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THE REASONABLENESS OF MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

NUMBER 1.

In these articles, we have discussed the work of the stewards, and shown some of the reasons why they fail to get the full amount of the pastor's salary.

I. Consider the apostolic argument. Paul in I Cor. chap. ix. says: "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing, if we shall reap your carnal things?"

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the ministry were silenced in this country, of whom we would be our faithful friends, vineyards, mines of gold and silver, peaceful homes and trade, which would be reduced and trampled down by wild beasts in human forms?

3. The justness of ministerial support is seen furthermore in the fact that the great mass of the preachers spend their early days, and many of them all their property, in preparing to preach.

But who are the ministers, that their support should be drawn from the people as water from a well through a creaking pump, when it ought to flow as freely and spontaneously as a mountain spring?

Financial relief cannot come by legislation only. We know that a bad financial system will afflict the people, and we know that a wise financial system will help the people.

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We do not offer these views as being either profound or original. But we are quite sure of our soundness, nevertheless. Work and save will bring us out.

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strongest motives that have shown themselves in this fight have been purely selfish. Men have largely fought for the sake of their supposed interests.

But our chief purpose in writing this article is to allow, if possible, somewhat the feverish expectation of many of our people that great and immediate financial relief will follow the operation of the Silver Bill.

But at last, there must be production if there is healthful increase of money. Suppose A owes \$1000, how is this Silver Bill to pay his debt?

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EDITORIAL BRIEFS.

The Post Office address of Rev. Dr. L. S. Burkhead is Wilmington, N. C.

—Rev. O. J. Brent writes pleasantly of his work, and expresses renewed interest in our paper.

—We are requested to say that the Local Ministers' Conference commences on Thursday before the last Sunday in July.

—We learn that a gracious revival is in progress at Monroe, under the direction of Rev. J. H. Gunn.

—We are indebted to Rev. G. W. Wray for a club of subscribers, and for works of encouragement relative to the Advocate.

—Rev. Jas. E. Bristow, from Newcircum, writes favorably of his work. He is greatly pleased with his people, and has good hope of success in his pastoral labors.

—It is said that Dr. Deems declines to accept the \$20,000 dollar legacy bequeathed him by the late Cornelius Vandergrift, but gave it to the Church of the Strangers, of which he is pastor.

—Rev. L. S. Burkhead, D. D., has changed his residence from Magnolia to Wilmington, N. C.

—F. A. Schutte's large furniture establishment on Front street, Wilmington, N. C., was destroyed by fire on the evening of the 1st instant.

—Mr. Richard H. Grant of the firm of Grant and Hinton an old resident of Wilmington, N. C., died somewhat suddenly in that place on the 24th ult.

—Rev. F. H. Wood, the popular pastor of the Church in Durham passed an evening with us last week. He is in good health and spirits, and quite hopeful of building a new Church in Durham during the year.

A note from President Abernethy informs us that Gov. Z. B. Vance has consented to address the Literary Society of Bathford College, on the occasion of Commencement May 22nd.

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NOTES FROM THE BRETHREN.

Rev. J. C. Hartsell sends us a list of subscribers, and with it a word of cheer, saying: "I am doing all I can for the Advocate; we like it—cannot well do without it; it's a good paper; I am determined to do all I can to sustain it."

Rev. H. P. Cole, writes from Concord as follows: "Our people are very much opposed to a division of the Conference. It has been but a little while since they were transferred from the S. C. Conference. They are satisfied and desire to remain. If a division must take place, they hope their lot will fall with the Eastern Conference. Would their wishes be regarded?"

Rev. J. T. Lyon, writes from Whiteville, as follows: "I see that many of the brethren have given through the Advocate, an account of their kind and friendly reception by the good people of their respective charges. Therefore will you please allow me, through your paper, to express my gratitude for the kindness shown me by the citizens of Whiteville, who have not been surpassed by any Methodist community, in their warm and brotherly greeting and kind attention to our every want—they have been thoughtful and careful to provide for our comfort and enjoyment in every way."

A note from Rev. C. M. Cook of the 1st inst., informs us that he was kindly received on his circuit. He also informs us that the late revival at Weldon, resulted in the conversion of seventy six persons; at Halifax twenty three conversions; the Church was greatly revived; Bro. Cook is a faithful laboring worker; and the Branch circuit, we trust, will be greatly blessed under his ministry.

Bishop Price was his birth-day, March 4th was his 44th anniversary of his marriage. The two days were blended, and appropriately celebrated. A dining was given by the Bishop, and his father, son, daughters, and a host of grand children were present.

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BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

A Hand-book of Greenhouse and Bedding Plants. Cherry Hill Nurseries, West Chester, Pa.

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Wide Awake for March, a beautifully illustrated Magazine, designed for young people.

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RELIGIOUS BREVETTES.

—Bishop Whipple, of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Minnesota, has gone South for his health.

—It is announced in the English papers that the Rev. Dr. Duff, the well-known I. dan missionary, is so ill that his life is despaired of.

—The Onida Community has been denounced by the Presbyterian Synod of Central New York. The Synod recently adopted an elaborate report of a committee, "condemning the practices of the Community."

—The Rev. Mr. Mason, a Methodist minister, was murdered at Carpentersville, Ind., by a man whom he had ejected from church for disorderly conduct. The murder was committed at the church door immediately after the close of service.

—The Brahmo Somjy of India have been censured of sending a missionary to Assam, but have been compelled to abandon the enterprise in view of the expense.

—M. Thost edit-as are placed on an equal footing with Book Agents and Dealers.—The four cents of New York received \$4,500 each; and the four editors in Cincinnati, and the editors at Chicago and St. Louis, receive \$4,000 each salary a year.

—A correspondent of the Herald of Truth suggests a union of all the branches of the Mennonite family, which are quite numerous. He thinks this might be brought about through a general conference.

—The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions has been behind in its receipts last year. The falling off to the present time in receipts is \$1,000 less than in 1876. The receipts from legacies were larger in 1877 than in 1876.

—A Jewi paper favors a revision of the Jewish ritual, on the ground that there is much in it to which many do not give their assent, and there are some which the people cannot understand. Such a revision would be in the opposite direction from uniformity; but of this there has always been a lack.

The Methodist Book Concern at New York has a capital of \$974,192, with a business for the past year of \$801,563. Western Concern at Cincinnati reports a capital of \$429,474, and its business for the past year was \$658,474. The capital of the combined Concern is \$1,403,037, and the business of the year amounted to \$1,460,037.

—Albana has been eternally marked by "German's gunners," if it is true as the Construction says: "There are marks of bomb shells in some parts of Albana, which will remain forever a memorial of dark and warty days. They can be seen all around."

—Petersburg Index appeal: Miss Bottwell, the young lady who killed her self with laudanum in Portsmouth last week, is said to have been engaged to be married to a young man who went to sea on the United States steamer Hartford last fall.

The debt of Canada now amounts to \$100,000,000, or forty dollars per head of the population. In view of the unprofitably vast resources of Canada, and of the fact that it is burdened with no war debt, these are heavy figures. It is not so easy to see why the Dominion should not be wholly free from debt.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Adrian VI., of Utrecht; made Pope in 1522, was the last foreign, or not Italian, Pope.

It is asserted that the Emperor Alex. and his ministers creating the Prince of Batsch, a viceroy of Bulgaria. He is a son of Prince Alexander of Russia, brother of the Empress Yussina.

More than 6,000 boys and girls were arrested in Chicago last year. Parents and homes are needed all over this country, and if not secured the young will continue to be depraved and ignorant.

Innocent and without guilt are the two who insert personal advertisements in the Paris papers. There is one in Le Figaro: "A young man not content with knowing a lady, goes on to tell her that he would give a fortune to some young married couple."

Florida has eighteen representatives in the University of the south, at Knoxville, Tenn.

Governor Hampton, of South Carolina, is said, who is not seen, to enter the United States Senate in place of Patterson, but will be a candidate for re-election.

—C. Caberand, Maryland, has a law under which all boys under 17 years of age will be arrested when found loitering on the streets after 8 o'clock at night.

—Mrs. M. C. G. Gaines \$90,000 from the estate of Baltimore by the decision of a recent suit. She expects to attack Baltimore, Michigan, next.

—Gov. Walker stated to a Richmond gentleman on Saturday that it was untrue that he meant to take up his residence in California; that on the contrary, he would remain in Virginia.

—Farming operations have commenced in the earnest in Southwest Georgia. The crops have been slaughtered and the most cared. Cane planting is about over and some corn is being put in the ground.

—Mr. Henkle, of Maryland, Monday introduced a bill for the relief of Samuel F. Mudd, of Maryland, the physician who gave professional assistance to Booth after he killed President Lincoln.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Masonic Memorial Association was held on Feb. 1st, last, the object of the meeting being to take into consideration the erection of a design for the monument erected in honor of the Confederate dead.

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