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EDITORIAL BRIEFS.

The Charlotte, Hill-boro and tyreensboro District Conferences are to be held this week.

- Fare hard and work hard when you are young, and you will have change to jest when you are old.

- If anger is not restrained, it frequently more hurtful to us than the injury that provokes it.

-Dr Fitzgerald,the new editor of the Nashoille Adoceate, makes an excel lent beginning. The first number under his management is capital. His editorials are timely, healthy and able.

-The Local Preachers Conferen teresting occasion. Rev. J. W. Heprhestall presided over the Conference and Rev. L. Branson was the efficient Suretary. The next session will be hald at Chayton, N. C.

- It is gratifying to the Editor that and people of North Carolina than at parsent. Words of encouragement and of high communication are greeting to from all sections of the State.

- tool is reviving his work of grain many of our pastoral charges. The harch ought to have a revival all through the year. We believe that penirents should be called for whenever and wherever we preach the pure word of life. The object of the Gos- upon Adam's head and said: "This lad

- We yield most of our space this Clarke says: "I felt his kindness, it week to the reports of District Confer- mised my spirit; the possibility of beus. The Raleigh, Fayetteville, and ing able to learn was in this moment shelly Districts were held the same the same time, and as it is matter that does not "keep well," none of them could lie over. It is, lowever, good real in-renetive reading. These several Conferences passed resolutions strongy endorsing the Apvocate and commending is to the paironage of our

PROVIDENCE SPREADING THE not because they have red cheeks-enr- Mission: COSPEL

y hair, acc., but for any pure sentiment Navilostrine is more clearly taught at the bible than that God governs the would in the interest of the Gospel .-The Lord directs the affairs of the earth to the grand end of spreading spiritual Hudson, sends us the following items life muong men. Jesus said: "All honor is given unto me in beaven and from the Shelly District Confer in earth, go ye therefore and preach the ence : " The Conference met in the prosped to all nations." The power of town of Lensir. All the pasters the Holy Spirit sent down on the day were present except Bros. North and of Peniscost converted the people, and Hoyle, Bro, Hoyle was taken sick the Providence of God so arranged it on his way and failed to get there. Bro. that the Parthians, Medes, Arabians, North felt too feeble to undertake the and dwellers in Mesopotamia should be trip. Bro, Chaffin preached a very apthere and be converted, and carry the propriate introductory sermon. Bro sacred fire home with them and spread Nelson presided with dignity and ease. is in their respective neighborhoods. The regular routine business was taken The persecution resulting in the death up, and discussed. Judging from the reports of the preachers, the spiritual of Steven, scattered abroad the primiand financial interest of the District is tive disciples, but that dispersion only out the Gospel the more widely over in a healthy and growing condition. the earth; for wherever dispersed, they The discusion on the various matters brought before the Conference was unwent forth preaching the Gospel. Paul usually lively and interesting throughout was arrested, he appealed to Rome .the entire session. As Bro, Harris, the To Rome he was sent, but he went in the pagan government ship and under Secretary, was ordered to prepare a reprotection. What followed? A port of the proceedings, it is not necese-pel church was organized "in the sary for us to repeat. The devotional muschold of Ceasar," And now the even hills of that proud capital become full of the marrow of the Gospel. The the seven golden candlesticks to send the light of Divine Truth abroad through interest was excited during the Conferthane, but darkness prevails over the British Isles. A brave soldier is capboro College, was a visitor-made a usued on that Island- carried to Bome. He hears the Gospel there, embraces religion, is liberated and sent back a constian man, accompanied by christian p achers. Thus was the Gospel provitentially introduced into a country unere its healing beams have become or increaching and luminous. Under the guidance of Providence, Constan-Gilkie, alternates." the became the protector of the Christions, broke the arm or bloody persecution, established religious liberty, and aid dished the temples of the pagan re and scattered over the world; so His Providence leads men to discover and to the General Conference in reference perfect the act of prieting, and thus the Word of Life is multiplied and carried quite certain, from the lights before us, by the science of navigation to all parts delegation. The memorial was withof the world. Under Providence, Co. drawn after a free interchange of opinburdens discovered the American Conricent. And it is peopled by a right- ion on the part of the Holston and North cons seed, and becomes an inviting and | Carolina Delegations, and it was withfortial field where rich spiritual har. drawn because the Holston Delegation vests bloom and mature many sheaves and those representing the Western for the garner of the skies. And as portion of our Conference were not wiltime rolls on, the facilities to spread the ling to abide by the action of the North Grapel are multiplying. Railroads, telegraphs, families, schools, tract and Committee on Boundaries at the General missionary societies are brought into Conference. existence and wielded by the Omnipolanta are incapable of double-dealing, tent arm of an All-wise Providence to s gend abroad the saving power of the and it will be hard to induce the church temptation. blessed Gospel. All things are made in North Carolina or elsewhere, to be

t haracter gives splendors to youth in this or any other matter. If deemed two to wrinkled skin and gray necessary, they are abundantly able to

the hope of ultimate triumph.

to work to this end, and in this is found lieve that they acted in bad faith.

THE DUTY OF COMPLIMENTING.

"What," says one, "you don't believe hat it is the duty of any one to compli- Insane Asylum of North Carolina, ment another." Yes, we do, when given to the public his rejoinder to Dr. another does a commendable thing. Men Hammond's "Open Letter." We have generally in their dealings with each not read the attack of Dr. Hammond on other, are very meager in their praise. Dr. Grissom, but from the extracts be-They are rather prone to blame, to point fore us, we unhesitatingly affirm that out faults, to scold, and "to flatter with he has betrayed his own weakness at evfaint praise." The world is full of ery point assumed in his position. Dr. romen, men and children, who work Grissom, in his own felicitons style, has and toil in the dampening shadow of cold brought to light facts which uncover the neglect. No one seems to speak kindly true character of his opponent. What-2.50 to them or appreciate what they are do- ever of reputation he may have hereto-

raise where praise is due." It is oil to public as skilled in the science of medithe wheels of life. It is refreshing rain and you that your subscription has to the dry heart. And Burke says:-"It produces more labor and more tal- charges preferred against him. Dr. ent than twice the wealth of a country Grisson quotes charges and specificacould ever rear up." Is it not a duty to tions of which he was proved guilty by admirable as well as to lespise what is hateful? As the warmth at Washington, D. C., January 19th, of the spring sun develops buds into agrant flowers, so does judicious comdimenting encourage timid and sensitive only to open out into nobler excellence. Kean once said referring to a congreration that sat around him as so many icebergs: "Such an audience would exinguish a volcano." Ah, every preachr knows how hard it is to preach to a cold, listless, sleepy congregation. tention to what he says, and let him know in this way especially, that his sermon was appreciated and did good; it will help and encourage him. To withhold

careely have an existence,-and reigion must be a superstitious dream Nor is he content to express his dishecompliming your preacher by close atlief in events sacred to all christendom n any moderation of language, bu speaks, for example, of the great work done by the sincere and devout Wesley for the reformation and blessing of mankind, in a tone that vividly tells of mmendation where it is deserved and whole mental and moral constitution at war with the noblest emotions and eeded—to be always afraid to speak in repest sympathies of Christian life. amplimentary terms of others, evidenes a cold heart. Such a spirit of cyn- Wesley's journal descriptive of what are termed "revivals," he uses the folcion and habitual depreciation mer owing language: "This is not all there ustly shum as they do snarling and is a great deal more to the same ef parking dogs. The Bible from begin eet, and were it not that there is such ing to end always commends men for lisposed to take the other alternative oing noble. It is "well done thou good a demoniacal possession as an explanand faithful servant," wherever it is tion of the frightful orgies which under the blasphemous designation of beserved. Adam Clarke tells us that the "outpouring of the spirit of God" when a boy he was regarded as exceed excelled in hideoususss the frenzies of ing dall of intellect. One day his faththe demonolators of the East." Hammond on Spiritualism and Nerr said to the teacher: "That boy i yous Derangement, page 239.) ery slow at learning. I fear you will Such language is simply blasphemnot be able to do much with him." us, and should forever put to shame ·My heart sank, ** says Dr. Clarke. the name of Dr. Hammond with all But the teacher kindly laid his hand will make a good scholar yet." Dr.

ay of hope sprang up within me, and

a that hope I lived and laborel and

necorded," From that hour Adam

reat speed and wonderful success, and

SHELBY DISTRICT.

Our corresponding Editor, Rev. H. T

THE DIVISION QUESTION.

to the "division question," We are

that no hasty action was had by the

The men who represented us at At-

speak for themselves,

right-minded persons. REVIVAL INTELLIGENCE.

TRUE AND FALSE EXPERTS.

Dr. Grissom, Superintendent of the

a general Court Martial, convened

1864. As touching his religious views,

"So far as allusion is made to the

atheistical opinions of Dr. Hammond.

the reader will observe that reference

to the same, is only made upon the

core that it ill becomes one who as-

sumes the role of a reformer in social

ethics, and advocates the execution of

ectual maniaes who have broken the

aws, when for him morality can

if any he has, Dr. G. says:

Sladesville, Hyde Co., N. C., July 27,

for the first time impressed upon me; a "We are in the midst of a glorious there have been about 19 conversions, carning. The old idea that it is wrong to may yet more abundantly bless us."

traise children should be banished from of the work of grace on the Waccamaw our families. You ought to praise them.

a noble deed, compliment them, and religion in the bounds of the Waccasend them sadding along the road of well- may Mission, at a point where the Methodist have never had any society till now - Rev. T. J. Browning in church, and over 60 have professed reigion: the meeting is still going on and deep interest is manifested. Souls are still inquiring the way of salvation. I aptized about 40 at this point, Cypres lireck. The brethren have seemed the land, half acre given by Col. Forney leorge, of Whiteville, and are going o build a church at once. There is a warm revival spirit at other points on the Mission. The young men's prayer neeting is doing a great deal of good. Brother Browning is a devoted manhas the cause of Christ greatly at heart, nd is doing a good work. He lives in the hearts of his people. They all love him. May the Lord still bless and presper the cause."

> - Bro. Isaac N. Mann, writing from Pittsboro, Chatham Co., says:

"I desire to acknowledge through the Advocate the reception of a handsome present from the congregations at Hickexercises of the occasion were delightfoundly grateful. The present is one of Churches. ence. Dr. Jones, president of Greens-Barnes & Bro., fifteen dollar solid silver Hunting American Lever Watches, It speech in behalf of that College, which made a good impression. The hospitalkeeper, and is highly appreciated, not so ity of the Lenoir people was very cordial and elegant. The next Conference is to ticle so kindly donated, as for the hear- South, does well wherever used. be at Dallas M. O. Sherrell, Dr. J. A. ty good cheer and encouragement it Sherrill, R. B. Miller and J. C. Harper,

were elected delegates to the Annual heart. Conference, J. R. Wilson and A. B. "Most sincerely do I thank God for The Report of the Shelby District

faction with the action of our delegation home."

FOURTEEN KEEPS. He will keep thee as the apple of his

He will keep thee in all thy ways, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. He will keep thy foot from being ta-

Lest any hurt thee, he will keep thee day and night. Carolina Annual Conference and the

He will keep thee from the evil that is in the world. He will keep thee from talling.

He will keep thee from the hour of He will keep thee in all places whi-

ther thou goest. He will keep thee in the way, and We do not feel called upon, however, bring thee into the place which He has to defend the action of our delegation

He will keep the feet of His saints. He will keep them which Thou hast committed to Him.

RALEIGH DISTRICT CONFER-EXCE.

Mr. Editor: The following synopsis of the proceedings of the Raleigh District Conference, prepared by direction of the Conference, is furnished for publication. Pressing official duties precluded a notice of some subjects receivspon them, and extended the aid necesing the attention of the Conference, besary to restore the College to the Church, youd a hurried reference to them. trusting in the ability and integrity of The Conference held its 12th annual the Methodists in the North Carolina

ession at Franklinton, July 25th--27th. Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, D. D., Presiding Elder, was present. Subsequent to the opening of the Conference he read fore enjoyed, it must be admitted that Sidney Smith says: "Do not fail to be can no longer palmu himself upon the the chapter of the Discipline concerning liquidate the debt was expressed by the District Conferences, and added suggestions giving direction to the deliberations cine or as sound in moral ethics, unless of the Conference on the several subjects he can show himself innocent of the

While he elaborately and lucidly considered each subject and commended it to the careful attention of the Conference, he gave prominence to the mission work, ably and earnestly setting forth the position of the Church upon this great feature of its polity, and the necessity for more active effort in its prosecution,

dency and asking the co-operation of The discourse, though lengthy, was listened to with profound attention, and the friends of the school in his efforts to perceptible effect. The organization was effected by the

election of D. W. Bain, Secretary, and Geo. S. Baker, Assistant.

and personages." Every pastor was present, and but few f the lay delegates were absent.

The President called for pastoral reorts as to the condition of the several charges: 1st, "As to their spiritual state, and the attendance upon the ordinances nd social meetings of the Church."

A careful analysis of the several reports on this subject exhibits the gratiiving fact that there is considerable improvement in many of the charges. The standard of piety has been elevated-Church members seem to more fully appreciate their Church vows. It is evident that there is a quickening on the subject of infant baptism. Pastors who had enjoined this duty on parents from the pulpit, and in personal interviews, reported gratifying results.

A resolution was unanimously adopted urging upon the people the obser vance of the important duty of family vorship, and committing the preachers to an increased effort to influence their nembers in this direction.

2nd, "As to missions within - Rev. J. H. Cordon writes from District, where new ones should be es tablished, or what missions should be

Rev. R. C. Beemon, pastor of Young revival at this place. Up to this time ville Mission, gave an interesting ac count of his work. There is increased sounded over the fields of literature with 14 accessions to the church, and 20 zeal on the part of his membership, as penitents last night. The interest is on to christian duty and Church progress became a walking encyclopedia of varied the increase. Pray for us that God Several pastors reported missionary fields within the bounds of their charges - Rev. J. H. Tart writes July 29th and a committee composed of the pas tors and delegates of Smithfield, Nash ville and Rolesville Circuits, and "There has been a gracious revival of Youngville Mission, was appointed to consider the subject and report.

The committee recommended that Youngville Mission be raised to a Cir euit by adding to it Mt. Pleasant charge. About 80 have joined the Pleasant Grove, and Chapel Spring thurches now in Nashville Circuit, changing the name to Louisburg Cir-

Also that a mission be formed out of he unoccupied territory between the ircuits named, embracing the Buckorn and Bethlehem Churches now in ed to us, therefore, Nashville Circuit, Zion Church, from Smithfield Circut, and territory between Archer Lodge and Zion Church.

The report was adopted. The missionary funds will be generalraised by the next Annual Confer-

3rd, "As to Sunday-Schools, and the nanner of conducting them and as to ducation generally."

Sunday Schools are increasing in number, and workers and scholars, which is an indication of enhanced in-

There are about 60 schools and 3200 cholars -an increase of several hundred since the Annual Conference. Some ory Mountain, Browns Chapel and pastors made the statement that many Chatham Church. These congregations of the young members of Sunday ful. The preaching was pointed and have manifested a kind appreciation of schools had been gathered into the my labors with them as a local preacher, Church - some as the subjects of revivals consequence was a considerable revival beyond my merits, for which I am pro- of religion in the schools as well as the

> An interesting discussion took place on the subject of Sunday School literais a neat watch and a correct time ture. The Church Catechisms are popular, while the international lesson sys-

This system embracing the Magazine Church, was endorsed. Under this head, I refer to the presence

everywhere I go. They are a great Conference Colleges, who was cordially C. A. Jenkins. comfort and solace to me in the great received, and heard with great attention struggle of life. May God's blessings and interest as he addressed the large a few miles north of Louisburg, was rest upon the donors, and may all, with- audience in an appeal in behalf, special-God wanted His Gospel printed Conference indicates decided dissatist out one exception, meet in the better ly of Greensboro Female College-1st Conference. as to the liquidation of its indebtedness, and 2nd, as to the patronage and support of the people. In this connection I give the following resolutions, which were the Conference Rev. W. S. Black temporarily occupying the chair :

Resolved. The we endorse the action of the Annual Conference in reference to the debts upon our institutions of learnbinding upon us, and that we will do He will keep thee as a shepherd doth all that is practicable to carry out the

Conference plan. Resolved, That we gratefully recognize the liberality of Wilson & Shober as seen in their efforts to secure Greensboro Female College to the North Caroina Conference, and that we tender to our confidence in this dark hour of their financial trouble.

Resolved, That we appreciate the our co-operation in his work,

The Presiding Elder conducted the business of the Conference methodically, pecially the second, were the sincere without the aid of committees, and gave utterances of the sentiments of the members of the Conference and the people they represented, in respect to is a fine presiding officer.

this great interest, and their personal confidence in, and christian regard for, personal and christian esteem of minis the Presiding Elder and his business associate who had responded to the call talents and force of character.

D. W. Bain, Secretary. 4. SHELBY DISTRICT CONFER-

The confidence of Wilson & Shober Conference met in Lenoir, N. C. Wedin the determination of the Church to resday morning, July 24th, at 10

The opening sermon was preached the night before by Rev. W. S. Chaffin. Trinity College was, also, endorsed A communication was received from Rev. F. L. Reid, announcing formally his resignation of the Presidency Louisburg Female College (the District Conference school) and the election of Prof. W. C. Doub as his successor. Prof. Doub addressed the Conference annuncing his acceptance of the Presi-4th, "As to their financial systems, their contributions to Church-purposes and the condition of houses of worship much space. The reports as to these interests were

generally satisfactory. There is an improvement in the financial systems of ome of the charges, as evidenced by the advance made in collections, over previous years. There is a general hopefulness on the part of preachers and stewards. The people are doing better in this regard. Some new Churches REVIVALS

M. S. Davis, J. P. Jenkins, Rev. B B. Hester, L. P., and D. W. Bain, were elected delegates to the Annual Confer-

are in course of erection and others have

The following resolutions were unani mously adopted: Resolved. That, recognizing the "Ral-

igh Christian Advocate" as the organ of our Church, and approving its management, we again recommend it to the patronage and perusal of our people, feeling assured that they will be well epaid for the means and time bestowed Resolved, That we assure the pub-

ng the Church organ and wish it entire cts, reported new churches, and many Resolved, That we approve the policy of the manager in putting the price of the paper at two dollars for the pres ent, and are glad to learn of the in-

crease of patronage during the last few The pastors made encouraging state ents concerning the increasing circula-

tion of the Advocate in their respective Rev. J. T. Gibbs, paster of Oxford Circuit, announced in appropriate terms the death of Rev. Lewis K. Willie. The

manimously adopted: Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from the Church militant to the Church triumphant, the late Rev. L. K. Willie, a local minister at Oxford, and a member of this body, and his death having been officially announc-

Resolved. That we recognized in our deceased brother an intelligent and ef fective preacher, a pious and charitable without the proper repairs by pastors man, faithful to all the interests of the and trustees were urged to take steps Church, and emphatically the friend of the poor.

Resolved, That, while we are fully sensible of the great loss we, as a Con ference and a Church, have sustained in the removal by death of so eminent and faithful a preacher and so liberal christian, nevertheless, we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, and in whose gracious hands are all our lives.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Conference, and a copy sent to the "Raleigh Christian Advocate," with a request that they be published.

J. T. GIBBS, R. O. BURTON, H. T. JORDAN.

Resolutions were also unanimously adopted expressing the thanks of the Conference to the people of Franklinton Strong disapprobation was expressed and vicinity for their very kind and on account of the failure on the part of much for the intrinsic value of the ar- tem as published by the M E. Church, christian hospitality to the members of our delegation to present to the Genethe body, and for the elegant and liberal ral Conference the Memorial of this manner in which they had been enterbrings to the poor Local Preachers' and lesson-papers, published by our tained, also to the Baptist Church of Franklinton for the christian courtesy least this much respectful considerashown in the tender of their house of tion at the hands of our worthy delesuch kind loving friends. I have them of Rev. J. A. Cunninggim, Agent of the worship made through their pastor, Rev. gation.

Trinity Church, on Tar River Circuit, selected as the seat of the next District

Judging from the earnestness with which the invitation of Trinity Church was pressed, the District Conference may look forward to a full measure of

Rev. J. W. Jenkins, of Rockingham, our people. The force of our moral invisited the Conference, the former preaching quite an effective sermon. all these schools in prosperity and useing-that we regard the debts as still Rev. Dr. Wingate, of Wake Forest fulness. The writer of this article was introduced by the P. E.

I am per-uaded, Mr. Editor, that the Conference left its impress for good on the minds and hearts of the people in lovely and studious girls in the course whose midst it was held, while the holy influence that pervaded the body will be transmitted to the people throughout them our sympathy, and assure them of the District, through a re-consecrated ministry, and produce an abundant harvest of rich fruits. The preaching at Conference was effective. The preachers presence of our agent, Rev. J. A. Cun- left with strengthened hopes of an early Sherrell, R. B. Miller and J. C. Har- age in 1875, where he was seconded by church and community. tinggin, among us, and pledge to him visitation of the Holy Ghost among per. Alternates: A. B. Gilkey and J. the glorified Marvin who presided. From R. Wilson. their people.

He carries with him the increased preaching were highly esteemed. ters and laity, and respect for his great

EXCE.

DR. Borbert: The Shelby District

An unusually large number of the preachers and delegates answered to the first roll call. President, J. S. Nelson, P. E., was present to preside over the deliberations of the Conference, Commitces were appointed only as they were found to be necessary. The Chair adopted the order of business as laid down in the Discipline. Reports showed the charges and the District as a whole to be of a steady and prosperous Zion. Our dedicatory services comgrowth. Methodism, is making advancement with rapid speed in every department in the Shelby District, I cannot give reports, preambles nor resolutions in full. They would occupy too 100 SUNDAY SCOOLS,

with 4,500 scholars are under the re

ligious instruction of 550 teachers. These are encouraging facts, which are prophetic of great results in the near future :- our catechisms and Sun- Such a meeting for joyous results, i day school literature were commend-

have been extensive at various points on the District, and large numbers of accessions are swelling up the ranks of our hosts on every charge. The preaching at the Conference was of the revival sort, and was accompanied by the walls had often echoed with the shouls Holy Ghost and with power. I was of God's hosts, led to victory by the struck with the revival influence reported as accompanying each Quarterly Meeting. This speaks volumes of our Presiding Elder, and is the grandest compliment that can be paid such an overseer. NEW CHURCHES,

nstead of old ones and at points unoccupied, seems to be the order of the day, Shelby St. reported a \$5,000 isher and editor of the ADVOCATE of our church to be occupied in a few weeks. sympathy and co-operation in sustain- Rutherford, Lincolnton, and Newton other structures, on various other cir cuits, are already built or are in course

of erection, or repairs.

An inquiry as to whether there was any missionary ground unoccupied brought out the fact that there is lying near the Brushey Mountain a vast teritory in which there is no Methodist preaching, and I might say, no gospel at all. The South Mountains are in a nanner destitute of the word of life,

Resolutions were adopted, asking the Missionary Board to make an apfollowing preamble and resolutions were P. E. of this District in such a manner pel. The Bishop is asked to raise the mit. The subject of

> received considerable attention. Strong esolutions were adopted deprecating and complaining of the unnecessar and useless damage of parsonage prop erty by preachers and their families

to prevent this wanton waste and de struction of God's property. This subject might well be looked after at points outside this District. A committee of three discreet lay men, W. T. Shipp, R. B. Miller and

Isaac Hartsell, were appointed to consider the feasibility of removing the District Parsonage from Shelby to a more suitable location, and procuring a better building. THE DIVISION question elicited considerable discus

ion. The Conference manifested quite warmth at the action of our N. C. delegation in the last General Confer-Boundaries. A resolution disapproving of this act of our delegation was adopted by a very large majority .-Division. It was thought that the Shelby District should have had at

COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS,

Greensboro, Trinity and Davenport olleges were regarded the cherished nstitutions of the N. C. Conference, and the measures, plans and obligations assumed by our last Annual Conference vere endorsed and sustained-Other schools in this District, such as Rutherford College, Lenoir High School, passed unanimously by a rising vote of christian hospitality among that peo-the Conference Rev. W. S. Black tem-ple.

Conference Rev. W. S. Black tem-Rev. J. R. Brooks, of Newbern, and heartily commended to the patronage of are able to give shall be given to further College, visited the Conference and was wrought to tears when he beheld the now ruined condition of our once tiful Davenrort Female College. When I looked last upon this noble temple of female education, it was filled with of careful religious and mental training. Now I see naught but ashes, piles of lumber, brick and scaffolding around about a half finished building. Surely

the Methodist Church cannot afford to and idleness.

Greensboro Female College, and Rev. thought that this school stands thin Dr. Samuel Lander, of the S C. Conference and President of Williamston wise direction to its deliberations. He Female College, were visitors to the Conference, whose presence, counsel and

The good people of Lenoir surpasses themselves in the princely cutertainment given the Conference.

The preachers, traveling and local, are in good health and spirits, and go out with fresh life and faith to work to the Master's kingdom-and deal heavy blows against the powers of darkness. The next Conference will be held

Dallas, N. C. J. T. HARRIS, Sec. July 30th, 1878.

Dr. Bobbit: The past three have been joyous days to our Church. Af ter years of working and waiting, strug gling with poverty and many discouragements, our sanctuary is at last completed and thoroughly furnished. I know of no more beautiful and comfortable auditorium in the State.

I have never seen such earnest an faithful workers for the completion of a church, or heard so many fervent prayers, as among this people. The literary work and pray for the prosperity menced on Friday night the 12th with a love feast, led by Rev. E. Hoover It was rich in blessings, a season of great gladness to all. On Satuaday morning Rev. Jas E. Mann, P. E. preached with great power and unction;-at night Bro. Hoover preached an earnest sermon full of the holy fire of the gos pel. Sunday morning, 14th, at 9 o'clock, there was a general rally of the forces at the prayer-meeting led by the pastorseldom seen. The hynnis and prayers were of the old Methodist type. There was a commingling of joy and sadness.

All these services were held in the asement, where the congregation had been worshiping for years. There many precious souls had been born again, the great Captain. There our young peo ple had been joined in holy matrimony and thence our sainted dead had been borne to the tomb. Near the pulpit, are sleeping the ashes of our Fetherstone awaiting "the resurrection of the

There was sadness that we were eaving the place so full of sacred memries and associations and rejoicing that our prayers had been answered and our labors blessed, and that we were going become a better and more beautiful

sermon by Rev. J. E. Mann, from Ps. 26 chap., S v. Prov., 3 chap., 9 v. The effort of the sermon was attested by marvelous how this servant of God has propriation annually to be used by the ple on the district by his -except a man be justified, pardoned, as he may deem expedient in supply. There is but one verdict, viz: as a verted, made simple and pure, he cannot ing these destitute places with the gos- preacher and Presiding Elder he is an be saved. But infants are saved, there oper Broad River Mission into a cir- the success (and an important one to they die in infancy are saved eternally Almighty God by Bro Mann,

which six infants were dedicated to God in baptism.

byterian Church, and addresses deliverence for withdrawing the Memorial of gotten. Our hearts are full of joy: we get him into your soul. But I have no our Annual Conference after a divis- are humbly grateful to our Heavenly soul. Then do something to immortal ion of the N. C. Conference had been Father. We realized the fulfillmen; of ize yourself. I have done that already recommended by the Committee on the blessed Master's promise, "lo I am Then your only hope is in evolution. with you." The 'love of God was Teach your children, says the theory, shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy that they are pure and holy-in the Ghost."

JNO. N ANDREWS. P. S. Up to date this poor congregation has raised and expended this year \$1400, on their church, besides meeting

the claims in full of pastor and Presid-

ing Elder. There was a storm last night. struck the parsonage about eight o'clock with great force, and raging with but little abatement for nearly two hours. After it was passed we went to work to estimate damages, and found various substances ranging in appearance from the fineness and whiteness of flour, through the sizes and color of sugar. coffee, bars of soap, and even to the size and shape of hams-and some of them were of the shape and texture of pocket handkerchiefs.Oh, what a people! How can we fail to love and serve and pray for them.

May our Heavenly Father make their pathway to "shine more and more unto the perfect day,"

July 17th, 1878.

Conference School.

triet Conference at Rockingham in 1876. serve great credit for their untiring el-The idea first originated with Rev. forts in the S. S. work, let this cherished institution lay in ruin T.W. Guthrie, and was presented by him at the first session of the Conference in The delegates to the next Annual 1867. He renewed his effort at Carth-

this time the enterprise has been in all

Rev. Dr. T. M. Jones, President of respects a success. It is a gratifying lated to the "peerless Marvin," The Trustees seem to have taken up the fallen muntle of the ascenedel proplet in point of liberality-May his spirit pervade itse every department.

At our recent Conference session was ascertained that there was a roll ous debt hanging over the property The grounds, buildings, etc., cost about in 200. Of this sum about one thinking been paid, and this sum was paid mean ly by the Trustees-and all and \$300 of the remaining two thirds vanced by them.

How to manage this deld was a mestion. After a careful survey of all he facts, these noble men resolved to give very cent due themselves, and the he school affort, free from dela to dework for God and humanity.

As soon as this fact was made by L. W. Crawford offered the full-

Resolved, That this District Comme nce gratefully acknowledge and many in the extraordinary liberality of the Trustees of Joneshoro District School and we hereby resolve to refer the amount of \$300 to pay off the delet and

This resolution was adopted by roleing the \$300 then and there. This make as all feel good. The school is root of debt, and has a bright future later

The principal, Rev. J. D. Armid, needs no word of commendation from me. He is endorsed by the netion of the District Conference, and has its many bation in the management of the school He is assisted by competent inscructors in all departments where they are not

The most gratifying tacts were arought out relative to the morals of this school. As an instance of this I sention the fact that not a single carof intoxication has occurred among the students in the three sessions of itistence as a school. I mage its claimupon the Methodists of the Fayetteville District especially. Its denominational status is perfectly understood, and has been from the beginning, and also its relation to Trinity and Greenshore, as an auxiliary It is a Methodist school, para ly denominational, but in no sense

DEAR BRO. BORRIET ! I have many theories of infant salvation; but the one published in the Advocate the 10th of July, is to me the most is-At 11 o'clock the church was crowd- comprehensible. It is not only iconaed with Methodists and their friends, some clastic, as it avows itself to be, but of them from many miles away, wlo list- leads to the most absurd consequencesened with attention and interest to the such as follow: I. The Church, on the subject, as improperly understood, is under a dreadful heresy -a herrible night-mare -- an original or birth sinthe evident pleasure exhibited by many which properly understood, as I undertears, smiles, and hearty amens. It is stand it, is the corner-stone of my theory. On this I build my superstrucgained the hearts of the peor ture. All infants are saved (admitted) preaching and intercourse among them. regenerated, born of the spirit, and coneminent success. Another evidence of fore they are pardoned, e.c., and it us) was that the whole amount of the (If admitted.) But what becomes of indebtedness, \$230, was secured in a all those who live until they lose their few minutes. The Church was then simple and pure state? They have, as formally presented by the pastor and cording to the theory, become justified trustees, and dedicated to the services of regenerated, spiritually born again-Can they go a second time into infant At 3 4 p. M., all the Sunday Schools state of corruption and be been again ! in the town were represented in a grand If not, they are lost, for Christ said to union service, at the commencement of Nicodemus, "except a man be been again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." He was not talking to infants The choir with their organ discoursed and there has never been a soul beau sweet music; prayers were offered by the since Cain killed Able who e pure nat pastor and "Father Potts" of the Pres- ture did not break out in actual sin-11 they can't be born the second time, how ed by Nathan Lawrence, Esq. of Tarboro | can they be saved ? This can be done Rev. Wm, II Moore of our conference, by the new methods of teaching accordand Rev. Samuel N. Smith, pastor of ing to this theory-Tell infants they the Presbyterian church. At night Bro. are holy and pure-in the way they Moore preached to a crowded congrega | should go-and keep them there. The tion on "Human Influence," producing is very much like U. B. Frothingham's a profound impression, which, by the New Faith. To Ingersoll, the Atheses, blessing of God, will not soon be for- he says: You don't believe in God; then

right way and keep them there-and quit singing the Methodist hymns, Washington N. C., July 15th, 1878. throw away your Catechisms, etc., etc. This is enough. It is rather too icon-

July 31st, 1878.

Ma Entron: Friday, July 12th, there was a most pleasant and successful Pie-Nic, at Pelham Church in Wentworth

There was a fine turn out, notwith standing the heat, and from all appear ances, there was much real enjoyment. After singing and prayer the writer made a short address, by way of preparing the way for the speech of the oceasion which was made by James W. Reid, Esq., of Wentworth. His address was beautiful, appropriate, ooon. A constant and successful S. S. worker he s at home talking to other; on the

subject. As there was a prospect for relief in different way, the table did not group space in your paper to say a few words gantly prepared, there was no lack to in relation to the Fayetteville District that teeming company. The children of course, enjoyed it;and the old folks as This institution is located at Jones- well, from what we could see. The boro by the vote of the Favetteville Dis. Superintendents, and Teachers, here de-

> They have a Lodge Good Temp lars, and also a successful Grange here. Altogether, it is a live and prosperous

V. A. SHARTE. Reidsville, N. C., July 24th, 1878,

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