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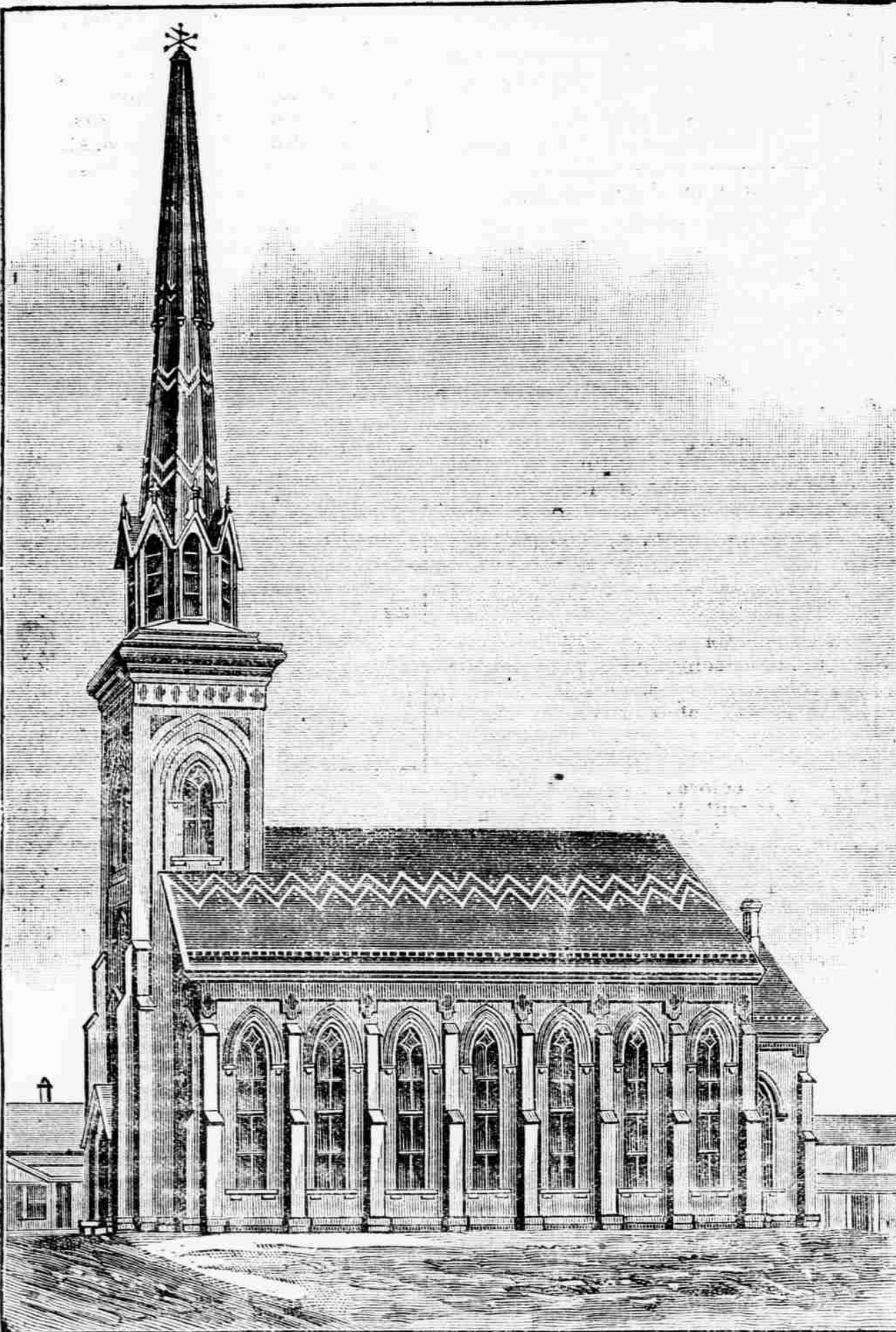
THAT WONDERFULLY enterprising newspaper man, Mr. Bonitz, editor of the Goldsboro Messenger, sent out a mammoth special issue of his paper last week. It is in good taste every way.

IT WILL BE seen from the "Plan of Episcopal Visitation," which we publish on another page, that our Annual Conference will convene in Fayetteville, N. C., Nov. 30th, 1887, and that Bishop Joseph S. Key, of Georgia, will preside.

IT IS a matter of regret to us all that Rev. Dr. N. H. D. Wilson was sick last week and could not attend the meeting of the Hymn Book Committee in Nashville.

WE GIVE on this page a fine cut of Trinity Church, (Methodist) Durham, N. C., and also cuts and sketches of Bishop Galloway, Rev. Dr. Black and Rev. W. S. Creasy.

SOME of the secular papers of the State are criticizing the statute enacted by the recent Legislature, which prohibits the advertisement of lotteries.



TRINITY CHURCH.

Trinity Church, Durham, is one of the handsomest in the State. Its spire is a landmark. It is visible for many miles around.



Bishop Galloway.

Bishop Charles B. Galloway was born in Kosciusko, Miss., Sept. 1st, 1849, and is now in his 38th year. He graduated from the University of Mississippi in June, 1868, and joined the Mississippi Conference of the M. E. Church, South, at Vicksburg, in December of the same year.



Rev. W. S. Black, D. D.

William S. Black was born in South Carolina on the 30th day of August, 1836, was educated at Cokesbury Institute, S. C., and joined the South Carolina Conference in December, 1855, being then less than 20 years of age.



Rev. W. S. Creasy.

Rev. W. S. Creasy, pastor of Trinity Church, is now in the second year of his pastorate at Durham. He is the son of Wm. O. and Sarah Creasy, and was born in Floyd county, Va., May 1st, 1847.

He has done good work for the church and for the Master he serves since he has been in Durham. The great revivals that stirred Durham last fall were due to his constant, persistent effort, in season and out of season.

A Sunday at Randleman.

For a right royal, good time among royal people we would advise you to go to Randleman. We spent Sunday, May 1st, in that place, preaching at 11 a. m., and delivering a Sunday-school talk at 3 1/2 p. m.

They are having a gracious revival. On Sunday ten of the most substantial young men of the place and nine young ladies came to the altar as penitents.

Randleman is a rapidly growing and wonderfully thrifty place. It has three cotton factories. At the head of "Randleman Factory" is Mr. John H. Ferree, at the head of "Naomi" is Mr. R. P. Dicks, and at the head of "Powhatan" is Mr. J. E. Walker.

Rev. R. F. Bumpass, their pastor, has the love and implicit confidence of all the people. He is spending his fourth year among them. The Pastor at Randleman is "the man of the town."

The Sunday-School.

The International Lessons.

Lesson for May 15th, 1887.

THE CALL OF MOSES.—Exod. 3: 1-12.

Golden Text.—"I will be thy mother and teach thee what thou shalt say."—Ex. 4: 14.

INTRODUCTORY.

Every element of the providential plan for the deliverance of Israel is now complete, and the day for decisive action has at last arrived. Forty years of still deeper oppression have followed the first vain attempt of Moses to arouse his countrymen to resistance.

There is no doubt a very marked contrast between Moses in the court of Egypt, making his abode in a palace, and surrounded with all the splendors of royalty, and Moses, a humble hiring shepherd, leading his flocks over the fough places of the desert.

THOUGHTS ON THE LESSON.

BY PRES. J. H. CARLISLE, LL.D.

A very few pages tell us all we know about forty years in the prime of the life of Moses.

The long Red Sea, at its Northern end, sends out two narrow gulfs, one running Northeast, the other Northwest. Between these gulfs lies a triangular country, in shape and size very much like South Carolina.

But as a whole the Sinai mountains rank among the wildest regions. From a distance they rise, red and gray, in huge masses and peaks of porphyry and granite.

filled my sketch book, for there could never be wanting to the limner of the dark abyss of the pit landscapes savage, terribly, immeasurably sad, unutterably wild, unapproachably grand and awful.

The name of Moses' wife, Zipporah, "the little bird," suggests a touch of sentiment and poetry in these wild scenes. His family and his flocks filled up the time of the man so well prepared to manage great nations or empires.

Many years after Moses invoked upon the house of Joseph "the good will of Him who dwelt in the bush," that splendid, awful sight was no doubt deeply impressed on his memory and often came back to him in hours of loneliness or weakness.

In every life there is a season of preparation for some work. The time comes sooner or later to do it. Let the called one go ever so humbly and distrustfully, but let him go!

"Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world; Even from everlasting to everlasting Thou art God."

Remembering the history of his people, there is a touching emphasis of meaning in the prayer: "Make us glad according to the days wherein Thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein Thou have seen evil."

ONE-FIFTH of the whole population of England and Wales are in Sunday-schools, there being 600,000 teachers and 5,200,000 scholars.

THE Sunday-school should be a converting activity. The first great aim of the earnest and consecrated teacher should be to lead the pupil to exercise personal repentance to God, and turn with the whole heart to Christ.