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THE MARVIN MONUMENT—OBJECTIONS ANSWERED.

We were surprised to see published in the "Carolina Methodist" a letter written by Rev. E. A. Yates, in which he urges several objections to the laudatory eulogies of erecting the Marvin Monument, China Chapel, etc.

1. It says, in effect, that our other deceased Bishops were not deserving of such a mark of honor. I am not willing to say that.

2. It is said, to say the least, an unimpaired precedent. Are we able, as a Church, to raise monuments over each of our other Bishops, as one after another they die, and feel to their high regard?

3. When our preachers, and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers, need the money to live on more than the same Marvin needs a monument?

4. As to the objection, we remark that, if the Methodists who lived when Bishops Asbury, Emory, McKendree and others died, did not have enterprise enough to crown their graves with laudatory monuments, is their neglect to honor the illustrious Marvin to sleep in obscurity and silence?

5. It is the duty of each generation to take care of the bones of its own dead. Of course, as Methodists, we cannot go back and erect monuments over the graves of all the distinguished dead connected with Methodism.

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"ARE THEY CONSISTENT?"

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THE WANTS OF METHODISM.

In these days when so many hands are stretched out to steady the ark of Methodism, and so many who love her and labor for her are suggesting changes in her economy, is it not well to ask whether our system as it now exists may not be made to serve all the purposes of a church of Christ?

What is the true work of a Church? Is it not to bring souls into the way of life and keep them in it? This from the beginning has been the aim of Methodism in every part of the world.

John Wesley, in his lifetime, brought more souls into the way of life, and by his wise methods kept more of them in it than any other man since the days of St. Paul. It is, however, not unlikely that there are some people who look upon themselves as having passed far ahead of this great and wise worker, and as waiting for him to hurry up to their position.

In his judgment through discipline, and constant training in the practical duties of religion are essential to the success of Methodism. He says in his terse language that though we may preach like apostles, if we fail to train our people we are really begetting children for the murderer.

Another want of Methodism is that every man stick to his work in whatever part of the great field it lies, and strive to do it faithfully. The power of an earnest worker will surely be felt. And in whatever kind of work a man is engaged he must make it bear upon one point especially—salvation of souls.

In one of his favorite sermons Wesley discovered that there was a spiritual decline. This he imputed to nothing but the want of visiting from house to house, "without which," he says, "the people will hardly increase in number or grace."

Methodism needs deliverance from the idea that the form of religion requires special attention and cultivation. It is special to have suitable forms and ceremonies, but the great danger is that thousands may rest in these and neglect to seek the true power of religion in the rich gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Another and a great want of Methodism is deliverance from the love of money. How rich our Church is! And what a power lies hid in her riches! Oh if our coffers were opened at the call of the Lord how gloriously would his work in every branch go forward!

How faithfully the veteran leader warns the people he loves so well, on this point. He says: "After having served you between sixty and seventy years, with dim eyes, shaking hands, and tottering feet, I give you one more advice before I sink into the dust. Mark those words of St. Paul. Those that desire an endeavor to be rich that moment fall into temptation, into a deep gulf of temptation, out of which nothing less than Almighty power can deliver them."

The price of the "Dial" is 60 cents, per mail, size 10x12. Send your orders to Rev. J. J. Lafferty, Richmond, Va.

Send \$1. to this office and get a copy each of Bishop Marvin's two great works—"To the East by way of the West," and his lectures on the "Errors of the Papacy."

A NORTH CAROLINA METHODIST.

Over this signature, which I use as a caption, I see in the Advocate an article, which I wish by your permission to examine briefly. I think it would be well for "North Carolina Methodist" to examine the reasons set forth by the petitioners for the divisions of the Conference before he makes an attempt to defeat the enterprise.

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FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

FROM THE NATIONAL BAPTIST: "An anonymous article of six pages on 'Church Independence' has just gone in to the waste basket. When it appears again as white paper, we trust that whoever writes on it will put his name to it."

FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN WEEKLY: "We think no one will dispute the statement that the new Indian policy of our Government is the best in theory that has ever been inaugurated; and we also believe that it is the wisest in practice, notwithstanding the hue and cry that is frequently raised in certain quarters against it. If Christian men cannot honestly manage Indian affairs on our frontier, is it likely that the grasping and selfish agents can do it?"

FROM THE HERALD: "If persons at a distance suppose that the criticism to which Mr. Cook and the Monday lectures have been submitted, have diminished their quality, they are greatly mistaken. The great audience-room has not been better filled during the whole hundred discourses than for the last half-dozen lectures. The interest, both in the premises and discussions, has been fully sustained. No one of the series of his subjects has been invested with more practical and immediate value than the one now in progress, upon the relation of infidelity to the family. The volume embodying this course, when published, will be of permanent value."

RELIGIOUS ITEMS. An exchange says that three of the bishops of the Reformed Episcopal Church were originally Methodists—Cummins, Nicholson and Fallows.

Elizabeth City Economist: It gives us pleasure to state that the Executive Committee of the Albemarle Agricultural Society have made their arrangements with the proprietor of the Fair Grounds, for holding the Fair this Fall.

RAILROAD TICKETS TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

I am in receipt of letters informing me that there will be put on sale at Goldsboro, Raleigh and Greensboro, on April 27, 28, 29th and 30th, round trip tickets to Atlanta, good to return within 30 days from the date of sale. They can be purchased by both Delegates and Visitors to the General Conference.

DELLEGATES starting from Charlotte will be required to pay one full fare for the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Co. and will be returned once upon the certificate of the secretary of the Conf.

Wilmington Star: The value of foreign exports from this port for the month of March, foot up \$426,881. The collections from all sources amounted to \$2,318,54, of which \$399,30 was in coin.

Oxford Torchlight: If we cannot get the Moffett bell punch introduced into North Carolina, we are in favor of a new ball box with something like these registers attached. Let the ball ring and number every ballot deposited. This will prevent repeating and false voting. What patriot will introduce them into Granville? We'll need them next August.

Wilmington Review: A mass-meeting of the citizens of Pender county will be held at Burgin on Wednesday, May 1st, for the purpose of taking steps to further the project of a railroad by Onslow county, and for other matters of interest to the people of those counties. An educational convention will also be held at the same time and place.

GENERAL NEWS.

Atlanta banks are paying out gold to their depositors.

The New York Sun says a colony of fifty German families is to leave New York soon for Bainbridge.

The Pope has appointed Cardinal D. Pietro as Pontifical Cerearlogus.

Archbishop Labastida of Mexico has been created a cardinal. He is the first Mexican cardinal ever appointed.

The Pope last week appointed the Scottish Bishops, and conferred the hat upon Cardinal McCloskey.