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EDITORIAL.

OUR ANNUAL SEED OFFER.

It has been the custom of this paper for years to give to those of its readers who send in their renewals in February a dozen papers of seeds. This is a very great convenience to many of them, and it is a very seasonable gift. Our annual seed offer will be found on the 3rd page of this issue. Read it carefully and see the conditions and then send us \$2.00 and get your seed promptly by mail. Be certain to write your name and post office and the list of seeds you want on a separate piece of paper. Send in your renewal and get the seeds. If your renewal is not due and you want some seeds, get us a new subscriber and send in \$2.00, and you will get the seeds. See our offer elsewhere in this issue.

STATUS OF THE OXFORD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

We have been asked to make a definite statement as to the status of the Orphan Asylum at Oxford, N. C. This request has been made in view of the fact that the present superintendent is a Methodist preacher, and receives his appointment by the Bishop to this position, and the fact further that in nearly all the Methodist Churches in the State collections are taken on Thanksgiving Day for this institution, while but few of the other churches take such collections. For these reasons, some have desired to know what relation the Methodist Church sustains to this institution. The Asylum has no connection whatever with the Methodist Church, and the Methodist Church exercises not a scintilla of control over it. The institution is owned by the Masonic Fraternity of North Carolina and controlled by the Fraternity and the State. There are nine directors; five are appointed by the Masonic Fraternity, three by the State, and the Grand Master is chairman of the Board ex officio. The State appropriates annually \$10,000; the Masons give \$3,500 and take quarterly collections, and the rest is raised by charitable donations and collections from whatever source. The Board of Directors elect the Superintendent and, on the Superintendent's nomination, all the teachers.

Why do the Methodists take collections for it more than other bodies of Christians in the State? The Baptists, the Presbyterians, and the Episcopalians each have an orphan asylum to which they turn their collections, the Methodists have none, and still turn their collections for that purpose in this direction.

As to Dr. Black's appointment: We have a law that every effective traveling preacher, or member of the conference, must not be left without some appointment, and that upon recommendation of the conference the Bishop may appoint any minister to a school not our own. In this way, for years Dr. Mangum was appointed Professor in the State University, without in the slightest degree assuming any control by the Conference of the University. Such an ap-

pointment does not carry with it any exercise of control. Such is Dr. Black's appointment. We repeat that the Methodist Church has no control over the Asylum, but it is friendly toward it, and, having none of its own, turns its collections for orphans into this channel. There is perhaps no better way by which we can help the orphans, and it is proper that we should continue to aid this noble institution. It is doing much for the State, and should continue to receive hearty support.

THE CORBETT-MITCHELL FIGHT.

This fight came off in Jacksonville, Fla., notwithstanding the vigorous and determined efforts by Gov. Mitchell to prevent it, because Judge Call, deciding that there is no law in Florida prohibiting such contests, granted an injunction restraining the Sheriff from interfering. Corbett was lionized not only in Jacksonville, but along the route. The contestants and all abettors were arrested and placed under heavy bond, and the case will be tried. If there is no law against it now, doubtless the next legislature will make one. Only about ten states, it seems, have no law prohibiting such fights.

The evils to society of such things are quite apparent. Such a brutal fight as this made so much of, and given such publicity, degrades the sentiment of youth. Young men and boys are more or less influenced by the glamour and eclat. The blood thirsty, animal nature of vigorous youth is developed, and the public taste is vitiated. It is a perversion of the ends of physical strength, and is an abuse of physical development. The sentiment which demands such things and enjoys them is no better than that which enjoyed the gladiatorial exhibitions of Rome, or the bull fights of Spain and Mexico. The prevalence of this taste and such exhibitions would most surely undermine the foundations of our good morals and good government. The men who conduct such things are "sports," which means gamblers; the worst men of society, who care nothing for morals or order or good government, but who are given over unto hardness of heart and reprobacy of life to work out their own destruction with greediness. Their triumph will be short. They are set in slippery places, and will surely be cast down into destruction. Let all our youth be warned against this barbarous and degrading exhibition of human madness and folly.

PARSONAGE AND HOME MISSIONS.

We have given a large share of our space to communications furnished us on the work of the Parsonage and Home Mission Society, and we commend the wisdom and enterprise of the general secretary in getting it before the church. Though this society has been eight years one of our connectional institutions, it has not met with that hearty reception and cooperation which its importance demands, and there come times when special attention should be drawn toward special objects, without detracting from anything else. This society is auxiliary to the Board of Church Extension. It was organized originally for the specific work of aiding in building parsonages in the mission fields, subsequently its powers and duties were so enlarged as to take in general home mission work. This last is its strong point, and we hope to see this feature of it come more and more into prominence without any neglect of the other. We need a Home Mission Society. We have never, until this society came into existence, had any specific organized work of that sort. Our women have gone into outside societies, W. C. T. U., King's Daughters, and the like, to do that work to which they feel prompted by the Spirit, simply because we have given them nothing to do. By this means they become more or less estranged from the church, and their work does not accomplish the good it might if directed in proper channels, and wrought out under the direction of the church. We do not see how a live pastor can be indifferent to a movement which provides for the connectional organization of the ladies of his charge in a great movement, not so much for raising money as for developing the activities of the church in lines of work prescribed by the Lord himself. The Foreign Missionary Society needs this home work as a supplement, and while they are raising money for foreign fields, why should they not also themselves enter the home field that we may conserve that same power necessary to send the forces abroad

and develop and train in the home field workers for the foreign? We need trained leaders in this work in our chief cities; we need training and mission schools in different parts of our country where we may have examples of the best methods of work. Let all our women enter this inviting field, and work together for the advancement of our work both at home and abroad.

THE ENDOWMENT OF TRINITY COLLEGE.

This is a subject about which North Carolinians have heard much, but not too much, not even enough. It is the greatest subject of a financial character now before North Carolina Methodists, or that is likely to be for many years to come, and it therefore deserves the careful, earnest, prayerful consideration of every Methodist in the State.

THERE IS NEED.

This proposition will not be seriously questioned. We have learned by experience that such a college as we have projected, and such as our people demand, cannot safely depend on tuition fees for running expenses and equipments. First class teachers will not generally engage to work without definite and absolute promise of their salary. If in some cases for the love of the church they do this, nevertheless such an arrangement is uncertain and very unsatisfactory, and prevents that confidence which is necessary to the best college work. If there were no endowed colleges, the case might be different, but when the majority of colleges, whether of Church or State, are so assisted, it is almost impossible to conduct an unendowed college with any degree of success according to the most improved methods. As we see it, the ultimate success of Trinity College depends on an endowment of some kind.

THE AMOUNT.

Trinity could utilize an endowment of \$500,000, and ought to have that amount. At 6 per cent. that would insure only \$30,000, and \$25,000 would be as much as could be reasonably expected. That amount, supplemented by tuition fees, would be none too much for the kind of work we ought to be doing here. A much smaller amount, \$250,000, or \$100,000, would now relieve the financial stress and make the college independent. To say the least, the present productive fund of \$25,000 or \$30,000 ought to be increased to \$100,000. We would accomplish more in the end by undertaking the smaller amount first. The amount, therefore, which should be undertaken now is to raise the present endowment to \$100,000.

CAN WE?

It seems to us not impracticable for 120,000 Methodists to raise for this purpose \$80,000. Such things have been done in other states in the South. We believe it can be done here, and the Board of Trustees should devise some plan of operation by which the opportunity may be offered to our people. It is very certain that if we do not ask, we shall not receive; if we do not undertake it, we shall never accomplish it. The church is looking to the Board for leadership in this matter, and, we believe, will be ready to co-operate with them in any feasible plan.

In the meantime, let no one wait for a plan. Money contributed to this fund will be gladly received. Make provision for it in your will. Leave the college a bequest. Fear not that your gift will not be appreciated. Every dollar added to the endowment only makes the future work of the college more sure, and draws its constituents the more closely to it.

WHAT SHALL WE DO?

BY BISHOP W. W. DUNCAN, D. D.

In this week's issue of the New Orleans Christian Advocate there is an announcement from Bishop Galloway "of another handsome gift to Millsaps College. Mrs. Annie Davis Smith, of Canton, Miss., has given \$2,500 to endow a scholarship."

In the same communication the Bishop states that Major Millsaps, having paid his second \$25,000, the first \$100,000 of Millsaps' endowment is secured. This, however, is not all. Major Millsaps proposes to give another \$25,000 if the church will give a like amount. Or he will duplicate any sum given by the church up to \$25,000 for the endowment of the institution.

We rejoice with gratitude in this good fortune of Millsaps College. May

it continue and increase until the college is fully endowed.

What effect should such an announcement have on South Carolina Methodists? Who will follow the example of Mrs. Smith or Major Millsaps?

Our Mississippi friends have not been more highly favored in material prosperity than their brethren of Carolina. "The times may have been trying, and so continued," but there are those among us who can duplicate for Wofford College the generous gifts bestowed on Millsaps. Friends and brethren, will we do it: The more trying the times, the more pressing and imperative is the need of your college. The greater our poverty, the more vital it is that our schools be sustained, and in them our children be educated.

There is no better investment than that which yields an annual sum for educating and quickening the young life of some earnest girl or boy and preparing for intelligent consecrated service in the church. Who will give a scholarship to Wofford? Who will offer to cover with a dollar every dollar given by the church for the endowment of the college? There should be a favorable response from many. For years, on this side of Wofford's need, some of our friends have been pleading with more or less of earnestness and persistence. We are still possessed with this spirit. We cannot wait "for better times." Let us do what we can and the times will be better.

Think, brethren and sisters, on the Mississippi examples, and in the opening days of this new year bless with princely gifts the institution which has served the church so faithfully for forty years lacking a few months.

Time will not admit of multiplying words if I catch the next issue of the Advocate, and this I desire.

Spartanburg, S. C.

This appeal, which we take from the Southern Christian Advocate, is a call to duty which we pass on along the line; and which in its main features is particularly applicable to North Carolina Methodists at this time. The three great institutions, Millsaps College, in Jackson, Miss., Wofford College, in Spartanburg, S. C., and Trinity College in North Carolina, are similarly related to the great sections of our Methodism which they respectively represent, and are leading and widely known institutions in the South, together with others of like character and relation which we might name. What one needs all need, and all need ample endowment as well as united and enthusiastic support. Some of our Southern Methodist colleges are outstripping Trinity in the way of endowments, notably Millsaps, the youngest of the larger colleges, but in matters of equipment scarcely inferior to any. Friends are rallying to it with their gifts and their sympathy. We commend the example to our own people and call attention to Trinity College as an important and needy claimant upon our liberality.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE Texas Christian Advocate reports, up to date, 24 falsehoods by Rev. J. B. Cranfill, who took it upon himself to arraign the Methodist Church because Rev. S. P. Jones located.

If the Sunday newspaper is a necessity—which we do not believe—what is the necessity for an enlarged edition for that day? It isn't enough to thrust into our homes a secular paper on the holy day, but a supplement as well. The Sunday secular paper is doing much to undermine and destroy the sanctity of the holy day.

EVERY Methodist journal is supposed to be devoted to holiness, and every Methodist preacher is supposed to be a preacher of holiness. Holiness of heart and life is a cardinal Methodist doctrine. We have vowed to seek it and live it. Let us not fall out about the logical niceties of method in its attainment, or metaphysical manifestations.

THE Texas Christian Advocate tells us how they have stopped gambling in Galveston, Texas. They have passed a city ordinance prohibiting gambling, and also fixed a heavy penalty on the patrolman in whose beat these dens are found. The Mayor says he intends to enforce the law. Other cities not a thousand miles from here would do well to follow this example.

THE mark set by the Board of Missions to raise all the assessments for 1894 is not impossible of attainment. Including what was raised on the Missionary Debt, the North Carolina Conference raised \$12,950 for Foreign Missions in 1893, while the assessments

are only \$13,500. What was done in 1893 can be done in 1894, and a little more. Early collections, a distribution of missionary literature and persistence will secure the full amount.

REV. DR. W. F. TILLET, Dean of the theological department of Vanderbilt University, was united in holy wedlock to Miss Laura McLeod, an accomplished and highly cultivated teacher in Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C., Jan. 21. The ceremony was performed by Bishop W. W. Duncan in the college parlor. The ADVOCATE extends heartiest congratulations and best wishes for richest blessings upon the happy union.

CERTAIN kinds of social sins are by some good people condoned as necessary, evil men being as they are. But this is a surface view, and a great mistake. No kinds of sin are necessary. That city which listens to this deceptive voice and tacitly allows dens of infamy in its midst is more than taking a serpent into its bosom; it is creating and cherishing a moral contagion and plague spot which is undermining and sapping the life of its good morals and jeopardizing the pure character of its citizens. No, attack the monster at every point, and wage relentless war in the spirit of Jesus, though all the powers of darkness should be roused to fury.

IT IS announced that in Charlotte there is to be a "charity ball." The charity ball is a delusion and a snare. Charity is a sweet service to the Lord, a chief grace. Jesus says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." The good Samaritan is a concrete illustration of true charity, which the Lord commends to all men. The ball is the very refinement of worldliness and fleshly lust which war against the soul. It is universally condemned by leaders of Christian thought. There is not a church or a minister of any note but condemns it as an unmitigated evil. Charity and the ball are as incongruous as light and darkness. It is serving the Lord in the livery of Satan. It is the devil baiting for unwarly Christians with a sweet Christian word. Let no earnest but unsuspecting follower of the Lord Jesus be deceived thereby.

News Notes.

Stony News: Rev. C. M. Gentry takes charge as principal of the Albemarle Academy next Monday.

Rev. N. H. D. Wilson delighted us greatly with a call last week. He is always a welcome visitor.

Bro. Whitaker, pastor of the city mission, has been quite sick for some time, and was not able to preach last Sunday.

The Standard: Rev. J. R. Scroggs preached two excellent sermons in Forest Hill M. E. Church Sunday. The people at Forest Hill are greatly impressed with Mr. Scroggs.

Chatham Record: Rev. E. C. Sell, our new pastor, preached an able sermon in the M. E. Church on Sunday morning. Our congregation are entirely pleased with him.

Our Church Work is the name of a new monthly published at Mt. Airy, N. C., by Rev. H. M. Blair. It is a 4 column folio, well gotten up, and makes a very creditable appearance.

Rev. Dr. W. S. Black, superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, gave us a very pleasant call. His heart is with the orphans. No better man could be found for the place.

Rev. Dr. W. S. Creasy has accepted an invitation to preach the Baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class of the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Raleigh next June.

Rev. P. L. Herman has been confined to his room for more than a week with acute illness. He was a little better when we last heard. We hope he may soon be out again at his loved employ.

The Sentinel: The first quarterly meeting for Yadkinville circuit was held last Saturday and Sunday at Yadkinville. Rev. P. J. Carraway, Presiding Elder, of Winston, was on hand and preached with his usual power and eloquence.

Patron and Gleaner: Rev. Mr. Harrison preached his second sermon at Garysburg last Sunday, which was much enjoyed by the large congregation. Mr. Harrison has made many friends already and we wish him much success in his work during the ensuing year.

Franklinton Weekly: On last Saturday and Sabbath Dr. Jesse Cunningham, P. E., held here the first quarterly meeting for the Tar River circuit. The conference on Saturday was well attended, and on Sabbath the Doctor preached a most excellent sermon to a large audience.

Morganton Herald: Miss Annie Page, the daughter of the Rev. Mr. Page, of this place, left New York on the 23rd of December and arrived in Geneva about the 10th of January. Miss Page has written her father that

she had a very pleasant voyage over, and was taking a short rest preparatory to commencing her studies in French and German.

Shelby Review: Messrs Frank L. and Robert A. Hoyle, sons of our friend, Capt. L. J. Hoyle, of Belwood, left Tuesday for Carlin, Nevada, where they will engage in business. They are two of the county's most estimable young gentlemen.

Beaufort Herald: Rev. W. Y. Everton, the new minister of the M. E. Church, South, at Straits in this county, made us a pleasant call yesterday. He is a very pleasant conversationalist. We predict that he will fill his pastorate very successfully this year.

Burlington News: Dr. E. A. Yates held the first quarterly meeting here last Wednesday night. He was quite feeble from an attack of la grippe.—Rev. L. E. Thompson's Sunday morning sermon was a most interesting discourse of 30 minutes length. He is making a most excellent impression.

High Point Enterprise: Rev. J. D. Arnold, of Greensboro, preached two strong, practical sermons at the Methodist Church here last Sunday. He has a happy way of entertaining his congregations, besides giving his hearers the solid gospel. His manner of delivery and frequent illustrations enchain the attention of the people.

Charlotte Observer: The ladies of the Methodist Church in Statesville, N. C., gave a very successful oyster supper quite recently. A handsome sum was realized for the benefit of the church. Special exertions were given to the success of the entertainment by the Misses Lazenby and Mrs. James Wilson.

Last Sunday was a good day for the Methodists in Raleigh. Rev. J. N. Cole preached a fine sermon to a large audience in Edenton Street Church. We had the pleasure of hearing an excellent sermon by Rev. D. H. Tuttle in Central Church. The sermon was to parents and in the interest of the Sunday-school. It made a deep impression.

A letter from Rev. Edward L. Pell, of Richmond, Va., informs us that his health is steadily improving. Though unable to expose himself in bad weather he manages to get through an enormous amount of work indoors. Besides editing The Bible Reader he contributes regularly to a number of papers, lectures once a week before the Sunday-school teachers of Richmond, and preaches nearly every Sunday morning.

Franklin Press: Rev. C. D. Smith has la grippe, but is improving. He was visited Monday by Revs. R. H. Parker and D. F. Carver.—The Presiding Elder, Rev. R. H. Parker, held his first quarterly meeting last Saturday and Sunday and preached some very good sermons. The impression made on his congregations was very favorable.—A Sunday-school mass-meeting was held in the Methodist Church at 3 o'clock Sunday evening, and interesting addresses were delivered by Revs. J. W. Bowman and R. H. Parker.

Trinity College Notes.

Teachers who have finished their terms of instruction, are returning to college and resuming their work. From year to year the colleges are furnishing more and more of the public schools with teachers. This is but another way in which the public is helped and the students encouraged at the same time. School committees will do well to apply to colleges for help in filling their positions, as they can as a rule get superior talent at the usual price paid for teaching. This is done in many of the New England States with great advantage to the schools.

The lecture by Dr. Theon, of the Waldensian Colony, near Morganton, will probably be given here in March. He is expected to arrive in this country in March. In case of Dr. Theon's failure to arrive, Rev. E. Vinay, Vice-President, will speak before the Society.

Preparations are being made for the next meeting of the College Historical Society, which will convene at the beginning of next month. Several very interesting papers and documents are to be presented and commented upon. The program will be announced in detail later.

The Literary Societies are considering the proposal to enter into a joint intercollegiate debate at Morehead City under the auspices of the Teachers' Assembly in July next. This is to be a substitute for the usual oratorical contest, or rather an extension of this contest so as to include more public discussion. The societies will no doubt send representatives.

The Junior and Senior classes have been organized into a class in Rhetorics for training in public speaking, in charge of Prof. Pegram.

News from Missouri is to the effect that Prof. Hinde is steadily improving and hopes to recover sufficiently to return next month.