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OUR PRINCIPLES.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the only Head of

The Holy Bible, or the Scriptures of the and New Testament a sufficient rule of faith

4.—Christlan character, or vital piety, th aly test of fellowship, or church membership. 5.—The right of private judgement and the rty of conscience, the privilege and duty of

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NOTICE.

FRANKLIN, VA.,

The members of the Home Mission Committee will meet in Suffolk the 13th Dec., (Court day) as important business demands their attention. The members of this Committee are: Rev. E. W. Beale, Bros. P. H. Lee, T. J. Clements, I. W. Duck, and myself.

J. T. KITCHEN,

EDITORIAL NOTES.

REV. DR. SMITH, of Georgia, bas been quite sick of late. We feel auxious for his restoration to health.

Rev. M. B. Barrett has accepted the pastoral charge of the church at Spring Hill, and will preach there on next Sunday at 11 o'clock, Providence

The Richmond Christian Advocate ecently appeared in a new dressevery type being new. We congratplate our neighbor upon his success. It is a most readable journal always

We extend to our young brother, Rev. H. B. Bucier, pastor of the Berk-Rev. H. B. Burler, pastor of the Berk-ley Christian Church, our hearty con-ley Christian Church, our hearty con-gr. tulations. He was married Dec.1

Men are begining to see the mistake of other days in this matter, and we way worthy of the purpose in view. to Mrs. Helen S. Carr, the venerable Rev. S. S. Barrett officiating.

We received a short time ago a fraternal letter written jointly by Revs. E. W. Humphreys and A. W Coan of Yellow Springs, Ohio. These brethren have promised to write for the Sun occasionally. Let us hear from you, brethren.

Rev. M. B. Barrett is Soliciting Agent for the ministerial students for this Conference year. Look for him, and when he comes give liberal ly for this purpose. Let the church es have what was pledged at Conference ready. Read his letter.

Rev. B. W. Nash, a Baptist of La-Grange, N. C., recently preached in Georgia for nearly two hours on the subject of open communion, advocating it. Though it was in a close communion section, when he concluded, the people called out to him, "Go on, go on." So says the Baptist Review.

Rev. Thos. Holmes, D. D., Che Mich, says in writing to us of the articles he proposes to write for the SUN on TRUTH: "They will be theroughly practical-neither theological nor speculative." He will begin it a lew weeks, and our readers may exwho had stronger clara. On triends it would astonish you to pect a series of papers worthy of their closest attention. now soon that heart will be merry

again which will be the most sad litter Rev. W. G. Clements, of Morrisville, your departure out of this world .-N. C., has been appointed by the Laughing and singing will take the North Carolina Conference to raise funds to build a house of worship in the city of Raleigh for the use of the Christian denomination. In another column Bro. Clements speaks to his people about this very desirable enterprise. A church in Raleigh for ple is a necessity and we hope pond to the call

LOOK AFTER THE CHILDREN.

success if we neglect to train the

a short while we must vacate our

places and if we have made no pro-

vision to supply our places by train-

ing our children to walk in the ways

of our church, then it will be from

the neccessity of the case of short

duration, the church would cease at

least to be useful and progressive,

We must not neglect our children,

To avoid this, it will be necessary to

cultivate a reading spirit among our

people. 1. The pastors must culti-

vate this spirit among the heads of

families and grown up people. 2.

Then the pastors and parents togeth-

er, must cultivate the same spirit

among the children. In doing this

it will be neccessary for the pastor to

use denominational reading matter

with the parents first, and then pas-

tor and parents must unite in secur-ing and using the same among the

children. The children must be

taught, but their teachers (their pa-

rents) must be taught first in our de-

nominational views, or else they must

go without the training and instruc-

tions neccessary to make them "the

bone and sinew" of the future CHRIS-

TIAN CHURCH. This is a weighty

matter, and the pastors have the bur-

den of this matter upon their should-

ers. They cannot shift it-and the

sooner they realize this fact and go

to work to meet the demands of the

case, the better it will be for our

cause and the future strength of our

A few months ago the Sanday

School Convention of the Easter

cognizing the importance of the camping appointed a committee to prep. Catechism to set forth in a simple man.

Meanwhile we hope the pastors

SOON FORGOTTEN.

How true! Our names and memo-

ers and fades after an autumnal frost.

ue gained-no selfish end to be pro-

moted, why then, I have but little use

for you. I could buy the friendship

of thousands, but what would it be

worth? If my thousands lasted

long as I lasted, then the friendship

of my friends would last even as long

But if these gave out, then the other

would fail, and I would be turned

over while living and after death to

place of sighing and weeping very

There is one way, and only one way

by which we may live in the memory

of those we leave behind Not by leaving them thousands—ut by be-

soon after you are gone.

queathing to them an

victorious death. Precio

e and such a death.

sight or both God and mania

the kind care of those of near

give attention to this matter.

Virginia Christian Confere

church.

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT. We doubtless lose much as a people by neglecting our children. A

School girls have often been made cople who believe that they have an o feel their intellectual inferiority important mission to the world can hen compared with the minds of the not afford to lose sight of the chilsterner sex. This feeling has been dren in their work. Soon the grownup people of today will be in their produced more by a false sentiment than by facts known to be true. In graves and the children of today will occupy our places. If we have cared for them and looked after them properly, they will stand in and fill our places worthily and the mission we ucation of girls. While this misforhave labored for will find in these we neglect the training of the chil. neglect, rather than a bad purpose, friends? Can we expect that our efforts to establish the CHRISTIAN corrected speedily. CHURCH will result in a permanent

TO SCHOOL GIRLS.

children in the ways and works of opinion, and not without a fair pros our organization | Surely not, for in | pect of success. A few noble spirits cause. Much opposition met their ef ladies who availed themselves of the advantages afforded and proved by their own efforts that a mistake had

aminations, both Latin prizes and ed to women, and, as a proof that the scholarship. In French two prizes out of three were awarded to women in English four out of nine, and the only one in political economy. These Is it any wonder that such facts as

tion for the higher education of woman, it ugat facts instead of elo-ence year of 1881, the most success-tence to convince the opponents ful of any in our history. It can be ner the leading ideas of the CHRIS- quent to convince the opponents ful of any in our history. It can be TIAN CHURCH for the benefit of our the truth of its cause. Its success done. And if we will do our duty, it children. We have not heard what has been marked and we cannot but shall be done. the committee is doing of late, but admit its influence to day in Amerihope ere the sure open may be can education as a powerful factor. most men would prefer an educated woman for his life companion,-Of the two, an educated woman and the firting miss, hardly a man of common sense could hesitate ry are often buried with us. We in choosing between them. A flirtmay be the admired of thousands and ing miss may pass off time for an evour names while we are living be as ening, but it is only the true woman familiar as household words in the whose life has been engaged in a minds and hearts of multitudes; but gobler work-in study and faithful let clods once cover us and we will efforts to be a woman that is to be fade as rapidly from the minds of depended apon for a men's companion

hose who survive us, as the leaf with along life's journey. For one, we vote for the higher ed As soon as our friends can cease to neation of woman, and we hope no use us then they forget us. It is a American buty who assires to make melancholy fact that the friendship of his useful to berself and others, will this world is mostly based on what for a moment hesitate in deciding controls the world (to wit) profit. If how her spare moments shall be spent can use you to my advantage and -in flirting or study. For Heaven's interest, then my friendship is exceed sake, for your own sake, young lady,

THE MANNING MONUMENT.

Brethren of the Christian Church We, the committee appointed by the Eastern Virginia Curistian Confer ence to attend to the matter, appeal to you to men in a enterprise, and to nelp at once. Set in your confibutious now. Ery one can do something, minister and laymen.-Do it you, while you have the mater ju mind. Send te sum you feel inclined to give-ar do not stifle conscience—to Rev. V. T. Valker, Saffolk, Va., or to M. A. L. Hill or Col. A. Savage, Norf. k, Va.

COMMITTEE.

HOME MISSONS. This is the work of he church, and yet one finds many carch members efusing to engage in the work .mple of Many desire the work o go on, but queathing to them an equal a refuse to lend a helping hand. If we in the desire the work to prosper let us exhibit it by aiding the cause by contributing to its support. It is very true that the Christian Church og more in this direction th

THE CONFERENCE YEAR OF 1880,

Is now gone. Its failures and successes have been recorded. All that Conference, at its last session at has been done either good or bad Bethany, appointed the writer agent during the Conference year. This is must stand. No mistake can be cor- to collect funds to pay the way of a new feature in our work, but we be- to him, and will sup with hi rected. Now as ministers before we those young men that are at school lieve it can be made a most effectual enter felly upon the arduous work of studying for the ministry. another year, let us stop and reflect Those churches that pledged cer- not realize as much as we ought, in for a moment. Have we done our tain amounts last year and have not many sections this idea is entertained duty in every particular during the paid, will please do so at once, as the by common consent, and naturally past year? Have we been as faith money is now needed. Rev. E. W. enough it has resulted in a sort of tal in preaching the "word" as we Beale has the list and those in ar disposition to neglect the higher ed- might have been? Have we visited rears can make payment to him. the sick cared for the noor and neehave labored for will find in the churches in the Conference, as for the Superannuated Fund. Money widows and orphaus in our various all my time will be occupied in my at this time, when people are selling we neglect the training of the carry will take on the part of those who may be refields of labor? Have we divided own field of labor, therefore I will their produce, will be as plentiful as dren of our church, who, who will take the liberty to appoint a local at any other time, and we, therefore no less a great evil, and should be to suint and sinner their portion in agent in each church, who will please hope that each minister in his charge due season? Have we been as ac press this matter upon the members will see that this matter has his per-Of late years a reform has been tive in pushing forward the various of their respective churches, get all sonal and interested attention, and had condemned this church started, looking to a change of public enterprises of our church as we might they can for this purpose, and report that if at the time the collection lukewarmness. Many Christians are have been ! Have we so lived, as to me, and I will publish the list in should be taken the day is rains, he in the same spiritual condition. They pect of success. A few noble spirits ministers during the past year, as to the Sun. I hope the pastors will co- will see to it next time. We feel, we have not opened the heart full and undertook the work of reform in this impress favorably the world with our operate with these agents and aid believe, that the churches will respect wide. He knocks, too, at the door of "high colling of God in Christ Jesust" them in every way they can : forts, and be it said to the honor of These are all important questions and woman that the first encouragement should seriously impress our minds these reformers received was from with the many weighty responsibilities that rest upon us as ministers .-And nov dear laymen, what have you accomplished during the past been made in classifying them as in- Conference year for the blessed Maserior to man intellectually. This, of ter and His cause? Have you done course, was the best kind of proof all within your power to advance the that the reformers were correct, and interests of His church in the world? herefore its weight in breaking down Have you faithfully and energetically ford. Holy Neck-Mrs. Bettie Jones. life in serving the church. He has He is often presented as a waiting, a opposition and prejudice was most ef- labored to carry forward the enterprises of the church ! Has your pas-In one of our exchanges we see it tor's salery been paid ! Has the real stated that "Women were admitted wants of his family been supplied f o the classes in arts, laws and Did not he, or his family really suf ciences in University College, Lon- ter for smething that you had enough don, two years ago. And they have of, and to spare? Did you not done remarkably. In the recent ex- promise to support him, and to support him well? Have you one or two Greek prizes were award- done it! Or did you break a solemn engagement? Dear brethren, think required standard is not low, it is on these things. Now, as ministers stated that the second competitor for and lamen, as we begin the new Conthe Latin prize has won an Oxford ference year, let us enter the field determine to labor more earnestly and more enthusiastically for the advancement of he various enterprises of the church, han we have ever done befacts should encourage American wo- fore. And while it is our duty to men to study. Really, studying is preach that men and women every-better than flirting for a girl any where slould repent, and while Jesus .Christ the Saviour of the world should occapy a premiuent place in every these coming to light, should gain serwon, set let us not forget to cal many new friends to this reforma. The attention of our people to education ! We are not surprised. Preju- tion, Sabbath school religious literadice may often refused yield to the ing eloque according the silver-tongued orator, but stoborn facts admit no refusal, and so the new reformation, Sabbath school rengious interaction, Sabbath school rengious interaction in the sabbath schoo ren, let us labor to make the Confer-

M. L. HURLEY.

THE RALEIGH CHURCH.

North Carolina and Virginia Chris- Thomas Brothers and Mr. W. R. tian Conference soliciting agent to Brothers, all the remaining members collect funds for the purpose of build- of his father's family except himself. ing a house of worship in the city of have died. Truly Mrs. W. R. Broth-Raleigh, N, C., for the Christian de- ers and Mr. Preston Brothers, especnomination, I want to push the work | ially, have been sorely afflicted. That as fast as possible; and, therefore, these afflictions many be sanctified influence because they did not know avail myself of an opportunity to speak to my brethren and sisters upon this very important subject, circle of friends and acquaintances, through the columns of the CHRIS-TIAN SUN.

To accomplish this work will take no small effort; and, therefore, I call upon every minister, every brother, and every sister in the Christian Church, to use his or her influence and money in order to make the work

We must raise, in the North Carolina and Virginia Conference an amount equal to one dollar per member fellow. But if there is nothing to make yourself a coman. get from others, all will be well .-This may look very large to some. But let us remember that the tobacco and snuff that are used yearly in this Conference would sell for more money than a dollar per member would amount to. Surely we ought to be willing to give as much to build a church in Raleigh as the tobacco which we consume is worth.

> In very nearly every church, there will be some members who are not able to pay a dollar; but there will be others who are able to pay a hundred, tifty, twenty-five, ten, or five dollars each. We must have an average of at least one dollar to the member.

1. want a local agent in each church in the North Carolina and Virginia Conference to assist me in this work, and trust the pastors will make the appointments, and send me the names of the agents appointed, immediately, with their post office addresses.

I have appointed to assist me in ssing, brethree M. L. Hurley,

MINISTERIAL STUDENTS.

The Eastern Virginia Christian

Antioch-Mrs. M.A. Beaton. -Mrs. D. A. Stephens. Bethany-Mrs. A. L. Gardner. Bethlehem-Mrs. V. P. D. Portlock. Berea, Nansemond-Mrs. T. R. Gaskins. Berea, Norfolk-Miss -- Whitehurst, Cypress-Miss E. Kate Riddick. Damascus-G. J. Costen. Eure's-Mrs. H. A. Eure. Hebron-Jethro Rai-Ivor-Miss Laura G. Brittle. John-Liberty Spring-John Byrd. -Mrs. B. C. Eley. Providence-Mrs. Josephine Hodges. Sharon-Mrs. Prentice Dake. Spring Hill-Mrs.Dr. Baird, Suffolk-Mrs. Florine Hines. Union-Mrs. Emma Butler. Union, Surry-Mrs. Rosa Rodgers. Windsor-Mrs, M. L. Watkins.

If any of the above named cannot act, they will please inform me at once and suggest one who will act.

M. B. BARRETT,

AFFLICTED.

The death of Mr. W. R. Brothers which took place in the town of Sul folk, Va., on the 27th ult., and which was aunounced in the last issue of this paper, was but a part of the coutents of that bitter cup which his wife, his only brother, Mr. Preston but they died out for the want of Brothers, and other relatives and tention. friends have recently had pressed to their lips. Only a few weeks since Sister Brothers lost her oldest sister, Miss Annie Jones, and now she is made a widow. For more than three months, Mr. Preston Brothers' wife has been greatly afflicted, a great part of which time little hope of her recovery could be entertained. Within this period, her graudmother, Mrs. Jethro Riddick, Mr. Brothers' only to be successful, must be consecrated greatness of his love. He knocks sister, Mrs. M. O. Brinkley, and her to the work of saving souls—this once more, He speaks once more. He Having been appointed by the only daughter, Ada Brinkley, Mr. the writer, who, together with a large

A FRIEND.

FRANKLIN, VA., Dec. 6, 1880.—Last Sunday was my appointment at Hebron. We had present as many as we expected. The members will please bear in mind that the appointment has been changed from the 4th to the first Sunday.

extend to them heartfelt sym-

We diped with sister Whitehead at Carrsville. There we met her only son, and her daughter from Troy, N. Y., whom we found to be most pleas ant and entertaining.

Our stay with them was short but very delightful. We feel thankful to the family for their easy and kind en tertainment.

WHO WROTE IT .- We have a let

J. T. KITCHEN.

of the Herald of

ter from some person telling us of the prosperity of his (or her) church. It says they hope to keep up the Sunday school through the winter-that the pastor of that church is a missionary man-that one lady has given for herself and two children 275 pounds of seed cotton for the missionary cause. These and other things are said, but the writer signed name as 1. 3. Y., did not give the name of the church or the name of his post office. and of course we could not publish it. When the real name of the writer of fare. If you want our denomination a letter is withheld we do not publish. al reading matter send to Rev. W. Correspondents should always give their post office address and name, if on Religious Literature, Suffolk, V. they wish any attention. Bear this Look after this matter, brethren. in mind when you are writing to a

DECEMBER.

Our Conference has wisely set apart the time for six important collections one in accomplishing good. We may the commencement of this work, but by being prudent, prompt, industrious and energetic, success will be at. at the door of a sinful heart. It is no tained.

The first collection in this Confer-It will be impossible for me to visit ence year will be taken in December kings. promptly and liberally to this call. the sinner's heart. Our experience last year was, that | 2d. He is also presented in the text rett's-Mrs. M. A. Boykin. Berkley this collection was the largest of any as a speaking Saviour. He not only other.

is to place means at our command to door and knock; if any man hear help aged, infirm ministers and their my voice I will come in." He would families whenever we can. There are win admission by sweet persuasion. reasons, good reasons why we should 3d. He is presented as a standing do this. Here is Bro. A- for ex Saviour. He not only knocks and ample, who has spent the prime of his speaks—He waits. "Behold I stand." engaged in no business that would standing Saviour, a service giving Sason's Grove-Mrs. Eugenia Davis. increase his means, but has given his viour. Even at the right hand of the strength of body and mind to the Father the martyred Stephen saw Carmel-Mrs. J. E. Rawls. Oakland church. His best thoughts, his ener. Him standing. gy, his enterprise, all have been contributed to her. But soon the time comes when he is old or infirm, ona ble to preach, he has to live out his last days on earth in indigent circumstances. The churches to which he eth. I say it with shame, but let me in premonitions of decaying health, say it : We as a church have neglect in the death of neighbors, warning ed some of our most worthy ministers. A few of the aged, dying and dead door. If these gentle knocks are not have been noticed, but some,

Where heaves the turf in many a moulder

were neglected while hving neglected in the grave.

"Perhaps in these neglected spots are laid ome hearts once pregnant with celestial fir

We may not have any minister new once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth living in our Conference who will need it not." Though Christ sometimes any help which this Fund might give, knocks with terrible blows they are but there may be some in years to come who might need it. My breth. treating voice may always be heard. reu, "As we have therefore, opportu-"If any man hear my voice and open nity, let us do good unto all men. es. the door I will come in and sup with pecially unto them who are of the him and he with me." He knocks by household of faith.

A minister of the gospel, in order the plenitude of His mercy, by the should bless him with means, he has the Gospel that is preached to you, as much right, it is his duty, to take by the message that he sends through care of those means as any one else. me. But He will not always knock. The study of the Bible first—then he Admit Him now, and He will not reought to know how to manage his fuse you at the gate of heaven .- Rev. business-many ministers have lost Samuel Colcord. to their good is the earnest prayer of how to use the means they had. Let us, as ministers, use economy, prudence, and industry. By doing these we may have euough to support us in old age.

Let us make this Fund, with all the others, a success. I hope the breth- tread on the golden clouds of toren, sisters and friends of the Eastern Virginia Conference will lay by our pinions on the shivering winds of some of their means to give to the the coming inter, or rise to Heaven Superanuuated Fund when called upon to do so. Remember that the time to give for this purpose is all through the present month-Decem-

TO THE MINISTERS OF THE NORTH CAR OLINA AND VIKGINIA CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE.

Please send me at once the names of persons to act as agents for the trackless space alone, or we may be SUN. Give the post office of each per borne aloft on the shining wings of son. Bros. D. F. Jones and J. Whighty angels, or on flaming chariots Pinnix gave the names of persons to of fire. It doesn't matter. We shall be appointed, but failed to give post go by the fountain of blood; by the office. Give this matter immediate cross of the Lord Jesus Christ. This attention. We must raise 200 subscribers by the last of January, 1881. for our ascension. W. S. Long.

Graham, Dec. 2, 1880.

PASTOR, you should not forget the very important work of introducing suitable reading matter into your congregations. When your people come a reading people you will h gained a big victory in your life's w Walker, Chairman of the Committee

KINDNESS is the music of will to men; and on this bar voice and open the door. I will c

The first word of the tel Behold interest-the world's loving Saviour standing and knocking and waiting ordinary personage that kneeks and waits admittance. It is the King of

1st. The text presents him as a knocking Saviour. The door is man's heart. He knocks at the hearts of lukewarm Christians, The text is a message from the absent Saviour to the Church of the Laodicesns. He

knocks-He speaks. A voice is heard Our object in collecting this Fund in the text, "Behold I stand at the

Let us see in what way He has knocked and now knocks at the door of your heart. First there are gentle knockings. The voice of conscience. and still small voice of the Spirit speak to your heart. He epeaks by preached, with "thoughts that the commands and invitations and breathed, and words that burned, promises of His word. God knocks may be a little sorry for him, but in the voices of the ministers who dehat sorrow is not the kind that giv. clare His truth, in His providences. us that soon death must come to our enough then be gives alarm knocks. expected crash of adver-Perhans comes

) our , or fathe, or some of you he ae with one of , and yet you a call. "God spealeth always knocks of love, and His enthe promises of His forgiveness, by

HEAVEN.

How soon we shall get there no one can tell. The stars of this very night may light our way to that beantiful home. Or we may mount up on the light of the next dewy morning, or morrow's quiet eve. We may spread on the france of the blooming snows. But life Spring. soon reach our will end, a

How we shall go is quite a mistery. No one has come back to tell the story. We may be ferried across the dark river or led through a shadowy valley. Dazzled with a blaze of distant glory, and guided by its downfalling light, we may rise up through much we know, and God will provide

How we shall feel is yet unknown. When washing the sleep from our eyes in the river of life, and lifting our faces up towards the throne of God, the light of Heaven bursts in upon our souls; when we are filled and thrilled with the melody of angel harps; when we are surrounded by an atmosphere of love and a boundless sea of glory; when with the royal diguity of redeemed man-

V. JNO. T. KITCHEN