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DOMESTIC.

From the Raleigh Star.

North Carolina Annual Conference.

Extract from the minutes of the proceedings of the Methodist Protestant Church for the District of N. Carolina.

The Conference met according to previous notice, on the 27th February, 1834, at Mount Hermon, Orange county, N. C. and, after being duly organized, proceeded to business.

The following is the list of the members of the Conference, viz:

Ministers—Willis Harris, President; Joshua Swift,* Harman Tarkinton,* Seth Speight,* John Giles,* Wm. Bellamy,* Eli B. Whitaker, Albritton Jones,* Sam. J. Harris, James Hunt,* Caswell Drake,* Rich. Davison,* Wm. W. Hill,* Jesse H. Cobb,* C. Allen,* Thos. Y. Cook,* Wm. H. Wills, Wm. McMasters,* Alexander Albright, Charles L. Cooley,* A. Gray, John Coe, John Moore, Travis Jones,* Wm. Blair, A. Robbins, N. Robbins,* Jesse Gallamore,* John Gray, Isaac Coe,* John F. Speight.

Lay Delegates—Exum Lewis,* A. Benton, Thos. Nicholson, Dr. Mat. C. Whitaker, L. H. B. Whitaker,* Benj. Hunter,* Hardy Pitts,* D. T. Paschal, D. A. Paschal, Robt. Jones, A. Paschal,* Lewellen Jones, James Grant, J. W. Smith,* Wm. B. Mann,* Dr. Wm. D. Jones,* James C. Wren, Nicholas Albright, Wm. Lindlay, Jas. H. Christie, R. C. Rankin, E. W. Ogburn, Dr. W. Wethers,* R. W. Lindsay,* Wm. Gilbreath, James Robbins,* R. G. Beason,* John Kirkman, Arch'd Wilson.*

Those marked thus* were absent.

Jesse G. Beason was recommended by the quarterly Conference to travel and preach, and was received.

James H. Christie was recommended and elected to Deacon's orders.

The Conference proceeded to the election of President for the ensuing year; whereupon Alexander Albright was duly elected.

John Coe was elected Conference Steward.

The committee appointed to fill any vacancy in the Presidency, which may occur by death or otherwise, consists of Elder John Coe, John Moore, and Wm. Blair.

The Rev. Willis Harris, Minister; and Col. S. Whitaker, Layman, were duly elected Representatives to the General Conference, to be held in Georgetown, D. C. in May next. Gen. Eli B. Whitaker and James Grant were elected Alternates.

The number of members in the Conference District is 1832—increased the past year 417.

The stationing committee made the following Report, which was adopted, viz:

Guilford Circuit—John F. Speight, superintendent; Jesse G. Beason, assistant; John Coe, stationed at Moriah, John Moore at Ai, Wm. Blair at Bethel, Isaac Coe at Red Hill, A. Robbins, Shiloh, in Guilford county, N. Robbins, Liberty, Jesse Gallamore, Bethel, on Abbott's Creek, John Gray, Pleasant Grove, Travis Jones, Flat Rock.

Orange Circuit—Alson Gray, superintendent; Joseph Holmes, assistant; W. McMasters, stationed at Hickory Grove,

Charles L. Cooley, at Chesnut Ridge.

Granville Circuit—Jas. H. Christie, superintendent; Jas. Hunt, stationed at Union Chapel; Thos. Y. Cook, Cook's station; C. Allen, at Pine Stake; Caswell Drake, New Hope; Richard Davison, at Brown's; Jesse H. Cobb, at Midway.

Roanoke Circuit—S. J. Harris, superintendent; Wm. H. Wills, assistant; Eli B. Whitaker, stationed at Bradford's; William Bellamy, at Battle's; Albritton Jones, at Union; Seth Speight, at Tabernacle; Joshua Swift, at Swain's Chapel; Harmon Tarkinton, at Tarkinton's.

Mattamuskeet Station—John Giles, Willis Harris, and Wm. W. Hill, Conference Missionaries.

The next Annual Conference is to be held at Rehoboth Meeting House, Granville county, N. C. on the 4th Wednesday of February, 1835.

SAM'L J. HARRIS, Sec.

Fire.—The barn of the Rev. Simeon Norman, in Pasquotank county, together with its contents, consisting of about 160 barrels of corn, two gigs and harness, and farming utensils, was consumed by fire on the night of the 25th ult. Loss estimated at \$1000. It is supposed to be the work of incendiaries, and suspicion rests upon two negroes, who have been committed for trial.—*Ral. Star*.

By late intelligence from Lower Canada, we learn, that all the resolutions under discussion, (ninety-two in number) impeaching Lord Aylmer, censuring the British Colonial Administration, and calling conventions of the people, passed finally on the 21st of January, by a vote of 56 ayes to 24 noes. Every amendment and substitute, designed to moderate their tone, was lost by a like vote. A special committee was appointed to prepare an address to the King and both Houses of Parliament, founded upon these resolutions.—*Balt. Amer*.

Emigrants.—The Mayor of N. York has addressed a communication to the Board of Aldermen, recommending that application be made to Congress for a law relative to emigrants. He alleges that several countries make our shores the depositories of their criminals and paupers, and alleges that not long since a set of public robbers were shipped to this country from Hamburg. It cannot be doubted that the system of exporting paupers has been adopted on a large scale in Europe, and the crowded state of our almshouses show the extent to which we suffer from the system. These are crying evils, and require a speedy investigation and remedy. We should be sorry indeed to see the path of the free and noble-hearted exile in any way impeded. This is unnecessary. The interests of the respectable emigrant himself, require that the abominable system of pauper transportation should be stayed.—*Phil. Int*.

We referred a few days ago to a decision of one of the Courts of Louisiana, declaring a steamboat employed in the conveyance of the mail, exempt from an attachment for debt due by the owners or contractors. We since learn from the Louisiana Advertiser, that the decision has been reversed by the Supreme Court of that State, on the ground that the law of Congress inflicting a penalty for an obstruction of the passage of the mail, did not apply to the case in question; but that a steamboat or other vehicle although employed in carrying the mail, being the private property of an individual, is liable for his debts; and that whenever the boat is in port, the creditor has a right to seize it to satisfy the claim.—*Pet. Int*.

We shall soon have another star in our constellation. Our readers have seen that Michigan has applied for admission as a State, and as it is said, she offers all

the constitutional requisites, there is no doubt of her being received.

Melancholy Coincidence.—We re-published a few days since from a N. York paper, a notice of the death of C. C. Cohen, a chemist of that city. The extraordinary circumstances under which his death took place, are not a little heightened by the facts, disclosed in the following extract from the Evening Star:

"Mr. Cohen, though quite a young man, was an excellent practical chemist, and his readings generally were varied, scientific, and full of interest; but in matters of religion, he took a singular and extraordinary turn, and from being well educated in the Jewish faith, he became an atheist; and we think we can safely say, almost the only one of that persuasion who, in any change of religion, utterly abandoned and surrendered all belief in a first great cause. Mr. Cohen joined the society of Free Enquirers, and preached atheistical doctrines, and was a correspondent and contributor to their paper, and we now notice this fact to relate a singular circumstance connected with his writings and death.

It is known that the Rev. Abner Kneeland was recently tried and convicted in Boston, of atheism, and before sentence, he published a kind of explanation of his creed, which in a great measure softened, if it did not entirely do away with the belief that he was an atheist. This recantation gave great offence to the Free Enquirers generally, but particularly to Mr. Cohen, who assailed him for so doing in the columns of the Free Enquirer, published in this city. The words of Mr. Kneeland were—

"Hence I am not an atheist but a pantheist; that is, instead of believing there is no God, I believe, in the abstract, that all is god, and that all power that is, is god, and that there is no power except that which proceeds from god."

In an article, which he signs with his name, Mr. Cohen assails such "jargon," as he calls it, and makes this emphatic remark—"For my own part, I should say I can attach no idea to the word God, and cannot consequently believe in him." This was printed on Saturday, Feb. 16th, although the paper issues on Sunday; and on Saturday, on the very day that such an avowal was made, under deliberate sanction of his name, he was blown to pieces in his laboratory, while making fulminating powder. His head we learn by an understanding among the Free Enquirers, was given to the society for phrenological studies; his arm, which was blown off, has not since, as we are told, been found. Thus, his body has gone one way, his head another, and his limb another—scattered, we may say, to the winds. Now, philosophers may smile, free thinkers may laugh, and atheists may ridicule the idea of divine interposition or divine vengeance—all have a right to make their comment. We only state the fact, and say what they may, it is a singular coincidence of profession and catastrophe."

The Mormon Mystery.—We rejoice that the humbug of the Mormon bible is about to be fully exposed. A late number of the Wayne, (Pa.) Sentinel informs us that Dr. F. Hulbert, of Kirtland, (O.) has been engaged for some time in different parts of the state, in pursuit of facts and information relative to the origin and history of the Book of Mormon. The Sentinel says: "Dr. H. has succeeded in accomplishing the object of his mission, and an authentic history of the whole affair will shortly be given to the public.—The original manuscript of the book was written some thirty years since by a respectable clergyman, now deceased, whose name we are not permitted to give. It was designed to be published as a romance, but the author died soon after it was written, and hence the plan failed.

The pretended religious character of the work has been superadded by some more modern hand—believed to be the notorious Rigdon. These particulars have been derived by Dr. Hulbert from the widow of the author of the original manuscript."—*Album*.

A knotty point for the civilians.—Ned Mitchell, a free man of colour, was married to his wife Cressy in the year 1820, she having had one (white) child, but that was at Chapel Hill. They lived together for ten long years in the enjoyment of domestic felicity, and in perfect harmony, during which time Cressy had five children, as much like Ned, as shot are like bullets. At length in 1830, Cressy moved to distant parts; Ned promised to follow her, but went to the Montgomery Gold Mines and has been there ever since. Cressy, in 1833, returned to Salisbury, and not finding Ned there, nor hearing of him thereabouts, she, in the course of time, gave her hand in matrimony to another gentleman, by whom she has one child. A few days since, who should make his appearance but Ned Mitchell, claiming to be restored to his matrimonial rights; and a devilish confusion is about to be the upshot of it. In this primary, we have been professionally consulted, but not deeming the matter fairly within our province, we have turned it over to the ecclesiastics, Dan Macay and Hanibal Brown, and if they should encounter any difficulty, we have advised, that they call on the "Kitchen Cabinet," before which, matters of this kind are "peculiarly cognizable," as the Lawyers say.—*Salisbury Watchman*.

Poulson's Advertiser says: "Col. Hackett arrived in this city last evening to complete the arrangements for the great pedestrian match between himself and the Georgia champion. It will come off on the 1st of June, between this city and Boston. The bets now in private and club bets, amount to \$25,000. The Col. takes up his winter quarters near our city, and goes into training for this feat.—He will deliver a lecture in this city next week."

The latest information from the Swash gives very cheering intelligence of the improvement which has been effected at that place. Thirty-six sail of vessels, eight of which were loaded with full cargoes, and drawing from 71-2 to 81-2 feet, passed through the new channel during the last month. The owners of lighters say there is no farther use for them, and our informant states it as his belief, that 10 feet may be had this summer.—*Newbern Sent*.

"It is not by the consolidation, or concentration of powers, but their distribution, that good government is effected. Were not this great country already divided into states, that division must be made, that each might do for itself what concerns, itself directly, and what it can so much better do than a distant authority. Every state again is divided into counties, each to take care of what lies within its local bounds; each county again into townships or wards, to manage minute details; and every ward into farms, to be governed each by its individual proprietor. Were we directed from Washington when to sow, and when to reap, we should soon want bread. It is by this partition of cares, descending in gradation from great to particular, that the mass of human affairs may be best managed, for the good and prosperity of all."—*Jefferson*.

The Legislature of Pennsylvania have ordered 4,000 copies of Washington's Farewell Address to be printed for distribution—3,000 copies in English, and 1,000 in German.