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

The Fayetteville District Conference convened at Carthage on Thursday the 3rd instant. Bishop Marvin to Preside.

Bishop Marvin will dedicate Person Street Church of this city on the 2nd Sabbath in June.

Rev. R. A. Willis writes, May 20th that he is in the midst of a gracious revival of religion at Black Creek.

We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to the Annual Commencement of Wake Forest College, June 8th, 9th and 10th.

N. C. Local Ministers' Conference for 1875 will meet at Kinston, on Thursday the 15th of July.

The commencement exercises of Thomasville Female College, H. W. Reinhard, Esq., President, will take place on the 24th and 25th of this month.

The District Conferences of the Wilmington and Washington Districts were held last week.

At a recent Sunday school celebration at Polkton, in Anson county, in which the Sunday-schools of Wadesboro, Lenoire, Monroe and Polkton participated, there were, says the Argus, about 2500 people in attendance.

Love to God.

Love to God is represented in the Bible as forming the primary and grand requirement of the Divine law. The first great command of God is, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind."

It was good because a lesser object of affection could never have met the desires and aspirations of an immortal mind.

The word of God clearly teaches the truth that love expels all fear from the heart. "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out all fear, because fear hath torment."

Mrs. Dr. Green, of Nashville, has presented to Bishop Marvin the official seal of Bishop McKendree, which the latter wore habitually with his watch.

The National Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association met in Richmond, Va., last week. Thirty States, and provinces were represented and about 350 delegates attended.

The Richmond Advocate says, Dr. Rosser called in the office for a few moments last week. He was just out of the great Lynchburg revival, and on his way to Danville, where he is now at work.

The Season of Commencements.

This is a gala season in colleges and schools. The busy labor of preparation for Commencement exercises is relieved of its tedium by the anticipations of pleasure, dreams of joyous meetings with friends and kinspeople and the sans souci freedom of vacation days.

The "honors" of Commencement occasions, conferred by the College, Literary Societies or fellow students, upon the most meritorious, are a great incentive to studious habits, cultivation of natural gifts, and upright, courteous and gentlemanly deportment.

As the collegian closes his books, gathers his laurels and steps out of the classic hall a full fledged graduate, let him not think that his work is closed, and that his College honors will ensure him the continued respect of men all the higher honors which the world has to bestow.

The sermon before the Theological Seminary will be preached by Rev. E. A. Yates, of N. C. Conference on Sunday morning June 6th at 11 o'clock A. M.

Wednesday June 9th—The Trustees will meet at 9 o'clock A. M. At 11 o'clock, the annual sermon to the graduating class will be preached by Rev. Bishop Marvin D.D., of Mississippi.

We have received the second number of the Monthly Messenger, edited by Rev. Messrs. J. S. Nelson and C. M. Pepper, published by W. C. Wolfe, at the Enquirer office in Monroe, and devoted to the interests of Methodism on the Charlotte District.

Rev. George R. Crooks, L. L. D., for 15 years past the accomplished and learned editor of the N. Y. Methodist, has retired from the editorial charge of that paper.

Notes.

A terrible disaster occurred in Boston last week by an explosion in a drug store. About seven o'clock on the 26th ult., a deafening noise was heard proceeding from the store on the corner of Washington and La Grange streets, stunning many people on the sidewalks and streets and even causing a street car to overturn on the street, every window being broken and the passengers rendered insensible by the force of the concussion.

A Catholic Church in Mass., was burned last week, the drapery about the altar catching fire from the tapers burning near it.

DEAR ADVOCATE I know it will afford the Senior Editor much pleasure to know that near by the place of his boy-hood, there is now a flourishing Collegiate Institute.

Your many friends at Bethel and Littleton would be pleased to see the Advocate represented at that time by one or both of the Editors.

We are anticipating a nice time. Would it not be well for the Advocate to send a "fine specimen of humanity" into our midst to renew acquaintance, and form new ones?

At the conclusion of the service, the New Chapel will be dedicated by the Bishop.

At 12 M. The literary address will be delivered by Rev. W. E. Munsie D.D., of Tenn.

We are requested by Dr. Jones to state that all persons attending G. F. College Commencement can go and return for one full first class fare, on the N. C. Div. of the R. & D. R. R. and also on the Salem Road This applies to all who go from June 1st to 3rd inclusive.

The Champions of Civil Liberty.

MESSRS EDITORS: I have just read a Centennial Sermon preached by Rev. Dr. Miller—pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Charlotte.

DEAR ADVOCATE: For the last two weeks we have enjoyed a good season of Grace at Beaver Creek on Cumberland Circuit.

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Wesleyan Missionary Anniversary.

The Dean of Canterbury was one of the speakers at the late Wesleyan Missionary Anniversary in Exeter Hall.

"While your President of the Conference was speaking of the great growth of spiritual life that marks this present time, I could not help feeling that we owe very much of the life that exists amongst us to that example, to that charity which was first held up in this country by John Wesley." (Cheers.)

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Religious Brevities.

At the third Annual Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church, in Chicago last week, Revs. Edward Cridge and James A. Latane, were elected bishops.

The Twentieth Annual Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of the United States and British Provinces was held at Richmond, Va., May 26th to 29th.

During the twenty-nine years of Dr. Cuyler's ministry he has lost but two Sabbaths by bodily sickness.

The Christian Convention met on the 5th inst., in the Haymarket Theater, London, England. Mr. Moody, the American revivalist, was chosen Chairman.

No book can be found, written by so many different authors in so many different ages when so many different customs prevailed, that produces such wondrous harmony as does the Bible.

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We have received from Messrs Nelson and Phillips, New York, the following valuable books, recently published, for which we make our grateful acknowledgements and which we will notice more fully when we have perused them thoroughly.

BINNEY'S THEOLOGICAL COMPEND IMPROVED, containing a synopsis of the Evidences, Doctrines, Morals and Institutions of Christianity. Designed for Bible Classes, Theological Students, and young Preachers.

GLADIA, A STORY OF ATHENS IN THE FIRST CENTURY. By Emma Leslie, Nelson & Phillips, New York, 1875, \$1.25.

QUADRATUS, A TALE OF THE WORLD IN THE CHURCH. By Emma Leslie, Nelson & Phillips, New York, \$1.50.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Hillsboro Recorder says: During the Centennial Celebration, the Hon. W. A. Graham sat for his photograph surrounded by his seven sons.

The Monroe Enquirer says: Mr. J. Kinly Griffin, of Olive Branch, has a cow that gave birth to three calves on the 14th inst.; all fine, well shaped, and doing well.

The Raleigh News says: (H. E. Easley) Gov. Brogden never owned or wore a pistol, Gov. of boots or a watch; he never owned a dog, went fishing or shot at a squirrel.

The N. C. Medical Association held its annual meeting in Wilson last week, and we learn, the meeting was largely attended and of great interest to the profession.

Truck farming is likely to become quite a feature in the vicinity of Raleigh, says the News.

Last week in Davidson county Press Brown struck Mr. Epps, overseer for Dr. Shelton, with a singletree, inflicting a dangerous wound.

The Alamance Gleaner is informed that on last Wednesday morning, at her home in Guilford county, Miss Eunice Webb dropped dead.

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