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RALEIGH, N. C., -- OCT. 16TH, 1878.

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

EDITORIAL BRIEFS.

Bishop Pierce's health, we are glad to learn, is steadily improving.

Dean Straly was in Richmond last week.

We trust our friends will renew their subscription to the ADVOCATE promptly.

We are requested by Rev. W. H. Watkins to say that the delegates and visitors to the Sunday School Conference...

Rev. J. J. Benn writes us that the revival continues with marvellous interest in his church, at Salisbury.

Rev. S. J. McLeod writes us that the work of revival continues on his circuit.

We learn from Rev. J. J. Benn of Salisbury Station, that his church is in the midst of a gracious revival of religion.

We regret to learn that a little son of Rev. E. A. Yates was severely injured in Wilmington, Monday last.

The Ohio Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has declared against the use of tobacco.

Bishop Pierce says the Kentucky Conference will support Rev. C. F. Field, the new missionary to China.

We were pleased to receive a call from Rev. J. A. Cunningham a few days since.

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GREAT SCHOLARS AND BAPTIST VIEWS.

One of our correspondents says: "I am told, by respectable authority, that John Wesley refused to baptize a healthy infant by sprinkling or pouring -- holding that immersion was the way for all healthy persons -- how is that?"

We lately deny that Mr. Wesley held that immersion was the only way of baptism. These are Wesley's sentiments -- baptism is performed by washing, dipping, or sprinkling the person.

Here is John Wesley's deliberate and pronounced opinion on the mode of baptism. We hope our Baptist friends for the sake of truth and their own reputation will cease quoting John Wesley as favoring their system of baptism by immersion.

John Calvin is also quoted as favoring the Baptist views on baptism. Calvin says: "Whether the person baptized is to be wholly immersed and that whether once or thrice, or whether he is only to be sprinkled with water, is not of the least consequence."

Dr. Neander, the ecclesiastical Historian, is quoted as being on the Baptist side. Neander says (History, p. 197): "Many superstitious persons imagine, from attaching too much importance to externals, that baptism by sprinkling was not valid."

Dr. Schaff is so quoted also. But he says (Lange, Rom. vi, 4): "The efficacy of the sacrament does not depend upon the quantity or quality of the water, nor upon the mode of its application."

CHURCH STATISTICS.

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LET THE STEWARDS BE MEN OF SOLID PIETY -- DISCIPLINE.

It will be seen how the Discipline emphasizes the necessity of solid piety in the Stewards of our church. The Discipline requires all of our members to be pious, from the least to the greatest.

They are marked men -- pillars of the church -- prominent in managing its business, conspicuous in their examples and influential by reason of their office.

Secondly, Stewards are not only to be men of solid piety, but men "who both know and love the Methodist doctrine and Discipline." They are to be pre-eminently Methodist.

For her, my tears shall fall, For her my prayers ascend, For her my cares and toils be given, Till toils and cares shall end.

WORTH ATTENTION.

The following from the Texas Christian Advocate is worth the attention of the churches this side of that State.

Elder A. C. Dixon, now pastor of the Baptist Church at Chapel Hill, conducted the services, during all the preaching time, for three or four days, morning and night.

Rev. J. M. Rhoades writes us from Warrensville, Ohio, that his charge has been blessed with a revival.

TO THE MINISTERS OF THE N. C. CONFERENCE.

I have sent Miniatures of a drawing I am getting up to commemorate the centennial of the birth of our first President in the State, with a few words in a photograph, I wish of themselves, which I design to introduce in the picture.

REVIVAL INTELLIGENCE.

Rev. J. H. Cordon writes Oct. 3rd: "God has done great things for us on Matthews-Cret Circuit, where we are held."

The Lord has blessed us on the Asheville-Cret circuit this year. It being a new circuit, formed at the last Conference, it had only about 348 members.

I began a meeting at Cedar Falls, which became one of the most remarkable meetings I ever saw. Fifty-eight conversions on this work during the week.

Several old men and women were converted, -- at least fifteen who were past the age of 40, and some nearly 80.

Rev. James Willson writes from Mt. Airy, Oct. 7th: "Recently I have held two protracted meetings, one of which a short notice was made."

Our Missionary Baptist brethren have held a meeting in the Presbyterian Church of this place, with good results.

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THE CHINESE FAMINE.

The London Methodist Reporter publishes the following extract of a letter from the Rev. H. H. Wilson, M. D., a Missionary at Fatsang:

Dr. A. W. Wilson, Missionary Secretary, seems to be winning good opinions by his timely pointed addresses at the various Conferences in the West.

THE ECONOMY OF METHODISM.

The economy of Methodism is unique. The spirit of its ministry and mission apostolic. Dr. Poole has well said that "the most emphatic word is traveling."

There is a terrible outcry at the present day against long sermons, long prayers, long hymns and readings from the Scriptures.

There is no end of inconsistent people, and as we write they come trooping all around us. And this one thing is certain -- inconsistent people do harm wherever they may go.

All acts, however small, are sanctified and ennobled by a single reference to the glory of God. -- Luther.

The Sunday School World for October, 1878, published by the American Sunday School Union, Philadelphia, contains eight able papers, prepared by many Biblical scholars.

It is one of the most natural things in all the world to imagine that some other position than the one we occupy will be more conducive to our comfort.

What less can the Church do now but to provide for their comfort? Gratitude, justice, brotherly kindness, affection, all demand it.

STATE AND LOCAL.

Col. Walter Clark has gone to Greensboro to attend the Federal Court now in session there.

They say now that Maj. W. A. Smith will be the Republican candidate for Congress in this district.

The cotton receipts in Raleigh, Wednesday reached 875 bales -- the next largest number of bales ever received in this market in one day.

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FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

A fierce wind sweep over the lawn in early spring. It snatches a tree to the ground, and bears to the ground with it the vine that clings to its frail support for safety.

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INDEX TO NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

See the advertisement of H. Muller. Mr. B. H. Tyson, of Wilson, N. C., advertises a splendid lot of new gunnys for sale very cheap.

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MARRIAGES.

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In Person county, Sept. 19th, by Rev. R. A. Willis, Mr. William P. Terrell, of Caswell, and Miss Novilla, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Yealoch.

The Raleigh Area says: Eugene Morehead, Esq., of Greensboro, has removed with his family to Durham.

Charlotte Observer: A post-office employee says that four hundred dollars per month is sent away from Charlotte for tickets in some of the many lottery companies that hold out their glib promises to the public.

Oxford Telegraph: A new mail route has recently been opened from Rock Walnut, Va., via Buchanan to this place.

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Protect your head and keep your feet dry by wearing Stanton's fine hats and Evans' celebrated anatomical boots and shoes, for sale by D. S. WARR & BROS.

At the residence of the bride's father, in Stokes county, Sept. 28th, by T. H. Pagan, Mr. Samuel Blackburn of Germantown to Miss Nannie Vaughn.

On the 2nd of Oct., 1878, by Rev. Jno. N. Andrews, Mr. Martin Felcher and Mrs. Cora Conklin, all of Washington, N. C.

In Wilmington, N. C., on the evening of the 25th of Sept., at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. E. R. Hall, Mr. Edward Lockamy to Miss Mary Jackson.

In Center Township, Stoney County, Oct. 9th, by Rev. W. H. Hobbin, Mr. L. A. Lotts, and Miss Eugenia H. Shanklin.

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