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The Cross (X) Mark is to remind you that your subscription has expired. Let all renew promptly.

The brethren at Wilson Station and Craven Circuit will notice the change in time of holding their Quarterly Conference.

Rev. Sol. W. Wescott, a Baptist minister of Chapel Hill, formerly of Smithville, died in the former place last week. He was a highly esteemed and much loved minister, talented and pious.

The Southern Christian *Advocate* announces the death of Rev. J. Scaife, formerly of the Georgia Conference, but more recently of the Alabama Conference, which occurred at Camille, Ga. on the 6th inst.

Rev Dr. Lovick Pierce, in the last *Southern Christian Advocate*, corrects a mistake that appeared in his Birthday Letter published in that paper. From the published letter, it appeared that he requested his brethren to pray that he "might spend his ninety-second birthday in heaven." He says:

"It would have been very unbecoming in me, and certainly a great strain on my brethren to go to praying that I may die in my 91st year; which must be, if I spend my 92d birthday in heaven. The favor I asked was that if my heavenly Father removed me from earth before my ninety-second birthday here, I might have it in heaven. It must be corrected. It has already excited great surprise.—No, my brethren beloved, I only ask you to pray that when my birthdays end on earth, I may begin my new series in heaven."

THE GREAT REVIVAL.—The revival at Person Street Church of this city continues without any abatement of interest. There have been about one hundred and fifty conversions and a large number of accessions to the church. Bro. Jurney, the pastor of this charge, will give a full account of the meeting after it shall have closed. The indications, at present, are that it will continue for weeks yet to come.—It is, in many respects, the most remarkable revival of God's work we have ever witnessed. Bro. Willis, who has been assisting in the meeting, has greatly endeared himself to the good people of Raleigh by his untiring devotion to this great work.

Again we appeal to our patrons to aid in the enlargement of this church. The people of this charge are limited in means. They have done all they are able to do. Our brethren of Edenton Street have contributed freely, but they too are struggling to build a new church. Other denominations of the city say they have about all they can do to meet the demands upon them from their own churches. It will cost 2,500 or 3,000 dollars to complete the improvements on the church which are now about half finished. When completed it will be one of the neatest church edifices in the city. We feel assured that if our friends outside of Raleigh knew the real claim this charge has upon them they would send in their contributions without delay. Our proposition to subscribers to send $1 each, is being responded to by some. Of course there are many who can send us much larger amounts. Let all help according to their ability. If you cannot send a dollar, send any amount you may feel disposed to contribute. *Give something.*

Rev J. Claudius Miller, a venerable and devoted minister of the S. C. Conference, was murdered in Union Co., S. C., on the 3d inst. by a highway robber. A correspondent of the *Southern Christian Advocate* says:

"He was murdered by a *highway robber*, a few miles south of this place about 11 o'clock in the day, and his body was found lying across the road dead, yet warm, with two bullet holes in the breast. He had been to Santuc, (depot and post office) and returning to his home had gotten within about a quarter of a mile of the house, when he was assaulted and killed. His overcoat, hat, watch, and pocket book, had been taken when his body was discovered, and his horse was also gone, but strange to say, the faithful animal *came back* to the body of his owner."

A strange negro who had been seen following him was suspected of the fiendish deed and a description of him having been telegraphed to various towns, he was arrested in Spartanburg and the overcoat, watch and hat of the murdered minister found upon his person. He was lodged in jail and awaits his trial in June. It was with difficulty that the indignant and outraged citizens were restrained from inflicting the punishment that his crime deserved and which the courts hold in store for him.

Christian Activity.

An unfailing condition of growth and vigor in all things is activity. In spiritual things it is so, as well as in mind and matter. Sloth enervates, deadens, destroys whatever it attacks. Without exercise the body becomes frail, the cheek wan and the life force faint. Unemployed, the mental faculties dwindle in power and shrink into imbecility. Moral ideas and feelings lose their force and influence on life and character unless they are kept prominent and active. Nor can the christian virtues and graces grow in strength and influence unless they are cultivated and kept in constant use and exercise. If our moral and mental machinery is long disused, its operation becomes difficult—and the accumulating rust and dust do greater hurt than its continuous use. Inaction debilitates more minds and destroys more souls than the wear and tear of a life time's service.

Regeneration is the starting point of a christian's career—sanctification is far ahead. He must *grow* in grace before he can reach the full stature of the godly man, or attain to the perfection which is his goal; and to grow in grace there must be constant exercise of the gifts of the Spirit and activity in the christian service. When a man is convicted of sin, truly repents of it and experiences the sense of pardon, he ought to rejoice, for much is done toward his salvation; but he ought not to rest and delude himself with the idea that his salvation is secure and his christian character complete. His new life has then just begun—the germ has just appeared—and its development is a work of the future.

Some persons think that when they unite themselves with the visible church they have nothing further to do than to attend the services, engage in the ordinances, pay their quarterly stipend to the preacher and make their way to heaven "on flowery beds of ease" They do not realize that they have enlisted in a service whose chief feature is campaigning—active aggressive warfare—and not garrison duty. And unless they realize the true nature of their calling and appreciate its demands upon them they are apt to prove inefficient soldiers, and sluggards in battle, if not recreant cowards.

He is a wise minister who takes care that every member of his charge shall have something to do—something, in important or humble capacity, that will produce activity and keep the christian energies in full play. Individual piety will increase with the individual zeal and the aggregate benefits to the Church will be incalculable. The performance of christian work does good not only objectively, but subjectively:—a deed of love—an act of benevolence—not only carries joy and comfort to the beneficiary, but by a reflex influence softens and purifies the heart of the doer; an active endeavor to enlist others into the service of the Lord, stimulates the zeal, increases the loyalty and strengthens the faith of the christian. One reason for the great number of backsliding and lukewarm professors of religion is found in the fact that they are not put to work, in some capacity, in the church. The demand for workers is abundant—the fields are ample and cry out continually for laborers. The Sunday school the prayer meeting, the class-meeting, the choir, the sewing society and other benevolent organizations connected with the church, the church-extension society, the official Board and other departments of the church—all afford place and scope for christian activity and zeal "Go *work* in my vineyard" is the injunction which the great Head of the Church imposes upon his followers—not only because the vineyard, with its broad untilled acres, needs their labor, but also because they themselves stand in need of exercise, activity and development. It is not enough to enter the vineyard,—there is *work* for all and it must be performed. Idleness in the church is as ruinous to the christian's welfare and progress, as it is in business life to the farmer, artisan, or professional worker. Satan regards his victory won when he sees the christian let fall his implements of labor and weapons of warfare, fold his arms and look listlessly upon his unfinished duties.

Revival Intelligence.

From all parts of the church we continue to learn of seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The Spirit is demonstrating its work and power in an unusual degree—sinners are being saved and lukewarm christians revived.

From the *Southern Christian Advocate* we learn of the work in Georgia. In Oxford, Ga., a great revival has been in progress. Dr. O L. Smith writing of it says: "I have witnessed no work for years that had about it more evidences of a genuine work of grace."

Rev. R. W. Bigham writes that Augusta, Ga. is being visited with a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, resulting to date, as far as ascertained, in the conversion of 240 souls. The divine work first demonstrated in the meetings of the Young Men's Christian Association, and is permeating the Churches. The Baptist Churches and the Presbyterian have shared largely in accessions: while St. John's, the fountain of Methodism in the city, has been stirred and freshened by the quickening Spirit, and 35 members added; and Asbury's altar is thronged daily with worshipers revived, and souls seeking and finding God. Their pastors, brothers Evans and Kimball, are full of labors and loving faith."

An Appeal.

To the Ministers and Members of the M. E. Church, South, in the N. C. Conference, and especially those living in the bounds of the Shelby District—DEAR BRETHREN: Please hear our case. Please heed our appeal.—Our people in the town of Dallas are few—only 10 male members. We had no house of worship. We were *compelled* to build or fail We could not afford to fail. Failure is not in our vocabulary. We urged the *absolute necessity* of building, upon our people. They saw and deeply felt this necessity.

Col. W. G. Morris and J. F. Long, two noble, enterprising men, in very moderate circumstances, became personally responsible for the cost of the church. The church, a neat wooden building, has been erected. It cost $800. What these men paid themselves and raised by subscription only amounted to $500. The people of Dallas and the community have done nobly. We are $300 in debt. The little property of these two noble men is bound for this amount. We *earnestly ask* our brethren abroad to give us $300. ONLY $300.

Any amount will be *gratefully* received.

Who will give us $10 or $5 or $1.

If 30 men will give us $10 each, that will pay the debt. Or if 60 men will give $5 each, that will relieve these dear brethren. Or if 300 will give us $1 that will do.

Dear brethren and friends, don't throw this appeal aside and say you *can't*. Pray over this matter—and may God open your hearts to help the needy. We would not ask you to help if we could get along without it.

Send the money and *send it speedily*, to Rev. P. F. W. Stamey, Dallas, Gaston co., N. C. He will publish a list of all amounts in the *Advocate*.

Signed,

P. F. W. STAMEY,
L. S. BURKHEAD.

April 10th, 1875.

Sunday School Conferences.

The District Conferences being about to assemble in various parts of the State and the N. C. Conference Sunday School Society to hold its annual session in Greensboro soon, we deem it a proper time to call the attention of these bodies to a matter which was proposed at the last District Conference for the Wilmington District, being in the form of a report from the committee on Sunday Schools. The following is the report.

The Chairman submitted the report on Sunday Schools, with the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we recommend to the Sunday Schools in this district to form Sunday School Conferences in each county, on the following basis: The Conferences to be composed of the Superintendents and four teachers from each school, as delegates, the Pastors of the churches, and such other members as theh may elect, with one Corresponding Secretary in each school, to be selected annually, in such manner as the Conferences, by their by-laws, may decide. The Conferences to meet at such places annually as they may select, the time to be appointed by the President, Vice President, and Secretary.

The Conferences to take into consideration at their annual session, such subjects as may be for the best interests of the Sunday School cause, to compare methods of teaching, ascertain what books are best for teaching and libraries, devise plans for raising money, and discuss all questions calculated to promote the cause of Sunday Schools.

Resolved, That the Conferences invite such preachers and speakers to meet with them as have given the subject their attention, and who may be able to give interest to the occasion by sermons, speeches and exhortation.

That if any school shall be situated in a county which has no Sunday School Conference it shall be at liberty to connect itself with the nearest Conference.

That for the purpose of perfecting the organization during the next Conference year, the preachers in charge of the church at the county site of each other county, and the preacher in charge of Front Street Church for New Hanover county be empowered to call the first Sunday School Conference together and organize them for business."

It will be seen from this report that the plan is to form in each *county* a Sunday School Conference, for mutual improvement and the general advancement of the Sunday Schools. Now this does not propose to make it a Circuit Conference, because the Quarterly Conference already has authority, but to extend its influence so as to bring into the County Conference all the pastors and all the schools in a county and thus make the body one of sufficient dignity and importance to exercise an extended influence for the cause, as well as to increase the general funds by organizing plans for that purpose and to secure such speakers and lecturers as shall press the value of the movement home upon the minds of the people.

We have not time to discuss the merits of the plan fully. We know it will work as well in North Carolina as it does in other States, and that these County Conferences will be valuable adjuncts to the N. C. Conference Sunday School Society, and probably be the means of insuring a fuller attendance at the meetings of that body, by appointing regular delegates and alternates.

Let the matter be carefully considered by all the District Conrerences, &c.

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How to meet a man of doubtful credit—take no note of him.

An Act to Incorporate the Widows' and Orphans' Benefit Society of the North Carolina Conference, M. E. Church, South.

SEC. 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact, that Rev. T. M. Jones, D.D., Dr. S. G. Ward, J. Buxton Williams, H. B. Hunter, John M. Brame, Col. W. S. Davis, Wm. J. Norwood, T. C. Williams, B. F. Long, Dr. J. J. Garrett, John W. Hays, George S. Cole, W. D. Rountree, O. W. Carr, E. J. Lilly, J. W. Leak, James Southgate and J. C. Pinnix, their associates and successors are hereby declared a body politic and corporate under the name and style of "The Widows and Orphans' Benefit Society of the North Carolina Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South," and by that name and style, shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, and be capable in law, of suing and being impleaded, and may hold property, real and personal, to an amount, not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. The corporate powers of said Society shall be vested in, and exercised by a Board of Directors and such officers as the Board of Directors may appoint, and empower.

SEC. 3 The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than twelve nor more than thirty members, who shall be elected by the Society at its annual meetings, five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 4. The said corporation shall have power to make such By-laws, Rules and Regulations for its government and the management and disposition of its funds, as from to time may be deemed proper.

SEC. 5. Until the Society is regularly organized under this charter, and elections regularly held, the following persons shall be, and are constituted the Board of Directors, Rev. T. M Jones D.D., Dr. S. G. Ward, J. Buxton Williams, John M. Brame, Col. Wm. S. Davis, Wm. J. Norwood, T. C. Williams. B. F. Long, E. J. Lilly, Col. J. W. Leak, Dr. J. J. Garrett, and W. D. Rountree, and the officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Financial Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be the following persons, viz: Rev. T. M. Jones D.D., President, Dr. S. G. Ward Vice President, B F. Long Secretary, T. C. Williams Financial Secretary, Wm J. Norwood Treasurer—and the Treasurer shall be required to give bond at each annual meeting in such an amount as may be required by the Board of Directors, and shall receive such pay as said Board of Directors may allow.

SEC. 6 The said corporation shall have power to receive subscriptions in money or donations by will, or otherwise, of real or personal property, and invest or otherwise dispose of, and use the same, for the promotion of the objects of said corporation.

SEC. 7. That any note given for subscription to the funds of said Society shall be considered as for value received, and the collection thereof may be enforced by law.

SEC. 8 That said corporation shall be located at Warrenton N. C. but its annual meetings may be held at any time and place said Society may direct.

SEC. 9. The Directors and officers of said Society shall hold until their successors are appointed and enter upon the duties of their office.

SEC 10. This Act shall be in force from and after its passage.

In General Assembly, read three times, and ratified the 4th day of March 1875.

BY LAWS.

SEC. 1 The object of this Society shall be to raise money, to be applied as herein after provided, for the benefit of the Widows and Orphans of the ministers of the North Carolina Conference, who may here after die, said ministers having been members of this Society at the time of their death and also for the benefit of indigent ministers who were members of this Society at the time they became indigent.

SEC. 2. Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of one dollar annually, or a life member by the payment of ten dollars at one time.

SEC. 3. The Society at its annual meetings may apply for the purposes mentioned in Sec. 1. any amount not exceeding one half of its receipts from dues of annual members, together with the interest from investments.

SEC. 4 One half of the receipts from annual members together with all other funds, or property of any kind received by this Society shall be applied for the creation of a permanent fund, which shall be kept safely invested.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of the Society shall appoint one or more Corresponding Secretaries on each pastoral charge, whose duty it shall be to solicit members, receive their dues, and also donations of any kind, transmitting the same, together with the names of ministers who become members, also the names of all life members, to the Financial Secretary, keeping a correct record of members, and of all monies, or other property received and transmitted.

SEC 6. The officers of the Society shall perform the duties usually appertaining to their respective offices, and they shall constitute an executive board under whose direction the Treasurer shall invest the funds of the Society.

SEC. 7. The Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary and Corresponding Secretaries shall make a report, to the Society at its annual meetings.

Newbern District Conference.

The Newbern District Conference will begin its session at Mt. Olive the 6th of May, Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. The opening sermon will be preached on Wednesday night, by Rev. Jas. Willson of Kinston.

The A. & N. C. Railroad and the W. & W. Railroad will pass Delegates and visitors for *one fare*.

Brethren outside the District are cordially invited.

E. A. YATES, P. E.

Bishop Kavanaugh of the M. E. Church South has accepted the invitation of the graduating class to deliver the commencement address at the coming anniversary of the School of Theology at Boston University, May 26th.

MESSRS EDITORS: I will hop you a few lines to let you hear from us [illegible] As your hearts are soft, and the refreshing showers of divine grace are still falling upon your flock, you will doubtless rejoice with us in our joy, and sympathise with us in our sorrows.

You would have heard from me long ago, but for the extreme illness of my wife, who has been for nearly three months requiring my attention at her bed-side, with the exception of just enough time to get to my appointments and return; but I am glad to say she is better.

Bro. Raven has had a fine work at Washington. He commenced a series of meetings to include his first quarterly Conference, and kept it up with unflagging energy for nearly five weeks. I never saw a clearer evidence of the Spirit's presence. The attendance upon every service was large, and there were no dull meetings. Between thirty five and forty were converted, thirty five have been received into the church, and others are expected to unite with us. The Lord is visiting his people here as well as with you. Last year we thought we had seen great things; may we not hope for an hundred fold more this year?

I have not been able to protract yet for reasons above stated; but my charge is in good condition. I have not forgtten the *Advocate*, and will send you some subscribers &c., soon.

More anon,

L. L NASH.

Washington N. C., April 8th 1875.

MESSRS. EDITORS: I enclose you a copy of the Charter and By-Laws of the Widows' and Orphans' Benefit Society, which please publish in the *Advocate*. Every reader is requested to preserve the copy in which they are published for future reference. I desire to say through you, to ministers and members throughout the Conference, that we are now sending out books of blank certificates, and we hope those who receive them will go to work at once soliciting members. In many instances we send the books to preachers because we have not been furnished with the names of persons to appoint as Corresponding Secretaries; each preacher receiving one will place it in the hands of a proper person to represent the Society in his charge. Very often a lady may be appointed, greatly to the advantage of the Society.

In every case, where the preacher is willing to work, we will gladly furnish him with a book. And we think every one ought to be willing, for Brethren, while we are determined to run it, even though it be to a large extent without you, at the same time we can do vastly better with you. Every minister ought at once to become a member, and I think it best for each to become a life member. This will save the trouble of annual payments, and give a fine set off to the enterprise. We desire to impress upon every corresponding Secretary the propriety of urging the life membership feature. Now brethren go to work. And let us see which shall be the banner charge when the reports are read out at Conference.

Very truly,

T. C. WILLIAMS,
Financial Secretary.

Programme for meeting of the North Carolina Conference Sunday school Society to be held in Greensboro on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 30th and May 1st and 2d, 1875:

Friday April 30th.

10.30 A. M., Meeting of the Society.
11.00 " Address of Welcome, by Rev. T. M. Jones, D. D.
11.30 " Subject for discussion, "What is a Sunday school?" A. H. Merritt, Esq.
12.30 P. M., Subject for discussion, "What books should constitute the Sunday school Library?"
3.30 P. M., Meeting of the Society.—Subject for discussion.—"Who shall attend Sunday school?" Rev. M. V. Sherrill.
4.30 P. M, Subject for discussion—"How shall we increase the spirituality and religious efficiency of the Sunday school?"
7.30 P. M, Opening sermon. By Rev. W. C. Norman. Subject: Filling the Mission assigned us."

Saturday May 1st.

10 to 11 A M., Meeting of the Society and election of Officers.
11.00 A. M., Address by Rev. J. J. Renn. Subject—"The demands of the Sunday-school for the best talent of the church."
12.00 M., Subject for discussion—"The use of the Blackboard in Sunday schools." By Prof. O. W. Carr of Trinity College.
1.00 P. M., Subject for discussion—"The Teachers' outside work."
7.30 P. M., Address by Rev. J. R. Brooks. Subject "The importance and reward of Sunday-school work."

Sunday, May 2nd.

11.00 A. M., Sermon by Rev. L. S. Burkhead, D. D. Subject: "Advantages of Early Piety."
3.00 P. M., Sunday school Concert—By the Greensboro Sunday School.
7.30 P. M., Sermon—by Rev. E. A. Yates. Subject—"The object of all Sunday school instruction."

There is a greater demand for the Bible and New Testament in Russia than can be supplied. An edition of 10,000 Testaments has been disposed of, and another in the press.

Religious Brevities.

Nearly a thousand conversions have already been the immediate and more remote results of a revival of religion at St. Johnsbury, Vt., under the united efforts of the Evangelical Churches of the place.

Our Welsh brethren in London are cordially aiding Messrs. Moody and Sankey in their good work. Revs. Newman Hall, Marmaduke Miller, and others, are prominent in the devotional services.

Within less than fifty years, through the influence of Methodist missions, the Fiji Islands, inhabited by ferocious cannibals, have been transformed into the abode of civilized and Christian people, with churches, schools, various industries, and equal laws, and at last have become a Colony of Great Britain, population from 150,000 to 200,000.

A CATHOLIC association has been formed in Paris, the members of which bind themselves not to buy, sell, work, or cause work to be done by others on Sunday.

THE Reformed Episcopal Church grows slowly. A fourth church has been organized in Chicago, and a third in Philadelphia. A provisional organization has been effected of a church in Baltimore.

THE Pope has issued another encyclical. It denounces Germany and seeks to comfort the ousted bishops in that country. It also excommunicates members of the clergy who accept benefices from the State.

AN ILLUSTRIOUS CONVERT.—The Russian Bishop of Irkutsk, in eastern Siberia, has converted to Christianity a Buddhist Llama priest, who is inferior in rank and importance only to the Grand Llama himself.

THE Cambridge University Union has by a large majority declared that, by his recent pamphlet on the Vatican decrees, Mr. Gladstone has strengthened the political position of Great Britain and the cause of civil and national independence, and deserves the thanks of the country.

THE Rev. Dr. Tarbell, of Lynn, Massachusetts, has been appointed medical missionary to Kiu Kiang, China. We hear also of the appointment of the Rev. Thomas McClintock, of Baltimore, to Buenos Ayres, South America, and of a Mr. Lounsbury, formerly of Bethel, Connecticut, to Bulgaria.

The Pope understands the value of having newspapers dovoted to his interest, for, according to a statement made by an Irish Roman Catholic journal, he has issued orders to the apostolic treasury to spend £7,200 more this year than was expended last "on the establishment and extension of Catholic newspapers." How much money was devoted to this object last year is not mentioned.

THE Wesleyan Missionary Society has met with a severe loss in the death of Rev. Luke Wiseman, one of the general secretaries of the association. Dr. Wiseman was an able administrator, and his reports on mission work were always marked with a calm and clear judgment. He died at Islington, England, February 10, in the fifty-fifth year of his age.

THE Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of the South has just entered upon the work of foreign missions. On January 27 a missionary meeting was held in Due West, South Carolina, the ecclesiastical capital of the denomination, to bid farewell to its first foreign missionary, Miss M. E. Galloway, who goes to Egypt.

THE English Liberation Society have begun the year's operations in favor of disestablishment by inviting the members of Parliament to a soiree. This is to be followed by a special course of lectures to be delivered on the first four Mondays in March, the lecturers being the Rev. J. B. Heard, the Rev. Murmaduke Miller, Mr. Thorold Rogers, of Oxford, and the Rev. J. G. Rogers.

Bro. Kennedy says of the revival in Macon: At the close of the third week, the special week of grace mentioned in these columns, not only presents no indications of declension, but is manifestly increasing in range and power. The genuineness of the work is demonstrated by many infallible marks, and the hearts of the prayerful are buoyant with hope of still more glorious results. Special daily services are being held in the Baptist and Presbyterian Churches, as we learn, under encouraging auspices. Bro. Simmons continues his meeting at Jones' Chapel with growing interest, and during the past week has had numerous and valuable accessions to his membership. At Mulberry St. Bro. Wright is abundant in labors, which are joyously performed under the inspiration of most signal proofs of the divine favor. The double daily services of the past week have been crowned with blessed results. More than a score of additions have been made to the membership during that period, running the aggregate during the meeting to between sixty and seventy; while we do not know that there has been a single service that has not had the seal of divine approval which the conversion of souls affords. These services will be continued through the coming week, and much longer, we doubt not. The meeting is free from everything that even the most fastidious would charge with extravagance, and yet from day to day there are seasons in which the hearts of God's people are "filled unutterably full of glory and of God."

Bishop Keener returned from quite an extended trip in Alabama, on Tuesday morning, April 6. In our next issue he will give us some account of what he saw, and of the state of the church and country. The Bishop dedicated the new church at Eufaula, on Sunday morning, April 4.—*New Orleans Advocate.*

Recent Publications.

THE SOUTHERN REVIEW. A. T. Bledsoe, LL.D, Editor, Mrs. S. Bledsoe Herrick, Associate Editor, Baltimore: Bledsoe & Herrick, 34 McCulloh St. $5.00 a year, ministers, $4.00.

The publication of this excellent *Review* has been moved from St. Louis to Baltimore, from which place it is more promptly delivered. We have received the April number and find that it contains a variety of contents. Having just received it, we have not had opportunity to read the various articles, but the following table shows the richness of the contents: Much more space than usual is devoted to Book Notices, which Dr. Bledsoe always makes interesting. The Idea of God; The Chinese; American Church Music; The Test of Prayer; The Court of George II; Bulwer's Last Works; The Republics of Ants; The Relation of the Will to the Feelings; The Clouds; Notices of Books.

THE METHODIST QUARTERLY REVIEW. D. D. Whedon, L. L. D., Editor, New York: Nelson & Phillips, 805 Broadway. $2.50 a year.

The April number contains the following articles: Ralph Waldo Emerson; The First year of our Mexican Mission; Egypt and the Pentateuch; Protestantism and Romanism Contrasted; Motley and the Netherlands; Missionary Conferences; Passage of Israel Through the Red Sea.

Harper's Magazine for May contains a profusely illustrated and well written account of the Concord fight the Frederic Hudson, which will be welcome reading to thousands at this time. Among its other contents will be found articles on "American Humor," by the Hon S. S. Cox: "The Stone Age in Europe,' by Prof. Chas. Rau; and "The First Century of the Republic—Agricultural Progress," by Prof. W. H. Brewer; besides poems by John Hay and others. It is a model number.

FAMILY PRAYERS, FOR MORNING AND EVENING SERVICE, AND FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS.

Prepared and arranged by Rev. J. W. Wellons, Franklinton N. C. Published by Sherwood & Co., Balt.

Rev. Mr. Wellons is a worthy minister of the Methodist Protestant Church and has done a good work in arranging and compiling this volume of prayers. While, in most instances, we think that each heart knows its own wants best, and can best and most fervently express them in its own language, however simple and rude, yet there are occasions when it is not only proper but necessary to use written forms of prayer. The author fully explains such necessities and having observed them among the people of his own charge and been assured of their existence in other directions, he has deemed its advisable to publish this volume. It is a valuable assistant to family worship—by its use many an altar will be erected upon which the offerings of the heart will be laid morning and evening, in places where it was before unknown or neglected. The price is only $1 25.

The Wilmington *Journal* says: The ordinance of baptism was administered to five persons at the Front Street Methodist Church, on Sunday last, and eleven persons received into Church membership on profession of faith and one by letter. The services, both morning and evening, were very impressive and were attended by large congregations.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The subject of building a railroad from Henderson to Oxford is being agitated. About $30.000 have been subscribed for the enterprise by the Oxford people. In making a speech upon the importance of a railroad through Granville, Col. J. W. Hayes said that he "would rather own the tobacco lands of Granville than the coalfields of Chatham."

J. W. Schenck, former Sheriff of New Hanover county, who defaulted for a large amount and left the State, was arrested in Texas week before last at the instance of his sureties and brought to Wilmington.

Capt. W. A. Cumming, of Wilmington, has shown to the STAR a revolutionary relic and family heirloom, in the shape of a cup made of horn, lined and bound with silver. It was used through the Revolutionary war by Wm. Cumming, the grandfather of Messrs. W. A., J. D. and Preston Cumming. In his custody it passed through the principal battles of the Revolutionary war, and in the war of 1812 was used by James F. and Jno. R. Cumming, sons of Wm. Cumming, and during the late war it was carried for a short time by W. H. Cumming, another of his sons. Later in the struggle for Southern Independence, it was used by the present owner, W. A. Cumming, and his brothers. It will be used as a drinking cup on the speaker's stand at the approaching Centennial Celebration at Charlotte.

Mr. James Crews, of Granville county, sold his crop of tobacco at forty dollar per hundred.

Dr. Grissom's lecture at Greensboro and Salem on the "Illustrious Insane," attracted large audiences and is highly spoken of by the papers of those towns.

U. S. Revenue officers made a descent upon the illicit distilleries of Yadkin county recently, and destroyed 35 stills and about 10,000 worth of property used in the illicit business.

The CENTRAL PROTESTANT says: "A most melancholy circumstance occurred in the county of Randolph quite recently. Mr. Joshua H. Fentress put an end to his life with a pistol, leaving a wife and six children. We learn that Mr. Fentress was not a member of any church, but had been a habitual reader of certain spiritualist publications which had been sent him by a brother living in the West.

The branch of the Bank of New Hanover, at Tarboro, has been discontinued and it is probable that the branch Bank at Wadesboro, will also follow. A Bank has been organized at Marion, S. C., a branch of the Bank of New Hanover, J. B. Grainger, President, and J. D. Cumming, Cashier.

Receipt is acknowledged by the Secretary of the Centennial Association of $100 sent by a lady of Wilmington, being the sum of small amounts solicited by her from citizens in aid of the Celebration.

Rev. Mr. Wescott, a highly esteemed Baptist minister of Carpenter, died at that place on the 11th inst.

Hon. Wm. A. Graham will probably be the Conservative candidate to represent Orange county in the Convention.

Caswell sent to the penitentiary a delegation of three colored individuals convicted of larceny at last term of court.

The Reidsville NEWS says Commissioners of Rockingham Co. have decided to sell the bridge known as the Settle bridge, not being willing to incur the expense of repairing it. The NEWS suggests that the proceeds of the sale be appropriated to enable the people of Madison to construct a bridge over the Dan at that point.

On the 14th inst, the top of Black mountain was covered with snow.

MAJOR SEATON GALES, of Raleigh, will deliver an address before the Lodge of Odd Fellows, in Fayettville, on the evening of 26th inst.

ANOTHER impostor is thus sketched in the Norfolk VIRGINIAN: He is about five and a half feet high, weighs about 130, is about 40 years old, wears green spectacles, and is now bearing the name H. G. Peed. He calls himself Dr., which title he falsely assumed while peddling medicine that he stole in North Carolina. He was formerly a member of the M. E. Church South, in Beaufort county, North Carolina, and applied for license to preach, but was refused on a charge of theft. He ran away in the night, leaving a wife and a helpless family of small children. He now claims to have been licensed to preach by the M. E. Church, in Illinois, and to have been ordained by Bishop Ames. He is evidently a great fraud.

The Great Mexican Sensation show collapsed in Goldsboro, last week for want of money to go further The tent and other fixtures were seized by creditors and the Mexicans, Moncayo and family, were left in Goldsboro,' thrown upon the charity of the place.

Wilmington proposes to give a Grand Ball in honor of the Press Convention which meets in that city next month. We suggest that it do something more practical and give a grand "spelling match" for the benefit of some of the 'gang.' One Editor spells window WINDER, and fraternity FRATURNITY. A contemporary speaks of the "WRIT of baptism" being administered in a certain place recently, and several of our exchanges, fulminating against the "change of gauge on the N. C. Railroad" persist in spelling it GUAGE

We direct attention to the advertisement of the Buffalo Lithia Springs which appears in this issue. The Springs are situated in Mecklenburg county Virginia, and are acquiring an enviable reputation for their health-restoring waters. Several of our best Raleigh citizens make these Springs their annual summer resort and speak in high terms both of the excellent mineral properties of the water, and of the refinement and culture of the people who patronize them. The testimonials are from the most worthy and reliable sources.

The following law passed at the recent session of the Legislature will be of interest in the counties affected by it:

SECTION 1. That it shall be unlawful to kill or shoot trap or net any partridges, quails, doves, robins, mocking birds, or wild turkeys in the counties named between the first day of April and the first day of October in each and every year, and any person so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined not exceeding ten dollars for each and every offense.

SEC. 2. That it shall be unlawful for any person to take by net, traps or kill with gun any birds mentioned in section 1 of this act on the lands of any person living within the boundaries of the following named counties, to wit: Davidson, Randoph, Rowan, Anson, Warren, Guilford, Rockingham, Orange, Caswell, Mecklenburg, and Edgecombe counties, without permission from the owner, or his agent of said lands, and any person so offending against the provisions of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined ten dollars for each and every offense.

The Winston Sentinel says: "We were shown this week a strand of beads taken from the neck of a skeleton, unearthed by the recent freshets, on the land of N. G. Hunt, Esq., near Huntsville, in Yadkin county. A skull was exposed after the water subsided when Mr. Hunt commenced digging and dug up a number of skeletons, buried in pairs, with the face down, with the knees bent so as to throw the feet up. Some of the skeletons measured nearly seven feet—This must be a very old Indian burying ground, as it is known that for one hundred and twenty-five years there has been no Indian settlement at that place."

The Wilmington Journal says: We understand that a very interesting series of meetings, all of which have been well attended, have been in progress at Fifth Street M. E. Church during the past week, conducted by the Pastor, Rev. J. T. Gibbs. This gentleman, although in feeble health, has determined to continue the meetings the present week, commencing with this (Tuesday) evening.

Centennial Notes from the Wilmington STAR:

Col. A. M. Waddell, M. C. from this District, has gracefully acknowledged an invitation to the Centennial.

The Governors of Delaware and Kansas reply to invitations to attend the Celebration in the true spirit of patriotism.

Three thousand circulars, petitions and invitations have been sent out by the Ways and Means Committee, as stated by Col. C. R. Jones, the Chairman.

The Mecklenburg Zouaves, a company organized expressly for the approaching Centennial Celebration, have just received 60 Springfield rifles with accoutrements.

In the meeting of the General Committee of the Mecklenburg Centennial last Saturday it was stated that some $2,000 had already been procured by a canvass of only half of the city of Charlotte.

In view of the fact that the people of Charlotte may not be able to accommodate all the visitors at the celebration with sleeping apartments, a recent meeting of the Committee of Arrangements adopted a resolution that the railroad companies be requested to run special trains from Charlotte on the night of the 20th of May.