a copy. We want no more of them. Demagogues North and South, in Church and State, have too long disturbed the peace of the country by clamours about slavery. Away with them.

New York Correspondence.

Orphan Children.—Dr. Cheever on trial.—The venerable Dr. Bangs on and.—Dr. Milburn also singled out.—Prayer Meetings.—Sunday Lectures.—The Eclipse.

A great cry has been recently raised about the children which, "The Ten Governors of the Islands" pasture out from the Orphan Asylum. It appears that many of them are let out to women who are poor, careless, dirty mean, and some of them thieves! In searching the house of a woman for stolen goods, three cradles with these helpless little creatures, were drawn out, and proved to be from the "Island." This started the inquiry, and will doubtless greatly improve their condition, which was terrible. There are hundreds put out this way, and a certain amount per week paid for them. Some women taking as many as four and five in addition to as many of their own.

There is now a session of fifteen congregational churches, assembled here by delegations to try to straighten up that very crooked disciple, Dr. Cheever. The council declared the church out of order, and ordered regular letters to be given to all the dismissed members. It is to be hoped that they may restore him to some of his former good sense; but it is doubtful, as he is now preaching on "the great cause of slavery" in his ultra sarcastic way. If no good could come out of "Nazareth," none will certainly ever come out of "Abolitionism." A putrid, offensive sore, gathering its stench from a diseased carcass. A few evenings since, an unusual number of persons were seen centering their forces in Irving Place, making, as it appeared afterward, the centre of their operations, the house of Lemuel Bangs, son of the Rev. Dr. Bangs, as inoffensive a man perhaps as any in the city. The number increased and no notice was given of the design of such an unusual, and to all appearances, unlawful assemblage, till finally the house was well nigh filled, and without one word of warning, Bishop James, a man whom no one would ever have thought capable of assault and battery, approached the venerable Doctor, in the house of his own son, and with a heavy loaded cane (assisted by Dr. Carlton, one of the Book Agents) he literally, without a single effort on the part of those present to prevent it, discharged its contents at the heart of the astounded author of the "History of Methodism." But Providence which overrules all things for the best with good men, so interposed on this occasion as to partly turn the contents from the Doctors heart, and they mercifully lodged in his right hand to the seeming great joy of all present, and when he had sufficiently recovered from the sudden attack, he found himself seriously affected, but not dangerously, as he had two thousand dollars more than when Bishop James made the first pass at him with the stick! These Methodists are strange people sometimes. N. B. The Doctor has so

far recovered as to feel better. Dr. Milburn was similarly served a few weeks since, but by a different weapon. A large pear was aimed at his head, but in order to keep his brains in his own church, and though he did not see the "fruit of his labors," by a slight elevation just at that moment, of his body, the pear fell below the mark, and fortunately, lodged in his pantaloons pocket, after a short address marked with feeling, he found a six hundred dollar bill, which he managed to appropriate without any serious or unpleasant results. O Lord revive this work in the hearts of many "Methodists," throughout the land.

The Old John Street Church holds three regular prayer-meetings each day. In several churches extensive revivals are in progress, especially in the Green and Bedford Street Churches. A good religious feeling is everywhere prevalent.

The Roman Catholic Sunday lectures have proved, comparatively, a failure, not more than five hundred persons attending them. While thousands flock to the Academy of Music.

The eclipse of the moon this morning at 5 o'clock, was perfect and beautiful—not a cloud intervening.

Yours truly,

J. M. E.

February 17, 1859.

Card.

FEMALE NORMAL SCHOOL, HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA.

Having been informed that it is reported that we cannot accommodate any more pupils in this Institution, we would state that such is not the fact; that although there has been quite an increase the present session, yet we are prepared to accommodate any number that may come. We will still admit young ladies of limited means, and credit them for their tuition until they can teach and for it.

WM. J. LANGDON, Proprietor, Feb. 15, 1859.

Greensboro' District.

The Joint Board of Finance at the last session of our Conference assessed \$580 to this District. At the District Stewards Meeting that sum was apportioned to the several churches as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Church Name and Amount. Includes Greensborough (\$60), Davidson (\$60), Yadonville (\$60), Lenoir (\$60), Wentworth (\$50), Guilford (\$45), Alamance (\$40), Ashboro' (\$40), Franklinville (\$40), Stokes (\$40), Forsythe (\$40), Nor Col. and High Point (\$25), Winston (\$50).

Total, \$580 09

Will each preacher clip this from the Advocate and preserve it, or make a note of the amount apportioned to his Circuit or Station, so that he may refresh his memory when his claim upon his people is presented to them? Please brethren, also attend to this collection early in the year, and at some favorable time to reach the hearts and pockets of our people. Let all have an opportunity of giving to support the worn out preachers, their widows and orphans, and urge them to do it. Surely the members of our Church, many of whom are rich, will contribute enough to raise these amounts on all the Circuits and Stations if the matter is presented properly. What say you brethren and sisters of the Church? Many of you read our paper and will read this. Let the preacher, when he comes to your Churches sometime during the Spring, have the pleasure of receiving from you, unsolicited, the amount necessary to meet this first claim upon your benevolence. Let us this year wipe the stain from the Church within the bounds of our Conference of half supporting our supernumerated preachers, their widows and orphans.

The District Stewards also elected Bro. Samuel S. Harrison, the Steward from Yadonville Circuit, to represent this District in the Joint Board of Finance at the next session of our Conference, and Bro. Isaac Gibson, Steward from Stokes Circuit, Alternate. These brethren, as well as the preachers, will receive contributions, and pass them to the Board of Finance.

N. H. D. WILSON.

MISCELLANY.

NEW CHURCHES.—The Methodists of Richmond, Va., propose to build a new church, at the northwest corner of Broad and 18th street, at a cost of \$20,000. The members of old Trinity also propose to erect a new building, in a more favorable location; and the pastor, Rev. J. A. Duncan, has secured about \$10,000, as a beginning, for this purpose.

DEAD.—Col. Chas. S. Morgan, for many years Superintendent of the Va. Penitentiary, died in Richmond, last week.

LOUISIANA.—A census, just completed, shows the population to be 629,875; being an increase since 1850, of 113,116.

CALIFORNIA.—According to the Governor's Message, the State of California has a population of 538,000 persons.

PREACHING WITH GREAT SUCCESS.—Elder Knapp, the revivalist, is preaching with great success at Dayton, Ohio.

MOUNT VERNON.—Miss Ann Pamela Cunningham, announces in behalf of the Mount Vernon Ladies Association of which she is Regent, that the sum \$117,000

has been raised towards the purchase of Mount Vernon.

SENT HOME.—At the quarterly examination at West Point, fourteen of the new Cadets failed to stand the first of the examinations, and were sent home. This is about the usual number of Congress candidates by members of Congress and political and social grounds than on the fitness of the young men to receive the honors and benefits of the Institution.

NEW CANDIDATE.—The Bowling Green Standard has hoisted the name of James Guthrie for President in 1860.

SLANDER.—The Supreme Court of Massachusetts, in a recent decision in a case of slander, said it was no defence, that the party sued had only repeated a common name. If the story is false and slanderous, it is repeated at the person's peril. Its power of mischief is in its circulation and the repetition of the story gives it its currency, and without an expression of disbelief, will confirm it.

POCKET AGRICULTURE.—Lord Kames, in a conversation with his gardener, one day said, "George, the time will come when a man shall be able to carry the manure for an acre of land in one of his waistcoat pockets;" to which the gardener replied, "I believe it, sir; but he will be able to carry all the crop in the other pocket."

A WEALTHY FUGITIVE.—The Haytian fugitive Souleque, though driven from his empire, has managed, during his reign, to lay an anchor to windward. It is stated that he has \$500,000 securely invested in Europe, and owns more than a hundred houses in Hayti, besides having a large amount of money and valuables with him.

NO ARISTOCRAT.—Edward Everett says "for myself, I am no aristocrat. I do not own a quadruped larger than a cat, and she an indifferently mouset, nor any kind of vehicle, with the exception, possibly of a wheelbarrow."

SUDDEN DEATH.—Dr. Joseph Tozno, a native of Corsica, and formerly Professor of Modern Languages at the University of Va., fell dead in the porch of his residence at Abbeville, S. C., on the 5th inst.

REMOVED RESIGNATIONS.—It is rumored that Chief Justice Taney and Judge McLean intend resigning their seats on the bench of the Supreme Court. Both are very aged and in infirm health, the Chief Justice being over eighty years of age, and Judge McLean over seventy-six.

QUEEN VICTORIA A GRAND-MOTHER.—Queen Victoria, who will not be forty until next May, has become entitled to the venerable title of "grand-mamma." On the 27th of January, precisely a year and a day after her marriage with Prince Frederick William of Prussia, the Princess Royal became the mother of a boy. The news reached Windsor Castle, from Berlin, exactly six minutes after the event. Had the Atlantic cable been at work, America would have had the news some four or five hours before the noted time of its occurrence in Prussia!

UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.—A letter from Bishop Polk, of Louisiana, to the Winchester, (Tenn.) Home Journal, that he and Bishop Elliott have begun the work of raising the endowment fund for the University of the South, and are meeting with the most decided encouragement. In one week over \$75,000 was subscribed. The best of feeling seemed to prevail in behalf of the University, and its friends are more confident than ever of its success.

ST. PAUL'S THORN.—Some expositor says it was a disease of the eyes. The reasons are: there is an intimation of the derangement of the visual organs in the account of his conversion; he did not write his own epistles, except a very small part, and this was traced in large, rude characters; he said, "For I bear you record that if it had been possible, ye would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me."

CHANGES.—Two centuries ago not one in a hundred wore stockings. Fifty years ago not a boy in a thousand was allowed to run at large at night. Fifty years ago not one girl in a thousand made a waiting-maid of her mother. Wonderful improvement in this wonderful age.

SOME ONE SAYS OF THE NEWSPAPER.—"Salutary as the physician, edifying as the parson, refreshing as the morning dew, fragrant as the flowers, and punctual as the milk man, drops in upon the vacant or weary man, morning or evening—the daily newspaper. A great institution! Mighty product of the toil of editors, reporters, correspondents and compositors!"

THE NEW PRESIDENT OF HAYTI.—Gedford, the new President of the Republic of Hayti, is a man somewhat advanced in years. His hair is gray, and he has the appearance of having seen a good deal of life. He is at least 50 years old. He is nearly black, but still has some white blood in his veins.

NIGHT CAPS.—A divorce case is now on the legal tapis in Cincinnati between two parties, both of whom are young, and married but three years, whose disagreement arises out of a night-cap, which the wife insisted upon wearing in spite of her husband's wishes, petitions, tears, threats, oaths, and commands.

MISSIONARIES TO JAPAN.—We heretofore mentioned that the Rev. Mr. Brown, as a missionary to Japan. The Presbyterian board have also appointed the Rev. Dr. Hepburn and wife missionaries to Japan. They were formerly missionaries in Siam, and are acquainted with the Chinese language.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.—The Prince of Wales, it is expected, will return to England in July. Next year, of course, we may expect the young Prince to take an important place in all the principal proceedings, of court and fashion. After his next birthday, the young Prince will be entitled to take his seat in the House of Peers.

THE DALGHREN GUNS.—The English shak gun will carry a thirty-two pound shot about five miles. One of the Dalghren guns was tried, not long since, at Norfolk, and was found to carry a shot, of the same size, over six miles. The fire from some of these guns is so precise that upwards of a mile, they can hit a figure

of the size of a man nineteen times out of twenty.

THE UNITED STATES ARMY.—The Army Register for 1859 has just made its appearance. We find that our present force of regulars consists of nineteen regiments, all told, as follows: The regiments of infantry, averaging ten companies of seventy men each; four artillery, averaging twelve companies of about fifty men each; one of mounted riflemen, two of cavalry, and two of dragoons, each of the latter numbering ten companies of about sixteen men. It would be difficult to arrive at a correct estimate of the actual fighting material at the disposal of the War Department, but, we presume, the entire strength of our army is little over or under 16,000. The Register shows the grand aggregate of the militia, all told, to be 2,724,426.

LITERARY.—The first volume of the "Life of James Madison," edited by Hon. Wm. C. Rives, of Virginia, is ready for the press, and is to be issued in the spring.

SERIOUS SPLIT IN A CHURCH.—A serious split has occurred in the Baptist church at Jackson, Tennessee. It originated from the fact that the minister, Rev. Aaron Jones, several weeks ago invited the Rev. J. R. Graves to take a seat in his pulpit. The excitement ran so high that citizens having no connexion with the church, took the matter in hand, ousted both parties, and nailed up the window and doors.

A CHANGE.—Rev. Mr. Dod, for many years pastor of the Presbyterian society at Princeton, New Jersey, has applied to be received as a candidate for holy orders in the Protestant Episcopal church in the diocese of New Jersey.

SUDDEN DEATH.—On Friday morning, Dr. Albert P. Woodson, an eminent physician of Petersburg, Va., died instantly of apoplexy, while seated in the Reading Room of the Library Association. He was fifty years of age.

DEATH OF THE HISTORIAN HALLAM.—Henry Hallam, the illustrious historian, died in London, Jan. 18th. He was almost the last survivor of that illustrious band of prose writers whose works may be said to have reached the early part of the 19th century.

LIBERAL BEQUEST.—The will of the late Thomas Riley, of New York, bequeaths \$50,000 to various charitable and religious institutions.

IN FULL BLAST.—San Francisco has, every Sunday night, English, French, and German theatres in full blast. Probably no other city in the world, of 70,000 population could say as much.

EDUCATED ABROAD.—At one Medical College in Philadelphia, there are 85 students from Virginia, 57 from North Carolina, 48 from Georgia and 18 from Tennessee.

TWENTY THREE ITEMS.—Sunday schools have been commenced in Russia solely by voluntary efforts.

Religious revivals are noticeable events in many of the cities and villages of Minnesota. There are 311 miles of railroad, in the aggregate, completed in Iowa.

Very important matter that is now brought up in Congress is settled by King Cane.

An "Old Bachelor's Convention" is announced to be held in New Haven, in the latter part of February next.

The Cleveland Plaindealer proposes to get Cuba by swapping New England for her.

The mortality of Buffalo during 1858 was 1,742—in 1857 it was 2,286.

Serious fears of a forthcoming famine in Mexico are entertained. For over a year very little corn has been planted or gathered.

The cost of each letter sent to San Francisco by the overland route, is estimated at sixty-five dollars.

In the executive departments and bureaus of government at Washington, there are now employed 13,020 persons.

There are five companies of Chinamen in California, with over 50,000 members enrolled.

None of the natives of South Africa can tell how old they are. If asked their age they reply: "Does a man remember when he was born?"

A train of cars ran into a funeral train, at Worcester, Mass., recently, and two women were killed.

The world is a great treadmill, which turns all the time, and leaves no choice but to sink or climb.

The police of New Orleans have entered into a mutual agreement not to drink in a coffee-house nor in a public bar-room during the present year.

The Mississippi legislature has passed a law granting divorces to all parties who have lived separate three years.

The Cincinnati Commercial says the present winter will witness "the running out of the last sands of the lecture system."

The Buffalo Express says that no less than fifty-three propellers are being constructed to navigate the New York canals next summer.

The battle-sword of Gen. Israel Putnam was recently presented to the Connecticut Historical Society.

The State of Arkansas has not a single telegraph wire within her borders. A project is on foot for establishing one between Memphis and Little Rock.

A French physician has discovered that whooping cough is the result of suppressed cutaneous eruptions, and yields invariably to the production of an external rash.

The Great Eastern steamship, at London, is now being fitted for sea. For this purpose the admission of persons aboard was prohibited on the 18th of December.

The people of Wisconsin have expended half a million of dollars more for the education of their youth, during the past ten years, than the entire cost of sustaining the State Government. This is a fact so honorable to them that it should be made of lasting record.

NORTH CAROLINA ITEMS.

MURFREESBORO.—The Wesleyan Female College has 120 pupils most of whom are professors of religion. The location of that excellent institution is very convenient to most of the eastern counties.

CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS.—We learn that the Lutheran Congregation, shortly to be

organized in this place, has purchased the Methodist Church Building, and will have stated worship according to the forms of the Lutheran Church.

The Methodist denomination is making arrangements for erecting a new and handsome Church edifice on Tryon street.

EXECUTION.—A negro named Jim, convicted sometimes since of the murder of his master, J. D. Robbins, was executed at Wilson, N. C., on Friday last. An immense crowd was in attendance. The culprit confessed his guilt on the scaffold.

FREEDOM PURCHASED.—Benjamin Jones, the fugitive slave from Wilmington, N. C., whose escape at New London, Conn., last summer, caused some excitement here, is now free—having been purchased by Captain Potter, of the schooner Eliza Potter, from which vessel it will be resold, he escaped.

PATENTS.—Among the patents issued from the United States Patent Office on the 1st inst., were the following:

J. B. Martin, of Wilmington, North Carolina, for improvement in apparatus for increasing the draught of furnace.

Albert Sheek, of Smith Grove, North Carolina, for improvement in dressing mill stones.

SALEM, N. C., LIGHTED WITH GAS.—On Saturday night last, Mr. Fris's store, was brilliantly illuminated, for the first time, with gas. The buildings that are so far lighted with gas are Fris's factories, dwelling house and store, the Academy buildings and residence of Rev. Robt. DeSchweinitz, and the dwelling house of Mr. J. Fulkerson.

MR. VERNON'S LECTURE.—Hort H. W. Miller, Esq., delivered a most able and vigorous lecture before the Raleigh Literary Association, at Weldon, on Saturday.

DEAD.—Sam'l V. Morton, for many