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SECRETARY of our Conference sent out all the minutes... He requests us to say he has done well.

WE REGRET TO LEARN that Rev. James W. Koger, our missionary to Brazil from South Carolina, is dead.

THAT CRAZY BOY, near Raleigh, had another blindness, so called. We stated week before last that he feigned his blindness.

A PETITION WAS SENT to Postmaster General Vilas from Baltimore, asking him to require the letter carriers of that city to deliver mail at least once on the Sabbath.

Resolved by this Preachers' Meeting: We have read with great satisfaction the letter of Postmaster General Vilas, refusing the proposed Sunday delivery of mails by carriers.

A CORRESPONDENT OF THE Raleigh Evening Visitor, signing the initials E., replies to our criticism on the "Capital Club" of this city.

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he has called for penitents, and wants us "to go up." From what we can hear of the travail of the saints in Richmond, in trying to provide for the body, if Bro. Lafferty would open his eyes, without putting on his glasses, he could see plenty of "mourners going about the streets."

But, seriously, we think it would be well for the General Conference to take steps to provide for its own entertainment. Let the General Conference appoint a committee to receive propositions from the various cities and large summer resorts, and locate the General Conference at the best place, changing from place to place each time as is thought best.

AFTER ALL THE WOMEN and children suffer more from the use of liquor than any others. The man who drinks is a terror to his household. A revenue officer told us the other day that they found out where more illicit distilleries were through the women than any other way.

Southern Methodist Statistics. Most of the papers have been rejoicing over an increase of 50,000 in our church this year.

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all the laborers it does not seem so large. Indeed, when we consider the men and the means, the labors and the cost of those labors to the church, the result dwindles down to a narrow limit. Think: If these 3,783 effective preachers delivered during the year only 100 sermons each, the aggregate would be 378,300.

The Election of Bishops.

The papers are speaking out now on the number necessary and qualifications desirable in the election of new bishops. The Southern Christian Advocate suggests that, if it is understood that any one of the Bishops is liable to be assigned for five or ten years to China, it will kill a good many "espiscopal bees."

The Alabama Christian Advocate thinks we ought to elect four new bishops, and then goes on to tell what kind of men they ought to be. That paper thinks the new bishops ought to be pious, posted, good preachers, and poor.

"The men chosen should, of course, be deeply pious, which is to say they ought to be free from the ambition to lord it over God's heritage. They ought to be well acquainted with the law of the church, not only as it is to be read in the Discipline, but as it is to be known by a practical experience in the work of the church from poor circuits to rich stations.

As to age, it makes but little difference whether he is thirty-five or sixty-five.

An Hour With Other Editors.

The Moore County Index has changed hands. The North Carolina Teacher has opened a "Teachers' Album," and desires the photographs of all the teachers in the State.

The Holston Methodist, in mentioning some of the prominent laymen who will be in the next General Conference, mentions Ex-Gov. Jarvis, of North Carolina, as one. This is a mistake. Gov. Jarvis was not elected a delegate.

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The Western Christian Advocate believes that a man who tries to preach without preparation is not much wiser than a man who tries to fire an empty gun.

The following from the Pittsburgh Advocate will be interesting: In 1800 there were twenty colleges in this country, twelve of which were religious and eight secular.

In reply to a correspondent the St. Louis Advocate says: "At the opening of the General Conference of 1846, Joshua Soule and James O. Andrew were the bishops. During that conference Robert Paine and William Capers were elected.

The Holston Methodist asks the opinion of its readers as to whether it shall publish Talmage's sermons. One of its readers thus gives his opinion: Talmage is a good, and great man, and no doubt a fine preacher.

The Central Methodist prints an "Open Letter to the Bishops," by Rev. W. T. Poynter, of Kentucky. In admitting the article, which had been refused by the Nashville and St. Louis Advocates, the Methodist says: Several times we have been asked to publish articles somewhat similar.

I have followed a truant pen until the subject, if any I really had in mind when this letter was taken in hand, has well-nigh drifted out of sight.

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For the Advocate. Our Virginia Correspondence. BY REV. JOHN E. EDWARDS, D. D. SOMETHING WORSE THAN AN INFIRMITY.

It is the easiest thing in the world to complain, to find fault, criticize, carp, grumble, and almost imperceptibly to one's self to become sour, surly, querulous, and finally morose and sulky. This is by no means the universal tendency and outcrop of human nature.

TO RETURN. Some people, it is said, are "constitutional lars." All of us have seen such. Some people—men and women—are irritable, resentful, quick tempered.

NOTES BY WAY OF ADDENDA. We continue to have a cold and disagreeable winter, since winter set fairly in, about the 10th of January.

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some, who at one time were cheerful, bright, talkative, companionable, confiding! There has been a "worm at the bud." Possibly, disappointed ambition. The fond and cherished hopes, indulged in early life, have not been realized.

IMPROVEMENT. Complaining, fault-finding, and croaking, by indulgence, fast grow into a chronic habit. The sooner checked and corrected the better.

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