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FOUR CORNER HOUSES.

The acquisition by the Presbyterian Committee of Publication of the Randolph house and lot at the northwest corner of Grace and Sixth Streets means that sooner or later that property will be diverted from residential to business purposes.

The house that preceded Major Randolph's, or at least occupied a portion of that lot, was of wood, and was big, roomy and rambling and had once been the home and law-office of the celebrated William Wirt.

When Mr. -aben laid the foundations of his house the building we now know as the Westmoreland Club-house was already built, having been started and brought nearly to completion by Mr. James Gray and then purchased and finished by Judge Standard.

We have spoken of three houses on the lots at the intersection of Grace and Sixth Streets. The house on the fourth corner—southwest corner—is also famous. It was built by Doctor Haxall about 1859 or 1860.

In the post-bellum period it was for years the home of Judge or Colonel Robert Ould, a famous lawyer, who had been the Confederate commissioner for the exchange of prisoners.

At one time the Mabon house here was the home of Mr. Thos. Branch. Later Major Norman Y. Ransdolph bought it and made his home there.

It is sad to see our stately old southern homes disappearing, but it is but a progressive city. It is the order of nature. Each generation has its needs.

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aristation, agitation and struggle on every hand.

These things trouble and depress the pessimist, the timid and self-satisfied. The pessimists are saying that our destruction is at hand; the timid are saying that there is danger ahead; the self-satisfied are saying "Go to; let well-enough alone."

As for the pessimists, we leave them to their happiness. They live on calamity and find their happiness in calamity, present or to come.

As for the timid, we tell them that no evil was ever averted by fear, but only by courage.

As for the self-satisfied, we tell them that the saying "Let well enough alone" was the invention of the drone of the coward.

To all we say that we do not see death and destruction in the agitations that are now going on, but life and health and hope and promise.

GREETINGS. The Times-Dispatch is grateful for the very generous greetings of its esteemed contemporaries in Virginia and North Carolina and elsewhere throughout the land.

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be remembered that we make war only on armed men.

THE IDEAL ORDER. Now the original order has after "the perpetration of barbarous outrages on innocent and defenseless," this very significant addition "and the violation of the sacred rights of property."

Now, why did Mr. Adams omit these significant words and sentences? He has been a great stickler for historic accuracy, and has gone so far as to charge southern historical writers generally with not being able to "face the facts of history."

As this is a discussion in the interest of truth, we shall try to clear up some doubts in the mind of Dr. Jones and make the crooked paths straight.

Mr. Adams did not mislead or in any manner falsify the fact by indirection or suggestion (as Dr. Jones implies), when he quoted in part only from General Lee's order.

A BRAVE AND SENSIBLE JUDGE. "In a stirring cause to the grand jury of Northampton Parish, La.," says a New Orleans correspondent of the New York Sun.

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story. Inspiration stands out clear above all details, and seizing the universe by the grasp, it speaks out the purpose of the Divine Creator.

We do not know ourselves, until we are moved to tears or roused into enthusiasm. One does not know his own greatness until in the presence of some great crisis he rises into a new and more noble consciousness.

It is a hard, stern doctrine which says that God is shut up in His own universe; that He cannot get under it, or above it, or around about it.

The heart knows what God can do, and the intellect does not. We can be jealous of your intellect, especially if you are tempted to believe it is superior to others.

Believe in the heart. Follow your best impulse, do not be ridiculed out of your piety. Your religion is not to be outside of you, a garment worn or cast off at will.

Nearly three years ago Governor Goebel, of Kentucky, was shot down in broad daylight not far from the front door of the State Capitol and ever since the fatal shot was fired the Kentucky authorities have been pretending to pursue the murderer.

A movement is on foot in St. Louis to erect in one of the handsome cemeteries of that city a grand monument to the memory of B. Gratz Brown.

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An Hour With Virginia Editors.

The Warrenton True Index doubtless voices the sentiments of many Southern editors in the following: "Lee is the greatest Virginian, but it is too soon to put his statue in the Federal Capitol."

The Irvington Citizen remarks: "No one could view the representative gathering in Richmond last week of Virginians who are anxiously laboring in earnest efforts to abolish the saloon, without feeling that there is a great movement on foot rolling on with rapid strides and mighty power."

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Events of the Week Under Brief Review. The Kansas Legislature seems disposed to have no little fun at the expense of the two bachelors, Bailey and Hanna, who hold the offices of Governor and Lieutenant-Governor of that State.

The events of the past week have brought another of those characters that infest Washington and the capitals of the States when Legislature is being assembled and bring disgrace upon American politics.

The year book of the Carnegie Institution which was made public a day or two ago, makes an announcement of grants heretofore made and will prove very interesting to those who are making a study of systematic giving.

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A few more figures will probably not be objected to in this column. The American Iron and Steel Association has just given out the production of pig iron in the United States last year at 17,821,877 gross tons.

The report comes that the Mohawk Valley Steel and Wire Company is to branch out South and will build a big plant at Brunswick, on the coast of Georgia, which will employ some 7,000 men.

North Carolina Sentiment. Referring to the reports that negro office-seekers are taking up much of the President's time, the Warrenton Record says:

The Newberne Journal advocates the early establishment of a State Reformatory, and adds: "Without some institution where the youthful criminal may be placed, it means that the youth committing his first offense may be placed in such a position as to make him continue more and more in his criminal career."

The Charlotte Observer says: "We do Mr. Roosevelt the justice to say that we have no idea that he has ever contemplated the possibility of the conditions which he is doing so much to create."

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