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THE ADVOCATE.

We have added 251 names to or and adjusting list within the past thirt days. This is the largest number of new infactibute we have ever receive in the brief period of one month. If the next thirty day-should bring us as man new names, we shall rejoice in the fact that "bard times" is dead and barried, and that we shall no longer b attraced with his deheid presence

EDITORIAL BRIEFS.

A Sunday school hymn, book ha prof been completed in the Spraish lan-

- The lies C. F. Deens, D. D., ha been chosen wrater for next year by the Alumni Association of Dickinson Col-

- A very believe ting County Sur day School Convention was held in the city of Charlette the 23d ult., an account of which we will give in our next. Bro. Triplett, the pastor of the church.

- The stock of books at the New Inleans Depository (M. E. Church, South), has been disposed of by pubtic sale, and the Depository discon-

- Rev. W. S. Black, pastor of Edenworker. He is greatly beloved by his citizens. congregation and by the entire com-

- The late Charlotte District Conteremes, held at Wadeshoro, strongly en our Conservance. Breediten of the Dis trict, both clerical and lay, will accept our thanks for their agency and uncomponising devotion to the paper.

Meighlis, New Orleans and other points, doubtless consed the more tapid spread generally should, as far as possible, aid

the Wilmington District Conference we Great learning glowing with fervene all and Conference enterprises.

acticle, which appears in mother column. His allusion to lice. Thomas is touchtrue to our Conferencemerprises | This example is worthy of imitation.

number of subscribers. This we very the warmth from the sun of righteous much regret. The paper has been de- ness and pours it down upon these free livered to the post office in Raleigh in zea hearts, they will never bloom and due time and we supposed it had gone bear fenit. There seems to be too much regularly to all subscribers. The fault stiff propriety in our modern pulpits to is not with the Anvector office. We allow the electric fire free course. "Be will call the attention of Mr. Long, the moderate," says the spirit of the times, lina, to the fact, and get him to look in- in all the world as that in an ice-house.

- Mr. L. M. Yearby, one of our occitizens, was found dead in bed on Fri day morning last. For several year he had been a successful and popular govern merchant of this city; but more than a year ago he refired from business on account of failing health. His death, though sudden, was not mex pacted. Mr. Yearly was about forty eight years of age - a good citizenkind neighbor, and an affectionate hus tern I. His funeral was preached by Rev. W. S. Binck from Edenton Stree Church at four o'clock, P. M., on Sat urday the 31st instant. May a kine providence bless and take care of his stricken wife and children.

- We hear of a number of preacher and some laymen who are making a clubs for the Advocate. Let the can vass be pressed vigorously by all. I the Western Districts camp-meeting are being held. Will the Presiding Elders appoint some brother at each meet ing to take subscriptions to the Advocute? There are many protracted meetings also in progress in many pastoral charges. Brethren, make a special ings. All the members of the church, look at the powder. Well, there is no Berne, the following officers were elected, the fittal delusion that they are some and especially the young converts, will need the paper. If any person wanting the paper should not be prepared to pay are put into this powerless cannon just now, send on his name, and pay the the twinking of an eye, that powder is money at Conference.

phiaful runor was in circulation on the with our Church machinery of the streets yestenday, to the effect that sev-for pulling down the strongholds, but ral members of the Methodist churches oh, for the spark of fire!

in this city, on Friday night, called at he residence of Rev. Dr. Burkhead, on seventh, between Mulberry and Walout streets, and gave the family a serious pounding. They were taken ensourse could offer no resistance, espesent from home at the time. These who participated in the "pomuling" ontend, we learn, that they had a good threaten, on the slightest provocation,

repeat the offence. -A Northern Baptist paper, seriously scusses the question, whether Pedo enitist Charenes should be called Econgelical and Christian. It is said. that a negro man hearing a preacher read a prayer once, at a Railroad meet ng, turned to his comrade and said eJake, I reckon dat was de fus time de Lord was ever written to on de subject of de Railroad." We reckon the edithat ever had the impudence to discuss such a operation.

sice, which closed its labors on the 24th mist, a was a grand success. In some respecie it surpassed any District Confer me we have ever attended. The citi ons of Mooresville, where the Conference was held, of all denominations, without m exception, were inspired with the spirit of the occasion. The attendance quon the Conference exercises was very emarkable, and the immense congre ations from day to day, assembled to car the word of life, were morally subme. Everybody seemed eager to hea the message from God's servants. The reaching was of a high order (leav ing out the sermous of the writer. I the drit of the Lord was present, and the outh prevailed. There were several onversions on the Lord's day; the serices were continued during last week. We shall expect a good report from Pro. Bruton, the popular Presiding Elter, is a faithful and true officer, of the thurch. The Advocate was strongly indused by resolutions of the Confernce, seconded by fifty-three new subcribers and seven renewals. We shall ever have pleasant recollections of ton Street Church, is an indefatigable Mooresville and its kind and hospitable

PIRE IN THE PULPIT. It is warm preaching that moves, the sple. Here is a preacher of slende - We obtained htty-three new sub- people should remember, that it is not scribers at the Salisbury District Con- great learning, which prevents men from become held at Mooresville August 22- being effective, but the fact that this 24, and seven renewals. This makes learning is not red hat. The temperthe Salisbury the banner District. At some is too low to make a webling heat, obtained titty subscribers. Well done of spirit is almost invest-tible. The for the Sali bury District! It is true to truth of this statement may be seen in the examples of Paul, Luther, Wesley, Whitfield, Chalmers and others. What - Bro. Cole sends us an interesting the learned and unlearned accel in the pulsit is the fire of the Holy Ghost. A hot blunt from will burn its way through the hard bearted sinner quicker than a cor his faith is strong in trod and in the sharp polished one that is cold as fee. power of his might. In his absence When a held lies covered with snow from his people, he proposes to them with its bosom full of germs and seeds to subscribe for the Advocate. How that want to grow, what does that field need? It meels the warmth of the vernal sun to meit the snow and quicken - Complaint reaches us from various the seeds into growth. The souls of sources that the Anyon err, for the past sinners lie out before the pulpit as that two weeks, has failed to reach a large field. Viel unless the pulpit catches

opervisor of mail routes in North Caree Why there is no such moderation found whispers, if the power of the spirit be apon him, his words wan be on to Pulpit dignity requires that every thing be done very proper while one preaching," it is said. Well, yes, but men never become so beautiful in grand dignity as when their faces become radiant with the glowing warmth of religion. There is no such dignity a seen in the sun when he rises full-orbed and changes the earth from the barrenness of winter into the bountiful fruitfulness of the summer. Let us have the dignity of the summer in the pulpit-

preacher ought to read at least once a Suppose we saw an army sitting down before a granite fortress, and they told us that they intended to bater it down. We might ask them, How? They point us to a cannon-ball, Well, but there is no power in that; i heavy, but not more than a hundred weight or half a hundred weight. If all the men in the army were to throw it, that would make no impression. They say, No, but look at the camon, Well, but there is no power in that; if power in that: a child may spill it, a sparrow may pick it up. Yet this powerless powder and this powerless bail a tlash of lightning, and that cannonball a thunderbolt, which smites as if - The Wilmington Star says that a it had been sent from heaven. So it is

not the stiff, frozen dignity of winter

tration of William Arthur, taken from

his "Tongue of Fire," which every

We close by giving the striking illus

SEEKING RELIGION.

In the midst of our protracted and camp meetings, the question of how to find religion is one of great frequency tirely by surprise, it is said, and of and importance. The term "seek comes from the Bible. "Seek ye the cially as the Doctor happened to be also Lord while He may be found, eall ye upon him while he is near." There are three things involved in seeking successfully anything, viz: The decision of excuse for such a proceeding, and even the will-carnest perseverance, and the the altar. We thank God, and take use of the right means. No man can courage. do any definite thing until his will decides the doing of it. The will of man s the pioneer to all action. As the udder of the ship turns it in its course, so must the will of man direct his ourse. In a certain sense, a thing may be said to be done when a man has fully made up his mind to do it. When a crop, or make a journey, the thing being practicable, the work is done prosfor of the Watchman is the first man pectively. Between the decision of the - The Salisbury District Confer and most effective step in seeking religon is the determination of the will On this pivot turns the sinner's responsisility as to his attainment of religion. Ye will not come unto Me that ye night have life," said the Saviour to the Pharisees. It was not the wickede-s of these people that stood between them and salvation, but their unwilling-

Secondly, after this step is taken, here must be an earnest and persever iguse of the means of salvation. Grace s the free gift of God, but its applicaion involves the free agency of man .-A person gives a young man a good ook, but the mere gilt of the book will not benefit him unless he reads and studies its truths. The water flowing n a river is the free gift of nature the man builds his mill upon its banks -adjusts its wheel so as to utilize this ater power to grind his grain or saw his lumber, or spin and weave his coron. Another man lives on the same iver, who could utilize it as well as the other, but chooses to let it gar rollng by him unemployed. The first me works out his pecuniary salvation,

the latter dies in starvation. Who is to blame? A child can an wer correctly. So the stream of salvation flows full and free by every man's loor, but if he does not make a personal apprepriation of it, he will die. A vesboats enough to take all on board Among the men swimming about, seed hand a bout already full. Those within earing it would sink by the addition of mother man, cut this man's hand off with a sword. He brid hold with the other hand, that too was cut off. The he local with his teeth. That touched the men in the boat so deeply they relented and took him in. It was earestness that saved his life-and such religious carnestness would save the world in the ark of salvation.

ICDGMENT LEADING TO REFOR MATIO.N The sore famine in China is a kind of moral earthquake to awakea that stold people up from the deep slumber of heir moral apathy. The relief being afforded by the agency of the Missionaries and the christian nations is winning them over to the embrace of christianity. Thus we see how this famine is a kind of a providential plow-share to break up the fallow ground of that heathen nation, in the furrows of which the gospel seed can be sowed in the hope of a good harvest. Long ago, the prophet said: "When thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness." Great calamities precede and open the way for the spread of the gospel. A long night of Egyptian bondage preceded the deliverance of the Jews, which calminated in the magnificent reign of David. The destruction of Jerusalem was followed by the conversion of the Roman empire to Christianity. The calamities of the But whether a preacher thunders or that great revival of John Wesley, the dear Advocvin. which has done so much glorious work in serios - wh and building up christian civilization. There is frozen winter in the history of the world, but in due time, the budding spring comes, then comes the maturing summer, whose green lap is filled with fragrant flowers and golden fruits.

It seems that no one has ever written a book to teach the world of ministers what are the exact rules of Pulpit natmers, but we see that a certain ec desiastical body north of the Potomac iver, says that the preacher should :

1. Avoid frequent drinking of water while preaching. 2. Should not finger nor pound the

Bible. 3. Should not begin with a long

4. Should not preach beyond forty

Our Discipline lays down two rules, namely : Not to preach too loud, nor too long, both of which are more fre quently broken than observed.

- At the late session of the transeffort for the Advocate at these meet is a machine, and nothing more. But Lodge of Good Templars, held at New gested. If we, failing to sleep to serve for one year:

G W C T., T C Williams, G W V T., Mrs B M Gates. G W S., V Balland

G W T., Mrs F C Beckwith, G W C., Rev A D Cohen.

G W Chap., Rev N R Pitmar G W M., John D Burch. G W D M., Mrs A W Edwards

S W A S., Thos. Hampson. 6 W O G., Richard PeciRaleigh Christian Advocate.

REVIVALINTELIAGENCE. On yesterday I enjoyed the very great Rev. G. W. Hardison writes form

blesbury Ct., Aug. 20th: "We have just closed a very palit ble meeting at Hall's Chapel; 10 jersons were happily converted to God and 6 joined our charch. Four of those who rofessed were already members of our church. The church was greatly strengthened. Bro. O. Spell was with us, and did much to advance the cause of the Master, both in the pulpit aid in

Rev. L H. Gibbons writes from Yancayville under date of Aug. 2711 and

"Last week we had a revival d'unisual interest and power at camp Spring, resulting in 29 accessions to he church, about the same number of conversions—the church greatly quikened. This week we are conducting a seman decides to build a house, plant a ries of services at New Hope; propect for revival good. At other points if the circuit we have had during the year good and profitable meetings. Revivals at all our protracted services withour will, to accomplish a certain thing, and exception. Our church at Yanceylille its accomplishment, lie nothing but time has just been repaired and improved in and the use of the means. The first a neat and substantial manner, We shall occupy it at our next service. Our Baptist and Presbyterian brethrencour teously tendered us the use of hei churches while ours was under remir We used the Presbyterian church.

Rev. P. F. W. Stamey write from Morganton, Aug. 22nd

"Since I wrote to you last I have held two very interesting meetings in which many souls were born to God. At Lin ville the church was greatly revived. about 15 conversions, and 9 additions t the church. I began last Saturday a Gilbon and continued until vesterday Wednesday. A gravious meeting—th church membership all seemed to be lessed. Forty-five persons conaccted themselves with our church, and be tween 30 and 40 professed saving faith Christ. Many heads of families are eing rescued from sin. Class and rayer meetings are being established at weral points. We look for still greater sults. Thus I have been laboring for 20 days in succession, preaching day are night, and thank God I still feel able t o more work for the "Master," and to lay I feel nearer to God than when irst begun. I begin a two days meet ing next Saturday. Brethren, pray for me. Up to date something over 200 persons have joined our church on this ireuit since Conference. Thanks to al he brethren, both private and official, cho aided in these meetings?

Rev. J. T. Lyon writes from White

rille, Amr. 26th, as follows : On the first Sunday in this mouth ommenced a protracted meeting at Car ven Creek which continued with great interest for thirteen days. The spiritsel once was wrecked at sea. The life and condition of this church has been for everal years at a very low obb. The mem sership had fallen off, and up to this church to keep up a Sunday School, Among the few faithful ones that reunined there was a hopelessness felt bout the future of their church. One touth before commencing the protraced meeting, I requested the members to overant with me to pray three time day, one month, for a revival of relign. This we did, and blessed be His he y name, our praying and fasting was not in vain. The Lord blessed us with he most gracious revival ever witnesse at Carven Creek Church. The interest ans deep and pervaded the whole suranding country, not only among the white people, but also among the colored, who came in great numbers and united n singing the old-fashion camp-meeting

It was truly a time of great rejoicing om the presence of the Lord. Sixtyven converted that I know of, and 30

cossions to the church. The meeting could have been contined with great profit another week, but ireamstances over which I had no control, prevented. The good work is still eing continued by a young men's pray r-meeting, organized there on the night re closed the revival.

Up to this time there have been 150 onversions on my circuit and nearly 100 accessions to the church. I can not close this letter withou thanking, in the name of the church and Pastor, Dr. Burkhead, for the great and

valuable aid rendered. At any time, he stands in the front rank of preachers, but on this occasion he surpassed himself, or any pulpit effort I ever heard. The six be long and gratefully remembered for their power and unction. We not only of him, and pray that he may be blessed with many souls for his hire, and that he may be spared to the church many We also thank Bro. Tart, Gray Randle and Browning for helping to win souls to Jesus and advance his kingdom. May God bless them and carry Dark Ages preceded the Reformation of on the good work. I go to-morrow to engage in another revival. Pray for us. Luther, and a destructive formalism Best love to you, and great success to

INFANT SALVATION.

DR. CLOSS-IIIS ADVICE. Dr. Robbitt : The advice given by Dr. Closs, in the last number of you saper, to an inquiring brother concern ing infant salvation is good for us all, and I desire to thank him for it. I think all the inquiries which have recently arisen concerning the state of infants are fully met and answered in the articles of Wesley and Watson referred to by Dr lloss. The inquiring brother "enter tained a hope that some one would' re sume the discussion on the subject of in fant salvation. I "entertained" no such hope. Such a resumption I deemed futile. The recent attack upon our stand and doctrine concerning infants is no new thing under the sun. It has ever been said that the doctrine as we hole it "rests like a horrible nightmare" apon the church. As much disposed as I an o shumber I have not yet seen this "horrible nightmare." Nightmares of en come of indigestion and indigestion from imperfect mustication; and when hey trouble us concerning the above subject it is evidence that "Wesley or riginal Sin," and Mr. Richard Wat ion's Institutes "On the Fall of Mand his "Doctrine of Original Sia" 5.

to learn their they are only dreams. My their doctaines have more than once

velop the conservation of Methodism Aug 29, 1878. REVASIDS

LETTER FROM CONCORD.

deasure and gratification of attending the third Quarterly Conference of Concord Circuit, held at Rocky Ridge Church, which is about three miles from A. T. & O. Railroad. It was the occathis town. The name given the Church is very suggestive and appropriate. Its situation is picturesque, and fascinating to a lover of nature. 'Tis rather elevatof which tower high in their grandeur, while others seem to desire to form themselves into a carpet, so extensive and wide-spread is their surface. What things of beauty are these large, rifted, moss-covered rocks! In the full view outside, in the beautiful surroundings of this Church building, we saw Nature's God; in the hearty hand grasps, and earnest words of welcome we felt His christianizing influences, and, as we entered the house for worship, we know that his Holy Spirit had found a home within those walls. A feast unto our souls was the morning worship. Severa were abundantly blessed, and unreserved ly praised God. An invitation was exended to penitents to accept the offerof mercy, and a number came to the al tar. Bro. J. C. Thomas, the pastor of this Circuit, has, for more than three months, been deprived of attending to is pulpit ministrations, by feeble health Notwithstanding his weak state, he ac ompanied us yesterday, and it was then he arose, and addressed a few words of encouragement to the chris- I left Monday morning while the good ms, and gave some instruction to those work was going on sorry and gladnquiring the way of life, that the most stense feeling was manifested. Strong en wept, and sobs were heard from very part of the house, "I was a gloriou eason long to be remembered! After artaking of an excellent dinner, which hese good sisters in the country know a well how to prepare, the Quarterl Conference was held, and displayed many very interesting features, a few of which I deem worthy of notice here. The greater number of the official board was present. They are good, true, faithin men, and do credit to the Circuit. They, as do all Bro. Thomas' members howed a strong love for, and beautiful evotion to, their worthy pastor, and esize to keep and care for him in h eakness, who so nobly served them a his strength. They esteem it a high grivilege. It appearse from the reports f the various Lethren, that the flock, pastor, are not idle, but active in attend ng to all the interests of the Churches. The spirit they show is not only worthy

of commendation, but of imitation. When the literature of the Church Bolibitt) very strongly urged upon the Conference their duty in the support of the Advocate, as the organ of our Church. This, I am informed, he does throughout the District. Bro. Thomas stated that, during the present year, he intends to raise the number of subd lifty; and that he entertains brill land iones of success. I think his marked alliance to one of our most important Church enterprises challenges the approval of us, who are physically stronger; and, in no way, can we more horoughly prove our sanction, than by

bring likewise. But I am making my letter too long, I will simply and abruptly add one aore statement. I don't think the Advocate has ever done better than it is now doing in this section of country and I sincerely hope that ere long it may have a far more extended circulation, and, through the medium of its columns, shed light around a much larger number of southern firesides.

> Yours truly, H. P. COLE.

TO DR. CLOSS.

Dear Brother: In consulting Mr Watson, according to your suggestion I find him about as much in the dark on the point at issue, as I am myself process should be hidden from us, since the gospel was written for adults. though the benefit of it is designed for all; and the knowledge of this work of God, in the spirit of an infant must presuppose an acquaintance with the properties of the human soul, which is n fact, out of our reach." He is speaking in reference to infant regeneration. or, at least, of the benefits of the atone ment of Christ to the infant world And in another place, speaking of the effect of Adam's sin, and the extent of the atonement, he says; "For, a throughout the Apostle's reasoning the 5th chapter of the Epistle to the Romans, to which reference has been made, "the gift," "the free gift," "the gift of grace," mean one and the same thing, even the whole benefit given be the abounding grace of God, through the obedience of Christ; and as these verses are evidently parallel to I Cor XV, 22. "For, as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive, "it follows, that dying and being made alive in the latter passage do not refer to the body only, but that dying implies all the evils, temporal and spirit ual, which are derived from Adam's sin, and being made alive, all the blesings which are derived from Christ in

time and in eternity." Now I do not propose to deny the total depravity of the human family by the fall of Adam, the first, that i fearly set forth in the Bible, and fully shown by Mr. Watson, But what I want to know is, that if the atonement of the second Adam, and "all the blessngs which are derived from Christin time and eternity," are to be applied to all of Adam's posterity, why is not the transgression, (if the atonement reaches as far as the fall,) recognized as beirony, sarcasm, and to apply epithets of Pelagianism and Socinianism, &c. much easier than to answer objections and to refute arguments.

Yours truly, C. M. Anderson. Newton, N. C., Aug., 1878. PRESIDENT R. L. ABERNETHY.

It seems that my article stirred my good brother Abernethy, I am sorry, 1 thought almost every one would know 1. So over a temporary sorrow the who was meant by "the bishop of the triamphed an infinite and eternal j

Your-truly.

Local Preachers Conference;" and | There are some who have dwelt tonce fiel . . . My article was intended clusively on Justs as the Man of Son samply as a pain statement of facts to lower, have thought of his life as of one of them would be able to recognize the ken gloom. But in the Bible we find church experienced a senson of great t a so may be two, who are nanecessa. The period compatibility, nay the close Theshing, and was abundantly revived. itati & the abject. That they union they with sorrow, and negrinds There were quite a number of converthing more. When we have bad have been to be the When we have bad have were a I have little doubt of Christians who have "been troubled stons, and lifteen accessions to the The number of convicts thus turned over dreams how glad we are upon awaking. I will say, however, for the benefit of on every side, yet not distressed; per church. But the best of all was the is about 125, and constitutes a very immy good brother Abernethy, that I is plexed but not in despeir persecuted, general starring up of a large member-portant addition to Maj. Wilson's force, deliberate opinion is that Messrs. Wes tended no fling at him I helieve him but not be ship, and the reclaiming of many who He will now probably be able to reach by and Watson were right, and attacks incapable of littleness. I learned a year stroyed, 'can understand how the Man were in a cold and backslidden condior two ago to respect his intellect, and of Sorrows, even in the days of His tion. Bio Carpenter it on Dallas, and entiaded me of small battering rams doubtless, if I knew bine better, would wouldood, may have 'wed a life happing. Bro. Storey from my own arenit, render-

Mr. EDITOR: Leaving Wilmington Monday evening, Aug. 19th, I enjoyed four or tive days in the village of Mooresville, beyond your city, on the sion of the Methodist Conference or the Salisbury District, composed of the Ministers, regular and local, together with four delegates from each Pastoral charge within the bounds of that Dised, and in the midst of a grove of oaks, trict. The Presiding Elder, Rev. D. R and a vast forest of immense rocks; some Bruton, was present and presided with ability. He seemed to be perfectly at home in the chair, and certainly, judging from what I saw, knows how to run a District and a Conference, knowing every point on his District and having the whole business in his hand. His people say he has done great good on his work. The preaching by Dr. Bobbitt of

> of Mecklenburg, was remarkably line and practical. The result was that on Sabbath afternoon and night, the Divine Presence was felt over an funnene audience, and the after was crowded with many, asking "what must I do to e saved The Methodists, assisted by the Presexterians, have creeted an elegant Church building, under the direction zeal and great personal labor of the Pastor, Rev. Mr. Triplett. The first soul converted in the new Church, and has dedicated it to God, by the manifestation of the Divine Presence, was a gentleman who has been keeping a ar-room in the suburbs of the village.

but compelled to go. The Presbyterians gave the Confernce a christian greeting and elegant pospitality, my home being with brothor McNeely of that denomination, who, with his excellent wife, made my stay

The multitudes that attended the buference and the preaching were simply immense. I was a tenished to find so thrifty a village and so many people, well-dre-sed, good-looking and intelligent. May they forever pros Yours truly. E. A. YATES.

SOUTHERN METHODISM A FAIL TRE

Southern Methodism is a failure, say be veracious Dr. Fuller, in Atlanta. within hearing of the bells of Trinity

and in sight of the massive tower of the although not fed from the pulpit, by the First Church! If the thought makes Tayley of editors. The fact is, if our Southern Church would "fail" enough to make the contrast between it and his own Church in Atlanta less striking, hi vas considered, the P. E., (Rev. W. H.) temper would probably improve and his pictures and prophecies be less gloomy -Nashville Christian Advocats How objects magnify in a mist! A liminative shrub on a foggy mornin ing proportions, rivalling the magnifiscribers, on his Circuit, which is at cent oak. These optical delusions are moral perversions occasioned by the

mists of prejudice. The editor of the Atlantic . Idvocate seems all the time to be living in a fog. He never see things in their true proportions or forms No one knows better than he that the Southern Methodist Church has in one or two decades increased nearly seventy five per cent, until now her membershi approximates a million - that he growth has been without parallel in the history of religious denominations this country. He knows that in Atlan ta, his own place of residence, also i argely in advance of all other churche in numbers, and in social position, and influence. And yet, sitting in his contracted sauconn, with the obese form of his prelatical friend towering up before him and completely concealing "th massive tower of the First Church;" of mingling with the handful of worship

pers at the little chapel on - street and singing "The promise to the two or three

We humbly dare to claim"while the First Church and Trinity car scarcely provide sittings for the crowd that regularly repair to them, Dr. Fulle complacently pronounces Southern Meth odism a failure.

"Alas! poor Yorick!"-Bultimore

Methodist. ILLUSTRATIVE TRUTHS AND INCIDENTS

1. There is, indeed, nothing more pe ilous for a man than the first discover that spiritual powers wait upon his beck. that he, too, can wield the powers of the In this country 700 is about the num world to come; lest he should find in ber of people to each preacher. China this a motive to self-ciation, instead of would require more than 400,000 to giving all the glory to God (Trench).

2. The shock that buried Lisbon in 755 never ceased to vibrate till it reachal the wilds of Scotland and the vine yards of Madeira. It was felt among the islands of the Greeian Archipelago and it changed the level of the solitary lakes that sleep beneath the sleedows of the North Alps. Even so the shock that Satan's kingdom sustained when Christianity was established, will not cease to vibrate fill it move the whole world (Quoted by Peloubet).

3. Socrates uttered the longing of all Priest, Like people." thoughtful heathen. "We must wait." said he, "till One shall come and teach us our duty to God." The Cumean ing righteous, not by natural inheri- sybil taught that a Great Ruler should tance, but by grace? It is an easy mat- be born, of heavenly extraction, whose ter to refer to some author, to use reign should be universal: "To give universal peace, and exercise His Pather's virtues; to abolish all violence, and restore original simplicity; to kill the ple, like Priest," and not like Pries serpent, and purge all vegetables of poison; the blessings would extend to the brute creation." Thus unconsciously did the heathen world prophesy of, and long for, the Redeemer. Augustine desired to see Christ in the flesh, Solomon Mr. Ebrron: I agree with you that a in his glory, and Paul in the pulpit, liscussion of this subject is unnecessary. (Van Doren, quoted in Biblical Musemm).

> 1. So mer a temporary sorrow they E. A. YATES, one to this heavenly Father—than has of that day for years to come." Fair.

SALISBURY DISTRICT CONFER ever been granted to the sons of men. The deep, pure stream flows on its way rejoicing, even though the forests overshadow it, and no transient sunshine flickers on its waves (Farrar.)

5. Grotius tells us that as the Jews, for smaller hodies of select men, customarily used the number twelve, so in The former number was doubtless founded upon that of the twelve sons of Jacob, and thence the twelve tribes of Israel; the latter had some respect to the seventy souls who came with Jacob into Egypt. seventy was the number of the dewish Sanhedrim. Josephus tells us that Varus sent twelve dewish legates to the Jews of Echatana; and by the Jews of Echatana seventy legates were sent to None of your toolscap for me? Varus to plead their cause, all of whom he slew. Josephus himself, when sent Raleigh, Presiding Elder Nelson of to regulate the affairs of Galilee, chose seventy colleagues. In the siege of Je-Shelby, T. A. Boone of Mocksville, J. J. Renn of Salisbury, and Dr. S. C. Pharr rusalem there were seventy citizens choen as a body of judges. As twelve was the number of the tribes of Israel, so eventy is the ritual number of the naions of the earth, and seventy the ritual number of Gentile dialects. At the Feast of Tabornacles, whither Jesus was now going, the Jews were accustomed to acrifice seventy bullocks in behalf of the Gentile nations (Wheden).

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

- The price of the Nashville Chrisiun . I deocate has again been reduced

o \$2 a year. - Dr. Stending, the oldest minister in he Establised Church of Scotlandalied recently aged 84, and after a ministry

of 62 venta-- Rev. Alex. Clark, D. D., editor of the Methodist Records r, has parchased a home at Weil-ville, O., where he has removed with his family.

-The Provincial Sunday school Conention of Canada will meet at Petersorough, Province of Ontario, on Wednesday and Thursday Oct. 9 and 10.

- The Catholic missionaries in Chias and India claim during the last five vents to have baptized 100,522 heathms, 11,600 of the number being adults

- The average salary of the minis

ters of the Irish Presbyterian Church last year was \$925. In addition to this the 3rd bandion North Carollin State a large majority of Churches furnish Guards, manse and glebe. - The Widows and Orphans' Fund of theFree Church of Scotland now has

dollars a year. - Rev. P. C. Horton, immediately after speaking at the memorial service at the English Wesleyan Conference

a capital of \$1,700,000, and increases at

the rate of from fifty to sixty thousand

suddenly took iff and died. Rev. John W. Butler, one of our nissionaries in Mexico, now on a visit o this country, was married in Parchaque, L. I., to Miss Sura A. Ashton.

The Mr. Angley's wife was very lox at last accounts—size is entirely helpless. The veteran editor is entitled to

and justly receives much sympathy. Rev. Dr. Jos. Horner preached. House, top of the Allegheny monn rins, August 1th, and from thence h

unde a visit to New York. - The Southern Book Committee were in session at Na hville, Tenna

- A teacher in the Cornell Memorial Sunday school, New York city is elighty

At a grand Sunday School demon tration in India, of the 12,255 scholar eported, no less than 8,190 belonged to our Church.

- Chancellor Haven writes from beland, that near the large Protestant and to take it off. Cathedral, in Cock, is the grave of Rev. Richard Boardman, one of the two miionaries sent by John Wesley to - The admirable statistical paper

utitled "Statistics of the Methodi-Episcopal Church of the United States prepared by Rev. Dr. W. H. DePuy, of the New York. Ideacate, has been re-published in pampilet form by the book agents at New York.

-- A Chinese Tract Society, on the dan of the American Tract Society, has een formed at Shanghai. Its Board of Managers is to be half of foreign mis sionaries and ball of native Christians.

- The Old Catholics of Bayaria have held a conference at Munich and declared that the decisions of the Synod at Bonn abolishing clerical celibacy are not binding and cannot be carried out

- In Great Britain there is an ordained minister for every 673 inhabitants. stock it in the same proportion.

- The American Board of Foreign Missions is already preparing for its anmual meeting, which will be held in Oc tober in Immanual Presbyterian church, Milwaukee. It is promised that the meeting shall be one of rare interest. MR. EDITOR-

Dear Sir: I noticed in No. 32 of the BRISTIAN ADVOCATE, that Bro. V. A. sharpe wishes to know where God promises to be the husband of the widw. And also where it is said Like I don't think any one can find where reads just like Bro. Sharpe gives it.

Although he can find the words in he 54th chap. Isaiah and 5th verse where it reads thus, "For thy Maker hine husband," and not to be the lorand of the widow. He will find in the 4th chap, Hoses and 9th verse, these words, "Like peo

I think Bro. Sharpe has heard the expression used in the same way he give t, and wishes them to tell where the will find it, to read just as he gives in the ADVOCATE. He has got the car before the horse, that is all.

J. T. A. Davis. Lowesville, Lincoln Co., N. C., Aug.

Yours fraternally,

Rev. G. F. Round writes Aug. 30th om Rutherfordton:

"We have just closed a protracted meeting at Pleasant Grove, where the Penitentiary Board, who have turned pumping against a colossal stone wall loss him more. At any rate, peace, in the true sense of hoppiness—happine and the service of the state Agricultural because purer, more sinless, more taith. Sabbath morning was a precious season Society Dr. J. McCallium was appoint-

FOOLSCAP PAPER.

When I was a little girl it was a great mazle to me what was the matter with the paper called foolscop. Why did the tolks give such an impolise name to such nice, big, convenient paper? This is the way of it. When Oliver Cromwell was Lord Protector of England he the larger they used the number seventy. had a cap of Liberty, table as a stamp for all the Government paper. After his death, and when the Stuarts had returned, it happened one day that King Charles the Second wanted to write : letter. They brought him some of the Cromwellian paper. He noticed the stamp, and said, "What is that in the corner 250 When he was told he flow into a passion, and said. "Take it away

This little bit of bistory will make you understand who some class of paper which you use has so dall a name Christum at Work. Timety-six secolors from chine has in

round Brighton, England, many of

them beasting high positions, influence,

and wealth, received the sacrament of confirmation recently at the hand set the Roman Catholic bishop of Sunthwark. DR HAYGOOD seems to thrive on hard work and hot weather, The Nashville friends were profuse in

their congratulations on his increased (voirdupois, Nachrille Admente, - Do not think that all the post ainisters are in America. The Bishop Manchester says that some of the English clergy are so poor that they do not taste meat more than pace of twice a week, and are glad to get the cost off

elothing of their parishioners.

STATE AND LOCAL

- The democrats of the blot one is a uncl finite base communed from J. J. Priviletal

Rev. 6. F. Long of Warrenton annuon as bineed as a candidate for Congress in the - There is a no almm about diptherta to

western conners. It mems to take no hold here and never becomes epistemic Mai a W. A. Grabam, Sometime when from Line dn, bus resigned his portion as Major of

- A Special Term of the Superior Court of Madison will be held on the 1th Monda in

Billy Henderson is an independent by onsteandidate for Gong tess in the Greens hard Dr. 1 ch. - Dr. N. H. Pittman of Lactors, has a

o the University Museum a calculus were h

- Massic W.T. Dinkweils for the great Durham tolescon manual actories, have no Meaques Yellow level suff pers \$100

- A six foot rattlesonic, with victor in ties and a button, we billed a lew date. in Godar buth townships - Mr. Willie Look set of Car a D Pack

ormerty o Raleigh, died of Ye, an rever in New Orleans last works - Mecklenburg bands Wake on cotton as

the first bale has been picked there, exhibited Charlotte, and some or to S w York for The Charlotte Oh erver, of the 25th and., says that a poor and regred women accompanied by four small children, was in that

my yesterday endeavoring to raise mests to

of to Galeign She is from Tow slower, Ala, are friends in Releigh, and her money gave at at Charlotte. - The Reidsville Times tells it of two chile ren in Rockingham county. One was holdng a stick for the other to cut with an axe.

be ave-handler made a missli k and out the arm of the holder so builty that the disctore -The people of Payertevide have subsurfibed a handle me sum cofficient with what

they will receive from the Postonly fund, to establish a normal school. The Wilk shore Witness has again changed its political complexion. It now announ es that in future it will be a National

Greenback paper. FINE WHEET, - A. M. Cobb, Esq., brought s hast Saturday. Some time wheat of a te-w of 32 hashels to the agre, and it weedled this pounds a the bashet. The "golden-straw" a

- Goldsboro Messenger. Friday morning, Angul 1996, Mr. Joseph Easton, a worthy asteen of Greene conty, living about four affine a schedul of Spory Hill, weld coun hardng. The dogs your treed, and Mr. Esston, a theast of climbing the tree, lell upon his wick, a distance of fifteen teet, consing spinal nessation, from which he shed Tuesday epht, the 20th instant, excise days after to

Rocky Mount Mail: We heat that there is much opposition to O'Hara (the negro concans of Halifax, Warren and Edgec-inbe. Gov. Brogden has many strong triends in these counties not only with white, but also with colored Republicans. Mr. Gatewood Lewis, residing six unies

from this town on the Lecuvitle read, but dead his own yard last Saturday morning. He had enjoyed good health, all of his life with the exception of an attack of paralysis which e soft red about a very ago. He was born n this county December of I have and end Augus, 24 h 1878 Robesmun.

Raleigh News. The projectly of the reports aide by farmers of this county who come in faily, show a marked improvement in the condition of the growing crops. The continued rains have in general had a good effect; and the corn, especially, is growing finely. In some parts of Johnston exenty too much rain reported. The cotton is in good order, and fall of blo. ms. It is not so high as usual, but no fears are at present entertained of a poor grop. While perhaps not equal to last year is a crop year, yet there is no cause for complaint. The general reports of crops in Western porti us of the otate are highly favor. able. The tobacco is progressing weil.

The Spartanburg and Asheville Railroad Company, having failed for six months past to comply with their contract in regard to the convicts in their employ, have surrendered them to the them over to the W. N. C. Railroad Want of means, it is said, induced this step on the part of the former Road, Asheville by the 1st of January, next.

At a late unceting of the executive committee of the State Agricultural