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

OUR GENERAL RULES—CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP.

It is the duty of the pastors to read at least once a year, the General Rules to their congregations. It would be well if the members of the churches would read them also.

them, and put them up in Christ? What Christ said of himself may be said of the church.

There is a singular fact found in the statistical history of a certain denomination which boasts highly of a converts membership only, and which lives a common shut into our practice every now and then, that that church has not more of its converted members than we do of ours.

A very interesting revival is in progress at Kernersville under the direction of Rev. M. J. Hunt, the efficient pastor.

A terrific hail storm passed over the town of Clayton on Thursday evening, the 11th inst. The storm extended within a few miles of this city.

In an article from OBSERVER in our last, on the "Wants of Methodism," the word precious was substituted for the word grievous. The mistake was marked in proof, but was overlooked by the printer.

The General Conference will meet in May. We hear of no collections to pay the expenses of our delegates. Collections should be taken at once.

If any delegates, clerical or lay, should find that they cannot attend the General Conference, it is important that they be informed promptly, that they may notify the first alternate.

We learn from Rev. S. R. Trawick that Rev. M. L. Wood will preach the annual sermon before the pupils of Kernersville Academy the 1st Sabbath in June, and Hon. F. C. Robinsons of Lexington will deliver the literary address June 4th.

Trinity College is to have a Normal School, to commence June 20th, and continue 12 weeks. Ample arrangements are being made for a grand success.

We are indebted to Rev. James W. Craig of Wilmington, who has recently been appointed and entered upon the duties of Chaplain of the Seaman's Society of that port for the April copy of the "Sailors Magazine," published in New York, from which we gather the cheering news of the conversion of sons of the sea at different quarters on land and on sea, and we hope his Craig will be abundantly blessed in his new field of labor.

A correspondent of the "Carolina Methodist," over the non de plume of Sunday is evidently not pleased with the discussion of the division of the Conference now going on in this paper.

We do not know the name of the author of the article from which this extract is taken, but we suppose he is one of the original "agitators."

We make our grateful acknowledgments to Benj. A. Elliott & Co., of Pittsburgh, Pa., and John Saul of Washington City, for the boxes of plates, bullets and shurles sent us.

Mrs. Mary West Oats, a daughter of our aged and esteemed townsman Henry Porter, Esq., died at Gayoso, Mo., on the 10th ult. in the 30th year of her age.

We invite attention to the advertisement of Messrs Hardin, Grimes & Co., which appears in another column.

A North Carolina correspondent of the Richmond Christian Advocate says: "The temper of our people as to the relations of the two great branches of American Methodism is, if we understand it, strictly conservative."

Dr. Bonnett: There is a mistake in the figures printed in the "Conference Journal."

Lenoir Circuit, Newbern District, is reported—Assessed for Pastor \$700.—I am sorry that the printed figures are not correct.

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STATE NEWS.

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then-shelling corn to send to the... I asked him for an ear of corn to... and then I bid him good evening... went on to Melvin's. I said the... about half an hour if no more. We... I got within 150 yards of Melvin... house. I met Melvin coming across... Melvin. He and his brother and... to his house that Melvin would be... very long. We went to the house... warned myself and paroled Melvin... It wasn't long before Melvin... entered. He looked some more mad... baked some bread, fried meat and... it for supper. Melvin and me... nearly an hour. Then Melvin went... bed. I hid a chair on the floor... put my hand on the lock of it, and... until about midnight. Got up at... wood made fire, cooked breakfast... and started for my work. It was... morning. When I got... sight of Worley's house, about an hour... by me, I saw the door open—the... next to the crib, kept right on. Bro... never stick to fight the dog with... always hid him in flight. Don't... know the dog's name. Dog barked... out at me when I got within 50 yards... of the house and that I heard him... back to me. I saw Melvin and... a comb to do it. I took over the... next to the crib. Walked about the... side of the crib, the potato... saw Worley's wife lying on the... floor. I thought that she had a... handkerchief on her head and had... or something else that made her... out somebody that Worley had gone... somebody to work on her. He... flayed his muscles and made the... feet took in heaven. Going from... the crib came to the fence again... these the dog made at me again... had him to fight. Looking on the... side of the chimney I saw Mr. Worley... lying on his back, with his hand... across his breast. I then knew the... was dead. Did I know what to... myself. I secured an awful head... I certainly walked around had... about 15 yards around the fence... towards Arthur Stevens' den looking... of the children, but couldn't see any... Then I thought I would go to the... Talbot's and let him know they were... dead. Then thought Arthur was... and I went to his house. When... something I told his wife I had... and would have seen it for \$50. So... asked me what it was. Told her I... seen Worley and wife dead. Told her... how they were lying. Arthur said... would go and see. Told him he would... see a sign. He got his horse and... An hour after he was gone his wife... she wanted to see it and I told her... I would go with her. So me, she... her daughter went off together. When... we got within about a hundred yards... of the house, we heard the children... I had not thought of the children... fore till I heard them cry. We stopped... when we heard the children. Saw Mr... Atkinson. Price and others coming... They all went to the house to see... We found some water and a horse... went into my work where I stayed... they saw for me. The dog came... she was afraid. The dog looked... me so pitiful, and I felt right sorry... him. I never saw Jerry until Friday... before the murder at General Atkin... son's and then no more till Sunday... the murder after I was arrested... This ended the interview with... Harris Atkinson and Robert Thompson... man were then brought down, Noah... maning. Harris said he could not... a child. Thompson said he knew... nothing of it, said the clothes at the... house were brought there by Noah... Sunday; all of them said that Jerry... Cox lived in town. Noah had employ... a lawyer; Harris and Robert thought... getting one. They were asked... make whatever statement they would... but nothing was elicited of any imp... interest. While the three were... seated in a group in the yard Jerry... Cox was brought down from jail. Jerry... walked about in front of the... three and called them out. He showed... no embarrassment whatsoever, and... when asked made the same statement... he had made to the press, said that... Noah there killed Mr. Worley. He... Worley." Noah replied "you the... they continued in his statement... the least confusion. Said I... him a month before the murder... wanted to have a nice time... Worley. Had been getting... Noah. Met Noah at General... Friday before the murder, met... Monday morning and then... made the appointment for that... that evening. That Noah and... and they left. Arriving at... house they hid. Jim Wade... Noah. Met Noah at General... house, and met that time Mr... Robert came up and went... Jerry) says he remained outside of... bus. Saw Noah strike Worley... come running out of the house. Noah... followed and hit him again, then... Williams and hit him again, then... Worley who was screaming. Noah... passed the first ray of light. Mr... Thompson next and Harris next. Mr... Worley then tried to run when Noah... seized him and struck her with... They left. Noah told him never to... mention it.

While Jerry was telling this he was frequently interrupted by the three. Noah repeatedly told him he lied. Jerry said "you know I tell the truth, Jerry... three are acquitted by a jury that... thought never go back into the... house." Harris said "I believed... was the killing man and that Jerry... folks of his helped him out, but he...