

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 Great Missionary Meeting.

On Wednesday of last week a meeting on behalf of the China Mission was held at Trinity College.

One of the alumni, Rev. M. L. Wood, had accepted an appointment to the China Mission; and his brethren of the Society of Alumni desired to signalize his departure to that distant field by some expression of regard for him, and of appreciation for the great enterprise to which he had devoted himself. And from this came the suggestion of a public missionary meeting on the day preceding Commencement. The Faculty of the College cheerfully consented to give place for the meeting, without abridging the scholastic exercises appropriate to the occasion; and the meeting was held in the College Chapel on the afternoon of Wednesday.

The meeting was organized by calling Dr. James E. Williamson, of Caswell to the chair; and was opened with reading the scriptures by Rev. W. H. Bobbitt, and prayer by Rev. John N. Andrews. Rev. M. T. Yates was then introduced to the audience, and in an address replete with fervent piety, good sense, and personal experience as a missionary to China, he riveted the attention of all for—well, we do not know how long; the deep interest felt by hundreds caused them to forget to notice the flight of time, and to feel regret that he did not speak on. Bro. Yates is a Baptist Minister, who has spent twelve years as a faithful and successful missionary at Shanghai. He is now on a visit to his friends in North Carolina, and expects to return to China in a few months. He is one of the few, who belong to the whole church; and his visit to Trinity College was blessed of God to the advancement of the great cause which is dear to all Christians.

The next speaker was Rev. M. L. Wood, our missionary and representative in China. He gave a history of his own experience of grace, of his call to the ministry, and his call to China. The transparent earnestness, the spirit of devotion to Christ, and the solemn, cheerful common sense of the speaker, gave assurance of his divine vocation to this work, and enlisted the zeal of the large auditory in sustaining him by ardent prayer and liberal donations. It is enough to say that those who saw and heard him, were made to feel they would support him for life in China. And many of us felt like the disciples who hung upon the neck of the apostle to the gentiles, and wept most of all that they should see him no more.

Bro. Allen, of the Georgia Conference, who has also been devoted to the China Mission, then gave a brief account of his call to the missionary work. He is evidently a man of deep piety, of good education, and of good common sense, having all the qualifications of a useful missionary. The union of Allen and Wood in this great work will confirm the unity of the two Conferences, leaving no place for rivalry, except in the fraternal strife to be foremost in every good work.

Dr. Schon, the Missionary Secretary, then followed in a brief address of unusual eloquence and power, in behalf of Missions; and Dr. Deems closed by a happy appeal to the liberality of the audience. The amount contributed in cash and subscriptions was \$285 00. But the good effect of this missionary meeting is beyond computation in any earthly currency. Its moral influence upon the pious young men of the College will call other missionaries to the field. And the vast auditory which listened to all the addresses cannot help feeling and doing more for missions. The presence of the God of missions was felt in the hearts of his children.

The world must be converted to Christ; and the missionaries must come from our Colleges. It is the happy destiny of Trinity College to have signalized the consummation of its union with the N. C. Conference by giving one of its graduates to the cause of missions, and witnessing the greatest missionary meeting ever held in North Carolina.

Washington District.

Rev. J. T. Wyche, P. E. of Washington District, desires to amend the published list of his appointments, so as to make it thus: Neuse Circuit, at Broad Creek, August 20 and 21. Neuse Mission, at Swift Creek August 27 and 28.

Editorial Recreation.

The Editors of our church papers have less rest, and they have more to do, than any other Editors. The following, from the Western Christian Advocate, precisely expresses our own experience: "But then an editor has such a nice time making excursions through the country. Are not those real vacations to him? These things are pleasant, to travel four or five hundred miles a week, preach three or four times, see some old friends, and form some new ones; but it is anything else than a vacation, especially with that everlasting eye behind him, or before him, as the case may be, 'copy'—just so many words and letters to fill the paper must be had, sick or well, at home or abroad. And then what if an editor's brains, like a balky horse, refuse to work, and no amount of beating can move them? What's then to be done? But do their brains ever get so bad? Why not? Why should not a man's brains, like his horse, get tired, if driven too hard and too long without rest? The continuous exercise of the brain tends more certainly and rapidly to the exhaustion of the body than almost any physical exercise that might be named."

Dancing.

The Protestant Episcopal Church in North Carolina, is the great patron of dancing. But it is not a proper exponent of that church, in its practice on this subject. The Rev. Dr. Brooke, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Springfield, thus writes on dancing: "The dance is a most fascinating amusement to young people of lively temperament, with a quick ear for music, and the requisite bodily agility. Persons of middle age, who have lost their relish for the amusement, may smile at it as a serious obstacle, and talk coolly of the ease with which it may be relinquished. But they must be persons of naturally calm temperament, or they must have forgotten the ardor of their youthful days. Dr. Adam Clarke, the learned commentator, gives his personal experience and observation on the subject in the following words: 'I learned to dance. I grew passionately fond of it; would scarcely walk but in measured time. . . I grew impatient of control, was fond of company, and wished to mingle more than I ever had done with young people. I in no case ever kept any improper company; nevertheless, dancing was to me a perverting influence, an un-mixed moral evil. It drowned the voice of a well instructed conscience, and was the first cause of impelling me to seek my happiness in this life. And I can testify that, as far as my own observations have extended, and they have had a pretty wide range, I have known it to produce in others the same evils it produced in me. I consider it, therefore, as a branch of that worldly education which leads from heaven to earth, from things spiritual to things sensual, and from God to Satan. Let them plead for it who will, I know it to be evil, and that only.'

Books Wanted.

We are receiving orders for books, mostly Sunday School books, almost every week. Entering laymen, wisely zealous for Sunday Schools in their respective localities, order books from the Editor, under the very natural assumption that there must be a supply of such publications somewhere in Raleigh.

But the assumption is contrary to fact; with humiliation, we are obliged to confess that there is no depository of Methodist books in this city, nor in this Conference. While scores of Sunday Schools, and thousands of families in North Carolina demand our church literature, it must be confessed that our membership have not hitherto had the liberality to invest part of their ample means in the establishment of a Methodist Book Depository. There is an open field. The demand for our books is pressing. More than a hundred preachers, traversing all our borders, are ready to act as agents. This paper would give all its influence to such an enterprise.—The dearest interests of the church are suffering, while rival churches are occupying the field which we neglect to cultivate.—When will the Methodists of North Carolina learn wisdom? How long shall our stinginess be our reproach?

Stock in the Depository proposed to be established in this city, will be a safe investment. It will pay a dividend; and it will advance the cause of Christ. For the people to order books, and refuse to furnish the capital in stock for the Depository, is the folly of expecting the harvest without having sown the seed.

We have no depository, and we have no books to sell, and we cannot get blood from turnips, nor fill orders for books until that stock is taken.

Brethren, rise up, and work for yourselves by furnishing the means to build up a Depository of Methodist Books in Raleigh.

Bishop Soule.

As different statements of the age of the venerable senior Superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, have been published, we say, by authority, that he will be 78 on August 1. His health is good; and on all matters of the past, his mind is strong and clear and reliable as ever.

Statistics of Methodism.

From the Christian Advocate & Journal, we condense the statistics of Methodism, as follows:

Members	956,555
Traveling preachers	6,502
Local preachers	7,530
Total	970,587
Southern M. E. Church; Members	700,000
Traveling preachers	2,771
Local preachers	4,984
Total	707,555
The parent colony of Wesleyan Methodists, under the care of the British and Colonial conferences, according to the Minutes of 1858, are as follows:	
British Conference; Members	277,091
Ireland	19,496
Foreign stations	64,844
French Methodists,	1,446
Australian Methodists	24,401
Canadian Methodists	40,337
British Amer. Eastern Con.	13,511
Probationers	441,600
Total	482,446
Ministers (including supernumerary's)	2,450
Number of local preachers not given, but probably not less than	15,000

Besides the great parent bodies in England and America, there are in both countries several other denominations, which now present no inconsiderable figure in the statistics of Methodism.

The Methodist New Connection has, members, (including Canadian increase) 26,002 Ministers 177 The primitive Methodists have, members 116,216 Circuit preachers 609 The United Methodist Free Churches have, Members 43,661 Circuit preachers 139 The Wesleyan Reformers, who still remain independent Methodists: Number not published, but probably not less than 12,000 Number of preachers not known.

Bible Christians, who are Methodists in doctrine and ordinances, with a liberal system of government: Members 19,068 Traveling preachers 161 Church Methodists in Ireland, a denomination which admits lay delegation, but forbids its ministers to administer the ordinances and the Lord's Supper: Members 9,158 Traveling preachers 78

In addition to the foregoing, there are several branches of the Methodist family in America which are distinguished from the parent body by the adoption of a different system of Church polity.

Methodists Protestants of this country:— Members North and South 80,000 Traveling preachers 916 Total 80,916 Zion M. E. Church and the Bethel M. E. Church colored members 26,746 Traveling preachers 193 Local preachers 444 Total 27,883 Canadian M. E. Church, members 13,352 Traveling preachers 157 Total 13,509 Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America: Members 21,000 Traveling preachers 340 Unstationed preachers 225 Total 21,569

Besides the above, we are quite sure, but will not be positive, that there is one more organization among our colored brethren than we have named above, and some independent or Congregational Methodists. We set them down, however, in membership, members 13,000 Preachers 200 Total 10,200

The existence and vigorous growth of the different branches of the Methodist family afford ample material for reflection and speculation. According to the foregoing table there are in the European bodies an aggregate of membership, including the ministry, of not less than 740,266; and in the bodies that belong to this country, including the M. E. Church in Canada, 1,831,715. Uniting the two and we have the round number of 2,281,981. This is a result of momentous significance; and shows what may be done by the simple enforcement of the truth upon the heart and life, marked features in the general history of Methodism, as a religious agency.

Glen Anna Female Seminary.

We paid a pleasant visit to a friend at Thomsville last week, and witnessed the annual exhibition of Glen Anna Female Seminary, on Tuesday. As we learn that a very competent gentleman, who was present, has been requested to send a suitable notice of the occasion to this paper, and as we have not space for two notices of the same thing, we cheerfully give place to him, hoping to hear from him soon.

Greensboro' Female College.

The next session will open on Thursday, July 28. It is very desirable that all pupils should be present on that day. And prompt attendance may be necessary to secure admission, as the reputation of the College will probably cause its halls to be filled early in the session.

Trinity College Commencement.

PRELIMINARY EXERCISES: The Sermon before the Fletcher Society was preached on Sunday the 26th ult., by Rev. J. L. Fisher of the N. C. Conference. The object of the society, as its name intimates, is to combine the pious young men of the College in mutual aid to promote holiness of heart, and entire consecration to God. The sermon was a clear and able exposition of Acts 8, 5-8: it was well received and apparently productive of good.

Not being present until Tuesday evening, we need not undertake to give an account of the scholastic exercises previously held, farther than to say that every thing passed off satisfactorily and pleasantly. On that evening we had declamations by the sophomore class, several of which gave evidence of fine powers of oratory and careful cultivation.

On Wednesday morning the annual sermon before the senior class was delivered by Rev. N. F. Reid, of the N. C. Conference. The text was, "My son, give me thine heart." The sermon was one of the best to which it has ever been our privilege to listen. The manner of the speaker was deliberate, chastened, and earnest. His words were right words, gushing over with the riches of good sense and divine grace; and surely none could look upon the picture presented in the close of the sermon, so awfully vivid as to make us feel as if we saw what was only described, without a rising purpose to comply with the injunction of the text, by giving the whole heart to God.

On Wednesday afternoon, a missionary meeting was held in the chapel, an account of which is given in another column.

Dr. Cross, of S. Carolina, who was expected to deliver the Literary Address, did not come. Without calling in question the cause of his absence, we suggest that care be taken in time to engage an orator for next Commencement, whose interest in the College will secure his attendance. Two disappointments in succession are enough. Although the inability of Dr. Cross to attend was much regretted, his absence was compensated by that glorious missionary meeting.

On Wednesday evening we were again entertained with declamations, some of which were excellent.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.—On Thursday an assembly of not less than 3000 persons attended the Commencement exercises, which took place according to the following programme:

ORDER OF THE EXERCISES FOR COMMENCEMENT JUNE 30, 1859.

Marshals—W. J. Carman, chief, E. T. Branch, J. C. Bryan, A. C. Blackburn, J. W. Simmons, W. H. Jones, and S. H. Gee.

Vocal Music—(old Hundred.)

1. Happy the man that finds the grace. The blessing of God's chosen race; &c.

2. Prayer, by Rev. I. T. Wyche.

3. Gaudete—Willbur Fisk; Watson, Pittsylvania county, Va.

4. 'Life is but a dream'—David Spencer Latham, Plymouth, N. C.

5. 'My story—what shall it be?'—John Cobb La Prade, Chesterfield Co., Va.

6. Le cours de chases.—John Reynolds, Winston, Leaksville, N. C.

7. Unwritten poetry.—Jeffrey Horney Robbins, Trinity College.

8. The Bible.—John Wesley Cheatham, Louisville, Ga., (excused.)

9. Greek—The dirge of Greece.—Obed William Carr, Duplin Co., N. C.

10. Our College.—Robert Sol. Small, Trinity College.

11. Spirit Life.—Wm. Cauley White, Trinity College.

12. The Judiciary.—The glory of Atlantis.—L. Washington Andrews, Himesville, Ga.

13. General Report, Grades, Honors.

14. Degrees conferred, Bibles presented.

15. Medals of the Literary Societies presented.

Benediction.

All the orations were creditable to the class and to the College; and in briefly noticing several of them, we are not to be understood as intimating an unfavorable opinion of others. The manner, the style, the matter of all, indicated industry and thorough training, and told unmistakably that these young men have worked, and will work so that we shall hear from them again.

The Latin oration was well written, and so plainly enunciated as to convey the sense to the dullest Latin ear. And a friend who is an accomplished scholar, confirms the suspicion we had that the Greek oration was a production of classic elegance, most capably delivered. "My story—what shall it be," was a signal success, in the most rare and difficult style of composition— terse, graphic, and picturesque. "Unwritten Poetry," was a production of rare excellence; and we say this in justice to the speaker, because it was marked in the delivery, through an unavoidable want of sufficient familiarity with the manuscript. "Our College" presented views with which we accord, and from which others dissent; but all accorded to the speaker the boldness of an original mind, and the ability to make his mark in the world.

"The Judiciary" was scholastic, able and eloquent. President Craven reported the status of the senior class only; want of time inducing him to defer a report on the other classes for publication in the Advocate. The degree of A. B. was then conferred in the usual manner upon the ten members of the senior class, whose

names are given in the programme. And the honorary degree of A. M. was conferred upon T. H. Brann, Esq., of the Raleigh Female Seminary; and in regular course, upon Rev. J. P. Smoot, and Rev. W. C. Gannon, of the N. C. Conference; and upon Rev. Levi Branson, of Lenoir Institute, and G. W. Hege, Esq., of Yadin Institute; all of whom, except Mr. Brann, are alumni of the College.

The Bibles were presented to the graduating class on behalf of the College, by Rev. Dr. Schon, who accompanied the presentation with a brief but eloquent address.

AN ADDRESS BY GOV. ELLIS: His Excellency, Gov. Ellis, occupied a seat on the platform, and manifested, as he does on all proper occasions, his deep interest in the cause of education in North Carolina. He kindly consented to present the medals to the graduates, and to address them on the occasion. As we took no notes at the time, we will not do him the injustice to attempt a report. He expressed his gratification at the evidence of the usefulness and prosperity of the College; and he did no more than justice to the faculty and students in giving it as his opinion, so far as he could form an opinion from the literary exercises he had witnessed, that the scholarship of Trinity College was fully equal to that of any College or University with which he was acquainted. He pointed to the portraits of Clay, Webster, Calhoun, Jackson, and other great men of the past which adorn the walls of the chapel, and eloquently appealed to the young men before him to follow their example of patriotism, reminding them that all honors are accessible to those who merit them by devotion to truth, to duty, and to persevering labor for the common good. In this connection, he gave an original and characteristic anecdote of Gen. Jackson, which went of space in this already extended article compels us to omit; but which we will hereafter lay before our readers, because it conveys an important lesson, and illustrates the nature of the old hero.

After the brief address of Gov. Ellis, Dr. Schon pronounced the benediction; and thus closed the first annual Commencement of Trinity College since the consummation of its union with the North Carolina Conference.

At night a conversation party was attended by several hundred as beautiful and happy young people, "quorum pars fui," as it has been our privilege to see for more years than we like to remember.

GENERAL REMARKS.—The session has been peaceful and in every way successful. The catalogue has the names of 192 students, nearly all of whom have been all the time in attendance. In point of scholarship the College has now come up to the front rank of the best colleges in the land; while the sound moral and religious influence exerted upon the pupils, and exemplified in their conduct, is one of the most marked and gratifying evidences that the blessing of God rests upon it.

The Trustees considered all the interests of the College with patience and care; and so much of their doings as are important to the public shall be given next week.

The accommodations for boarders are improving and enlarging, and there is every reason to expect the next session of ten months, which opens on the first Wednesday in September, will witness the matriculation of more students than any previous year.

Editorial Notes.

A valued friend in a circuit which we will not name, writes:

"You are an Editor; and my usual course in writing to an Editor, has been to say 'Please find enclosed, &c.' But you are an old, much valued friend and brother; and I feel disposed to say more. But Editors do not like to be troubled with long epistles. What shall I say for our own Advocate? It is the best Advocate of the day, one that any Conference might be proud of.

The issue of our Advocate is the first effort to sustain a Conference paper in North Carolina; and it should be unanimously sustained by the Methodists of the State. It *can* and *must* be sustained by our people. The preachers might do much; but some of them say a word or two for it, and then spoil it all by recommending others. Now, I think we can support our own paper; but I am opposed to the ruin of our own paper by dividing the patronage which belongs to it among richer neighbors. I would to God that all who will not go in for the enterprises of our own Conference would leave it, and leave us to take care of ourselves without hindrance. We want no preachers whose feelings and sympathies are not with us, and with the Conference."

As an Editor, we have not time for an extensive correspondence, but we do love to have long, full, free letters from friends, provided they will make due allowance for our neglect to answer them by reason of previous engagements to the public. And I would also find it necessary to love letters which begin, "Please find enclosed &c." And as a general rule, we would advise all to send money to Editors—they need it. We offer no comment on what else is quoted—it explains itself.

In a business letter, the preacher in charge of Warren circuit says: "I have commenced taking up my missionary collections. We raised at Hebron, last Sunday, the handsome sum of \$150 03. Last year you were with me at that place, and you remember we got \$130 00.—

Though the times are hard, we hope to bring up a large collection at Conference, and expect to be the *banner circuit*."

Yes we were there last year; and the case and cheerfulness with which that contribution was given convinced us that still better things were coming on. But if Warren aspires to be the banner circuit in the missionary cause, it will have to stir up its latent energies. Other circuits are moving silently, but energetically. In fact, a new impulse in behalf of missions is coming upon the whole church.

Honorary.

At the recent Commencement of Randolph Macon College the honorary degree of D. D. was conferred upon Rev. A. M. Shipp, of the South Carolina Conference.

Rejected.

A marriage notice from Wayne county, is rejected, because the writer omitted to give his name to the Editor.

All communications must be accompanied by a responsible name.

"Supernumerary Preacher."

If this brother will comply with the necessary and indispensable rule which requires all correspondents to give a responsible name in confidence to the Editor, his article will be inserted with pleasure.

The Fourth of July.

The 83rd anniversary of American independence was celebrated in this city in the usual way. Mr. R. C. Badger delivered an eloquent oration. At night Mr. Spelman gave an able oration on the Mecklenburg Declaration, and we had beautiful fire works, in a large number of citizens from town and country, entered into the festivities of the day.

Roanoke Circuit.

Rev. D. R. Bruton has been appointed by the P. E. as junior preacher on Roanoke Circuit, and will enter upon his duties this week. The proper man, in the right place.

To the Preachers.

Please send on all the money and subscribers you can, as soon as possible. We have waited patiently for a season, and now respectfully ask your aid to extend the circulation of your own Advocate. Give us four thousand subscribers, and we will give you a paper worthy of the North Carolina Conference.

Indisposition of the Editor.

We have just recovered from a sharp attack of illness, which made it impossible for us to attend a funeral appointment in Chatham.

Notice to Advertisers.

For all advertisements received after last issue the following charges will be made, being about 25 per cent. above the former rates:

1 square 1 insertion, \$1 25; 25 cents for each additional insertion up to 4 months. 1 square 4 months, \$5 00; for each additional month, \$1 00 per square (of 12 lines).

These terms will be rigidly adhered to, except that a small deduction will be made in favor of advertisers by the year, who pay in advance. Bills for advertising are due on the first insertion, all the business of the paper being conducted on the cash plan. And it would be to our mutual advantage for advertisers to send the amount they wish to spend, with the advertisement to be inserted.

In view of our circulation in North Carolina, and of the unusually low rates hitherto charged, these terms are as favorable to advertising patrons as are offered by any other paper. St.

Editor's Table.

QUARTERLY REVIEW. The July number of the Quarterly Review of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has been promptly issued. The following are the contents:

I. Bishop Capers. II. Robertson's Sermons. III. Calvinism and Arminianism. IV. Susanna Wesley. V. Origin, Progress, and Influence of Poetry. VI. Woman in America: her Sphere, Duties, and Education. VII. Brief Reviews. VIII. Notes and Correspondence.

Dr. Summers is successful in his efforts to make the Quarterly merit patronage. If it fail, shame upon our pretensions to be a literary people. Terms \$2 a year in advance. Address J. B. McFerrin, D. D. Book Agent, Nashville, Tenn.

KNICKERBOCKER MAGAZINE.—The July number is received. Again we commend it as the best American Monthly Literary Magazine. Terms \$3 a year in advance. Address the Publisher, John A. Gray, 16 & 18, Jacob street, New York.

THE HOME CIRCLE.—The July number is out in good time. The table of contents promises a feast, which is fulfilled by the perusal of the number.

This is the safest, and therefore the best family Magazine extant. Terms \$2 a year in advance. Address J. B. McFerrin, D. D., Agent, Nashville, Tenn. All traveling preachers of our church are agents.

CENTRAL COLLEGE, MISSOURI.—The last annual catalogue is received. The

number of matriculations for the scholastic year, is 99. It merits larger patronage.

ELECTIC MAGAZINE.—The July number is equal to its predecessors. It has a fine engraving of Victor Emmanuel, king of Sardinia. It sustains the opinion we have already expressed, that this is the best American monthly of foreign literature. Terms \$5 in advance. Address W. H. Bidwell, No. 5 Beckman St. New York.

N. C. PLASTER.—The July number contains matter worth more than the price of annual subscription. Terms \$1 a year in advance. Address the publisher, A. M. Gorman, Raleigh, N. C.

MISCELLANY.

NEW CHURCH.—The Methodists of Richmond are about to erect a large, elegant church on Broad Street, at a cost of \$40,000.

HONORARY.—At the late commencement of Wesleyan University, the honorary degree of D. D. was conferred on Rev. Daniel Wise, of the New England Conference.

DEATH OF A MISSIONARY.—A letter, dated Shanghai, April 15th, announces the death of Rev. Wm. A. Macy, Missionary of the A. B. C. F. M., at that place, on the 9th of April.

NORTH CAROLINA ITEMS.

FOR CONGRESS.—The Washburn's *Argus* announces Gen. S. H. Walkup of Union county, as the Whig candidate for Congress in the 7th district, in opposition to Hon. Burton Craig, Democrat.

PROF. WHEAT.—It is said that Prof. Wheat, of the University of N. C. has resigned; and will take charge of an Episcopal church at Little Rock, Arkansas.

DELEGATES.—The Y. M. C. Association of Raleigh, has elected W. B. Reid, W. J. Young, and Armstrong as its representatives in the National Association, which will meet in Troy, N. Y. on the 13th inst.

JULY FROST.—A private letter says there was frost at Thomsville, N. C., on the morning of the 6th July.

A COMPLIMENT TO NORTH CAROLINA.—There is, we believe, less of office seeking and of changes in the incumbents of official position at the South than in the Northern States. North Carolina, perhaps, furnishes as good evidence of this fact as any of the Southern States; and, as proof of the same, it is related as one of the incidents of President Buchanan's late visit, that before leaving for Washington, he remarked that no man, since he entered North Carolina, had mentioned the subject of office holding, or solicited any appointment for himself or friends. *Journal of Comm. &c.*

EDGEWATER, N. C.—We slip the following items from the *Tarboro' Southern* of Saturday:

Mr. Wm. W. Phippen has sold to Mr. Henry A. Sharley, for \$7 500, the tract of land containing 275 acres in this county, which he recently purchased from Geo. W. Washfield for \$7 000.

We understand that between \$115,000 and \$120,000 has been subscribed towards building a Branch of the Wilmington Railroad to this vicinity, and that probably the preliminary steps will be immediately taken to