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SECRETARY of our Confer sent out all the minutes i, either by express, or by sotify him if you fail to get He requests us to say he I me the best he could, and we as done well. Let all our to buy the minutes. It is a v ice pamphlet.

NE REGRET TO LEARN that Rev. no: been received.

that he feigned his blindness-we greant simply to say that we believe the boy to be crazy, and his so callthe result of a diseased imaginathe is creating some little sensation in this section, and in our Dimion the best place for him is the lusane Asylum.

A PETITION WAS SENT to Postmaster General Vilas from Baltimore, asking him to require the letter carriers of that city to deliver and at least once on the Sabbath. He refused to do it and put his refeed on the proper ground, that it and doe an unnecessary work on the Sabbath. We honor him for his course. We are glad to notice that the Methodist preachers of Buttimore, at a recent meeting, adupted the following resolution:

Resolved by this Preachers' Meeting: We have read with great sat istaction the letter of Postmaster-General Vilas, refusing the proposed Sunday delivery of mails by carriers, and that we hereby thank bun for his decision.

A CORRESPONDENT OF THE Ral eigh Ecening Visitor, signing the initial F., replies to our criticism on the "Capital Club" of this city, which we published in our last issue. One who hasn't the manliness to sign his name to what he writes, of a personal nature, is hardly worth noticing. We never had much respect for those who bush-whack. We confess, however, that after reading the article and noting its weakness, we didn't blame the poor fellow for being ashamed to put his name to it. We cannot find it in our heart to blame any man for being ashamed of such a weak production. We will state, as a matter of fact, that the Club will not sell liquor to just anybody and everybody. The drinkmatter in the eyes of some. It does not as ours. The many congratulations and thanks received, and orders for extra copies of our last issne, are the best guarantees we have that the good people of the State approve of our little editorial notice.

BRO. LAFFERTY, OF THE Rich mo d Advocate, seems to be in great trouble over the entertainment of General Conference; so much so that he has forgotten how he used to write about Nashville and Atlan-

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 eves, without putting on his glasses, he could see plenty of "mourners going about the stree's."

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. To locate the Conference even four years in advance, would open the way to imposition in the way of extravagant charges for board, &c. The committee, in the interim, could make the best arrangement as to price of board, &c., and publish the plan decided upon in the papers. Then let each Annual Conference provide for a collection to raise a sufficient sum every fourth year to pay the travel ing expenses and board of its delegation. This, or something similar, "bonnets." It would, no doubt, be ought to be done.

AFTER ALL THE WOMEN and V. Koger, our missionary to children suffer more from the use of I wat from South Carolina, is dead. liquor than any others. The man does not say how many new ones He ded of yellow fever. He has who drinks is a terror to his housem Brazil since 1881. He hold. A revenue officer told us the to two grades of bishops. Dr. Haywife and four children who other day that they found out where more in Brazil. Another name more illicit distilleries were through added to the long and il- the women than any other way. A In a rous list of Christian martyrs. man puts up an illicit distillery. It The perticulars of his death have debauches him and degrades his family. The children are forced to bishops, and then goes on to tell of 1846, Joshua Soule and James O. that embodies itself in "the sweet Nothing is gained by detraction, or work in it. The poor wife suffers what kind of men they ought to be. Andrew were the bishops. During THAT CRAZY BOY, near Raleigh, on in silence. She is afraid to open That paper thinks the new bishops that conference Robert Paine and by had another blindness, so call- her mouth. She secretly writes a ought to be pious, posted, good ed. We stated week before last letter to the revenue officer, signing preachers, and poor. With these no name, but telling him on what qualifications, it thinks age will branch he can find an illicit distillery. The officer goes and destroys is what that paper says. Let it thindness and paralysis to be it. They find out where more stills speak for itself: are in this way than any other. Letters, in the hand-writing of ladies, are frequently received by the revenue officers directing them where to find stills. The wife and the law of the church, not only as the children and the horse, and it is to be read in the Discipline, but still live, the others all served from even the dog of a man who deals in as it is to be known by a practical or drinks liquor, all feel the effects of it. We knew a man once who e dog watched for his coming when he was away, and that dog could tell the moment he saw his master whether he was intoxicated. If his master was drunk, the dog would run under the house and hide. He knew he would be badly treated .-When Bill Arp's town voted for prohibition he wrote as follows:

"Since Cartersville has gone dry through prohibition, the animals have a better time. If they understood it, I think they would hold a grand jubilee and ratification meeting. The mules would bray, and the horses neigh, and the oxen would low, and the dogs would bark for joy."

Southern Methodist Statistics.

Most of the papers have been rejoicing over an increase of 50,000 in our church this year. We felt somewith other denominations we did make a good showing, indeed. But we looked on the bright side-the rejoicing side. We have always heard that there are two sides to everything, and it seems to be true in this case. The St. Louis Advocate finds the other side of these statistics and gives it to us. That we may look on both sides we quote as

Some who profess to be well informed on the subject tell us the net increase in the membership of the ang establishment is for the special M. E. Church, South, during the opened a "Teachers' Album," and church, and is one of the ablest and this is true whether the doctrine of days. The programme of exercise benefit of the members and their last Conference year, will not fall desires the photographs of all the most prominent members of the guests only. This may mend the short of 50,000. The total number of preachers and members reported in the last General Minutes was 941,327. Of these 4,319 were traveling, and 5,858 were local preachers. But of the traveling preachers 536 were ineffective, being on the list of superannuates or supernumeraries, deducting these we have 3,- This is a mistake. Gov. Jarvis was discussional period, and a loyal sub with the thought that some people 783 effective ministers, and these, supposing the increase to be 50,000, vith the aid of 204 supernumeraries and 5,858 local preachers have increased the total number of preachers and members 5 and 1 per centum, or a fraction over 13 to each effective preacher—to say nothing of the aid afforded by the supernumeraries and the local preachers, well edited. We wish the new en-Fifty thousand seems a large inta. We feel sorry for him. He has crease to be made in one year, but become real serious over it; in fact, when we come to divide it among

large. Indeed, when we consider ed in Pueblo at once. Nothing the men and the means, the labors and the cost of those labors to the church, the result dwindles down to a narrow limit.

preachers delivered during the year only 100 sermons each, the aggregate would be 378,300. This estimate is too low. Many, most of them, went far beyond that figure. But let it stand, and suppose that the excess above that number added to the number delivered by the supernumeraries and the local it is necessary to load before you preachers, amounted to just as many | shoot. more. Then there were delivered during the year 756,600 sermons, and, if the increase be 50,000, then there was one addition for a fraction over every fifteen sermons No great things after all.

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 Chris tian 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, "esp'scopal bees" that are uzzing in some good men's a good thing to kill some of "the bees," but they do not sting much; about all that the most of them do ought to be elected, but is opposed good thinks we need bishops in our foreign fields and rather endorses Dr. Garland's views.

make but little difference. But here

ought to be free from the ambition to lord it over God's heritage. They ought to be well acquainted with experience in the work of the church from poor circuits to rich stations. They should have learned to rule, by having learned to obey, how to administer law by having kept the law. The captain of the ship should have served before the mast.

"They should be good preachers opinion: -not in one sense but in every sense-men who can represent t church anywhere a preacher ough stand. They should have good common sense—practical wisdomknowledge of men and things Scholarly culture is by no means to be disregarded, but high scholarship is not as important as tact in settling difficulties and harmoniz ing differences without hurting per sons and compromising truth. An other fact of importance is that a Methodist Bishop should be a poor man. However it may be in secular professions, or in the ministry of other churches, it is very certain that poverty is perfectly compatible with the very highest personal character and deepest spirituality in preachers of our church. A rich preacher may be as pious as a poor what elated ourselves. Compared one, but no one will believe his heart is as full of sympathy with his poor hrethren. Because the poor, and will always be so, under our system, we would rather never have a rich Bishop.

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

An Hour With Other Editors.

- The Moore County Index has changed hands.
- teachers in the State.
- toning some of the prominent lay- ministration of the affairs of the men who will be in the next Gener. church have reached the ultimate til the subject, if any I really had al Conference, mentions Ex-Gov. forth improvement is impossible, in hand, has well-nigh drifted out Jarvis, of North Carolina, as one. then the question has passed the of sight. Ah, yes! I started out not elected a delegate.
- name of a new paper recently issued right, and often exercise it vigor-Col. L. L. Polk. The name indicates the character of the paper. The initial number is well printed and terprise abundant success.
- Colorado Methodist: An episco- ADVOCATE, price \$2.00 per annum.

he has called for penitents, and all the laborers it does not seem so pal residence ought to be es ablishwould forward our colleges, as well as other interests and other enterprises, so much. Bishop Hargrove Think: If these 3,783 effective knows us well and could move possibly easier than any other.

> - 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. In each case

- The Texas Advocate says:

The whisky sellers of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, obtained license to con tinue their business in a character istic way. The laws of that State require a petition signed by twenty freeholders and householders, and being unable to obtain the needed number, the whisky sellers, in th exercise of their "personal liberty, manufactured freeholders by selling a lot of worthless negroes city lots at \$5.50 each.

- The following from the Pitts burgh Advocate will be interest

promise in it.

- In reply to a correspondent the Early and H. H. Kavanaugh were "The men chosen should, of course, and E. M. Marvin were elected. be deeply pious, which is to say they In 1870, J. C. Keener was elected. In 1882, A. W. Wilson, L. Parker, J. C. Granbery and R. K. Hargrove the time of their election till their deaths."

> - 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

Talmage is a good, and great man, and no doubt a fine preacher, and it would be delightful to hear him preach as a recreation; but his printed sermons remind me of Yankee Doodle, with variations. Every one of them cast in the same mould, only varied in the ingredi ents used. Who would not get tired of gazing at rainbows, and eating syllabub for breakfast, din ner and supper? His penchant for fancy texts, and his mode of treating them, gives them an ephemeral seen such. Some people-men and interest which soon vanishes by repetition. He is neither doctrinal nor quick tempered. They go off, on Methodistic, and his discourses are better adapted to New York City dudes than sturdy Southern Meth-

- The Central Methodist prints an "Open Letter to the Bishops," by Rev. W. T. Poynter, of Kentucky. vast majority of our preachers are In admitting the article, which had been refused by the Nashville and St. Louis Advocates, the Methodist

Several times we have been asked to publish articles somewhat similar, but as the authors, in every case have some grievance, either fancied or real, we declined to do so. But as the present writer has always had the very best appointments has no personal grievance to redress. - The North Carolina Teacher has to be the best interests of the Kentucky Conference, we do not feel at liberty to deny him a hear-- The Holston Methodist, in men- ing. If it be claused that the adchurch loyalty being called in quespositions, the same right?

For the Advocate. Our Virginia Correspondence.

BY REV. JOHN E. EDWARDS, D. D.

SOMETHING WORSE THAN AN IN-FIRMITY.

ceptibly to one's self to become been wrought by the failure to read sour, surly, querulous, and finally some coveted office, or other position morose and sulky. This is by no for which the aggrieved party had outcrop of human nature. Indeed, bitter some otherwise sweet and it is rather exceptional. The cases, amiable natures. Losses have the it may be, become the more notice- effect to produce acerbity in some are comparatively rare. Human controlling influence, of official no nature, at the best, is a poor thing; sition. Not a few, who are amb and yet after all there is a great tions of rank and place, are made bation. The spots in the sun are supposed inferior talents and quality the more noticeable because of its fications, elevated above themsel brilliancy as a whole. Preachers ves, and invested with authority and theological writers give great over them. Under any of the prominence to what is technically conditions how easy it is for a chain the purpose of the present writtake a sort of malicious revenge on ting to discuss that doctrine. Hu- the more fortunate, by criticising man nature is bad enough, and yet | their conduct and underrating their it may be-probably is-better, in capabilities? It is altogether pos some of its aspects at least, than sible for a preacher, even, to fall in In 1800 there were twenty colleges | those are willing to concede, who | to the unfortunate—not to say posiin this country, twelve of which maintain that infant children "de- tively reprehensible temper of mind were religious and eight secular, the serve God's wrath and damnation." and spirit that is under review in most of the latter being i fidel - All I mean to say is, that there are, this letter. In almost every Con-Now there are three hundred and unquestionably, natural affections ference, possibly there may be some seventy-six, three hundred and that embody themselves in sweet who fall into one or another of the twelve religious and sixty-four sec- tempers, tender sympathies, friend- categories hinted at above. There ular, but not one infidel. The edu- ly words, and generous acts. Dr. is scarely a pastoral charge in which is to "buzz" a little. That paper cation of the youth of the world is Rosser might include all of this un-{ there is not a carping critic, or in Christian hands, for the secular der his pet phrase, "initial grace," chronic complainer. Nothing goes institutions are manned chiefly by which is but another mode of char- right—nothing is done right in the Christians. This "decaying" insti- acterizing that old something, call- estimation of these victums of the tution, Christianity, seems to have ed "preventing grace." I am not habit of fault-finding. Detraction a wonderful amount of vitality and absolutely certain that there is not, is the food on which such unfortuin human nature, something that nates fatten. On the other hand lies back of "initial," or "preventing there is nothing more beautifulgrace"—something that is instinct | nothing more christianly—than to The Alabama Christian Advocate St. Louis Advocate says: "At the ive, inborn, springing spontaneous- speak evil of no one. To have the thinks we ought to elect four new opening of the General Conference ly out of our merely animal nature, charity that "thinketh no evil."amenities of life." The brute crea- evil surmisings, but the gratific tion instinctively manifest some | tion of a little, low vindictiveness thing, in this line, very nearly akin unworthy of a noble, manly nature William Capers were elected. In to what I a: speaking about. In Its indulgence argues the inferior 1850, Henry B. Bascom was elected. human nature there is a higher or- ty of the person himself to the ob-In 1854, George F. Pierce, John der of intelligence that gives d'rec ject of his splenetic and derogator tion and expression to that which surmises and suspicions. Who eve we suppose to be purely instinctive saw any one, who was always chap elected. In 1866, H. N. McTyeire, in the brute or irrational creation, ging others with being "wire-works W. M. Wightman, D. S. Doggett, if indeed there be such a depart ers" and schemers to promote the ment of animal creation. Some own interests and secure their own things in this line of manifestatio", ends, regardless of the rights an that rise above "the earthly sen- claims of others, that would no sual and devilish," are called "nat- himself, or herself, be the man or ural virtues." I do not propose to woman criticised and judged, but were elected. Five of the number call them virtues at all, in any scrip- for the lack of the tact and talent to tural or ethical sense of the term. be that character? All I mean to say is, that there are kindly dispositions, sympathetic feelings, generous impulses, and even sweet, gentle, loving traits of mind and heart, that spring spontaneously, under favorable conditions of heredity, from human nature, apart from initial or preventing grace Now, all of this, to my or her disagreeable to others. I own mind, is a little clearer than robs one of a good, healthful influ mud. I do not propose to discuss ence in society. It puts everything this subject with those who hold to one does or says, however good in the doctrine of "total depravity" itself, at a heavy discount. Let uwith a vengeance, and defend it all, henceforth, take a more cheerwith vindictiveness, and prove it by ful and hopeful view of men and the Westminster Confession of things. Let us put a more charita-Faith. Personally, I am orthodox ble construction on the conduct of when tried by the Scriptures.

TO RETURN.

Some people, it is said, are "con

stitutional hars." All of us have women—are irritable, resentful, the slightest provocation, real or imaginary, like a sky-rocket, rip ping and tearing, till they burn out Some get into the sulks, and sputter like damp powder in a bombshell, till there is an explosion.— Others there are who are as fickle and fitful in their tempers as are the changing figures in a revolving kaleidoscope, or as changeful as the phases of an April.day. Neither of my figures exactly hits the idea. Never mind, it is sufficiently well understood to answer my purpose. set fairly in, about the 10th of Janup a placid face, and a guarded tion. Tobacco, however, is coming tongue, and yet the quiet exterior in more freely and selling wellis as deceitful as the flower-enam. There is nothing specially noteworeled surface of a morass, or the ver- thy in church matters. Our Baptist dure-clad crust that overlies a slum. brethren are going to hold wha bering volcano. Some are dough- they denominate a "Baptist Con writes wholly in what he conceives faced; some are double-faced; some gress," in Danville, beginning on as deceitful as a crocodile. All the 9th of March, and lasting four "total depravity," as taught in the is already published. A large at creeds, be true or false.

BACK AGAIN TO OUR SUBJECT.

I have followed a truant pen unlimit of perfection, and that hence in mind when this letter was taken mission is the duty of all. We hon- are fault-finders; others carping or our chief pastors, as we honor all critics; and some, who by long in-- The Progressive Farmer is the our brethren; but as they claim the dulgence in guesses, and suspicions, and surmises, and who, by lending in Winston, N. C., and edited by ously, to publicly discuss the meth- a willing ear to tattlers and taleods of preachers, without their bearers, and "busy bodies in other men's matters," settle down at last tion, by what rule shall we deny to into sour, sulky, cross-grained preachers, occupying less honorable grumblers. What a change we have sometimes found to come over some of the friends of other days! Renew your subscription to this What changes we have witnessed, in the course of our observation, in

some, who at one time were chee ful, bright, talkative, companion able, confiding! There has been "worm at the bud." Possibly, appointed ambition. The fond an cherished hopes, undulged in early life, have not been realized. Man be, envy has taken root, by long in dulgence, in the heart. Or, per, chance, an over-weening self-esteen It is the easiest thing in the world has been wounded by the neglect to complain, to find fault, criticise, and over-sight of an unappreciative carp, grumble, and almost imper- public; or, it may be the change has means the universal tendency and aspirations. Disappointments em able by reason of the fact that they dispositions -losses of property, of deal to redeem it from utter repro- sour for life, by seeing others, called "total depravity." It is not grined and mortified aspirant

IMPROVEMENT. Complaining, fault-finding, and croaking, by indulgence, fast grow into a chronic habit. The sooner checked and corrected the better The habit makes the unfortunate vic tim of it unhappy, and renders him those by whom we are surrounder in the various walks of life. W are never made better by looking all the time for the defects in other ers. A little introspection, now and then, will do us good It is well to get the 'beam out of our own eye, before we undertake that delicate

mote out of the eyes of others." The space for my moral lecture is about filled. I submit it, as we say in preaching, to the prevent consideration of the reader; not lost getting that the preacher as well as the hearer is amenable to the same

piece of surgery of plucking the

NOTES BY WAY OF ADDENDA.

We continue to have a cold and disagreeable winter, since winter Then, there are others that keep uary. The roads are in bad conditendance of preachers is expected Prof. W. W. Smith is still pushing his canvass for the endowment Randolph Macon College. He claims to have secured nearly the whole of the \$25,000 for the endo ment of the Norfolk District Pro fessorship. He is now meditatiles his attack on Richmond. He ce tainly is deserving of commendation tion for his indomitable energy. congratulation on the success the has thus far crowned his efforts. And now, Mr. Editor, if there is 10 much in this letter, or anything that, in your judgment, ought 110 to be in it, why, just strike it out. certainly will not be offended in the least.

Danville, Va., Feb. 5th, 1886

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