

THE WATCHMAN

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 1870

The national cemetery at Corinth contains the graves of thousands of the Federal soldiers. It is neatly enclosed, the graves are marked by white head boards, which thickly dot the grounds. Two national flags float above it, and some cannon are planted on the grounds. I found these cemeteries at different points along the line from Atlanta. The remains of their dead have been carefully gathered up from all the surrounding country and deposited in them.

Arrived at Memphis, we found quite a large city, to the homes of which the delegates to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, received a warm welcome. The ceremonies attendant upon the decoration of the graves of Confederate soldiers, at Elmwood Cemetery, near this city will take place to-morrow. There will be an immense assemblage, and addresses from leading men of the city will be delivered. In response to invitation from the ladies, the Conference will adjourn at 11 o'clock, in order to allow its members to participate. Of these ceremonies, of the Conference, and of the city of Memphis, I propose to write in a subsequent letter.

CONSCIENCE.
What is so delightful as the voice of an approving conscience? Happiness consists not in the indulgence of appetite, or in fitful bursts of emotion. It is not when the pulse beats high and the cheek is suffused with an unnatural bloom, and the eye beams with an unearthly fire, that pure and permanent happiness is enjoyed. The state of mind necessary to this, is best expressed by the term peace, that pearl which an approving conscience gives. This can be destroyed only by a violation of duty. Evils may attack us, friends may prove faithless, afflictions may befall us from without, still there are whispers of consolation within. The storm of adversity may roll over us, yet on the bosom of the darkest cloud conscience paints the rainbow of peace.

DAVIDSON'S COLLEGE, N. C.
This flourishing institution closes the thirty third year of its existence on Thursday, the 30th June. The commencement services take place on the same day, and the address to the Literary Societies will be delivered on the day preceding, by Hon. A. P. Aldrich of Barwell, S. C. The Anniversary Sermon before the William's Association of Inquiry, will be preached by Rev. DONALD McQUEEN, of Sumter. The Catalogue reports 30 Students from this State. We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to attend these interesting exercises.

Dr. Tutt's Sarsaparilla & Queen's Delight will clear the skin and impart a beautiful complexion.

THE SITUATION.
The difference between the men and the women of our country, in their ability to appreciate the political, civil and domestic situation is remarkable. Here is a man who discusses "State rights" with a freshness which reminds us of the olden times, when the States had rights to discuss, and to defend. It seems to us rather late when rights, influence, wealth and strength are all gone, to expend breath, thought, time and argument on a question which is necessarily obsolete. This class of persons, seem to us, as though they had been indulging in a rip van-winkle sleep for years and had just waked up, that the past had taught nothing and they are oblivious to the present.

Another speaks with indignation of the political condition of the country, and declares he has not voted since the war, nor will vote until things get in a better condition. We do not say anything, but we cannot help thinking that this is rather a poor way to improve matters.

Another is making a terrible growl at the heavy taxation, upon an immense body of land, which he cannot plant, and which yields him nothing but which he retains in hope that Chinese labor will at some future time make available. Of course it is useless to say anything to him. He has his theory, and he knows how to grumble and we will not interfere with his pleasure. It is useless to attempt to argue the situation with these classes of persons, their minds are as impervious to reason as the hide of a rhinoceros to a bird shot.

How different it is with our women. They seem to have taken a common sense view of things and really understand the situation. With domestic labor demoralized, that it is almost impossible to command the services of a domestic for a week at a time, they have adapted themselves to the situation—are at work, doing whatever is necessary in the way of labor or drudgery, with the same patient, quiet, retiring, devotion to family and country which they did during the greatest privations, losses, and calamities of the war, when they had neither husband, father, brother or son to help them. Noble woman! The heart does homage to her shrine. Let the men but follow the example—let them go to work and hew out their civil, political and monetary fortunes, and in a few years a political regeneration will take place, and prosperity in the several departments of life will be the result.

GEN. H. H. ANDERSON.
We learn from the Clarendon Press of the 5th inst. that our esteemed fellow citizen Gen. H. H. Anderson visited the town of Manning recently remaining two or three days on business connected with the South Carolina Central Rail Road. Those concerned in the interests of this new and important enterprise, may rest assured that they are in the hands of practical business men.

Ex. Gov. John Manning, of Clarendon District, has been appointed special agent for the Southern Life Insurance company.

We learn from the Clarendon Press, that a Temperance Society has been organized in the town of Manning under encouraging auspices.

We learn from the Columbia Guardian, that W. W. SAMPSON, head clerk of the State Treasury department, has been arrested, and is now in prison, upon a charge of forging coupons of the State Bonds issued in 1859 to the amount of \$42,000.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, will meet in the Second Presbyterian Church, in the city of Louisville, Kentucky, on the third Thursday (19th day) of May. The opening sermon will be preached by the Rev. STUART ROBINSON, the Moderator of the last Assembly.

We see it stated in some of our exchange papers, that a gang of burglars are on their way South, and as they will no doubt scatter through the different cities and towns, it will be well for our citizens to be on their guard in this matter.

LUCKY DEVIL.—Journal Printers in Detroit, have been having lots of fun over the recent marriage of a seventeen year old freckled face, sandy haired devil, in one of the offices there who was working for \$5 per week. Since they have found out that the devil's wife is an heiress, worth \$75,000, they have quit laughing, and the devil and his wife have commenced. It was their turn.

CONVENTION.
THE AGRICULTURAL, MECHANICAL AND IMMIGRANT CONVENTION.
The Convention was called to order 12 o'clock Tuesday morning the 3rd inst. The Academy of Music was appropriately decorated.

Wm. Lawton Esq., President of the South Carolina Institute, temporary chairman addressed the Convention. The chair expressed itself to receive a motion looking to a permanent organization.

Mr. J. P. Thomas of Columbia, moved that a Committee of Five be appointed to effect a permanent organization of the Convention. Adopted.

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Received in 1867.....	144,881 18	Paid in 1867.....	13,242 21
Received in 1868.....	159,653 71	Paid in 1868.....	91,282 71
Received in 1869.....	229,001 30	Paid in 1869.....	90,762 71

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April 13.

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April 20.

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March 16

NEW BOOKS

Sumter Book Store.

WE are constantly receiving additions to our Stock; some of the latest, as follows:

Gates Ajar, Hedges In, Little Women, The Old Fashioned Girl.

Of these works the Bookseller's Guide for April, says that the sale is prodigiously large, amounting to nearly 50,000 copies of each.

Saturday Night, by "Brick" Pomeroy. So Runs the World Away. Hammer & Raspier, by Esten Cook. Hi to Hill. Hedges a Rose is She. Diary of a Medical Student, by Warren. The Runaway Match, by Mrs. Henry Wood. The Lost Will. The Gipsy Daughter. Josephine, by Grace Aguilar. The Hidden Path, by Marion Harland. Sunny Bank. Phoenix Temptation. Harpers' & Leslie's Illustrated papers, Every Saturday, an English reprint, in which is being published Dickens's New Novel, The Mystery of Edwin Drood.

April 20

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April 27

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March 9

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