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In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity.

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Endowment Fund of Newberry College.

The report of the treasurer of this fund, as published in the Minutes of the last meeting of the S. C. Synod, shows that the contributions to said fund had accumulated in his hands, by his skilled management, (interest, &c.) to the amount of \$1,207.22.

Revivals.

It may be regretted possibly by some that the article on this subject from Bro. Campbell appears in the Visitor, as may have been the case concerning the article that prompted it; but we are persuaded that the subject itself needs to be more thoroughly discussed.

We should conscientiously distinguish between a profound religious interest awakened in a community by the Spirit of God, through the faithful weekly or daily use of God's ordinances, and an ephemeral excitement produced by histrionic tricks and sensational appearances; between a revival "sent down" from God by the power of the Holy Ghost through the truth prayerfully preached and heard, and a revival "gotten up" by "art and man's device."

Let us compare views, not in the spirit of the parsons, but of brethren who wish to "hold the truth" in unity.

grasp nothing feebly, but are earnest and decided in the expression of their opinions. We are sorry to differ from either of them on any vital subject, but we are ready to learn from both.

The Lutheran and Missionary.

"HONOR TO WHOM HONOR."—We see that the last number of the Visitor publishes more than two columns of extracts from the letters of our correspondent "Watchman," without giving the Lutheran and Missionary credit for the same.

The above is clipped from the Missionary of the 10th inst., and in reply we assure the editor who wrote it, that there was not, in the immediate omission complained of, the slightest intention to defraud it of any honor due.

As we thus gave the credit before it was "due," and in anticipation certified all our readers of the source whence the extracts would be taken, we think we are entitled to "the credit" of having, in this case, observed due "newspaper courtesy."

South Carolina Synod and Newberry College.

We have been anxiously exercised in mind for some weeks concerning the interests of our College in this State. It has been an "agonizing" subject to the Synod and Board of Trustees for some years, and numerous quick remedies have been devised.

We feel especially moved to ventilate the subject further just now, by some statements in response to an epistolary appeal made recently in behalf of the endowment effort now inaugurated.

"There are four difficulties in the way of your endowment plan, which I fear will prevent its success." He then states them as considered in the following order:

him, together with the offer of our columns in which to give it the consideration it deserves, in the spirit of forbearance, kindness and frankness. Let the people who contribute their means for this object have the fullest guarantee possible.

"Your endowment is not large enough." Contributions would be made more willingly if you would say, in positive terms that no other demands will be made.

There is too much assumed in the above assertions. That "people are weary by incessant demands" we know, and sometimes they become weary before they do anything, and some who complain the loudest do the least.

The plea for a larger demand is more specious than real. The man who declines to give \$5 to a worthy object, because all that such object might need is five or ten years to come is not solicited at once, does not thereby gain upon our confidence.

The human mind has built ships, crossed the trackless ocean and discovered other continents and lands, founded colonies and empires, framed governments and laws, peopled states and kingdoms.

This wonderful agency has brought in subjection and renders subservient to its will some of the most powerful and destructive forces of nature, placed lightning rods to your dwellings to ward off the dreadful thunderbolts of the storm-cloud.

The human mind has established schools, colleges, and institutions of learning of every grade and description, collected in public and private libraries vast numbers of books, trophies of science, and treasures of art.

Such are some of the great and important results and achievements which this wonderful human mind has accomplished in the principal fields of its labors and efforts.

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not put all the successmen men in the Synod at it? And let us all help them. It seems to me that every pastor has a duty and an ability in this matter that he can not transfer to the shoulders of any extraordinary man.

But our views may all be erroneous. We are willing to be enlightened. We have spoken freely and frankly. We have the honest purpose to do the best we can for the College from a perfectly disinterested motive.

The Human Mind.

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Roanoke College.

This institution, located at Salem, Va., in the beautiful valley of the Roanoke river, presents superior advantages to those wishing a thorough education at a first-class college.

The catalogue of the college, a handsome document of forty pages, gives full information about course of study, regulations, expenses, &c.

Luther's Small Catechism.

Those who work for God know nothing of the greatness of their effort. How often we are ready to faint in our efforts to do God's bidding because of little difficulties in our way!

Luther, it seems, impressed with a sense of the necessity for instruction by which the church could properly prepare applicants for confirmation, prepared his Larger Catechism, but discovered that there was something far back of this that would greatly interfere with the success of the teachers of religion.

It seems that Luther made the first successful effort at providing the means for instruction in the family. His christian influence, and the wonderful facility he possessed, sanctified by the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit, enabled him to prepare a simple little book that has become the most popular book in the world except the Bible.

We spent the night very pleasantly in Clayton, stopping with Mr. Dankin, who keeps a public house there. The fare was very good, and the house is well-kept for a little mountain hamlet.

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Letter from the Mountains.

FRANKLIN, N. C., July 13th, 1874.

When we left Wallhalla, a week ago to-day, it was fully our intention to take a month at least of rest and freedom from thought and care, rest from the toil of the school-room and from the use of our pen.

There are two roads from Wallhalla to this place, one by way of Clayton in Rabun county, Ga., and the other farther west by Horse Cove. Both roads are very rough from the foot of Stamp House Mountain.

The climate here is simply delightful. In the warmest weather of summer (and we have had a sample of it since we have been here) it is always pleasant in the shade and at night.

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Clayton is the county-seat of Rabun. It is quite a small place, nestled right in among the everlasting mountains. It is a nice place to stop at in summer, as there is a delightful breeze always fanning its inhabitants.

We must not omit to mention a mill that we saw on the roadside, while passing through this Gap. It is about as original and unique a thing in its way as is the Court House at Clayton.

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"That is one of the mills which runs on one grain of corn for half an hour, and then hops off on another." And we could not help but feel that the criticism was eminently just.

Franklin is a small but pretty town, of about two hundred inhabitants, situated on an elevated plateau, within less than three-fourths of a mile of the Tennessee River.

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