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Communications

For the Advocate. To " North State."

A FEW QUESTIONS FROM AN INQUIRER. have no doubt as to the "source" of the tive against sin and Satan "strategy" and "real intention of the chief actors." Now my dear "North State" I think that having discovered these persons and things you ought, in justice to the Church, to answer a few plain questions, from one who wants to know who these persons are, and what their intentions are, towards our dear Church. If you decline the answers, I hope the editor of the "Advocate" will answer them, as the Church ought to know all about will be compelled to meet in Annual Conthis "masked," "strategie" movement. 1st. Who are the persons engaged in in all, to new fields of labor.

it, give us their names?

they propose? ask a few questions about them.

convention," in which the whole Church | question, as would open the eyes of all shall be fully represented. On this prop. our people and cause them to henceforth unition of yours, I desire to ask,

1st. In what is the "general convention" to be "restricted?" Shall lay del- I feel my incom egates be admitted? Shall a certain at the same time, as I only intend well. class of preachers be admitted? Or shall I feel that it is not amiss for me to say every man, woman and child in the few words on this important subject ; for

Church be admitted?

ly represented?

affect our "General Episcopacy?" Might | We should pay them every dollar due not that affect our "unsullied itinerancy?" | them, and we should feel that we are due

ity." On this point I desire to ask, Is necessaries and comforts of this life, as not the Discipline obligatory now, "both | nearly as circumstances will allow. Maupon the ministry and laity." If not, ny of our preachers are poorly paid-they why has it not been made so before?

attendance at class-meetings a test of mem-

bership?

whole Church."

4th. Can the authority making it repeal or unmake it?

solemn covenant, &c. "the door of the Church") as recorded himself disgraced to have given such a world.

years? 5th. You propose to change the term to secure a fully efficient itinerancy. I

term or shorten it?

the "efficiency of the itinerancy?" 3d. If you shorten it will there not be too much itinerancy?

and State boundaries the same, except it is. Look at some of our preachers, when the two records will be seen to agree | | Hanging Rock, C E Land what I think ought to have been your 7th paid, but they fear they may come to ed upon with suspicion by many who do Chesterfield and Coal field R R miss, proposition, which please allow me to want. In fact they are already in want. not make a study of it, merely on account state.

the stations?) "beyond one year that does people that he is with, as he ought? I We believe that it is the duty of every Chaplain 26th N C Reg't, A N Wells not secure to the Church a good parson- think not, for if he has the religion of scientific student to investigate nature sim. In the Army, L A Johnson age with the necessary grounds and fix- Christ in his own heart, he must feel that ply for the purpose of chicidating trach. tures."

at least? Can all the circuits (and sta- such religion. tions) support their preachers, pay other mean gardens, orchards, as much land as lar be raised and sent to said preacher. the preachers' horse can work at odd

times, and a good cook? a question or two about that, life cost.

1st. Do you think representative laymen, would have much less religion and them?

work? 3d. How often do you see a Bishop in

North Carolina? 4th. Has any Bishop now living, any influence in forwarding the cause of Christin North Carelina?-If so, will

you please name the man? 5th. Does the M. E. Church stand on such a slight foundation that if the Churches send representative laymen (i. e. laymen representing in their persons the piety and all of the Church,) to the exist?"

7th. Would a Bishop itinerating North Carolina ruin the Church. Would it "cease to exist," in consequence? I think I shall be one of your supporters in your proposed reform, but I desire more light on the subject before I commit I observe in the "Advocate" of the 18th | myself, so please answer plainly and do inst., that you have discovered the "strat- not skip the questions, as I am a plain egy" of certain persons, 'with clearness," man and want to support such measures to you, on all points but one, so that you as will make the Church still more effec-

> Yours affectionately, WM SEWELL.

For the Advocate. To the Methodist People of the North Carobina Conference.

FRIENDS AND BRETHREN: In a few days the Conference year will close and the preachers that have labored with us ference, to be sent in many cases, if not

This is all right according to our Church 2d. What injury to the Church do laws. But have we as a people faithfully and religiously discharged our duties to-I see also that you propose to the wards our preachers in paying them off Church six grand reforms and I want to for their labors? This is a question in volving much. Would that I were fully 1st. You propose a "general restricted competent to give such a reply to the come fully up to their duty in support-

I feel my incompetency to do so, but I know that there is a necessity for a re-2d. Do you in fact mean, it shall be formation as touching this important mat-"general," of the "whole Church,"-"ful- ter. We are taught in God's word that the laborer is worthy of his hire. I feel gd. In its action, shall the whole Dis- that this so. Our preachers are not begcipline be re-enacted?" Might not that gars, they should not be allowed to beg. 2nd. You propose to make the Disci- them a sufficient amount to keep them pline "obligatory on the ministers and la- from want-to supply them with all the are not paid a sufficient amount to fur-3rd. You propose to "let class meet- nish them with the necessaries of life .ings cease to be a test of membership, They are driven to buy and sell to make but let pastors hold them," &c. I desire a decent support to keep their loved ones to ask, 1st. Did Mr. Wesley ever make from want. Their minds, they cannot give wholly to the work that they are engaged in, as they are driven, in many cases, to exercise their minds for another so, i. e. whether by preachers, laity, or them to go decent, as a christian gentle-"a general, restricted convention of the man should always do, and also to take care of those that look to them for a support. Many of us feel that when we give Ten dollars to our pastor, that we have done 4th. You propose to let the probationary enough. What is ten dollars? It is not in Great British. It has already been system cease and admit the members by forty cents. Would our ten dollar broth- subscribed to by over one handred and er have been satisfied at only giving forty fifty persons, among whom are Sir Daniel Now I desire to ask, what kind of cov- cents to his pastor before the war? I Brewster, James Hamilton, Sir Henry C.

commencing "Dost thou renounce the he was sinning to have done no more .- | natural, sciences desire to express our sin-Devil &c. ?" Has the probationary sys- And it would have been a sin. And my cere regret, that researches into scientific tem been regarded or disregarded in late | brother it is a sin now for you only to | truths are perverted by some in our own give a Ten dollar Conf'd, note when you | times into occasion for casting doubt up on should give a Ten dollar gold piece or its | the truth and anthenticity of the Holy of the pastorate, and yet restrict it, so as equivalent in provisions or in currency. - Scriptures. We conceive that it is in Will the religion of Christ allow us to be possible for the Word of God, as written want to ask a question or two about that. penurious and mean? It will not. Then in the book of nature, and God's World 1st. Do you propose to lengthen the it follows that the man that is penurious written in Holy Scripture, to contradict and mean has not the religion of our Lord one another, however much they may ap 2d. If you lengthen it, will it not in the and Saviour Jesus Christ. And it is so, pear to differ. - We are not forgetful that proportion in which you do so, reduce as surely as that the sun rises in the east physical science is not complete, but is

and sets in the west. 6th. You propose to make Conference | tors? The writer of this article thinks | confidently believe that a time will come | Lancaster, J W Crider I understand that, but then you make way they talk, they are not only poorly plore that natural science should be look. Cheraw R R Pegues 7th. "Continue no circuit" (what of so circumstanced can labor among the are placing it in opposition to Holy Writ.

that we provide well for each and every in which they may be reconciled; and in-You conclude by saying, As to lay rep- preacher that is called upon to labor for stead of insisting upon the seeming differresentation in spiritual matters and a us. Let all those that have provisions to ences between science and the Scriptures. a Bishop for each Conference we cannot spare, give provisions instead of money. it would be well to rest in faith upon the abide them. "Adopt them, the M. E. Let those that have only money to give, points in which they agree. Church ceases to exist." I desire to ask give according to what the necessaries of

Friends and brethren, we need not expeet the blessings of God upon us unless understanding of spiritual matters than our love for Him is such as will coable us those who now compose the Conferences? | to do right. How can we feel that we So much less that you could not abide love God when we will not take care of the ministry. By and through his minis-2nd. Is the office of a Bishop a good ters in part God works. Then let us do our whole duty in supporting God's min-LAYMAN.

Wilmington, N. C. Nov. 21st -1864.

For the Advocate. Mr. Entron: - I have observed lately that there is much concern being manifested upon the subject of the "Five Points" by some of your correspondents; and being an imitative creature I have caught the mania. I therefore beg a small space to give to your readers, and especi-Conferences, the Church would "cease to ally those "Five Pointers," my views up- Chaplain to Charleston Hospitals, F A Mood on this all absorbing topic. I am a "Five | Missionary to China, B Jenkins Pointer" also, and with all my heart I would rejoice to see the "Five Point" Orangeburg et, Geo Bright question prevail; not however, the "Five | St Matthews, A McCorquedale Peints" suggested and now bader discussion by those good brethren, who regard old fashioned Mathedism as quite insufficient to meet the despards of this refined age, but the "Pive Points" which

I new proceed to enuiserate. And 1. I would have the Gospel of our Blackville, W Hutto, R B Tarrant Lord and Faviour preached with greater Providence, I & Conner zeal and fervency, the preacher displaying less rhetoric and manifesting more of that humbling which characterized the St James' Goose Creek to be supplied life and teachings of the great Redeemer. | Cooper River, J L Siflay 2. I would have the preacher get hap-

shout,) being full of the Holy Chost 3. I would have the lay to takers follow the example of the prescher, and get happy too, once in a while, so that sin- Brownsville, S Jones

bers really enjoyed religion, they might

be constrained to seek it also 4 1 would have members of the Church live in peace and love, and exercise charity towards their neighbors, rather than Lynchburg, Joseph Parker back-bite and return evil for evil, as too

5 I would have more religion and less parade in the services of the Churchmore of the spirit and less of the showand finally, on the och point, I would like Chap 4th Military Dist, W A Hemingway to see the "Old Ship of Ziou" freighted to overflowing with saints bound for glov. all on bound similar as the cales water the glorious old ship along towards that heavenly shore,

"She has landed many thousand-

And can land as many more." . If the above constitutes a "Five P. int | Congarce miss, N Talley er." then I am one, but I do not being | Columbia et, J J Workman to that "Five Point" growd who recom- Richland Fork miss, C McLeod mend an overhanding of Methodism, for Fairfield, J W Kelly, J T Kilgo the sake of gilding it to please the refined | Chester, Sam'l Leard senses of the latter-day saints. My dd Sandy River miss, R R Dagnall grand father used to say, "let well end an Rocky Mount, A J Cauthen alone," and he was a good Methodist, and Camden, J T Wightman I believe a sincere Christian. If Moth- Wateree miss, J L Shuford odism was good enough to save him in Samter, D J Simmons heaven, I had rather it would be allow- Sumter et, J W North ed to remain just as it was in his day, at Bishopville, P F Kistler, A W Walker least, until I have tried its full efficiery. hauling her up and gilding her exterior Upper Santee miss, T W Munnerlyn to suit the fancy of proud Christiens, Manchester miss, J L Stoudemire she might rescue many an immercal soul | Manning W W Mood that would seen sink to rist no more. Columbia F College, II M Mood President The Ship's all right. The great Captain | Chaplain 2d S C Cav., Manning Brown grd. By what authority was it made purpose-to make money so as to enable is still at the below. If there be any field,

Religion and Science.

The following declaration is now in course of signature pasting reientificmen enant you mean to have? Is it to be more think not. Surely he would not, but on Rawlinson, Aifred Since, and many ochbinding than that made at baptism (or the contrary he would have considered ers of like reputation in the scientific

on page 149 of the Discipline of 1856, sum, yea, more he would have felt that We, the undersigned students of the Is it not penurious and mean in us to at present our finite reason enables us onwithhold a decent support from our pas- ly to see as through a glas darkly, and we Monroe, W W Jones, E A Lemmond Now is it to be supposed that a preacher of the unadvised manner in which some the people, as a people, whom he is called and that as he finds that some of his in-Would it not be better to say two years upon to serve, are altogether destitute of sults appear to be in contradiction to the Lincolnton. E G Gage written Word, or rather to his own inter- Lincolnton et, Dan'l May If there is a circuit or station in this pretation of it, which may be erroneous, Dallas, John C Randal expenses, and yet spare a sum sufficient | Conference that has failed to pay the he should not presumptuously affirm that | Yorkville, J B Massebeau to buy or build a parsonage in so short a preacher this year, let not the members his own conclusions must be right and Yorkville et, and miss, M A Connelly time? By grounds and fixtures, do you of the Church be satisfied until every dol- the statements of Scripture wrong; rather Catawba, J M Cline, J S Nelson supernu leave the two side by side till it shall Let us look to it, in the coming year, please God to allow us to see the manner Rock Hill, A R Bennick

Always strive to do good

Selections.

Appointments of the South Carolina Conterence.

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Let the old ship sail on! while you are Santee, II A C Walker, J W Wightman

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Wadesboro' ct, J W Puett, T A Boone, H C Parsons, supernumerary Ansonville, Landy Wood Albemarle, J W Abernathy, J C Hartsell ulties. Do I grasp at honorand popularity. should believe it. The history of all God's only in a condition of progress and that | Concord, Lewis Scarboro, S A Roper W S Haltom, supernumerary

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meray

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(McDowall, J. E. Watson, Hickory Nut Gap, wission to be sup hereafter .- Bevirilge. phed. Ratherford, J S Erwin. Columbus, H J Morgan. Pacolet, S A Weber.

Goshen Hill, Wm. Bownson. Union et. O A Darby, J K Melton, C Marchison, supernumeraries, Greenville, R B Alston. Greenville et , R C Oliver, and one to be

supplied. Pickensville D D Bears. Keewee miss , F. M Morgan. Wefford College, A M Shipp, W Smith, Professors.

Agent for Orphan Fund, W. Smith. II D Moore, transferred to Florida Conference.

Methodist Protestent Conference. The North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church held its session at Bess' Chapet, Lincoln county beginning on Wednesday the 9th of November, and ending on the following Mon-

The reports brought in from the various sections of the State followed an unusual degree of prosperity and a very large increase of members. Randsome additions were made to the Missionary Fund. Resolutions were passed looking to the improvement and permanency of the Church paper' the "Waterman and Harbinger," and J. L. Michanz was re-elected Editor. The Publishing Committee is ry," and yet they might have known had R. H. Wills, T. H. Pegtam and Isaae

President—T. II. Pegram. Albemarle-Un applied. Roanoke W. H. Willia. Orange-J C Deans Alamance - A W Lineberry? Ashboro-J W Heath, Yadkin-A Gray. Davidson-J D and. Cleaveland - C 1 Pickens, Bancombo- W C Kennets Pigson River R R Michanx. Green River J A time inc. Stanly - H W Partle . Charlotte - L. M. Noden. Mecklenburg-W M. B Roberts. Madison-N J Roberts, J P Eller. Granville-S P Harris, A C Harris. Haw River-R II Willis, J MWayniek Tar River-A M Love. Halifax-J R Ball. Greensboro - C F Harris. Randelph-J II Gubreath. Winston--J M Kennett. Monroe--Z C Lineberry. McDowell-P A Whitener. Catawba -- H A T Harris. Mocksville - W F Gray. Caldwell-R W Pegrana. Seaboard- N R Eril. Fayetteville-Unsupplied.

Western Democrat.

The Soul - Portion.

November, 1865.

I had not another world to conquer and together for your good. possess. Whereas, God, being an infinite "Weylory in tribulations also : knowing God, it is impossible for me to desire that tribulation worketh patience; and naanything which I may not cajoy in Him | tience, experience ; and experience ; hope. and His mercies. Let me, or any other Rom. v. 3, 4. creature, extend our desires never so far still the graces and blessings of this infinite God will be infinitely beyond one soul, yet one God is able to satisfy ten thousand souls; yea, and ten millions more to them, as well as if there was only

one soul in all the world to satisfy. spirtual blessings of grace and faith, peace | conquer when thou fallest asleep.

and charity; and let none of these empty and transient delights of this word stand in competition with them? Thou art the source and center of all my wishes and desires, even "as the heart panteth after the waterbrooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God. When shall I appear in Thy presence? When -when shall that blessed time come that I shall see Thy sacred majesty face to face? This is a mercy, I confese, which I cannot expect SPARTANEORG DIST. -W II I'leming, whilst imprisoned in the body; but however though I must not yet appear before Spartanburg sta , W. T Capers, A W Thee, do Thou youchsafe not yet appear in me, and give me such glimpses of Thy love and graces here, as may be an carnest of the bless and glory I am to enjoy

Is Ignorance an Excuse! Neither human nor divine law recogniz-

es ignorance in wrong-doing as an excuse. In some cases it may be a palliation, but not a justification. The law which is violated can not, under any circumstances, regard its violator as an innocent person because it presumes that its claims ought to have been known, and might have been known. In matters of religion men are ready to excuse themselves on the plea that they did not know that this or that was wrong, and thus attempt to blind conscience. Now, if they could honestly show that they had employed every means to inform themselves without success, their ignorance, while it could not possibly make wrong right, yet it might so far palliate the effence as to procure a more lenient judgement. Paul, speaking of his bitter persecutions of the Christians, said "he did ignorantly in unbelief;" yet so far from pleading it in excuse, he spoke of his conduct with abhorrence, considered nimself as a chief sinner, and celebrated the wonderful mercy of God in forgiveness. Peter, in charging the Jews with the crucifixion of Christ, admitted that through ignorance they did it, and yet he immediately subjoins, "Repent ye, therefore and be converted that your sins may be blotted out." Had they "known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glothey not suffered prejudice and passion to blind them. When suspended on the cross, Christ himself pleaded for his mur-APPOINTMENTATION THE FASTERN YEAR! derers, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do;" and yet while he admitted their ignorance, he recognized the necessity of their obtaining forgiveness for the crime. Thus it is now; men, through ignorance, may violate all the community of God, and yet, unless they repent and be forgiven, they must perish. Is norance in most cases, is voluntary, and not constrained; and we may be sure, with all the means of instruction now possessed, that it will be no excuse that sin is thoughtlessly and ignorantly committed. Those who will not listen to God's voice of instruction will be compelled to listen to it when it pronounces the condemnation of the trans-

> ALLFOR THE BEST .- " We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose."—Rom. viii, 28.

"All things," yes, whatever happens to the Christian, is directed and overruled by a special providence for his good. It many be very bitter, it may lay him very low, it may try him to the quick, it may keep him in the dust for a long time ; but it will do him good, not only in the end, but while it lasts. Believer ! your present The next Conference will be held at trial is for your good. Nothing could Enfield, Halifax county, beginning on be better for you. You may not see it Wednesday before the second Sunday in | now; you may teel as if you never could think in; but the time is coming when you will bless God for it. You love God, though it is but feebly; and that proves that G d laves you with an infinite and What is there in the world that can fid | eternal love. You have come to the cross the vast desires of my soul, but only ite, as a poor sinner, and you look to the who is infinitely above me, and my desires | Lord Jeans to be your perfect Saviour ; too? Will riches do it? No; I may as and this proves that you hav been called soon undertake to fill my burn with green according to God's purpose. And it is as as my heart with gold, and as easily stuff one beloved of God, as one of God's called my bags with virtue as satisfy my de ires ones, that we have this assurance respectwith wealth. Do I hant after pleasure? ing you, that of things-light and dark-These may, indeed, charm and delight ness, presperity and adversity, life and my brutish senses, but can never be agree- | death-will work together for your good. able, or proportionate to my spiritual fact (fod as eris the fact, and therefore you These, again, are as empty and unsatisfy - people proves and illustrates it, and thereing as the former; they may make me love you should rejoice in it. Dark clouds: look high and great in the eye, of the bring rich b'essings; sharp winters introworld, turn my head guilty with applause, I duce fruitful springs; and sore troubles or puff up my heart with pride, but they often produce the sweetest consolations. where there are geographical difficulties they are in rags, and to judge from the in every particular. We cannot but de- Catawba Rivermiss, G W M Creighton can never fitting the measure of its desires. Your present afflictions, be it sickness of And what if I should have the whole bedy trouble of mind, bereavement, crosses. world at my command, and could, with losses, or whatever else, is working for your Alexander, wield both sword and sceptre good Not merely will work in the future over all the nations and languages of it, but it is working now. While your would this content me ! or rather, should heart is bleeding, when you are tempted I not sit down and weep with him, that to think all is against you, all is working

OFF GUARD .- Thou hast contended wih them all; insomuch that though ten Satau, and been successful. Thou hast thousand worlds are not able to satisfy fought with him, and she has fled from thee. But, O ! remember his artifices! its not indulge the belief that his nature is charged. True indeed, he is now complacent, and is perhaps, singing thee some Come; therefore, my dear Lerd and siren; but he was never more a devil than Saviour, while thy servant is pressing he is now. He now assaults thee by not after Thee, and possess my heart with the assaulting thee; and knows that he shall