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THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1878.

This General Conference has received scant praise. It has suffered no little censure...

With deep regret we have read an editorial in the General Conference organ of June 15...

With the retiring editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate—who has rendered our Church and our Methodism such long and illustrious services...

We are not going to affirm that the oft-quoted complaints are groundless; that they exaggerate the faults...

Our design in this article is not so much to vindicate the General Conference itself, for the men who composed it can endure criticism...

It is not possible that the General Conference is not altogether blameable for the prevailing dissatisfaction?

1. It was an over large body. We have read somewhere that if every man in Athens had been a Socrates...

2. The Conference room was unsatis-

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factory on several accounts. Our hosts, no doubt, did the best they could. Certainly they were assiduous in their attentions and generous in their hospitality.

Unlikely for a considerable part of the session the East-wind was blowing. Even in the balmy South the East-wind is a bad wind; it deranges the nervous currents in a most unaccountable manner.

3. Visitors—the majority of them being from a distance—crowded the delegates overmuch. For the most part they had no regard for the "Conference-Bar;" they were not afraid of the warning words printed in big letters and all sprung across the aisles.

4. With great respect we say, the Chair was to blame for some of the much-talked-of disorder. We honor the Chair's heart in this matter; but sometimes the Chair was over-courteous and long-suffering beyond measure.

5. Much of the unpleasant impression that has gone through the country is due to the reporters for the secular press. Your professional reporter cannot abide a "stagnant" meeting.

6. There were some questions that, in themselves, were disagreeable as well as troublesome. And the General Conference was not to blame for their introduction.

7. The gravest of these disagreeable subjects—"the Publishing House Question"—was unavoidable. And it had been coming so long, the Conference was chilled by the penumbra of an anticipated eclipse before the fatal hour.

8. Many persons were disappointed in that there were no great, historic speeches made. But there was no occasion for great orations or great debates. Nearly all the questions that

came before the Conference were questions for business-like consideration, not for oratorical illumination. Times change and customs change with them.

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FAYETTEVILLE.

Rev. E. A. Yates, of Wilmington, writing to the Raleigh Observer recently, concerning two of Fayetteville's prominent citizens, peas the following tender and graceful letter:

"Taking my accustomed seat in my study this morning with the 'Observer' in my hand, my eye fell upon your editorial announcement of the death of one of Fayetteville's oldest citizens, E. W. Willings, Esq."

"From my boyhood I remember the genial face and cheerful word of Edward W. Willings (for he did not think it undignified to speak to a little boy on the street) and the open, smiling countenance of W. J. Anderson, Esq., both so recently deceased."

"The topography of the old place is a perfect photograph in memory's album. Haymont, with its springs and fountains, the chief one of which, supplying the water-works of the town, the writer's mother, when a girl, dug out with her own hand from the hill-side."

"The brooks that formed the cross were exhausted streams of pleasure to youth. They embraced the town with their babbling waters, giving life to mills and factories, the hum of which was music to the boys that swam in the brooks or gathered flowers upon their banks."

"Oh, the years, the years, as they come and go, Bringing shadow and sheen of the long ago, Of life's morning-glories; of childhood's days."

"As seen from the highest of the Caucasus mountains; They call to the soul, like the waves of the sea— Be faithful to duty; we shall rest on the shore."

"My boyhood was in Fayetteville's Augustan age. It was the day of good and beautiful women, and merchant princes. Of the former, however, there has doubtless been no decline."

"The doctor gave me a remedy that soon eased him and he called out: 'Keep at it doctor and I'll give you a check for five hundred dollars.'"

"When the doctor was ready to go the sick man was up and dressed, and he followed the physician to the door, and said: 'Say doctor, send in your bill the first of the month.'"

WORK FOR INFIDELS.

An infidel should look well to his life and show that he is pure and blameless. The world has formed an opinion that he who has no religious creed is generally an unprincipled man.

"The leading ones of them in history, from Julian the apostate down to the modern lecturer who tries to breathe new life into Paine's withered and dead arguments, have been men whose lives would not bear critical examination."

"Now that the International lessons are again in the New Testament, it should be borne in mind that if study is ever necessary in order to understand the Scriptures, it surely is so in the case of the Gospels."

"Now that astronomers have almost by unanimous consent accepted the doctrine of the development of our system, which involves the belief that the whole mass of each member of the system was formerly gaseous with intensity of heat, they can no longer doubt that the moon once had sea and an atmosphere of considerable density."

"The moon was once a globe, though not at the same time nor for so long a time. She was once glowing with intensity of heat, though this stage also must have continued for a much shorter time than the corresponding stage of our earth's history."

"I was greatly stirred one day by hearing a colored preacher say, 'I know I will have to answer before God for this day's sermon and you will have to answer, too, for what you hear.'"

"A Methodist General Conference in Australia.—The General Conference of the Australian Wesleyan Methodist Church opened in Sydney, New South Wales, May 8, Ninety-one delegates—the entire number elected—were present, representing the following annual conferences: New South Wales and Queensland, Victoria and Tasmania, South Australia and New Zealand."

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SCIENTIFIC.

An epidemic of typhoid has occurred at Manchester, England. The outbreak of the disease was in this instance clearly traced to a dairy, the water supply of which ran so close to some ash-pits as to become contaminated with the sewage.

"The Rev. H. C. McCook, of the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Science, has been observing the operations of aeronaute spiders. They first climb to the top of a tall post, and elevating the abdomen, throw rapidly out a thread six or eight feet long. With head toward the wind, they then make a sudden spring upward, and are borne off on the breeze."

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