

THE CHRISTIAN SUN. FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 1880.

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OUR PRINCIPLES. 1.—The Lord Jesus Christ is the only Head of the Church. 2.—The name Christian, to the exclusion of all other names...

EDITORIAL NOTES. The Virginia Valley Conference meets next Thursday, September 2, at Linville on the Valley branch of the B. & O. Railroad.

The Valley party will leave Norfolk (Boston wharf) next Tuesday evening at 4 o'clock. Parties concerned will please take notice.

Do not be afraid of the truth, brethren. If your views are wrong, then give them up. If your views are right, then the truth will do you no harm—it will help you.

Bro. J. U. Newman left Suffolk on Tuesday last for the University of North Carolina. We wish him a most successful term at the University.

We hope our friends will make an effort just now toward getting new subscribers. We are offering premiums that are valuable.

The Biblical Recorder fails to tell us how many there are of the "few English Baptists," so we will guess—More than 250,000. Will the Recorder please tell us if our guess is correct, or nearly so?

The Richmond Christian Advocate shows its usual good sense by asking politicians to desist in their frequent appeals to Deity in their speeches.

We have from the Christian Publishing Association, Dayton, Ohio, a beautiful copy of the new Gospel Hymnal. It is well gotten up at a reasonable price and will no doubt have an extensive sale among our brethren in the Christian Church, North.

The CHRISTIAN SUN says we misunderstood him in speaking of Mr. Spurgeon as King of the Baptists. Well may be so. It does not make a great deal of difference any way.

We have never seen but one or two of them (open communion Baptists) and they were not worth counting. Bro. Bailey depends a good deal on "counting."

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PEERING PARAGRAPHS.

Slaves. We hear much of the poor benighted heathen, and we think we may borrow these adjectives for another people—the poor benighted Mormons. For thirty-three years they have been at work in the great Salt Lake Valley, building up such an association as can promote only ignorance and vice.

A Hero. A Roman Catholic Priest died about the first of August in the city of New York, known as Father Farrell, who in many important respects was a hero worthy of imitation. His philanthropy was unbounded. He gave liberally for several benevolent purposes, and crowning the whole with the gift of \$50,000 for the benefit of the sober and honest poor of his parish without distinction of race or religion.

Nathan Bishop, LL.D. On Saturday morning, August 7th, at Saratoga, N. Y., died one of the noblest of the laymen in the Baptist Church, in the person of Nathan Bishop, LL.D. He was a noble layman, not because he stood high in secular circles as a business man, but because he was a fruitful Christian man.

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Our agent for ministerial education is the right man and will no doubt do well. A. Yes, we think so. Begin your work for this cause, brethren. When you come to town, bring something for the education of young ministers and leave it with Deacon Jno. T. Nurney, corner Kilby and Pine Sts.

A Michigan paper—the Lovell Journal, we believe—thus very cleverly takes off the destructive spirit of the noted infidel orator of the day.

Clerical Dandyism. In Scribner's Monthly for September, we have an article on "Dandyism," in which, usual, the clergy have a prominent

NUMBERS, WEALTH AND POPULARITY.

These seem to be what all denominations, more or less, are striving for. This is clearly indicated by their conduct, and their manner of working in and with the world. They have to a very great extent made a compromise with the world, thereby losing the power of godliness and only retaining the form.

GATHERED BRAINS.

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Our meeting, though not equal in general interest to some of our former efforts, perhaps nearly or quite met our expectations, under the circumstances.

The congregation was large, and with some little exception, attentive and interested. Bros. Ball and Ralston did the preaching. About 10 or 12 professed conversion, and 10 united with the church.

The NEW HILL CHURCH. NEW HILL, N. C., Aug. 15, 1880. EDITOR SUN: I desire to request those who have been so kind as to raise funds for the building purposes of our church at this place to forward the same to us by the first of September.

AGITATE! AGITATE!

Keep it before the people, as the politicians say. We may not be able to do it up the current, but it is our duty to try. Do what we can and leave the result with God.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD.

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LETTER FROM REV. J. W. WELLONS.

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EDITOR'S BOOK TABLE.

TO PUBLISHERS: All books and periodicals sent to "Editor Christian Sun," will receive notices as the Editor's judgment may deem suitable.

Scribner for September might almost be called a historical number of this magazine, containing, as it does, four or more contributions to history; and however, in a readable and popular vein.

St. Nicholas for September is a thorough seaside and out-of-doors number. Miss Alcott's serial, "Jack and Jill," takes its young people through fun and mishap beside the sea, and Mr. Noah Brooks's continued story, "The Fairport Nine," describes a night attack by the "White Bears" upon the camp of the "Fairports," and how two of the boys went digging for hid treasure, and two others raised what the old people thought must be an "earthquake."

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